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Becoming Owners of Cheon Il Guk

From Rev. Hwang's Sermon on December 29th, 2002.

THROUGH Jesus we learned to see God in a new light. This was the God that Christianity has believed in until now. But the understanding of God that Jesus taught us has been distorted by ecclesiasticism and doctrines. True Parents are trying to teach us to look past these distortions of the truth and see the true nature of God.

Among the many truths that True Parents have uncovered by themselves, the primary one is that God and mankind have a parent—child relationship. Through this we can understand everything. When we look at God with the understanding that our relationship with God is a parent—child relationship by heavenly law, we arrive at the conclusion that God is unhappy and miserable.

If we tell the Christians of today about God's unhappiness and His limitations, they will condemn us as heretics. They have believed until now that God is a God of infinity, who is omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent, but when we describe God merely in such terms, many problems arise. If God is omniscient and omnipotent, and He knows everything and can do everything, why couldn't he intervene when Adam and Eve fell? Why can't He correct this fallen world? These and many other questions come up one after another. Christianity has no answers to these questions. This is Christianity's limitation.

True Parents defined the relationship between God and man as being that of a parent and child. When we consider the essential relationship between God and man, we see that God is indeed unhappy and miserable. Jesus talked about this. In the Bible, one parable that describe God's heart clearly is the parable of the prodigal son.

There was a man who had two sons. The second son asked his father for his share of the inheritance in advance, went out into the world and squandered it. In the end, he was reduced to tending pigs and had no place to stay but in the pigsty, so he decided to return to his parents.

Why do you think the son was depicted as living in a pigsty? In the Bible, there are many references to pigs. When Jesus chased out evil spirits from people, the animals he put them into were pigs. At that time, pigs symbolized everything bad and evil. Pigs appear as animals of the lowest type, good for nothing but to be driven to death by the evil spirits put in to them. In other words, the best way to convey the idea that the second son was in the lowest possible position was by

saying that he lived in a pigsty with the pigs.

The father had worried about his son ever since he left. This is the heart of parents and the heart of God. When the son who was thought to be dead came back, although he had been a wasteful son, the father ran out in bare feet to welcome him.

The son told his father, "I have committed many sins, and I am not good enough to call you father. Please treat me not as your son but as a servant." Yet the father replied, "How could you be my servant?" and put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet.

Slaves at that time were not allowed to wear shoes, and the ring symbolized inheritance. The father showed that although his son had come back after losing everything he possessed, the parents were ready to accept him as their son and that he was in a position to inherit from them. This is the heart of parents.

For God, who is unhappy, to become happy, he needs to live in eternal spring. We should know when this spring comes. This year is God's spring. Since God's spring has come, He has finally changed into a smiling and happy God.

True Parents have been responsible for God's providence throughout their lives. God's wish is to establish His nation and righteousness. His wish is to experience the heavenly nation originally planned at the Creation, a nation without troubles or prejudice. He wishes for the unified world originally planned at the Creation, a world without divisions or bias between races, tribes, nations, doctrines or generations. God's will is to establish such a world. True Parents have persevered through all of their lives to establish this world. The completion of the growth period to find this world was the year 2002. The ideal world began with the Coronation Ceremony of the Kingship of God.

On the 13th of January 2001, True Parents held the Coronation Ceremony. What was accomplished in 2001 was the acquiring of the name of God's ideal nation and fatherland [Cheon Il Guk]. That's why rallies for the "Settlement of God's Fatherland" were held. It also formed the basis for the celebratory Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity tour in December 2001.

Which nation should be God's nation? It is not Korea. Neither is it the United States or Japan. It is a nation in which two become one. When there is discord, it means that there are at least two parties involved. The nation which has solved the conflict between the mind and the body, parents and children and between different tribes, religions and doctrines by

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36th True God's Day Midnight Prayer and Speech

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HEAVENLY Father, we have newly ushered in the third year of the Cheon Il Guk. Last year, we concluded a busy schedule under the motto "Mansei for the Completed Settlement of the Cheon Il Guk of Freedom, Peace and Happiness, which is the Ideal of the Parents of Heaven and Earth" under your aegis.

Today, in welcoming the new year, we have announced this year's motto: "Let our family perfect a true family of filial children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters in Cheon Il Guk, through true love." We shall begin this new year, in which all families on earth and in heaven are to take root by perfecting themselves, centering on the True Parent, True Teacher, True Owner and True King, and go on to inherit the True Parents' tradition of uniting heaven and earth.

You, Father, the source of all blessings, sent us, the True Parents, to the earth, and had us indemnify numerous peaks of resentment, and now heaven and earth can publicly stand on the same horizontal line, following the completion of the Rallies for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth, and the Holy Burning Ceremony of Peace, Unity and Liberation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and as we herald the Age of Equalization of the the Peace and Unity of Cheon Il Guk, heaven and earth can publicly be on the same level standard centering upon the ideal of oneness, from the individual all the way up to the cosmos, advancing toward one purpose.

Adam and Eve were created by the objective standard that was absolutely necessary to perfect the ideal of reciprocity and the ideal of love desired by Heaven, as the incarnation of harmony which is able to catalyze mind-body unity centering upon individual perfection based on one heart, one body and one mindset. Without the ideal partner of love, centering upon the unifying standard of harmony of the one heart, one body and one mindset of the parents of the incorporeal heavenly kingdom and the corporeal substantial parents, the purpose of the mainstream ideal of God's attributes, namely absolute love, unique love, unchanging love and eternal love, cannot be perfected.

Therefore, You utterly and unreservedly invested Yourself over and over again entirely from the smallest to the greatest, all the while forgetting the fact of having done so, in order to fulfill that lofty and cherished hope of true love, namely Your absolute wish, absolute hope, and absolute desire

for absolute faith from Your object of love, whom You esteem as precious above all else, in order to leave behind for posterity the sublime and vast realm of the ideal of love.

In the midst of this, the ideal of creation consisted of Your hope for the third generation, the sons and daughters issuing out of the conjugal bond of Adam and Eve within the substantial realm of *sung sang* and *hyung sang*, after You fashioned Eve in Adam's image following his creation, into which You poured everything, so as to realize the visible substantiation of Yourself, the invisible substantial God—namely Adam and Eve as the partners of love representing the objective realm.

Yet the fall of the first ancestors of the human race left no room for Your Will to be realized, and they ended up being bound in blood ties to Satan in opposition to You, centered upon false parents, false love, false life and false lineage, leaving You in solitary isolation without a foothold in this world through countless aeons, until You eventually realize Your Will through re-creation and emerge as the long and eagerly awaited Heavenly Parent of whose existence humankind has hitherto been ignorant.

You revealed the secrets of the spiritual and physical worlds through us, the True Parents, who uncovered the origin of Satan and his identity as the enemy of God's love, the adulterer, thereby blocking his path and defeating him, in order to restore the original standard for which You had invested Yourself totally, that we might create the oneness of mind and body, the oneness of mindset, and the oneness of harmony, You having made the foundation on behalf of Adam for the substantial parents on earth, by originally creating Adam and Eve as Your partners, centering on *sung sang* and *hyung sang*, and minus and plus, and wanting everything perfected in four directions, aiming to have the family based upon the father-son relationship, the ideal destination of the substantial world, which however was nowhere to be found upon the earth prior to the advent of the True Parents, who revealed everything and thwarted Satan from the individual level, through the familial, tribal, racial, national, global, all the way up to the cosmic level, thus freeing and restoring the realm of power that had once opposed Heaven, consequently succeeding in bringing forth the new historic epoch.

With the establishment of God's Kingship, together with the Realm of Life of the Completed





Father writes the motto for 2003

All blessed families must be loyal subjects who can take responsibility for everything and be the owners who can serve the nobility of kingship. Through the appearance of the original family on earth, You have enabled us to reach the age when we can offer before You the “mansei” of victory of liberation in all of heaven and earth. In all Your comings and goings and abiding, may Your victory be bountiful and Your glory eternal. Be the King reigning peacefully over all kings eternally! We pray with all of our hearts for the tradition of the victorious heavenly kingdom to begin at this hour as we, the True Parents, put our hearts and minds together. We hereby proclaim our motto before heaven and earth. Amen. Amen. Amen!

Father’s Speech

WHAT’S the motto today? “Let our family perfect a true family of filial children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters in Cheon Il Guk, through true love!”

This expresses the entirety of God’s ideal of creation—the individual, family, tribe, race and nation, all together, must inherit the tradition of filial children, of patriots, of saints and of holy sons and daughters centering on true love. That is how royal authority [kingship] can be established.

Inheritance can be actualized on the foundation of kingship. One must deny everything belonging to oneself as an individual and one’s own nation. The things you have in this fallen world should have never existed to begin with. They are the fruits of the fallen world, which you must leave forever. God doesn’t want even a bit of shadow in this world, stained by the blood of His enemy. Although countless people in this evil world have been killed—in wars and in other disasters—and have experienced countless ups and downs, God could not intervene.

On the other hand, the original means for humanity to recreate itself still remains. Based on that original standard, from the smallest to the grandest universal level, God has reorganized things, and an age in which He can take control has dawned. You have no idea how hard it has been for God. You should understand that recreation has been tens of times or hundreds of times harder than creation.

As soon as Adam’s family is perfected, God’s work is done. In a perfected family, when the children of the original couple have children, the original couple can be the grandparents as well as king and queen. They become the parents of the heavenly world. The invisible God embraces the realm of substantial parents.... If people perfect themselves on earth and go to the spirit world, they can be the substantial foundation in the spirit world for True Parents establishing a perfect foundation there by becoming one with invisible God. Only then can God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth finally become one and be able to control the physical and spiritual worlds. Before that, God cannot be in control of the two worlds. This is the principle of creation. This is the fundamental principle.

Without following the basic principle, God’s will cannot be fulfilled. That’s a certainty. However, this world is stained by

Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Holy Burning Ceremony of the Peace, Unity and Liberation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, we have set the standard in the Age of the Equalization of the Peace and Unity of Cheon Il Guk. Please accept the foundations made by the ancestors born from those hamlets, and by the loyal subjects, virtuous women, filial children, saints and divine sons and daughters born from the local villages of this land as well.

Centering on the founders of great religions, we have called out those who dedicated themselves to heaven with their loyalty, filial piety and chastity in the spirit world. We had all of our good ancestors resurrected on earth to restore the realm of failures of the Cain side through indemnity so that we could all stand on the foundation of the restored realm of the elder son, centering upon the Abel realm. The heavenly kingship is realized in the age of equalization in which we can establish a reign of peace on earth, from every individual level to the level of the entire cosmos, and all unite in the realm of liberation without any satanic interference. We are truly grateful for Your grace allowing us to welcome this world of freedom and unity, Heavenly Father!

