

THE STORIES OF REV. KEN SUDO

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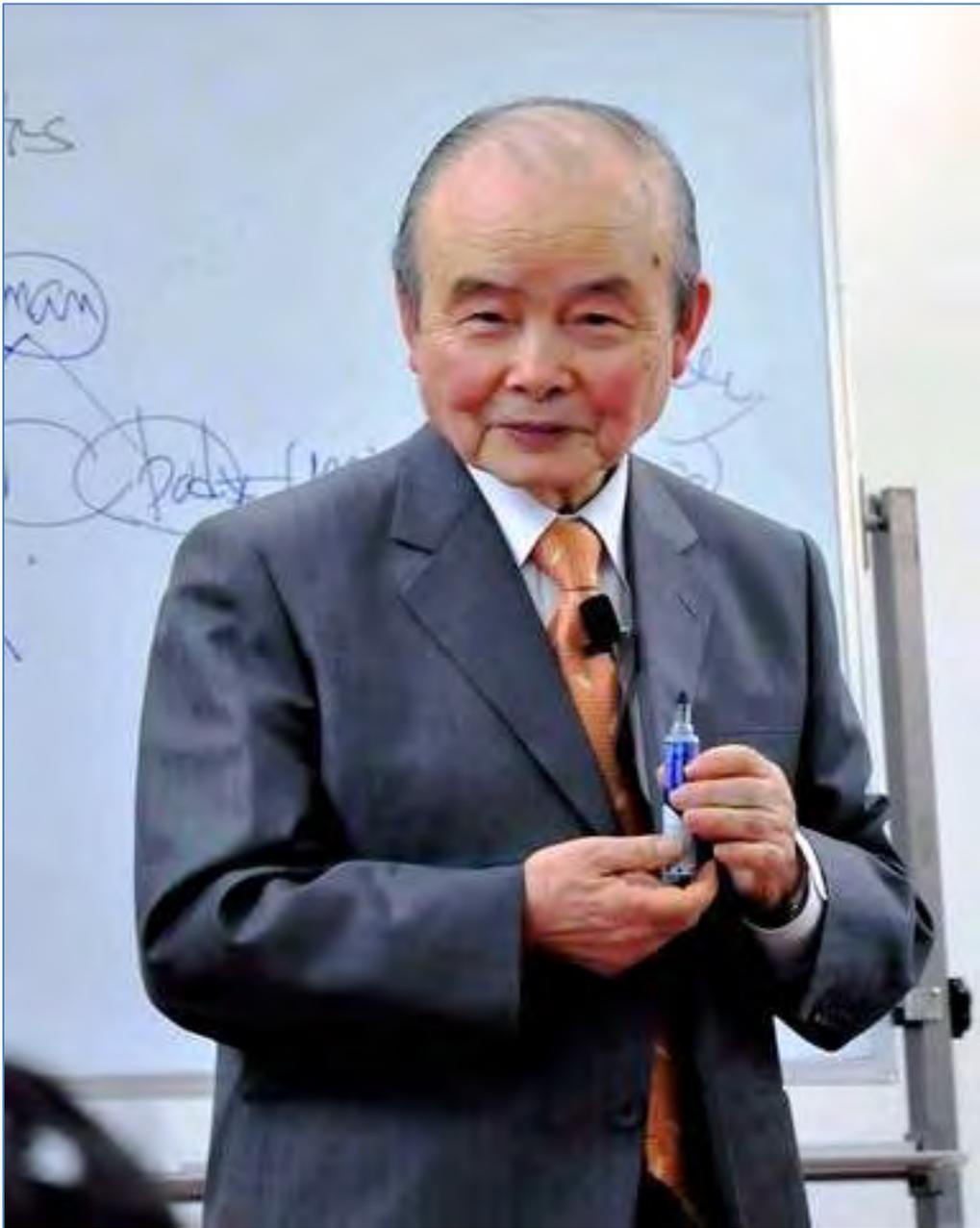


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PREFACE

Rev. Ken Sudo, a Divine Principle teacher from Japan, gave Divine Principle lectures to Unification Church members in 1974-'75 in Barrytown, New York. These lectures were enriched by true stories about his own life and those of other members in the Japanese church.

Rev. Sudo spoke Japanese-English with a distinctive style that helped him to express his heart. His stories, together with some of his thoughts on God, are offered here essentially word for word as they were originally spoken. The stories have been presented in a kind of free verse in which I have tried to capture the emotions and rhythms of his original delivery. If his meaning was not clear, a few very small changes were made.

The American members who became foreign missionaries were present at these lectures together with many American members who later undertook pioneer witnessing all over America.

It is my hope that both the church members who attended the original lectures and those who are new to Rev. Sudo's teachings will enjoy them and find their lives enriched by them.