Standing on such foundations of true love, our family should realize the family of filial children, the family of loyal subjects, the family of saints, and the family of holy sons and daughters together with the Parents of Heaven and Earth, who are True Parents, True Teachers, and True Masters, in making the new start to establish the true kingship. We are truly grateful today to be able to begin the third year of Cheon Il Guk, in 2003, and to proclaim the motto for the new year. May all nations eternally praise and glorify Your unified victory of having united the spiritual and physical worlds. With Your ever increasing victories and accomplishments, we pray for the realization of Your glory in heaven and Your prosperity on the earth. We are truly grateful that we can pledge before You that we will advance again and again to liberate the heavenly nation of the unified victory on earth and in heaven. Please reign over us as the King of eternal peace, and allow the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven to be realized.

the blood of Satan.... There are many advanced countries and Christian nations in the world, but they were not built by God. There are numerous nations in the world; centering on those nations of the satanic world, Satan has done everything to stop individuals, families, tribes, races and nations from making a new beginning for God's nation.

Because humanity fell in the realm of dominion based on accomplishments through the Principle, into the realm of Satan's dominion, Satan can do as he pleases, because this world has not established the realm of oneness with God centering on love by fulfilling our responsibilities and because man deserves to be thrown into the garbage can. Man fell before reaching perfection.

The fact that man did not reach the level of the blessing through fulfilling his portion of responsibility has always been a condition Satan can accuse. Satan has done whatever he wanted to do with mankind.

Only after overcoming the fallen realm, the standard of the satanic world, can God intervene in the affairs of man. Major religions of the world have been the instruments in history to overcome the satanic world throughout the Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament Ages. In order to establish major religions, subsidiary religions came about. Hinduism in India, Confucianism in China, and Zoroastrianism in Mesopotamia [in what is now Iraq] were the three foundational religions God created to prepare for Jesus. Jesus should have unified them all.

What the chosen people should have done is to serve Christ as their true parent, true teacher, true master and true king. And they should have fulfilled their responsibility as true filial children, true patriots, true saints, true divine sons or daughters before true parents. That's how they could have established God's kingship. When people have the authority of God's sons and daughters, the kingship of the heavenly nation can be established. Based on that kingship, God can ascend to the throne and the satanic world will disappear.

It was to achieve this standard [the establishment of God's kingship] that the religious realm emerged. What is the good that the religious world has desired to attain? God lost His hometown and nation. Although people were born in a religious realm, which is guided by God, they were not born in the land or hometown God originally intended them to have. Religious people were born with satanic ties of blood. They have had to fight to make unity between mind and body. Without unity between mind and body, even if people were restored to God through their absolute faith and love, Satan could take them away again because they would still be in his realm.

That's why the heavenly side has to apply the strategy of being beaten first and then taking things back. No matter how many times one passes through crises that bring one to the point of death, one must never betray God. Only then can God



establish the age of the individual, the age of the family, the age of the tribe and the age of the nation. That's why the Israelites had to go through misery and suffering.

Because of the existence of kingship in the satanic world, the evil satanic sovereignty, anyone from anywhere, among all of humanity, who moved to build the heavenly nation, restore the heavenly kingdom, God's hometown and nation, would be caught and brutally killed. When people risk their lives and obey God to the end, things can turn around. Isn't it miserable for God that He has had to work in that way?

Throughout history, numerous religious people have been sacrificed. Billions of people have been sacrificed in order to create original families free from the fall. Do you understand? God must restore His sons and daughters to be completely free from the realm of the fall, free from the stain of satanic blood and free from any shadow of

fallen nature. To realize this purpose, God sent the Messiah four thousand years after the fall. The Messiah is the king of the religious world.

The Messiah should have connected the Old Testament Age of the first Israelites with the New Testament Age of the people of Israel.... The nation of Israel was in the position of Cain and Judaism was in the position of Abel. Cain and Abel should have created unity and served the Messiah, their parent. Why is that so? In the very first family, Adam's family, Cain killed Abel. It was a horrifyingly miserable situation. A murder was committed in the very first family of God.

Thinking of the history that God had to re-create, He would surely have cried out in anguish, but He did not want to do anything in front of Satan that was unworthy of Himself. He bore and forbore as, through the blood of the countless sacrifices made by those who wanted to surrender to God's side, He brought the providence forward.

Focusing mainly on the chosen people of Israel, God fought to realize individual perfection, family perfection, tribal perfection and national perfection. Finally, the nation of Israel, with the chosen people at its center, was established. The nation and faith-Israel and Judaism-should have made unity in the position of Cain and Abel. If Jesus had come on that unified foundation, he could have completed his mission in three and a half years, or within seven years. He could have given the blessing.

Because of improper marriage, the blood lineage became stained. False parents were born. Through true love, True Parents must clear up all the whole mess the false parents created. This is impossible without true love. True love is directly connected to God-centered love. Without true love, our families cannot bring forth devoted children, patriots, saints, divine sons or daughters, kings or queens in Cheon Il Guk. Do you understand?

There is no true love in the satanic world; there is only false love. Because of false parents, false love, false life, a false lineage and false families came about. God has watched families, tribes, races, nations and a world of sorrow; He had to find one individual who could reverse all the pain and sorrow in the world. That's why He had to send the Messiah.

The Messiah could come only after the blood lineage had been purified. Isn't that true? You know the history of Tamar. After the blood lineage had been purified, Jesus came and said, "I'm the only begotten son of God." The begotten son of God signifies the most revolutionary, historic change. Centering on God, the begotten son was born, therefore, the relationship between God and humanity can be restored to a relationship of parent and children connected by blood lineage, centering on love. After having been children, people grow to the point at which they enter into conjugal relationships and eventually become parents. These are all positions that were lost because of the fall. Individuals must unite mind and body to begin with in order to find the [standard of] parents lost because of Satan. That is how things can start being put to right.

Whether you joined the Unification Church or not, and no matter how faithfully you believe in its teachings, you cannot enter the heavenly kingdom without creating mind—body unity. Because the mind and body are fighting, a shadow is cast. When you received the registration blessing, I used the phrase, "the high noon settlement." At high noon, one doesn't cast any shadow. You, too, should not have any shadow. Without making unity between your mind and body, when the sun shines, you'll have a shadow on the left side if your mind is in a higher position. If your body is higher than your conscience, you'll have a shadow as well. That's what I meant by your having to settle in the "high noon" position. Up, middle and down, all should be in a perfect vertical line. Up, middle and

down all should be vertical.

What comprises the "up"? God, the first generation, Adam, the second generation and their children—the third generation—were unable to create a vertical line. God has never had His own grandchildren. Humanity hasn't known how sorrowful God has felt at not having His own grandchildren. Since the fall, humanity hasn't known that God is our ancestor, the teacher of all teachers, the master of all masters, the king of all kings and that He has fallen into the most miserable position. There was no way anyone could have known that. Finally, True Parents came to this earth and uncovered the root of sin and the true nature of the blood lineage. When we clearly know the truth, re-creation is possible.

Today's science-based civilization was established following a certain formula. Only on the basis of that formula, can any civilization be built. That's how the world develops. If the formula is wrong, everything breaks down. No matter how hard people invest into building their civilization, if there is a flaw, problems arise with everything.

As I told you yesterday, it takes a year for the earth to go around the sun. People estimate the age of the earth to be 4.5 or 4.7 billion years. If there were one second of error every year, what kind of difference would it make for 4.5 billion years? It would mean a difference of about 143 years. One second of error would cause a 143-year difference. Such a difference could have destroyed the universe. Everything might have disappeared. If you thought in that way, you could figure out how the universe is made precisely according to the principles of an eternal and unchanging formula. What motivated God to take great pains to create this world is true love. The order of true love is more thorough than that of anything else.

God's essential attributes are that He is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. This is His inner nature. There are



many kinds of inner natures. There are inner natures for the eyes, the nose, limbs and so on. The essence of those inner natures is love. Absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love. That is, true love.

True love should be absolute. There cannot be two loves. Love has to be unique—just one. It cannot be changeable either; it should be eternal. God began to exist centering on love. When God created heaven and earth, what did He center on to begin with? It was true love. God began to exist because of true love.

You must certainly maintain the dream of true love. Don't you have dreams? Little children do not know, but as you grow up, you have hopes and dreams about the opposite sex. The object of your dreams is not material—possessions, money, knowledge or power; it is love. You dream about the object of your love. Men want to be one with women, and vice versa. The unity between men and women indicates the oneness of heaven and earth, of left and right, of east and west and of front and back.

You should understand that the word “up” already presupposes the idea of “down.” And “down” assumes the existence of “up.” Do you understand? “Up” and “down” came about because of one another. The word “men” acknowledges the existence of women. Men were created to be absolutely and eternally one with women. Men and women wish to have divine nature, like God—absolute love, unique love, unchanging love, and eternal love.

That is why a person can only reach the height of his potential when he seeks the ideal of love. Money only brings about fighting and violence. People fight when they have money. They fight to find out who has more money. They try to dominate with power and also with knowledge. When we look at this in relation to famous scholars, where ideological material is concerned, they fight about whether a scholar had read the material in the original language or a translated version....

When a person has money, he lacks the impetus to live for the sake of others. Politics, also, doesn't carry the notion of living for others. All these avenues lead to ruin in the end. Knowledge, too, is not imbued with a sense that we need to live for others.

But true love cannot be lost, even if the whole cosmos is lost, because true love absolutely needs an object. For that reason, and because God is the origin of true love, the hope based on true love increases everyday. We must first be centered on true love and high ideals. After that is accomplished, we must give from the smallest things to the largest, and forget, and give and forget, and carry on in this pattern.

If one has something rated at a value of 100 and invests all of that 100, that's the end of it. However, if one has the attitude that desires to invest limitlessly again and again, there is always a way to develop more.

That way is the way of true love! Repeat after me, “True love!” [True love!]

The family of true love is the model of God's ideal of creation. What should the family of true love do? Members of the family of true



love should become devoted children. Look. The three-object purpose and the four-position foundation are iron rules for us to keep. There are eight positions: grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, husband, wife, son and daughter. If Adam's three sons had their own spouses, Adam's family would have completed the number eight. Noah's family completed the number eight. The number eight should be completed and we should go beyond those eight stages.

Without completing the four-position foundation and three generations—that is, without having grandchildren—the number eight cannot be completed. If one asks whether or not Adam and Eve were kicked out of the garden of Eden after they fell or before they fell and after having their own children, the answer is obvious. They were kicked out after they fell and before having their own children.

Then who wedded Adam and Eve? The sexual organs are called *sung-ki*. Here, *sung* did not originally mean “sex” or “gender” but “holiness.”¹ That's what they were supposed to be—the holy organs of men and women. So, no matter how strongly the world opposes me, it doesn't bother me a bit. The three-generational realm means God is above, Adam and Eve are in the middle, in the position of True Parents, and the third generation is below. So I say to them, hit me if you can. I know that those who hit me will only destroy themselves in the end. There is nothing to break this vertical three-generational realm. If the entire universe were to attack this, the entire universe would be destroyed.

What is the mystery my life presents to the world? It is the fact that I have risen in the world despite all the persecution I've been under. People of the world wanted me dead or destroyed and did all sorts of things. They persecuted me in various ways, but I have succeeded in the satanic world.

When I went through the individual persecution stage, all of humanity opposed and persecuted me as an individual. Then, I went through the family persecution stage. The world has done everything they could to my family. Tribes, races, nations, the communist, democratic and religious worlds all opposed me. Several decades ago, I said that Jesus, Confucius, Buddha and Mohammed were all my disciples. That remark drew so much more persecution. Did those who opposed me really know whether or not they were really my disciples? How could they know the truth? I said it because I knew the truth. No matter what, I said it because I knew it was true, but they opposed me out of their own ignorance. Ignorance can never win over the truth. It will lose in the end. Do you understand? You must know that clearly.

It's been thirty-three years since I first arrived in the U.S. This is the thirty-fourth year. Jesus should have taken control over the nation of Israel at the age of thirty-four and sent ambassadors to Rome. That's the kind of role our Ambassadors for Peace

must fulfill. Ambassadors for Peace, please raise your hands.

Ambassadors for Peace are like tribal chiefs among the

¹ In Korean, the word for “sex” and the word for “holy” have the same pronunciation.

people of [ancient] Israel. Jesus would have been the chief priest. Ambassadors for Peace are also in the position of archangels. Ambassadors for Peace are supposed to connect up and down to help the first, second and third generations to stand vertically. They are in the position of archangels who have not yet perfected a true family of devoted, filial children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters. This year, new Ambassadors for Peace will be appointed, not only in Korea but in 180 nations. No matter how small a nation is, we'll send Ambassadors for Peace to it.



many things and may have many possessions, when he dies all is lost. Satan takes everything. If he has descendants, he can leave everything to them. If he has obtained all the money and power he desires, but has lived his life alone, he will lose everything when he dies and will later weep and feel regret. If you cannot fulfill your responsibility, this will be your situation.

Blessed families must be owners of Cheon Il Guk through true love. Therefore, you must become devoted filial children. You can be owners of Cheon Il Guk, after becoming devoted

Ambassadors for Peace should win the hearts of people in good positions in their hometown. They should win them over to their way of thinking and convince them on the basis of our philosophy. They have to make Satan retreat in every respect—on the ideological side, the religious side, and in the area of accomplishments in life itself. The Ambassadors for Peace must know that we are entering a forward-looking, revolutionary era of world history.

From now on, the number of these ambassadors will increase. Before, they were representative of their nations, but now we are in the midst of appointing millions of Ambassadors for Peace from every walk of life. These peace ambassadors must serve the public purpose of reconciliation. Reconciliation! Satan started the war between the mind and the body, and it is still going on! When a husband and a wife fight, it is nothing but hell.

According to the Unification Church, what is the first thing that has to be accomplished? It is mind—body unity. When God created heaven and earth, He did it with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. When I speak, what I believe becomes reality. If it does not appear, I invest more effort to make it come true. Even the biggest things come true when I command them to. Because I invest according to the ideals I desire, things are fulfilled.

That is why I say true love engenders the highest hopes. These hopes are not wasted ones. God is a being of character. What are the main aspects of the God of character? God has to be a being of character, able to settle down in a family where the husband, wife and the children have become one, centering on absolute love, unique love, unchanging love and eternal love.

That is why absolute faith seeks true love. When something is begun centering on true love, we can center on the absolute ideal. When we consider the mineral kingdom, we find positive ions and negative ions, in the plant kingdom we find stamen and the pistil, in the animal kingdom, males and the females, in human beings, men and women, and heaven and earth in the cosmos. Everything is relational.

That is why, for a being to exist, the first thing to do is to live for the sake of the partner. God is the king of kings and He is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent; He is the absolute owner of all things, but He cannot be happy alone.

If a person can be happy living a solitary life, he is crazy. He is a crazy man, living in a world of his own. Why do I say he is crazy? He is crazy because he started as the first generation and will end as the first generation; he will not leave any heirs. If a man lives a solitary life, although he may achieve

sons and daughters. Then what? You should be in a true family of patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters. That's how you can be the owners of a true family.

I'm not just saying this blindly. I'm not just trying to catch some wind from the air, so to speak. I'm talking about heavenly principle that no one can avoid. With absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, no matter how difficult and painful a situation you're put into is, you must be able to be grateful to God hundreds or thousands of times over and march onto the world of infinity.

Centering on the religious realm, you must feel the sorrow and pain God must have felt for the ones He loved and trusted that had to be sacrificed. Imagine the sorrow God must have felt when He couldn't do anything while people He loved were being sacrificed. You should weep deeply. You should be soaked in your own tears, blood and sweat; it is only then that Satan can never invade you—because of the tears, blood and sweat you shed for God and other people. Satan is an individualist and selfish. Individualism cannot enter the place of tears and blood shed for others.

Unless you create unity between mind and body, you should never think about entering the heavenly kingdom. If you've decided to create unity based on your knowledge of the Principle, you must wait in the other world. There will be paradise and hell of the blessed families.

There is no race of people who have shed more blood than the Korean people. Koreans, women especially, had to undergo tremendous bloody hardships. Why? Korea has been located between powerful nations and attacked 934 times. The satanic side has done all sorts of evil things by forcibly entering this nation.

There is nothing I haven't experienced as a man in this world. What haven't I experienced? I have experienced the jaws of death, the difficulties of both men and of women, hell and heavenly joy in the spirit world. I have reorganized both heaven and hell and established the tradition of True Parents. I have applied the strategy of being beaten first and then taking back. That's the way of the Unification Church.

I'm telling you this because we are entering the third year of Cheon Il Guk today. Through true love, our families... What is Cheon Il Guk? It is the house and nation where the True Parents, True Teacher, True Master and True King reside.

The people of Israel killed their true parent, Jesus, who couldn't actually become a true parent because he was unable to marry and have children. That is why they had to wander around on foreign soil for two thousand years. They became a most miserable people, who were kicked here and there on

various fields of war. Because the time came for Korea to gain independence in 1948, centering on the United States, the second Israel, both the nations of Israel and Korea had to be built again.

Even if the United States abandons the whole world, it must not abandon Korea. If she does, she will be destroyed. That is why I could not abandon America, although she has no idea of the value of what I have done for her. I have been persecuted and ridiculed in various ways for thirty-three years there. Government administrations have done all sorts of things to me. Christianity has done its worst. Nevertheless, you'll see who will win through in the end.

After establishing God's kingship, can we liberate God? The founders of the four great religions, religious people from those four great religions and cultures, and other people who had contributed to the world spoke out as representatives, claiming that "Rev. Moon is the Savior, Messiah, the Lord of the Second Advent, and True Parent!"

I'm over eighty-three. Eighty-four by the Korean method of reckoning age. Including today, I am eighty-three years and one day old. Three times eight is twenty-four. There are twenty-four divisions in a 12-month period.² You don't know what I'm going to do for True Mother's birthday, do you? This birthday of ours will make a clear line. We will make lines vertically, horizontally and from front to back so that we can build a spherical shape. The spirit world will pester anyone who deviates from the lines once they are clearly made. Have you created true families through true love? There should be one heart and one body. Mind and body should be one. There should next be one mindset, one way of thinking. Even if you reach the level of one heart, one body and one mindset, you cannot do things as you please. Your eyes and nose must not act recklessly without thinking of the whole. Do you understand?

Let our family perfect a true family of filial children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters in Cheon Il Guk, through true love. Originally, it was to say that "our family will" perfect them, not "Let our family" perfect them. I made it "Let" to express our desire. It is our responsibility. There is a grand universe for us to work on. One family wouldn't be enough to do all the work. That's why I had to give us some space by making it "Let."

Do you want to be devoted sons? Do you want to be devoted daughters? You must become a husband or wife of filial piety. You must understand this. If you're a real couple of filial piety, you would live with your parents and parents-in-law in one household. Daughters-in-law should be able to manage that. How could they do that? Eve fell, didn't she?

I've clearly taught you the heavenly principle. Those who follow my teachings precisely will enter the house of God, Yahweh, and be able to find their own hometown and nation and freely exercise their independent rights in the spiritual and physical worlds.

On the other hand, if you don't follow the principle I've taught you, you will end up in paradise or even in hell. Then your children will ask you, "You were also members of the Unification Church. How could you end up here? What have you, mother and father, done while living on earth?" What would you do in that case? You never believe in what I tell you and you live as you please, don't you?

It's a big problem. This isn't something you should let go in one ear and out the other one. Let our family perfect a true family of filial children, patriots, saints and divine sons and

²The year in Korea is divided into 24 parts (each approximating to two weeks) which reflect the coming and going of the seasons

daughters in Cheon Il Guk, through true love. This is not just a passing phrase. This is a manifesto. If you don't reach the standard by even a few percentage points, you'll not achieve a passing grade.

The age of salvation is over. Why are you still begging for things in prayer? What does our pledge say? "As the owner of Cheon Il Guk, our family pledges to seek our original homeland and establish the original ideal of creation, the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on true love." If that is all you achieve, you can go to the heavenly kingdom. What is the second part of the pledge? "As the owner of Cheon Il Guk, our family pledges to represent and become central to Heaven and Earth by attending 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." That's how you can inherit kingship. If you just ask God to give you the blessing, you become thieves. The blessing cannot come to you. Do you think things will work out that way for you? The blessing will turn out to be your curse. If your sons and daughters don't have perfect faith, your sons and daughters will fight and even kill each other over the blessing you've received. That's how Christian churches are these days. Ministers and elders fight each other.

If I exercise just for seven minutes a day, I'm okay for a whole twenty-four hours even if I push myself through a very stressful schedule. Those who exercise for several hours a day cannot beat me. Am I not strong even now? I have trained myself in the midst of prison camps where people died, and where I was tortured. Because my body is being trained by heavenly command, I can control myself with my mind.

Without the will to risk your lives thousands or tens of thousands of times, you cannot reach the place where God is. I hit the mark straight like a cannon ball or bullet. That's how to make others give in. Anyone here who thinks that I am your enemy, raise your hand. There is no one. Then will all of you receive the blessing?

To be a family of filial piety... All women here must represent heavenly wives, queens, grandmothers, mothers and pious women. Only when you establish the four-position foundation, can you enter the heavenly kingdom. A man must take a wife. Once he is married, he must love his wife and have children. A woman must make the entire family naturally surrender to her even if her father-in-law, mother-in-law, husband or brother-in-law opposes her. That's the course of a woman. Unification Church women would welcome a spouse from any race of people. Those who once opposed our sisters now think highly of them...

You should serve your grandfather and father as you would God or the king of the world. You should also be able to serve your own sons and daughters as you would God, as they are the successors of True Parents. You should build a family like that. There shouldn't be any place for individualism in your family. Individualism is doomed.

People are supposed to learn things in their families. In a family, there are babies, a wife, a mother and a grandmother, aren't there? There are a grandfather, a father, a husband, sons and daughters. That's the model. There are numerous families in a nation; however, they are all the same. The three-generation formula—grandparents, parents and children—is fundamental.

What are tribes? A tribe is like a family, only thousands of times bigger. Do you understand? If you ignore your tribe, there is no heavenly kingdom for you. There will be no way for you. Those families who misuse relatives for their own

families' sakes cannot last long. Once the head of such a family dies, its entire fortune will be gone very soon, too. Do you understand?

Being a devoted, filial child is the beginning point of being a patriot. There are thousands of families in a tribe. If you think your entire tribe should center on your own family, you are a thief.