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MR. CHOI



Note: Mr. Choi is Sang Ik Choi or Bong-choon Choi also known as Papasan. He pioneered Japan under the name Masaru Nishikawa.

many of you
must know Mr. Choi
who came from Korea
and pioneered the
church in Japan

when he came to
Japan
there was
no relationship
between
Korea and Japan

there was no official route
through which he could come
he had to come
secretly

he got on board
the small ship
incognito

if he was arrested
the ship was found
he must have been
arrested
and
if he was arrested
he must have been
deported

the ship sailed
maybe several days
in the tossing waves
of the sea

but unfortunately
before landing
the ship was caught
by Japanese
police

and
 without
 without
giving any of God's words
 any words
without
 witnessing at all
 he had to be
 in prison

because his
coming to Japan
was illegal
he was arrested
and investigated
and he was
sentenced to
be imprisoned
 six months

and the prison was

very cold
because it was
winter season
and window was broken
the cold wind
came into the room
all day long

the clothes
clothing of prisoners
was very poor
and because
of terrible coldness every day
prisoner's couldn't sleep normally
at all

Mr. Choi also
couldn't sleep
many times

but during his stay in prison
he was sad
because he didn't come
to be imprisoned
he came to Japan
to save Japan

no one could understand
his mission
but he became
servant of servants

he became
servant of prisoners
and he always
washed the underwear
of other prisoners

therefore
these prisoners
respected
and esteemed him

but one month
three months
four months
had gone
and period of imprisonment
became
shorter

the closer
the end of the
period of
imprisonment
became
the more anxious
about it he became
the more uneasy
he was

because
the end of
expiration of

period of
imprisonment meant
time of deportation

time of deportation
means
failure of his mission

therefore if he's deported
who can save this nation
he couldn't stand
this idea

his prison was
changed
he was transferred
because time was near
time of deportation

he was very fearless
how could he
stay
in Japan
without
deportation
he was frantic

how could he stay
there without
being deported

he prayed

and he thought
and he fasted

and even though he
was fasting
food was given as
usual
he couldn't
eat food
but he kept
soy sauce

he kept soy sauce
every day
and accumulated
soy sauce
and after fasting

he drank
soy sauce
at once
all of a sudden

suddenly heart
began to beat
rapidly
and he became
feverish
he
began to agony
agony began
jailor was amazed

and called
called hospital
and Mr. Choi
was taken to hospital
and he was able
to get rid of
the prison

his intestines
were messed up
but he said
when he was taken
to the hospital
in an ambulance
ah now
the gate
the prison gate
was open
and the ambulance
went through
the prison gate

he said
he felt triumph
even though
his body and
his intestines
were messed up

his heart
was beating rapidly

terribly
and his intestines
and stomach
messed up
and feverish
so much

but still he felt
triumph
because it was the
only way
for him to be able
to avoid
deportation

even though
he was prisoner
the treatment
in the hospital
was far different from
the treatment
in prison

and I don't know
how long
he stayed in hospital

now he was trying
to find the best chance
to get out of
the hospital
and chance came

when no one was
looking at him
he dashed
and ran away

although his condition
wasn't so good
still
his only desire
was to save
Japan

he didn't care
about his body
about his life at all

the only care was
how to save
this nation
how to save
this people
how to fulfill
his mission

he got the train
and finally he came to Tokyo

but although he came to Tokyo
he had no place to stay

sometimes
he slept

under tree
and he said
he envied beggars
sleeping
on the bench
of the park

but he couldn't sleep there
if he was sleeping there
policeman might come
and might
arrest him

then he could not fulfill
his mission
therefore he couldn't sleep
even on the bench

he had to hide always
and then
he had to witness

he had
so much difficulty
between hiding and
witnessing

if he hid
how he could witness
nothing

if he witnessed

he must
talk to people
otherwise it's impossible

even after I joined
we could preach
on the street
loudly but
he couldn't

it was he
who wanted to
preach
most
not us
but he couldn't do it
 couldn't do it

he was standing
distantly
and he was looking at us
he was looking
 at our street preaching
and he was praying for us
because he couldn't
street preach

and
he said
when someone knocked
on the door
he felt scared

was it a policeman
or not and he
drew near to door
and opened and now
guest came
to hear teaching
oh

even when guest came
he was scared because

he was
so-called
wanted person

he was wanted
and yet he must witness
therefore he said
he couldn't sleep
three years
in true meaning
because
he was afraid
all day long

this is reason
and unfortunately
unfortunately
he became sick
he began to
vomit blood

because of tuberculosis
tuberculosis
he became
thinner and thinner
he became
more and more skinny
he began to
vomit blood
he was exhausted
so much

because of disease
he couldn't walk
because of fatigue
of disease

he hesitated
hesitated
to visit hospital

one reason
there was no money
the other reason
if he went to hospital
he might be arrested

but still
condition was
getting worse and worse

he tried to
visit hospital

and he came
then
in front
of the hospital
and he stood still

and turned away
still he was afraid of
deportation

he had no force
no physical force
at all

despair
exhaustion
fatigue
vomiting blood
he fell down
on the street

when he felt
he would surely die
and he felt
 this is the last
moment of his life
 the last
moment of his life

and he felt
 he did his best
he came to Japan

incognito
he was arrested
 drank soy sauce
and made mess of
 his intestines
to save this
 nation
and he ran away
 from hospital
 came to Tokyo
and he witnessed

 and under the
anxiety of deportation
 tuberculosis
 and his intestines
were
messed up
 he began to
vomit
 blood
and his life
 was like like
flickering flame of candle