Being a patriot is the beginning point of being a saint. Saints go beyond the level of a nation. That's why religious leaders and saints are in command. They are the owners of religion. Satan cannot control them. Do you understand? That's why they can go to paradise. That's the sure formula. You should know all that in order to be confident when you go to the spirit world. Whatever could you do if you didn't know any of this?

St. Augustine, St. Paul, Jesus, Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed and Socrates all have claimed that "Rev. Moon is the Savior, Messiah, the Lord of the Second Advent, and the True Parent." I didn't ask them to do that. I don't want any of their acknowledgements. If I am the real True Parent, why would I want their acknowledgement to begin with?

You'll see once you reach the other world. No words are necessary. You'll figure things out right away. Do you think the four founders of great religions will come and greet me? Jesus asked me, "True Father, please save the people of Israel." And that's why I told you to take down the crosses. That's the only way Christianity can live.

The cross was just an instrument to kill criminals. You should ask Jesus. If Jesus could have created his own family, there would have been no popes in Rome, no St. Peter's Basilica. Jesus' sons and daughters could have created God's nation before the 6th century. Since that didn't happen, the Israelites were kicked out of their own land in the 7th century and Islam emerged. That's what really happened in history.

Why was that? History waited for the number 6. It was miserable. Because I knew history, I felt so sorry for Jesus and wanted to ease his pain. I also knew how sorrowful Mary, his mother, was and wanted to ease her pain, too. Because Mary abandoned Jesus, you'll see what will happen to Catholicism and Protestantism. There will be no next generation for them.

They will be like graves.

That's why I said that they must abandon their crosses. That's what's going to happen....I'll watch whether or not churches in America follow this new direction.

The tradition of filial piety can lead to the tradition of patriots. From the patriotic tradition the religious realm emerges, established by the leaders of faiths—such as Christianity, Confucianism, Buddhism and Islam. They are the true saints whom Satan cannot dominate, so they are in paradise. How do you know all that? Didn't it become clear to you when you read the book on the reality of the spirit world? How much ridicule I have endured! People said, "What? The establishment of God's kingship?!" Who really believed it? Because you don't know, you cannot act. I have to teach you everything. If you are stuck in the middle realms of the spirit world, don't call out, "Father, I am here." Your own children will accuse you. They will say, "So-and-so's family entered the house of God and realized the heavenly kingdom of liberation with the authority of the inheritors of heaven and earth. They can freely do anything on behalf of God. But what about us? Why didn't you teach us correctly when you had the chance?" Do you understand what I mean?

Your model is the family of filial piety. You should exemplify a family of filial piety of Cheon Il Guk through true love. You must exemplify a blessed family of filial piety. Then you should exemplify a family of patriots and chaste women. When I talk about a family, I'm talking about a family of three generations together. Have your three generations realized unity? If they haven't, you'll fail.

I don't have so much time left before I go to the spirit world. Don't you know that the spirit world is waiting for me to come? Once I go there, everything will be revolutionized at once.

God is love. God knows what I am. Strictly following the principle, there is no place for any of you. Therefore, you must repent. That's the point. On what date did Satan surrender? [March 21, 1999.] That day was the day I went to Japan, which was our country's enemy. It's really fascinating if you think about it. Do you understand?

Twentieth Day of the Victory of Love

January 2, 2003



Heung-jin nim in Kodiak, early 1980s



The nineteenth anniversary of the ascension of Heung-jin nim was celebrated at Cheong Pyeong, one place where the fruits of his life and work are always visible.

You must become devoted sons and daughters and create married couples of filial piety. You must be the second generation in the place of Adam and Eve who failed, and connect the third generation, your own sons and daughters to God. The third generation!

Why do you need my blessing? You need to have a third generation. The second generation is not as important, no matter how great members of the second generation are individually. Cain and Abel should have been blessed by Adam and Eve. Once a man has a wife and children, he should do everything, wearing himself to the bone, to take care of them.

Now you must return. You must return and become one. Then you must return to the invisible God. This is the Principle. The Principle! It's the formula. Once you return to God with a family-level foundation, you must build the nation that was lost in the beginning of history. Therefore, you must have your own tribes join in the blessing. Knowing that, how can you so comfortably eat, sleep, play and waste time as you do? You must not live as you used to, according to the habits you've developed in the Unification Church. There will be no way for you to go. I won't be there for you any more.

I recently gave away things I have used as gifts to members. I had gone through all sorts of suffering—sweating and crying—in the clothes I gave away. I want those who received clothes from me to remember that whenever they look at them. Otherwise, the clothes will accuse them. I gave speeches in those clothes; not only did I give speeches but I also made substantial what I'd taught. They are sacred items.

You should perfect the Old Testament Age, perfect the New Testament Age and perfect the Completed Testament Age. Without having substantial accomplishments such as that, you cannot liberate the nation and cannot enter the heavenly kingdom. Do you understand? You must find the nation even if you have to sacrifice your own lives.

Am I a patriot? [Yes!] In my case, the Chinese character means not love, but sadness.³ I am a man who has shed a tremendous volume of tears of sadness to find the nation. I am the embodiment of sadness.

I love Kim Jong-il. I should save him by loving him. That's why communists, such as Marx, Lenin, Engels and others in the spirit world say that I am the Messiah of the communist world. They are fervently asking people on earth to serve me as the Messiah. Do you understand?

What this also means is that saints in the spirit world are ahead of you. People of conscience and intelligence will take your positions. Who does the Bible say takes the kingdom of heaven? [Men of violence take it!] That's why you must invest yourselves.

When you go to the spirit world, you should teach the saints and holy people. You blessed couples had children before they did, didn't you? Because we don't have a nation, we at least should have the name of a nation. Once the family of the king restores the nation, those who are with them can participate in honored positions. If you live as you please without having any clear concept of what you must do, you'll be devoured by Satan in some dark corner. I'm warning you.

Do you want to be a family with 100 percent filial piety toward God? Is there anything more to desire once you achieve that? No. That's it. There is nothing more. For that, you must offer everything you have, from the seventh generation of your ancestors down to your generation. Even if you have to sell your own nation to realize that, you must do so.

I have asked you to make the Total Living Offering, but you're so reluctant to do even that. Do you know the story of Ananias and his wife Sapphira, who sold a piece of property

and cheated Peter by keeping back part of the money for themselves? What happened to them? They fell down and died on the spot. You need to know that a more fearful time is now at hand.

I asked those who had entered Seoul University and other universities [in Korea] to transfer to Sun Moon University. Those who already graduated from other universities should attend university again, but Sun Moon University this time. That's a secret that I'm telling you.

Knowing that, your family should and will perfect a true family of devoted children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters in Cheon Il Guk, through true love! Even though *you* might fulfill your responsibility, there are the problems of the whole world for me to deal with.... Even if you cannot find the nation, I must somehow offer it to God. You cannot. That's why I used the word "let" in the motto.

You must find the nation. Will you or not? Your own nations are doomed. North Korea, South Korea, Japan and the U.S. will all be in difficulty, with no way forward. Those nations that have opposed the Unification Church will find themselves in miserable situations. The sun is rising for the Unification Church, but the sun is setting for those nations. They will go down rapidly. You'll see.

Aren't I famous for predicting things? Which one of predictions I have made did not come true? Today is the age of e-mail and the Internet. When I said that such a time would come fifty years ago, everybody said that I was crazy. However, the time has come. Those theologians who opposed me then and went to the spirit world couldn't be forgiven even if they were to beg for forgiveness on their knees. However, you should know that because I liberated even Satan, they can join that group of liberated souls, and, beyond national borders, receive the benefits I am offering.

Therefore, the model of a family leads to a patriot, the model of a patriot leads to a saint, the model of a saint leads to a divine son or daughter and the model of a divine son or daughter leads to kingship. Do you understand? Therefore, in Cheon Il Guk, in which True Parents live, there are true parents, owners, teachers and kings! Do you understand? And also devoted filial children, patriots, saints, divine sons and daughters—and kingship. Inheritance can take place once you have gone through all of these stages. I am teaching you everything clearly. You must complete all of these stages. Don't think that there are other ways to be blessed by God. Death comes to everyone. If you understand the things I have just mentioned, you are on the way to go to Heaven.

Kwak Chung-hwan! You adopted the written resolution, didn't you? What is the first point of that resolution? [Know and have faith in the absolute true parents, God and True Parents.] The next? [The absolute true teachers, God and True Parents.] After that one? [The absolute true owners, God and True Parents.] What comes after that? [Act with faith that True Parents are the substantial manifestation of God and are true parents, teachers and owners!] The True Parents must become king and queen! Do you understand? True parents, teachers and owners. Everyone must be an owner, right? But there can only be one king and queen.

I know that I have told the blessed families of the Unification movement to attend the family of True Parents as the royal family. There can be no question about this. Through this, you may receive the inheritance. You have to become a prince of a kingdom in order to receive the royal inheritance.

³The character for "love" contained within the word for "patriot" has the same pronunciation as a word meaning "sadness."

You must become divine sons and daughters to receive inheritance. You will be caught in the spirit world if you do not fulfill this condition.

Things will not happen as you wish them to. Heaven does not follow you. God doesn't follow Reverend Moon. When Reverend Moon does what God should do, God comes to look at it and says, "Well! You have done what I haven't been able to do. Well done." But that's not all that God says. He tells me to go and climb over another mountain.

God has no mercy towards me. Try praying and asking about it. Satan blocks the way. Satan's tribe will disappear. Satan will beg forgiveness and return to God's side. Satan has to do this. I have to make God and Satan reconcile and stop fighting. I work out what God and Satan want and then I tell them to stop fighting. Because I reconciled things early, I was able to return to my hometown and the unification of our fatherland will be possible.

What is the nationality of Japanese people? [Korean.] [People of the Cheon Il Guk nationality.] Korea will cease to be. So will Japan. Cheon Il Guk. It is about two or more people

becoming one. Cheon Il Guk is the nation in which two people have become one. The people of the world cannot go against this. They cannot oppose it.

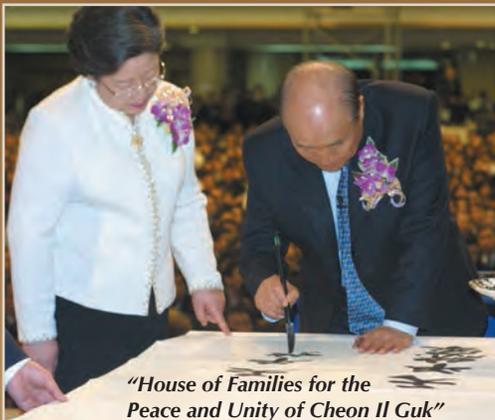
Do you think that God taught me this, or that I found it? [God taught it to you.] [You found it on your own.] What has been lost by false parents must be recovered by true parents.

If you don't receive the blessing again, you cannot go to Heaven. This is absolute. The festival of the blessing should be 12 times, 120 times, 1,200 times, 12,000 times better than the festivals of the fallen world. Without much indemnity, you cannot receive the blessing. You received the blessing for free so you think that it is free. You must offer up your nation and your tribe. You have to deny yourself.