he felt he would die
he prayed, Heavenly Father
I did my best
I'm ready to
go back to You
my responsibility is finished
finished

when a big truck
was coming
 toward him
this moment he felt
is last moment

but next moment
before the coming of the truck
he shouted

 Satan
Satan

and he tried to lift himself
lift up himself
to avoid the truck

 Satan

the feeling
the feeling that
I did my best
I did my portion
 of responsibility
therefore Heavenly Father
I am ready
to go to You
was Satanic
he thought
it was Satanic
he felt
he

he could go back to God
but how about destiny
of this nation
if he died

if he died
who can save this nation
therefore he could understand
the state of satisfaction
was Satanic

he scarcely stood up
his countenance
was pale
still he was vomiting
blood
but
he started again
his mission
to witness

one day he gave
a testimony
and said
when he visited
a minister
he gave lecture to him
taught him
but the minister laughed
and ridiculed
and said get away

and he came
out of the church

unfortunately
the moment
he came out
thunderstorm began

it rained so much
he became wet badly
hair clothes
entire body was wet
water was
dripping from his clothes

and in order to avoid
terrible rain
he just dropped in
under the roof of
some shopping center
then he
just looked in
the show window
then now he
found a ghost
standing in the window

ghost was
his own
reflection or image
on the window

he was
terrible wet
and shabby clothing
and pale countenance
skinny and pale
countenance

he cried
is this I
is this myself

and afterward
when he visited Korea
and told
his experience
this story
to Sun Myung Moon

then
it's a
precious
treasure
of heaven
keep it

in such a situation
he gave
he said he wanted
to cook
his own liver
for us
to feed us

there was deep love
he was more
a man of love
than a man of truth

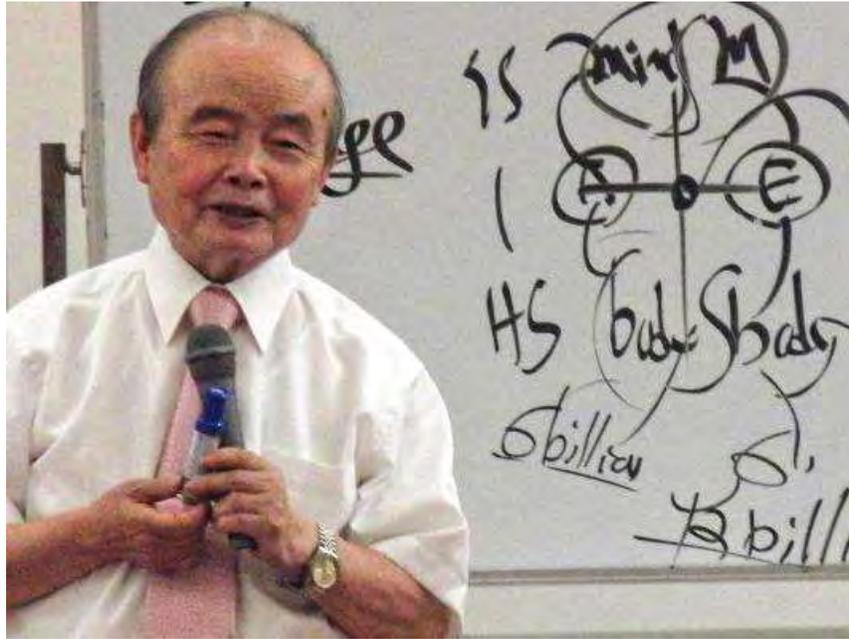
a man of truth
but more
man of love
his love was the foundation
in Japan

we are born once
once born
we are destined to die
life on earth is once

no repetition
no substitute
no replacement
one life
single life
one life

if life
is given
to the nation
for the sake of God
and humanity
how precious
life
is

PIONEER WITNESSING



several years ago
or many years ago
not so many
I went pioneer witnessing
I went as a pioneer missionary
to a city
where no one had gone for
missionary work

we started by ourselves
I started by myself
no one except for me
in the new city of
maybe 300,000 people

only by myself
and without money
because even when God began
to save mankind after fall
no one on earth
to help Him

then in order to understand
God's heart
we must be
in same situation
as God was in
God was alone
therefore I went by myself

and God
created this world

and God lost everything
because of Satan
therefore God had nothing

and I had no place to sleep
no house
no church at all
no money
and only by myself
still I began to street preach

and at that time
nighttime no place to stay
therefore I stayed sometimes
in the station
maybe on a bench
I stayed
and slept several nights

no place
nothing to eat
fasting I did it

my leader
told us
if we pray
when we are in the
same situation
as God was in
we can understand
God's heart
God's grief

then
in obedience to his desire
I did it

without food
without place to stay
without money
and on the street

I gave street preaching
every evening
forty minutes
or one hour, two hours
but no one heard me speak
everyone passed by

when tired
and sat down
then questioned God
You must have felt
the same feeling when
You were looking

God couldn't have
any contact with mankind
God was there

but no one responded to Him

oh Heavenly Father

You must have been
You must have felt this way
and Heavenly Father
was supposed to reply
yes, My son, I was like this

and after many days
after so many days preaching
if one comes
and hears a lecture
and hears the contents
and comes back to God
then
it was said
that only when we have
this kind of experience
can we understand
God's heart

our leader gave advice
like this
then individuals took his advice
I did it
truly I did it
every day every day every day
without food
without place to stay
fasting
but how how how
many days
I may have
witnessed this way

still I never felt God's heart
I couldn't understand
at all

I'm going
but I'm tired
I'm exhausted
I couldn't walk

my leader told
many wonderful things
but they were
far distant
from my situation
from my feeling

I was depressed
and frustrated
then I felt
if I
if I
stay in the same situation
how many
how many
days I may witness
it is impossible
to understand God's heart
then I was sad
I spoke many things
but as for myself
I was far distant
from what I said

then one day
I witnessed
and a good student came
and I gave lecture
and he was very positive

and I was very happy
and I gave lecture
every day
every day
every day
almost one week
and this seemed to be
successful

but when he heard
all the contents
suddenly
he changed his mind
I don't know why
and he said
anyway thank you
goodbye

oh no no no no no no
why don't you
why can't understand
you can't understand
I almost cried

but to tell the truth

this sadness or grief
didn't continue
more than three days
I forgot very soon

and when I could
understand
I was aware that
I forgot him so soon

to see this fact
I became sad
I gave lectures to him
and I truly loved him
every day but
but when he turned
I forgot in one day
in two or three days

oh he went
he wasn't so good
he went
oh it's inevitable
oh must find another one

what I felt
this made me sad
not because I lost
a spiritual son
but because I understood
yes I could understand

I have not true love
true love
I have not true love
therefore I could understand
I am not true man

and I began
to pray
almost two or three hours
every night
oh God
tell me

show me
why I could not love
why I am so distant from You
I am different person
from what I thought
myself to be

I thought I was a good man
but Heavenly Father
I'm not man
of true love
I cannot understand Your heart

I all but disqualified
to be a missionary
I prayed
prayed
prayed
every night

maybe close to one week

then
the last night
or one night
suddenly
one inspiration came

God's voice came
and said
it wasn't you but

I
who
witnessed him
it wasn't you
it was

I
who witnessed him
who loved him
who lost him

it wasn't you

it was God
it wasn't me

next moment
I could understand

I thought
I was witnessing
therefore I witnessed one week

and I loved him one week
period of witnessing
it was just one week
not so long time
therefore I never
even though I loved him
the amount and quality of love
must have been not so much

I just loved him
for that week
the fact that I lost him
didn't hurt me so deeply
just cut
small scratch
oh yes
blood, a little bit

it didn't hurt me so much
didn't hurt me so deeply
because I didn't love him
so much as
God loved him
I didn't look for him
so much as God did
then I began
I began to find
or look for God's eye
I was looking at the student
with my own eye

but God must have been looking
at the same student
God's eye
must have been far different

God
must have been looking
maybe twenty years
Heavenly Father
must have been
calling him
oh My son
come back to Me
My son
come back to Me
and
He must have been

looking for him
day and night
day and night
He must have been chasing after him

also he's fruit of human history
then Heavenly Father
must have been calling him
six thousand Biblical years
oh My son
come back to Me
come back to Me
come back to My heart

He must have been calling
the same student as I called

the depths of love
depth's of God's love
must be
unfathomable

He called
this means each of you
with immeasurable
depths of love

and finally
God was
able to speak to him
He was able to speak
to him
 through me

even in the darkness
God had called
God had called
even in the cold winter
God must have called him
God must have chased
chased after
without rest
every day
day and night
He must have been looking for him

I could understand
I could understand this point

God's eye
and even
in that moment
I could
understand this
point

I loved the student
maybe I gave love
but in the same moment
the density
of God's love
must have been
far greater than mine

my words
were not my words
God's words
because God
spoke through me

God
had so deep
heart
such
deep heart
and
so
deep love

but God could speak
and
He
could love only
to the extent
that I spoke
and I loved

therefore now
I could understand
I had limited God's love
and God's truth
because of my incapability

God couldn't
speak enough
God couldn't give
heart enough
God couldn't love
him enough
therefore he couldn't
understand
 he couldn't understand
 God's heart
 he couldn't understand
 God's words
because of
my lack of capability
my lack of being channel of God
therefore
God couldn't speak enough to him

God couldn't embrace
His own son
couldn't embrace and hug
His own son
for whom
God called day and night

he changed
and he disappeared
without saying anything
 good for God
and God lost
a son

and His son was
taken by Satan's side
and could be involved
in misery and tragedy
still Heavenly Father
couldn't do anything
because I couldn't do
because I didn't do
Heavenly Father
couldn't do anything

how sad
how miserable
my Father was
I'm sorry
because I couldn't do
because I didn't feel enough love
this made God miserable

now I could understand
God's heart

day and night
day and night
without food
without food
without house to stay
without money at all
and gave street preaching
and shouted
 shouted
 shouted
and shouted
every day
every day
every day
I was completely
 exhausted
and still couldn't
understand
about God

but when I had found
God's eye
and prayed
now I could
could understand
God's heart
could understand
God's words

I couldn't help crying
from that night on I cried
maybe how many days
every night
because I was beginning
to understand
God's heart
and God's grief
and God's
lamentation