Do not forget what I have said. My desire is that you all become families that receive this blessing! [Amen!] Not Amen. *Mansei!* [Mansei!]◆



The Second Anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God



"House of Families for the Peace and Unity of Cheon Il Guk"



American members sing for True Parents and all present



True Parents Host Special Leaders' Workshop

Fifty-day Special Workshop for Leaders of Korea, Japan, America and Six Continents

A Korean leader reflects on the 50-day leaders' workshop.

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WHAT should the owners of this nation be like? Can we become the owners of Cheon Il Guk by naming it a nation and arguing with raised voices that we are the owners?

Primarily, the owners of Cheon Il Guk are those who have become one in heart with God and True Parents and who serve them and live together with them.

We were called to attend this workshop at the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, where great spiritual works are being accomplished by Heung-jin nim and Daemo nim. They have been taking out evil spirits that had been residing in our bodies. They've led them to the workshop center in the spiritual world and have educated and blessed them. Those spirits have become absolutely good and now live solely in harmony with the will of God.

Through the fifty-day workshop, many spiritually sensitive people encountered more than enough spiritual phenomena to clear away any doubts.

We want to live like True Parents; we want to bring results, glorify them and fulfill the duties of filial piety, but we are unable to do what our minds desire. When we look back on the path we have traveled, how many shameful and foolish things have we done? We have worked and prayed hard, so why has the road we've taken been one of sadness and grief?

Even if we have to pass through the bottom of hell, we must remove the evil spirits that are residing in our bodies and blocking the path to the realization of our true selves. We must get rid of any trace of the fall and the evil habits of the fallen world. Even if we aren't able to fulfill it in these fifty days and have to return individually, we must



find our true selves. We must remove evil spirits with the support of our ancestors that have become absolutely good spirits. In this special fifty-day workshop, leaders from fifty-two countries have come, and through uncomfortable circumstances and a challenging schedule, have felt nothing but grace from God throughout the workshop. We have come to desire that our original natures be recovered and that we become owners of Cheon Il Guk who are filled with love and affection.

Even in this workshop, many people doubted the spiritual phenomena at first, but as days went by and more and more people had dreams or visions or experienced incredible grace, the workshop as a whole seemed embraced by the spiritual atmosphere. There seem to have been enough spiritual experiences to fill a book. When we blessed members—the owners of Cheon Il Guk—remain on the right path and fulfill our missions, a storm of phenomena from Heaven and the higher realms of the

spiritual world will pour down and wash us clean.

Everyone who knows the will of God will need to work hard in anticipation of this coming time. ♦

The Cheon Il Guk Owner Award Workshop

At the request and invitation of True Parents, three thousand members gathered in Cheong Pyeong on January 31 for the week-long Cheon Il Guk Owner Award Workshop. Members came from around the world—representing all the regions and most countries in which active mission work is ongoing.

Although many qualified members were unwilling to put themselves forward, candidates were either nominated, or submitted applications with the encouragement of their leaders.

Each participant received a special award (along with the weighty responsibility to live up to the title of "Owner of Cheon Il Guk"), plus the opportunity to participate with True Parents in the events of their birthday, including the Cheon Il Guk Blessing and the Coronation Ceremony. ♦ (See next issue)



Angola: A Nation with Fertile Soil

Rev. Kwak continues his work as a special envoy of True Parents to the world. IIFWP leadership seminars under his guidance have been held in more than 100 countries.

Details of the seminar in Angola were contributed by Rev. Pedro Kinambuta Sambu,¹ FFWPU and IIFWP leader in Angola, with additional material from IIFWP and *TODAY'S WORLD*.

RICH in natural resources and with only twelve million people in an area more than twice the size of France, Angola stands as a reminder that it is the fundamental breakdown of the family of man that is at the root of human suffering.

After four hundred years as a Portuguese colony, during the early part of which Angola served mainly to supply slaves to Portuguese Brazil, Angolans endured a War of Independence that stretched from 1961 to 1975. Dissension amongst opposing groups of anti-colonial forces was a serious weakness and independence only came when the government of Portugal was overthrown in a military uprising and the new government granted Angola its freedom.

Following independence, civil war ensued between the Soviet-backed MPLA, which had assumed the government in the capital city of Luanda and rebel forces ultimately represented by UNITA, which was backed by the United States, but led by the Maoist Jonas Savimbi. A truce in 1991 led to multi-party elections that were overseen by the UN. When the presidency was won by the MPLA's Jose Eduardo dos Santos, the results were rejected by Savimbi and war continued. Efforts to create a coalition government in the mid-90s also came to naught. The death of Savimbi in 2002 and a peace accord that followed are major factors that have finally brought an exhausted nation out of the fires of war.

Given the past ties of the Angolan

Rev. Kwak and continental director Lee Sang-jin (left) arrive at the airport in Angola



government and the need for countries formerly aligned with the USSR to make their own way in the world today, it is perhaps not surprising that when Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, Rev. Lee Sang-jin² and Dr. Thomas Walsh arrived in Luanda to hold an International Leadership Seminar, there was a contingent of North Korean parliamentarians in the Fevereiro Airport waiting area.

The seminar, which was held at the prestigious Hotel Tropico, attracted fifteen national assemblymen, professors and religious leaders—a hundred people in all. Some that had previously attended a regional seminar in Nairobi were appointed Ambassadors for Peace. In the morning, Rev. Kwak introduced the seminar theme, “Values for a Culture of Peace and Development,” and Dr. Walsh spoke on issues related to the AIDS pandemic.

Following lunch, the Nova Era choir sang. Their songs, sung in several languages, were an inspiration that prepared the atmosphere for the deepest part of the seminar, Rev. Kwak's speech. Rev. Kwak spoke to the participating leaders as a father would to his own children. His approach was clear and logical as well as spiritual. Both the eminent scholars and the assemblymen present seemed impressed by the depth of the Unificationist teachings and the presence of the Holy Spirit could be felt.

Toward the close of the seminar, a blessing ceremony was held. Eighty individuals and seven couples came forward to receive the holy wine.

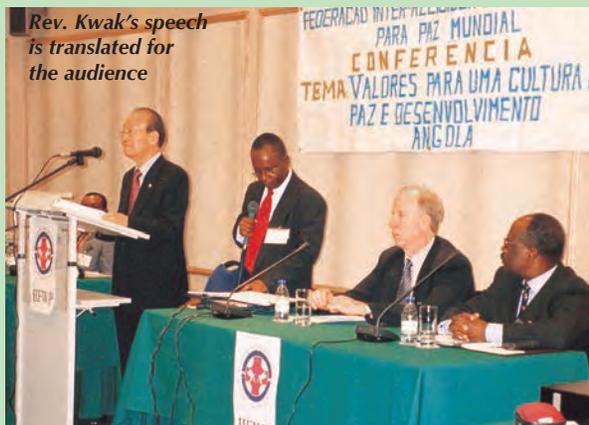
The national assemblymen are still closely connected with IIFWP and FFWPU-Angola. Rev. Pedro Kinambuta Sambu, the IIFWP Angola national representative, recently told *TODAY'S WORLD*, “There is a heightened interest in IIFWP activities and its powerful message for change not only from those who attended the

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Participants listen to Rev. Kwak's address



Rev. Kwak's speech is translated for the audience



Albania: A Focal Point in Europe

*From the National Headquarters
Tirana, Albania*

SINCE the beginning of our work in Albania, we could quite easily contact and convey our ideals to all groups of people, including prominent figures in society. We have considerably extended our outreach through such events as True Mother's visit here in May 2000 and hoondokhae conferences. As a result, we have made many friends in the government, the media and among those working in NGOs and other organizations, who are willing to support our activities. It is good to mention that, generally speaking, we have encountered almost no persecution. When I am asked the reasons for this situation I usually mention that Albania has had a long history of suffering (five hundred years of Turkish occupation, then more than forty years under an extreme communist regime), which makes the Albanian people humble and open to others. Also, there aren't any strong religious concepts that would cause people to feel prejudice against us. This is a result of, on the one hand, communism, which virtually destroyed religion in the country, and, on the other hand, a historically existing interreligious harmony. Finally, Albanians have a strong sense of family values, which makes our ideas appealing to the majority.

One friend who came to know us through a hoondokhae conference is Prof. Luan Memushi, an anthropologist. He worked closely with the Ministry of Education as a member of a committee that approved school textbooks and, at the time we met him in December 2000, he was a Member of Parliament. Professor Memushi is not a religious person. However, he was deeply inspired by our vision of youth education—to the extent that, together with his students, he translated the book "Cultivating Heart and Character" into Albanian and pushed us to do something more about it! Inspired by such powerful sup-

port, members of World CARP Albania took the initiative to prepare and conduct a series of lecture presentations that introduced character education in all the major universities of Albania. The project received support from both Hyun-jin nim and the European headquarters and was launched at a professors' conference in February this year in Tirana, Albania's capital.

We've often experienced the power of God in special ways, especially since the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God.

The following is an example:

Since the parliamentary elections in June 2001, the political situation in Albania has been unstable, with the government changing several times. The week before our February conference was another dramatic period, during which a new government was being formed. The results were announced exactly a day before the event, and to our surprise, miraculously, Prof. Memushi was nomi-

nated as the new Minister of Education! His first public appearance in his new role was at our conference the next day. We had to make changes in the schedule so that he would speak before the vice minister of education, who is also a strong supporter of ours.

After a successful professors' conference, through which we received support for our program, we conducted lecture presentations at five major universities in the country (excluding those in Tirana, which were left for later)

and at a small meeting with students in Prishtina, Kosovo. We always worked in cooperation with university authorities, whom someone from the Ministry of Education would call if necessary to encourage them to become involved with us. Usually professors at respective universities informed the students, gathered an audience for us and provided a speaker who would choose one topic to present in line with the content of our materials. We received very good responses from both students and pro-

fessors and demands to come back again. Altogether, around seven hundred students participated in meetings and five hundred signed up as CARP members.

As a result of those presentations, we are constantly asked to do more. The Ministry of Education is asking us to work in high schools, and we have also received an invitation to participate in a TV program.

Responding to the demand is difficult, however, because we don't have enough manpower! The lec-

tures at all the universities were done by just one person, our World CARP Albania President, Mr. Gani Roshi. By the end of 2002, he had also given lectures to some 500 high school students. He is constantly working hard, going beyond his limits and traveling all around the country. We simply don't have enough lecturers who can work on this level and are free enough to travel to other cities. The local members are usually very young. Yet this project is just one example of what can be done in Albania; it demonstrates both the potential here and the limitations we are facing.

Seeing this potential, our European continental director, Rev. Sa Kwang-kee, selected Albania as a country that could accept True Parents soon. He started a special Balkan Project, which

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Albania and neighboring countries

The Spirit of IIFWP

The following is adapted from an account by Nadine Andre.

THE Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace sponsored its final conference for the year, under the theme, "God and World Peace: An Exploration of the Significance of God for a World in Crisis," in Washington D.C. from December 26 to 29. The conference was attended by more than 300 participants representing 79 nations, although with the attendance of day guests there were 400 participants at the main events.

Plenary Speakers

The first speaker at the first day's plenary session, Hon. Stanislav Shushkevich, former president of Belarus, said that in 1991 he had signed his name to the document that eventually dissolved the Soviet Union—and emphasized how important the act of dialogue was then, and continues to be.

U.S. Congressman Danny Davis said, "It is a time to pause and reflect



on the things that matter most. Finery, fortune, success will all go, but family and God are what endure." He said that the efforts to keep God out of public life are not viable, because God is the foundation for all existence. God precedes religion and politics and includes love and justice. He

affirmed the IIFWP founder to be the champion of family values, acknowledged the potency of the World Peace Blessing movement, and said that we should all be "true parents" to our children. He spoke about the criticism of Rev. Moon in this way, "You are not criticized unless you are doing something. We must all turn stumbling blocks into stepping stones."

The Founder's Speech

Father was very happy, robust and powerful. He reminded everyone of his age and said that he would speak to the participants as his sons and daughters, as no one there was older than he. He began by outlining his vision and why

he had undertaken the work that has defined his life. After each paragraph he would speak extemporaneously; his words were heartfelt and potent.

In conclusion he said, "We will arrive in an age in which God and humankind live as one in the original ideal world, the world of the heart. We will arrive in an age where we realize that living for

the sake of others holds greater eternal value than living for ourselves. The blind age of self-centered life will pass away, as we build an other-centered world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values."¹

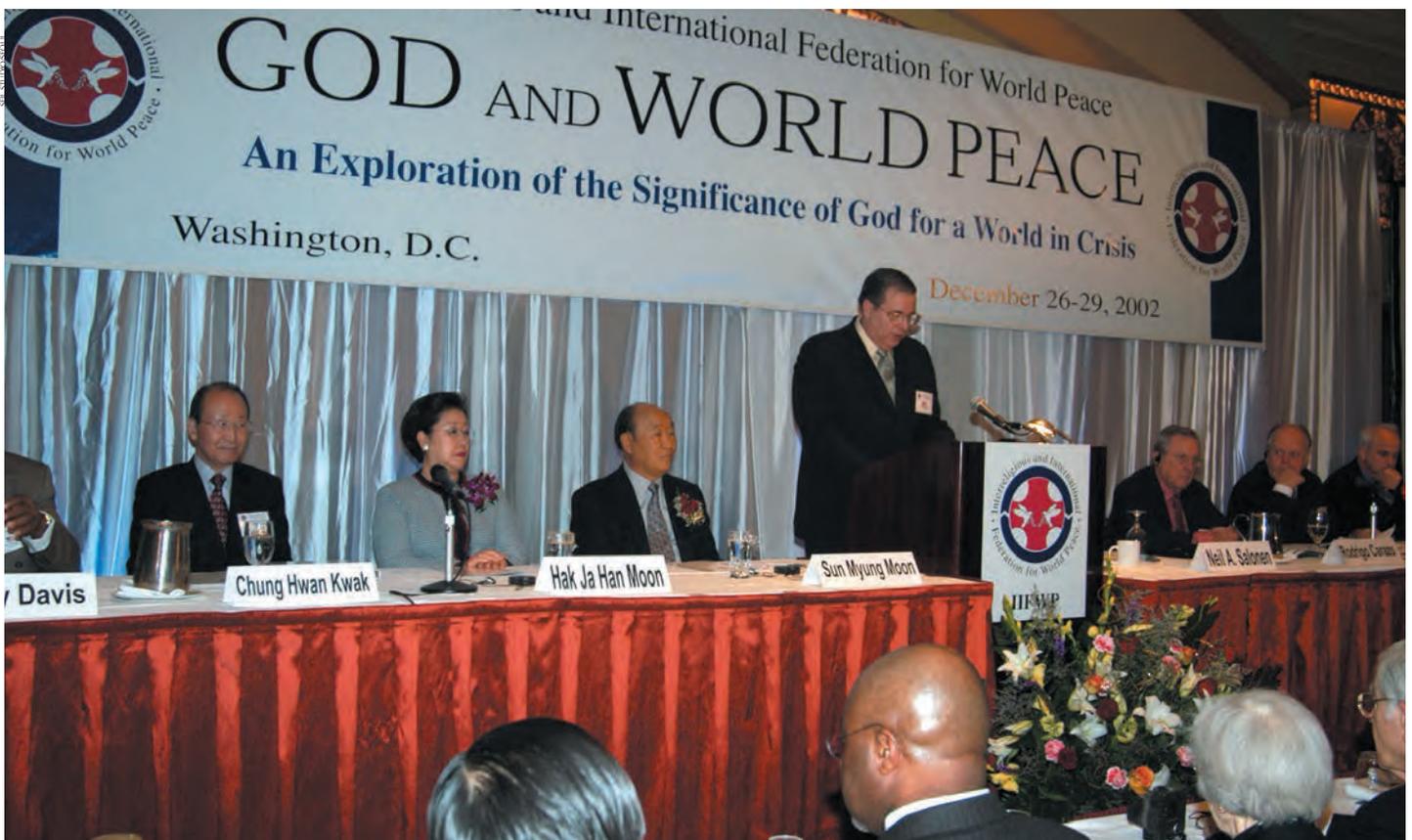


A Special Sharing of Heart

The second day included a plenary presided over by Rev. Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, international president of IIFWP, on the significance of marriage, family, and world peace.

Dr. Kwak gave the Powerpoint presentation that he has formulated and

¹Father's speech was entitled *God and a United World of Peace*



presented at International Leadership Seminars in more than a hundred countries.

The presentation focuses on the family as the cornerstone for world peace and emphasizes the relational dynamics within the family. These relationships create a context for understanding the nature of God and form the fundamentals for building a world of peace by practicing the ethic of living for the sake of others.

At the final IIFWP briefing panel where plans for the future were laid out, a declaration entitled "God, the Universal Foundation of World Peace" was read aloud and signed by the participants as an affirmation of the work of the conference and as a resolution.

The closing ceremony was the culmination of two very full days. New Ambassadors for Peace were appointed. A beautiful candle lighting ceremony was conducted by Rev. John Gehring and Rev. Carol Pobanz where all participants lit candles from a central seed candle. Rev. Pobanz explained that these candles represented the light of world peace and Cheon Il Guk, the new, unified kingdom of peace that everyone longs for. It was a beautiful, prayerful moment, and the room glowed with what some believed was a celestial presence.

Unexpected was Rev. Kwak's soulful sharing. Rather than stand at the podium, he came to the foot of the stage, where he shared his life story and what meeting Rev. Moon has meant for him. He talked about meeting his wife and the love they have shared, even when they spent five years apart when he was doing missionary work. He spoke about how proud he was of his 6 children and 23 grandchildren. It was a personal moment that was not planned but rather resulted from how moved he felt by the event and its conclusion. Everyone felt the heart, the honesty and the sincerity of this man in offering his life for peace.

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Images - The God and World Peace Conference

Bringing Light to the East: A Pioneer in Cold War Hungary

This is the second of the testimonies of early missionaries to nations behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War.

Elisabeth Cook
Austria

I PARTICIPATED in the first forty-day workshop in Austria in December 1979, in our workshop center in Gaflenz [near Linz]. At the end of the workshop, our national leader, Peter Koch, came to visit us and asked who was interested in studying an East European language. I felt Hungarian would be interesting. Two days later, Mr. Koch called and asked if I was prepared to study Hungarian in order to go to Hungary as a missionary of our church. When I started to think about this possibility, I felt such an immense hope for the future that I accepted the mission.

Mr. Koch suggested we formally leave the church and break all relationships with the members in order to protect our mission. (At that time—in 1980—communists ruled all East European countries, and we could not predict what would happen if our mission became publicly known.) It was difficult to leave the Church, but I understood the necessity of having to go underground. At the same time, I felt that many good spirits who had been supporting me left, so that my feeling toward the mission grew increasingly heavier. It was like dropping out of a beautiful dream into reality.

After taking a beginner's language course at the University of Vienna, I was recommended for a course in Hungary in the summer of 1980. This course took place in Debrecen, a city in the east of Hungary. It was my second visit to Hungary, because one or two months before the language course I had visited Budapest—together with Ingrid Hauseder who was also preparing for a mission in Hungary. This first visit was not an uplifting experience. I could almost physically feel the spiritual emptiness, which was the result of 30 years of communism (socialism, as East Europeans



*The early years
in the background,
the Danube River*

would correct me!) in Hungary. The city looked grey and dusty; the atmosphere was quite depressing. Not much could be sensed of the glamour and charm that are evident in Budapest today.

The language course in Debrecen went well, except that in the evenings we usually had to watch historical movies about Hungary in the last century, when it was part of the Austrian-Hungarian monarchy. I learned many painful historical facts which I had not known, but I could also see that the Socialists worked hard to indoctrinate everybody about the wickedness of the West—in this case, Austria. I came to understand that one of our difficulties, as missionaries, would be to pay indemnity for the past, in addition to having to cope with the communist system of the present.

In autumn, I continued my studies at the University in Vienna. During the following two semesters I could take enough examinations to apply for a one-year scholarship to Hungary, which they granted me.



My life as a missionary in Hungary began in September 1981 with a “cold shower.” The students’ hotel I’d arranged to stay in turned me away. I was shocked. Did this mean that I had to leave the country? Was my scholarship valid at all? It took some days to find out that there had been a misunderstanding, and that as a student from a Western capitalist country, I could never share accommo-

dation with students who came from communist (socialist) countries. I found a private room in an apartment building for old ladies.

The Ministry of Interior organized a private teacher, either to prevent me from meeting other students, or to watch me before I would be allowed to be part of a group. It was hard to say which, because nothing could be seen on the surface. This kind of isolation and the restrictions caused a feeling of constant discomfort in me. Already I suffered internally since coming to Hungary—the Principle and God had become so distant from me that sometimes I asked myself if it was really me who had been a member of our Church for five years and who had been so enthusiastic about God, Jesus and the Second Coming. I realized I had to build a foundation again from zero. Slowly I became able to pray again and to set conditions. Also, I made friends. One of the hardest things for me was not being able to meet brothers and sisters. I knew that two other missionaries from Austria, Ingrid Hauseder, and since 1982, Martin Putz were in Budapest, but for security reasons we didn’t meet in Budapest. Only later, at missionary meetings in Austria, were we able to exchange our experiences.

After this first, perhaps most difficult year, my scholarship was prolonged and I could enter the University of Budapest. I chose the subject “Hungarian Language and Literature,” a field of studies belonging to the Faculty of Fine Arts, which the Communists supervised very strictly in order to prevent the develop-

ment of any new ideas.

Only students whose parents were party members and who absolutely hadn't any history of being religious were accepted. There I encountered students from other communist countries such as Poland, Russia and North Korea. It was a precious opportunity for me to study with these young students; we developed a good team spirit. Even if I could not immediately teach them anything about religion, I prayed to God to prepare situations in the future where this would be possible. I mainly did prayer conditions while walking in the streets or parks of Budapest; the walls of my room were thin. My landlady was already very curious about my unusual way of life, so if I wanted to stay there I could not do too many strange things.

After a year, I felt I knew the language well enough to teach the Principle. From among my friends, I chose the girl I was closest to, a Polish girl with a pure and honest character, named Dorota. I invited her to my room and began to explain the Divine Principle to her. As there was no Hungarian translation yet I asked her to help me with the translation, and together we gradually created a simple, hand-written Hungarian version of the Divine Principle.