I came closer to God
and
I felt
God's guidance
God's heart
and I could
understand
God was with me
truly
I could understand
this point

and one day
when I
witnessed
and it wasn't
so good
I visited
door to door

one lady came out

and I spoke the reason
why I came
but she
was so negative
and she said
I don't think so
just get away
and she
slammed the door

and I felt
it wasn't me
but God
who
was slammed
by her
slammed out
who
denied refused

and I myself
depressed
and I was about
to go back
to room
small room
at that time
I had small room

but I thought
if I retreat
God can't do anything

God must retreat
God has been calling
each of them
and unless I speak
God cannot

therefore I then
if I retreat
God must retreat
if I hesitate
God must
hesitate

Father
I'm sorry
I was about
I was about to retreat
but I know Your heart
therefore I must do

and I began
street preaching
and before that I said
I called
I prayed to God
and said

oh, Heavenly Father
let me
meet with
most righteous
person in this city

and I began to preach
maybe thirty minutes

when I preached
when I gave street preaching
one old lady appeared
shabbily dressed in
an old fashioned Japanese dress

she stood still
in front of me
and looked at me
but with some difficulty
because her left eye was blind

and she put
her hand in her
inside pocket
and
I thought maybe
this woman has fleas or lice
because she was so shabby

oh no no no no
I don't like her I felt

but when
my preaching finished
she took out
one small parcel or

small clipping of the newspaper
folded this way
and she took out
and opened
then there
 there was

if maybe calculated in dollars
maybe two dollars
two dollar bills
two one dollar bills

that's all
she
she had
actually the evaluation
is less than one dollar

and she
 she
took the two bills
and came to me
and bowed to me
and gave two bills
to me
and she disappeared

oh where
and and
oh I must say thank you
and I
ran to her

and said thank you
that's all
because I couldn't
understand
deeply

when I came back to my room
I began to pray as usual

then I
could understand
God's heart
due to changing
of point of view

I was the only person
who understood
new message
new heavenly message
therefore all citizens
of the city
must hear this words

in this meaning
Heavenly Father
must have loved me

and
His son
was kicked out
and slammed
and His son

became sad and depressed
and asked to Him
asked to Father
please let me
let me see
let me meet with
most righteous person
in the city

then Heavenly Father
must have travelled
from corner to corner
and door to door

who is righteous

He must have checked
must have visited

there were
there must have been
pious Christians there
many ministers
many priests
many bishops there

there must be
governors and mayors there
there must have been
presidents of companies and

presidents of universities
wonderful young students there
beautiful girls
there must have been

Heavenly Father
visited
but He couldn't find
righteous person in them

and finally
He could find
such a shabby old woman
whom
who seemed to be
like outcast

she was a person
who
whom God approved to be
righteous
in the city

I could understand

God brought
such a shabby
shabby lady

also
to see the fact
this shabby lady

offered all she had
then God must have
been able
to get consolation
to see
this lady

but if I didn't see
this lady
this beautiful lady
from God's eye
it was just nothing
shabby old lady
came and gave \$2.00
that's all

then
gradually
gradually
I could understand
God's heart
and also I began
to understand

how to love

THE FLOWER SELLER



there is one
testimony
which I cannot forget

this is a testimony
of a sister
who overcame
the position
she was in

she was selling flowers

other brothers sisters
could sell very well
but she couldn't sell very well

in the beginning
she was very nice
but when this kind
of situation continued
she became depressed
because
when she came back
other brothers sisters
filled with joy
because of victory
but she had no story to talk
she began to accuse herself
and she felt
she shouldn't have come
to the church

there were many
wonderful people
but she felt
oh she should go
go back home

and once she tried to go
once or twice
but on the way
she met brothers
and she came back
and just as she was
taking taxi
another sister met her
on the street
something like that
and she came back
but finally finally
she made up her mind
to leave

and at the final day
in the morning
she prayed
oh Heavenly Father
I cannot stay anymore
I believe You
but I cannot stay
oh Father if You truly
if You're my Father
please reveal Yourself to me
and help me

otherwise I cannot stay anymore
she prayed desperately

after this prayer
she went out fundraising
as usual
and the group leader
dropped her off
at some little town
and she began to
sell flowers

in Japan now
they are all selling
ginseng tea
no flowers
but in the beginning
we sold flowers
then bunches and bunches
of flowers
oh pretty heavy
and in the morning
she couldn't sell
almost not at all
and even
in the afternoon
the result
wasn't so good
it was close to sunset

she sat down
and began to cry

Father, I must leave Unification Church
I believe You
but I cannot
I cannot, she cried

the next moment
she had a vision

she stood up
and like possessed
like being possessed
she followed the vision

I don't know how long
she walked
and the vision
dropped in one house
and then she followed
and knocked on the door
and one young lady came out
with a big smile
oh what a wonderful flower it is
and she bought the flower

every house
in which
the vision dropped
sometimes a lady
sometimes a child
came out and bought flowers

but the town

finished very soon
still she had
many bunches of flowers
it was already dark

but still the vision guided her

the road was
divided or forked
and one led
to a big town
and the other
almost no houses
and must cross the small mountain
must go through woods
but the vision guided this way

she felt scared
but still the vision guided
therefore she followed
and when
when she crossed the hill
she found small village
and as soon as she
began to sell at the new village
the vision disappeared

and she sold the flowers there
and there were
twenty-six houses
and every one bought flowers
without exception

and when the houses were finished
the flowers were finished
she had just twenty-six bunches

when she
finished selling flowers

she cried cried cried
with tears
 of repentance
 for her faithlessness
tears of joy
 to have met with God

now she understood
even though she felt
some difficulties
God was persevering
more difficulties
without complaint and with a smile

then however sorrowful
she may have felt
she could understand
that there couldn't be a feeling
 or sorrow
that God
had
never
experienced