The second guest I started to teach the Principle to was my language teacher, Laszlo. Sometimes, after a teaching session I prayed with him or with Dorota and lit a candle in order to create a better spiritual atmosphere. This was too much for my landlady! Candlelight in my room and a male visitor! Her suspicions and her curiosity became unbearable, so I decided to move into an apartment of my own. Soon after this decision, a student offered an apartment to me, which I accepted.

I was surprised how smoothly everything went. Dorota and Laszlo each came once or twice a week, and we worked our way through the Principle. In doing this, I was surprised how much spiritual power I received while teaching the Principle in Hungarian. Of course, in Austria, during my pioneering days, I sometimes gave Principle

lectures but I was never very confident; I felt a heavy atmosphere around me. In Hungary, the situation was different, I felt free, without any spiritual restrictions. I realized that many people in the spiritual world had been waiting for this moment and were eager to support those who knew the Principle. The missionaries got a lot of spiritual help once we had laid a foundation and started to teach and witness. I am so grateful for the unconditional support of these good spirits, which I felt from that point of my mission in Hungary until I left.

Dorota had no religious foundation and couldn't understand the Principle so well, but she moved into my flat, "in order to become as good a person as I was," as she expressed it. So I tried to

they pressured her to move out. The next morning, when I woke up, Dorota had already packed her suitcase. She said, "I have to go. I'm sorry!" I could not even say good-bye; I was shocked and speechless. Were all our common experiences, all my hopes, my efforts—everything lost? I cried and cried. Finally, I met one of the other missionaries, Martin Putz, in order to share my situation. Although we knew about each other we usually didn't meet; we didn't know how closely we might be being observed. Yet, in such an extreme situation, it was an incredible relief to meet a brother or sister who had had similar experiences.

Our national leader, Peter Koch, always encouraged us to use our pioneer

situation to build a strong and personal relationship with God: we should be grateful for the suffering that we had to go through. He almost envied us for being able to carry out the mission he had given us. It was he who had had the vision that the types of people we were looking for in the West European countries would be found behind the Iron Curtain.

Shortly before Mr. Koch ascended into the spirit world (1984), he handed this mission over to Rev. Kwak, who took spiritual responsibility from that time on. An Austrian sister, Christine Segato, was our coordinator. She tried to bring the missionaries from the different countries together at least once a year in order to strengthen our minds. She was convinced that strong relationships among us would protect us in our mission, rather than our staying completely separate and hiding from the Communist spies. Every summer we spent three weeks together praying, reporting to each other, studying the Principle and playing sports.

On several of these occasions, Rev. Kwak visited us to learn for himself about our situations. We used to give written reports to him at least every six months, but his personal visits gave us a lot of inspiration and strength.

In order to lift us up and encourage us in our mission Rev. Kwak invited all the missionaries for a tour through



In Budapest

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raise her through practicing prayer and studying the Principle, hoping that the seed in her would grow. Her parents in Poland were strict Communists, and neither Dorota nor I had gauged their power. One day they visited us, and as they were afraid of me stealing their daughter and taking her to the West,

Korea and Japan in August 1985. We participated in a conference in Korea and were shown the historical sites of our Church. We were treated like the noblest VIPs, which was almost a shock for us. In our mission countries we were living quite humbly as students, adapting to the rather poor circumstances, and suddenly we were having dinner in a five-star hotel in Seoul. When we departed, the members of the Korean Church gave us so many presents that we could hardly pack them into our suitcases. We were really overwhelmed by these beautiful experiences.

When I returned to Budapest, I realized that I desperately had needed a good experience to look back on, because the time to follow would be very hard. My teacher, Laszlo, had already gone away. He had heard the conclusion and become very frightened. However, I'd found a new spiritual child, Brigitta, another student who was so enthusiastic about the Principle that she decided to write it down in Hungarian word by word. I translated the Level Four book verbally to her and she wrote it down. It took us a month and then the summer holiday arrived. This was always a critical time, because the students went home, and we also left the country in order to fundraise and to meet brothers and sisters. During these summer months, usually some of the contacts we had made during the year disappeared.

When I met Brigitta again in September, I immediately realized that something had changed. She wore different clothes, wore makeup and went out in the evenings. Finally, she told me that she had met a man whom she was going to marry. With these words, she moved out and left. There was nothing that could have made her stay. I was finished. Five years had already passed since I took this mission, and now I had lost my spiritual children and, in addition, my spouse. That had been the first thing I learned on returning from Korea. The brother who came to pick us up told me. My husband, too, had left.

My blessing situation influenced the first years of my pioneering in Hungary quite substantially. Like most of the other missionaries, I had been matched in 1981 in Camberg, Germany, to an Austrian brother. Because of our under-

ground mission we could not participate in the matching, but met our spouses only afterwards in the woods near the workshop center. I had a good feeling about the matching, although I realized that for him the situation was not easy. Until the blessing in 1982, we only met a few times. It was quite difficult for me to travel in and out of Hungary. For security reasons the missionaries from Eastern Europe could not participate in the blessing in Korea. My spouse left the Church with a Japanese woman. Afterwards he made some attempts to come back, but by the summer of 1985, he had decided to stay with her.

Starting from zero again, I continued to teach the Principle, but although I always had guests to teach and some of them already knew about the Second Coming, there was no breakthrough. They listened to the Principle with great

I thought I was sick with fever, but as there appeared no other signs of sickness I didn't worry about it. For the rest of the fast I was so hot that I slept with the window open (outside there were minus-temperatures), took cold showers and drank cold water. I don't know what caused this phenomenon, but I was so grateful to God that He took care of me in such an unusual way.

In order to support the guests whom I was teaching I fasted one day a week for two years. Beside the good effect it had on my guests, this condition helped me very much to focus on my mission and to constantly purify myself. The other way of laying indemnity conditions was to do prayer walks. Many times in the evenings, I walked from Margit Bridge to Elisabeth Bridge and back, which took me an hour and a half.

In August of 1987, Rev. Kwak invited us to the U.S.A. On one of our last days, September 1, we were invited to East Garden to meet True Parents. It was to be the first time I met True Parents, and on the one hand, I was excited, but on the other, I felt heavy. What would I answer if Father asked how many spiritual children I had restored? I had no visible results to show. To my surprise, True Father didn't ask any questions. His first words were "Ah, you are the missionaries. I've read your reports many times." I was so surprised that I started to cry. I never thought that True Father was actually reading our reports! I assumed that, at best, Rev. Kwak was looking through them and then giving a summary to True

Father. When Father spoke to us on that morning, his main message was "Be bold and strong!" I felt he really wanted to encourage us to continue our work and break through. After having lunch with True Parents, they gave each of us a thousand dollars. (We used it to buy a TV and a video-recorder for the center in Hungary.) Through this meeting with True Parents I could feel how much they invested their heart in the mission behind the Iron Curtain.

Even though I hadn't been able to meet True Parents, I had built a close relationship with them through spiritual experiences and dreams. In 1985 (the year of disaster, as I mentioned earlier), I dreamt that True Father talked to me on the phone. I could actually see him

God's Day celebration in Hungary with young members (1989)



interest but considered it another philosophy with no real connection to reality. When I told them that I was part of a worldwide religious movement and how my life had changed through the Principle, they could not imagine it. Some had heard the Principle two or three times, but there seemed to be a wall which could not be broken through.

The only way to continue in such a situation was to set more conditions. In my time of pioneering in Hungary I did several seven-day fasts, which was difficult physically but also brought me closer to God. One time I did a seven-day fast in the winter, in January, and I was prepared to freeze for the whole seven days. After the second day, however, I started to feel very hot. At first

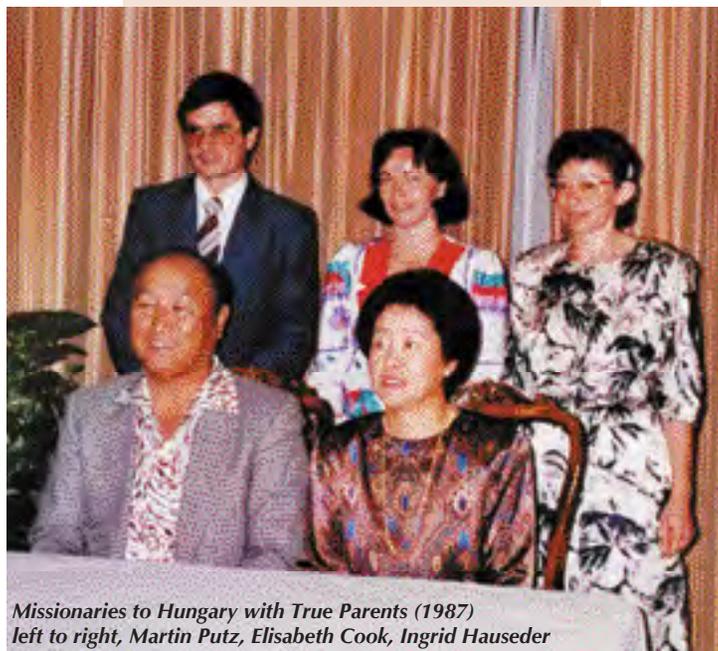
sitting in New York, holding the telephone receiver in his hand. He asked me different questions about my daily life, how I was doing in my studies, and so on. We had already talked for a long time and had run out of topics, but Father didn't want to put the receiver down. I could feel the flow of love through the telephone wire, and it was so strong that neither Father nor I wanted to interrupt it. After some time sitting quietly, Mother came and asked Father to finish our conversation, as it was going to be very expensive. When I woke up, I still could see Father sitting there and wanting to talk. The impression was so strong that it was more a spiritual experience than a dream, which helped me understand Father's concern and love for each of us, even showing interest in the small details of our lives. Half a year later, I read Father's speech to members in America in an issue of *TODAY'S WORLD*. I was surprised to read, "You don't know how much I would like to phone up the missionaries in the communist countries and talk to them, but I can't." I was crying when I read this, because I knew that it was absolutely true.

I had another significant dream connected to the mission situation in Hungary while living in a spacious apartment in inner-city Budapest. The flat was too big for one person, but I lived there by myself. In the dream, the flat was crammed full with people. The guests even sitting in the bathroom and the storage room, listening to the Principle. I was so surprised when I woke up, because such a vision could never have come from my own imagination at that time. Two or three years later, in 1991, when many German members were mobilized to Hungary, this vision became literally true, because this flat became the witnessing center and was filled with guests almost every evening. I remember once when guests were actually crouching in the bathroom, reading *Divine Principle*! I had to think of my dream, through which God gave me encouragement in a time when I was suffering from so much loneliness that sometimes I felt I couldn't eat because the food almost stuck in my throat.

Later the owner of this flat returned from abroad and doubled the rent. Martin Putz lived in a flat that was also rela-

tively expensive, so we met and decided to do the mission together. The political situation had already changed drastically. It turned out to be an indescribable blessing for our mission. From working together, energy was produced which enabled people to join our church and to remain faithful. We were teaching people with whom we had made friends, but we also started to invite people from the street, which was an important step.