ATHEIST



many years ago
I was atheist
atheist
strong atheist
no God
because my father
was atheist
and I was atheist

now I studied
something about science
therefore I was scientific atheist
strong
and when I was a
student at university
I had one good friend

he was Christian
pious Christian
he persuade persuade
persuade me to come to church
and I denied denied and denied
to go to church
and finally he came
and he persuaded me
desperately
desperately

I was afraid of him
I was afraid
oh no no

you are too strange today
oh oh oh
and he said at any cost
anyway come with me

ah, if only he didn't say
anything about God
he's my best friend
but because he says
many things about God
ah, no, don't say that

but this time
his atmosphere was strange
so I was scared
he said
anyway come with me

then I said, OK
but can you
can you
agree with my opinion
before my going
what's that, he said

if you can agree with me
then I can go with you

then he said,
oh what's that
what's that
he said tell me

I said,

can I tell you
he said
yes, tell me

then I said
let me see God
let me see God
 then I can go with you
he was speechless
he became pale and speechless
from that time on
he never said anything
about God

therefore I felt very nice
 I felt very nice
 very nice

therefore same man is standing
before you now
then something must have happened
 something

in a couple years
I got sick
maybe flu
and after flu
condition wasn't so good
and I have to go to hospital
then doctor said
because of kidney disease

I must get leave of absence
and must be in bed
maybe half a year
six months
oh I was sad
but inevitably
I went back home
and I was sick in bed
six months had passed
but the condition didn't get better

in the beginning
many sympathetic letters
came to me
and friends and relatives consoled
but these letters
disappeared very soon
and only
only thing
that could console me
was beautiful nature
the beautiful nature

in spring
many flowers bloom
especially mountains
covered with azaleas
and schoolboys
brought back white lilies
to me
smelled very nice
 very nice

in autumn

red persimmons
and blue sky
contrast was very beautiful
nature consoled me

but condition was getting
worse and worse
I was almost hopeless
I was sad

I was so sad
because I felt I might . . .
I must
die in such solitude
 in such solitude
 in such solitude

I was sad

one day
neighbor came and said
believe in God
oh no no no no no no no no
if I might die
I cannot do that

another day
I found a
newspaper advertisement
of spiritual healing
but foundation was just religion
and I looked at it
but I overlooked it

next time
I could find
same advertisement
in newspaper
and I looked again
and read it
and I felt something

maybe I can read this book
because it's not so expensive
and also I have enough time
just read everyday
 everyday
nothing to do

then I bought the book
and I began to read
 I began to read the book
oh it's silly stories
healing
divine healing
healing of diseases
cancer

solitude and impurities
in such solitude and impurities
I was sad

and now I could understand
another important point

I could understand that
throughout my own
 twenty years of life
I could understand that
I never loved even one person
not enough
I never
 never at all
just I
I was selfish
 I was selfish
just
 I was pursuing
 my own happiness
 my own reputation
 my own glory
and at the sacrifice
of family members

liking is not always love
liking – the feeling centering on myself
for the happiness of myself

but love must be
centered on others
to serve others
for the sake of happiness of others
not for the sake of myself

I had never served others
therefore people around me said
I was selfish

or my brother disliked me
because I was selfish
I had never loved even one person
not enough
I never
 never

therefore I felt
no one loved me
no one loved me

I never loved anyone
therefore no one loved me

what a miserable person I am
to die
to be destined to die
in such
in such a solitude and impurities
and in such a cool and cold world
which has no love

without love
I felt even when
I might die
no one will cry for me
terrible
 terrible

impurities and solitude
I couldn't stand any more
next moment

tears came out

tears not from eyes
from the depths of my inside

tears of repentance
tears of repentance
every day
every day
every day

seven days
just seven
every night
every night
my pillow was bedewed by tears
with tears

every day
every day
day and night
day and night
just seven days
seven days

when seven days had passed
I felt something pure was coming in my inside
something pure is coming out
within myself

something new and something pure
is coming up of myself

I felt something was
washed away
with tears

and the next day
I got another book

small one
and I read read
and read that small book
and if it was one week before
I might have ridiculed it

but this time
every world of the book
came into the bone marrow of my heart

one by one
one by one
one by one
infiltrated my bone
my heart

and I cannot explain how
but I could understand
something beyond me
something
a greater being
must exist beyond me
beyond me
I felt
and I prayed

I prayed first time in my life
first time in my life
just this way
this way

because I never prayed
because I never believed in God
I never prayed

the feeling was very pure
I can say even now

I don't know why
I've never been in such a pure heartistic situation
I've never been in
such a pure heartistic situation
and the next moment
next moment

I felt some
spiritual atmosphere around me
and some
pure spiritual atmosphere
wrapped me
oh just like maybe
cold shower condition
shuuu

next moment
next moment
golden platinum-colored light
flashed to me

just this way
one moment
next moment
red thick beam
broke through my head
oh oh ho ho
I was almost paralyzed

maybe in ten minutes
I nipped my skin
oh yes
I'm awake
no dream

and next moment
I felt
something strange
on my back
and I put my hand on my back
then oddly enough
my kidneys were vibrating
kidneys were vibrating
and oh oooo
and I felt
yah I can be saved
I'll be saved
and next moment
one year and a half long disease
vanished at once

and I was
in a sense scientist

and I could understand

how to test if it's good or not
and next morning
 and next morning
 next morning
 next morning
nothing nothing was wrong
and very soon
doctor proved it was true

doctor couldn't understand
family couldn't understand
and in five days
I came out of bed
when I couldn't walk
because leg
and soon Holy Spirit
guided me to church and
I became Christian

this is Holy Spirit
just as Pentecost and
St. Paul's experience
I had at once
 at once

this was changing point of my life

but still
I myself don't think
this kind of spiritual experience
is so important

but through this experience
I could understand
 I could understand that
God exists
oh it's a great finding

oh yes God exists
 God exists
oh I was very happy
 very happy
yes God exists
 God exists
now everything changed at once
because God exists
God is alive
God has personality
He's alive
and He has personality

and this is what I want to say now
God is pure
therefore God cannot have
give and take with impurity
yes tears of repentance
a purified offering
on the altar of God

that we should do

yes that we should do

LORD JESUS



I have one experience
of relationship with Jesus

I was Christian
I couldn't agree with
every sermon
but I loved Jesus

one day
a group of us
who were taking care
of deaf children
went to see movie
Ben Hur

there was a scene
of Jesus' crucifixion
and terrible rain
Jesus was shedding
blood on the cross

seeing that
from the depths
of my inside
deep desire came

it became something like prayer
or more than prayer
I felt that it shouldn't
be Jesus who was crucified
on the cross
my real feeling

I felt I would like to be
substitute for him
I would like to
replace Jesus
on the cross

I couldn't stop crying
in the movie theater
though there were
so many people around
but I couldn't help crying

people around myself
boo-hoo-hoo
then also you know
my friends maybe
ten or twelve people
who were working
always with me

if I felt anything
shameful
I couldn't do
anything
whoever might be there
I couldn't stop crying

friends
parents
minister

anyone at all
a thousand people
or maybe two hundred
or hundred and fifty people

I wanted to cry
and couldn't stop

but when the
movie finished
I couldn't be together
with my friends
and I escaped

slipped out
and
walked
walked
walked
crying for hours
until I
could come back
to my home

and very soon after
Jesus appeared to me
in spirit
and told me
many things behind
behind history
things that appear in
Divine Principle

VICTORY



one day
our church planned
to gather parents
to give
a special workshop

we planned
to gather
200 people

but the time
was very near
and only 30 or 40 had applied

then in the beginning
we thought
even 40 or 30 is OK
because
we never
got together parents

but one man
never agreed with us
and said

we can do it
not 40
I'm not
I've never been
satisfied
by 40
we can do 200

he was
confident
and afterward
he came to me
and asked help
no one believed in God
he said

he and I
went somewhere and prayed
and in the prayer
I felt
what a little
faith I had
because
according to
statistical understanding
it was very precise
we cannot gather
more than 40 or 50

but I could understand
I stood on the past
according to common sense
of the past
it was impossible to get
more than 50

but who manipulated the past
I thought

I could understand Satan
that
if we think
we cannot do
yes
we are under Satan

oh you cannot do
Satan is whispering

oh next moment
I could understand

Heavenly Father
can do

who made this world
who guided this world
and I
we determined to
begin with God
not with reality
but with God

God's intention
must be
to bring all mankind
to Himself
we
He cannot be satisfied
with 30 or 40

and He can do it

He has right
and also force
and real capability
if we have faith

and we repented
and started
and gathered members
and we were stimulated so much
and all of us started
OK we can do
because God is with me and
there is nothing
that God cannot do

in the final day
of the campaign
we had

well
Master of Ceremonies
reported that now 199
had applied
to attend this workshop

another one
oh no no no

how very close
but not enough
oh 199

the Master of Ceremonies
took his seat
and I was
preaching at that time
and when I
came to the hall
a small note had come
from the office
which said
another one applied
just now

precisely 200
oh amazed
and people
who were there
who were
looking at this fact
were very happy
and all stood up
and cheered
whaaaa aaaaaaa
victory of faith
victory of faith
we got victory

and actually 204
came

A FATHER'S GIFT



if you shut
your eyes

if you shut your eyes
who do you
remember

if you shut your eyes
how many of your friends
can you visualize

whose face
can you visualize

if you can
if you have

even one or two
whom you cannot forget
you feel happy

an unforgettable person
if you have
even one
 or two
 or three

some of us
I think
cannot find one
whom you cannot forget

if you cannot
have even one
your life
 must have been
 must be
lonesome in a sense

I myself have
an
unforgettable
person
my physical father

he has
many defects
but still
he's one person
I cannot forget

he was sick
and I was just in school
 maybe junior high
 or senior high school
schoolboy

he was sick
and he couldn't
walk well

I was going to school
and I got up early
 in the morning

and went to a
train station
by bicycle

when I arrived
at the station
one morning
I found that I
forgot some
train ticket
a train pass

the train was coming
but I couldn't
get on board

when I looked
around myself
I found my sick father
was coming after me
by bicycle

he was sick
he couldn't
walk
but still he came

his hair was white
because of snow

and his his
hair
and head
and coat
were covered with snow

even though he had sickness
in his bones
and he had
he had a cast

he came on bicycle
if he
because of snow
had slipped down
but he didn't care at all
because he intended to help me
no matter the cost

this is the reason
I cannot forget
he loved me
risking his life

I cannot forget
his head
his shoulders
covered with snow
his face pale

my father give
most precious
thing
to me

this is why I
cannot forget him

he did not
sacrifice for
he never gave
most precious
thing he had
to others
just to his son

he can be
unforgettable
to me

but not
unforgettable person
to the nation or
to all humanity
because he
didn't give

his most
precious thing
to a nation
or to the world

SHORT OBSERVATIONS



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it is impossible
for man's infinite abilities
to be fulfilled
within the limited span
of a physical lifetime
once born
the essential desire of man
is to live eternally

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man is as precious
as woman
woman is
as precious as man

difference in sex
has nothing to do
with the value
same essence
different ways of expression

* * *

in the coldness
of snow
in the white snow

is there anyone
who cannot believe that
the beautiful flowers
will bloom very soon in spring

we believe that

because
God prepared
morning after night
spring after winter

the same God
made a promise

if only
if only
we have faith

* * *

distance from God
separation
separation from God
this is sin

* * *

when we don't pray
we cannot understand
how sinful I am

then I am very happy
oh hello how are you
every day I'm very happy
without knowing anything

if we pray
the more we pray
the more we can understand

how sinful I am

one by one
Heavenly Father
can teach
many things

* * *

without loving God
woman tried to love man
without loving God
man tried to love woman
this made trouble

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so many children
children were born
but they couldn't
hear God's words
they were deaf
they couldn't
speak God's words
deaf and dumb

millions and millions
of children were born
and if they
saw everything around them
they couldn't understand
what does it mean
deaf dumb and idiot

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love cannot be
destroyed
by sword

love cannot be
destroyed by gun

love cannot be
destroyed by nuclear weapons

love must be
the strongest force
in the universe

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I am from God
you are from God
then we must be
we must have come from
same
origin
God

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when God
created His children
as perfect object of love
God was able to give
all the love He had

this is the reason

the Bible says

man was made after
the image of God

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he gave truth
and his truth increased

he gave love
and his love increased

he gave his life
and his life increased

we become prosperous
by giving

man couldn't understand
this simple truth

more than 6000 years

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the body is just a shadow of the mind

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the personality of man
is that which can decide
the value of man

if he says good
and he does good as he says

it is possible

to say of him
he's a man of character

in the case of Jesus
he said
love your enemy
and he did it

in the case of True Father
he said
love your enemy
and he did it

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you can't wash
dirty shirts
in muddy water

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impurity cannot solve impurity
it's only purity
that can solve impurity

sinners cannot solve sin
it's only sinless man
who can solve sin

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because they have personality
God and man
can have communication
between them

God can give
inspiration
revelation
to man

and man
can speak to God
in
prayer

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can you imagine
sinless America?

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POSTSCRIPT

REV. SUDO'S OFFERING

There were many more wonderful stories and observations in Rev. Sudo's lectures including one story from Mr. Sudo's life that expresses his character so quintessentially that it should be included in this collection. Unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to transcribe it from recordings of Rev. Sudo's lectures, and so I cannot present it here as it was originally spoken. Because is it so expressive of Mr. Sudo's heart toward True Parents, though, I am going to recount it.

In this story, Rev. Sudo told of his feelings when one of True Father's early disciples died. Rev. Sudo felt sorry that True Father had lost this close companion. Rev. Sudo then decided that since he himself was a simple member, not special in any way, that if another of True Father's close disciples might be lost to him, perhaps God could let Rev. Sudo go to the spirit world instead. He wrote a letter to Father offering his life for this purpose.

Rev. Sudo described how beautiful the day was when he went to the mailbox to mail this letter. The sky was so blue. His wife was pregnant. Everything in his life was pleasing to him. Living seemed especially precious and wonderful. And so when he got to the mailbox, for a moment he hesitated. Then, weighing all of his feelings, he reached out and put his letter into the mailbox.

He said that afterward he was very glad that he had done so because after he offered his life to True Parents, he found himself closer to God and

True Parents. God was able to show him many deeper aspects of True Parents' heart and life. Rev. Sudo's offering was also valued by True Father, and as a result, Rev. Sudo often accompanied True Parents developing a much closer relationship with them. Thus Rev. Sudo grew spiritually and became more able to serve God's providence. Over the course of his lifetime, Rev. Sudo educated thousands of church members, many of whom have gone on to become lecturers themselves.