In this situation, I felt I should do one more strong indemnity condition in order to gain spiritual children. Should I fast again? Or should I do a forty-kilometer walk? Mrs. Segato was in our city for a visit and suggested I do something more worldly. That's why I finally accepted an offer to teach German three times a week in the afternoons and evenings. As I suspected, the course was quite difficult to teach and I was



Missionaries to Hungary with True Parents (1987)
left to right, Martin Putz, Elisabeth Cook, Ingrid Hauseder

exhausted. There was one very nice girl, though, in one of my groups. Her name was Erika Hegedüs. At the end of the language course she gave me a gift. This was the sign for me to start teaching the Principle to her.

She listened to one lecture after another and was always happy to come, but after every lecture started to talk about topics which were not connected to the Principle at all. At that time, I was already so insecure about what to say to people and what not that I didn't even dare to ask how much she understood; too many guests had not understood the meaning of the Principle. So I dragged out the last lecture about the returning Christ and concentrated on building

our friendship. At Easter time in 1988, while I was away from the center, Erika visited again and Martin told her about the Second Coming. When I heard it I was shocked, because I feared her reaction. But to my surprise Martin told me that she was very moved by it and was thinking about it deeply. I was so relieved. Actually, Erika became my first spiritual daughter in Hungary. At the same time one of Martin's guests, Sandor, a medical student, also accepted the Principle, after listening carefully to all the lectures twice. We realized that the breakthrough had been made!

These first two spiritual children were also a reflection of the change of atmosphere which took place in Hungary at the end of the eighties. The spiritual world really had opened its channels. When we went witnessing, usually two of three people we spoke to came to the

center and listened to the lectures. They were open and full of expectation for something new to come. We could not even take full advantage of the possibilities. In spring of 1988, after Erika had joined, I found three spiritual children within one month. One spiritual daughter I found after praying for someone who could speak English well. I went to my favorite witnessing place, a square in front of a church close to the university and stopped one of the first young girls who crossed my path. After a short conversation, I asked whether she spoke any English, and she answered, "Yes, actually I have a degree in English." She obviously didn't want to boast about

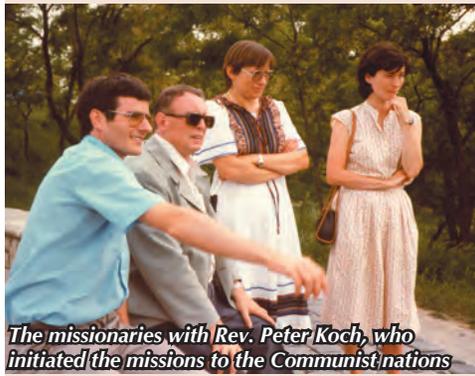
it, so she said it in a very humble tone. But I almost couldn't close my mouth and felt like jumping in the air. For me this was the sign that God had prepared her. At that time, not many people spoke English in Hungary, because the foreign language they had to learn at school was Russian. That's why we could not use any of our English literature for education and we were in desperate need of translation. When Agnes Nagy came to the center and listened to the lectures, she was enthusiastic, although she—like many others—didn't have a religious foundation. It also turned out that she worked as a translator in one of the most prestigious publishing houses in Hungary.

Our spiritual breakthrough filled us

with joy and energy, and we found more spiritual children. In the evenings after the lectures, we usually closed the day with a prayer, and often there were ten to fifteen of us praying together. One young brother experienced the fire of the Holy Spirit while we were praying. Another guest was so inspired by the atmosphere that she did a beautiful translation of some of our favorite songs, for example *Song of the Garden*. Those young people who had accepted True Parents were ready to do the most difficult conditions with us, such as to pray and study the Principle from midnight to 4 o'clock in the morning. The advantage was that the young brothers and sisters learned to give Principle lectures right at the beginning. This kind of preparation turned out to be very precious when, one or two years later, members from Germany were mobilized to Hungary and brought many guests to our center. It was a joy for us to see that the young members were teaching the Principle with great enthusiasm. There was hardly anybody who was not confident to teach. For example, one sister who prepared for the Mr. & Miss University Pageant wrote about herself, "My favorite hobby: teaching the Divine Principle!"

To illustrate the atmosphere of those days I have to tell one more small story: I went witnessing with my spiritual daughter, Maria, in a Catholic church. I stopped a young man and asked him some questions about God. His face lit up and he replied, "Thank you for asking me these things, I have just decided to convert to a religious group, but I have not yet found the right one." He came to our center right away and joined after listening to the Principle. He was Tamas Valcsak. He, as well as other young members, were blessed in 1992 in the 30,000 Couples Blessing.

In January 1989, I was invited to participate in the blessing. The young members of our center were almost more excited about it than I was. I went to Seoul, but I was still an underground missionary and could not participate directly in the blessing. Together with a few other missionaries, I waited in small hotel for the result of the ceremony. After the blessing, when Rev. Kwak brought the photographs, I looked at the desperate facial expression of my spouse and thought that he must be a very unhappy, serious person. Nevertheless, I accepted the blessing, thinking, if God prepared this person for me I will not deny him. Later I came to know that my spouse had been blessed with an



The missionaries with Rev. Peter Koch, who initiated the missions to the Communist nations



Elisabeth with her first three spiritual daughters, (l. to r. Maria, Erika; front, Agnes)

Austrian sister in 1982, but she left him, which caused him a lot of suffering. He had even gotten sick physically. That's why he looked so desperate in his (second) matching photo. However, when we met for the first time the day after the blessing I was very surprised: the person that came towards me was completely different from what I imagined. He was kind and friendly, and from the way he walked one could see that he was full of inspiration. I would not have recognized him from the photograph, and I couldn't help being surprised about Father's unique ability to see people's character. When we shook hands the first time I felt, "I can live with this person!" In our first conversation, I told him that I was a missionary in Hungary and that I was going to stay there. In my heart, I was afraid what his answer might be, but to my complete surprise, he said: "That's okay for me, I can go there. Before I came to this blessing I felt I had to make myself free to be able to go anywhere." I couldn't help crying, I was so relieved. We both were very happy about Father's choice.

For the young members the arrival of my spouse was like a revelation. "Such a person can also be a member of our Church?" That was the question of some

of my spiritual children. It became easier for them to identify themselves with us, because he represents a different aspect of character than I. He likes rock music and appears less religious—and he was not a missionary. I understood that for some members and guests the greatest difficulty in joining was that they assumed that they had to become like me and do the same things. In fact, to know only one person of a religious movement in a communist country, this was the most difficult situation to accept. That's why I will always be grateful to the first members who could go over these initial difficulties.

In October 1989 Rev. Kwak came to Hungary for an international PWPA conference. He also met us missionaries and blessed the holy ground which we had suggested. At dinner in a hotel in Budapest he asked who among us had a university degree. I had, as I had graduated in Budapest in 1987. He said, "Okay, then from today you are responsible for PWPA in Hungary." I almost felt as if I'd been struck by lightning. I even didn't know very clearly what PWPA was. Rev. Kwak took me and introduced me to the PWPA secretary-generals of most European countries, as well as Dr. Gordon Anderson, secretary-general of PWPA worldwide. They all were gathered in Budapest because of the ongoing conference. I felt very incompetent and didn't know what to say. Out of my faith in God I accepted the mission. In the following years I was able to contact many precious professors and notables from other fields of society and organize a number of successful conferences.

Thinking back over these years of pioneering I feel so enriched and grateful for everything. ♦

Elisabeth Cook was born in 1955 into a farming family. She joined the Unification Church in 1975. From 1989 on she was responsible for PWPA in Hungary, from 1992 she was vice-president of the Unification Church of Hungary, and from 1994 to 1998 she was also president of the Hungarian chapter of WFWP.



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is focused on Albania. The first objective is to gain a large number of core members who are ready to dedicate themselves to work for God's providence here, so that we have the capacity to reap all the fruits of history in this country and offer it to God. This is possible if we quickly capitalize on the present circumstances. It is also necessary to build a strong economic foundation so that we have the independent means to conduct activities.

In line with the Balkan Project we expanded our activities to twelve cities, out of which two were pioneered by us at the beginning of this year. Seven centers were established there in September and October with the help of missionaries from other European countries, who were each accompanied by at least one young and enthusiastic Albanian member, many of whom were just a few months in the movement. Of course, there were occasional misunderstandings, but basically, it was a very good experience for both sides. Young members could learn and inherit traditions from their elders, and the elder brothers and sisters, who often had worked in quite difficult and

A lecture presentation for students



A delegation of Albanian VIPs in Korea



a hundred guests, as we did at a recent national level three-day workshop! Most of the guests heard the Principle for the first time. They all followed the schedule, attended all the lectures without complaint and seemed genuinely inspired. Notably, thirty high school students, three teachers and a doctor all came from the northern Albanian city of Burel. They were brought through the efforts of two members, one from Sweden, the other from Italy, who worked without the help of any Albanian members.

How were they so successful? They visited all the shops in Burel, asking if the owners spoke English. They found

negative spiritual environments, could refresh their spirits. They felt comfort and joy seeing the results of their work in bringing new members. It is our hope that the experience they gained will help to ignite a spiritual fire in their countries and bring life to all of Europe.

It is simply a wonderful experience to participate in a workshop with

one who did, and he became their John the Baptist figure, introducing them to city and school authorities, to whom they gave presentations about the vision and purpose of the Family Federation. In this way, they made many friends and became quite popular in the small, quiet city. They visited many families, but it was still difficult to bring young people to their center to listen to lectures. One difficulty was that they had no one there who could speak Albanian; another was traditional Albanian mentality. Albanians tend to disapprove of young people, especially girls, going around too much by themselves. The missionaries thought about this and had the idea that they could approach school authorities and explain our seminar to them. It was such a good idea that we had to ask the teachers to limit the number of students that they would bring with them. They chose only the best students to bring to the seminars.

Our task now is to take very good care of those young people and demonstrate to them a standard of heart and character through which they can see God and True Parents, and motivate them to go the same way.

We have a deep hope and are determined to offer Albania as a nation for Heavenly Father and True Parents. ♦

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The blessing ceremony during the conference in Angola

seminar, but also from others who did not attend but have since heard its message. We are getting many enquiries. We are currently distributing certificates to those who attended the last seminar and are busy making short presentations. Most participants of the seminar expressed urgency for IIFWP to consol-

idate its activities in the capital and to expand to other parts of the country."

Rev. Kwak took the opportunity to visit the Angolan FFWPU headquarters during the evening following the seminar and encouraged the members in their daily life. He later said that the members are very warmhearted despite their humble living circumstances.

This is a nation whose soil is fertile for the work of True Parents. Brothers and sisters in Angola are setting conditions to substantiate True Parents' desire to establish a Peace Embassy in Luanda. They continue to promote the moral and spiritual values that give hope for a bright future for Angola. ♦

¹ A longer testimony from him is to be found

in the October 2001 issue of *TODAY'S WORLD*

² The continental director for Africa

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centering on God is Cheon Il Guk. With the Coronation of God's Kingship as the root, the name of God's nation was established in 2001.

What has the most significant achievement of the providence in the year 2002 been? It is has been the finding of the owners of Cheon Il Guk. Through the Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth in June, the declaration of the Realm of Life of the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth in August, True Parents' speaking tour based on that declaration that continued through to September, the Rallies for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth and the Holy Burning Ceremonies in October, True Parents have burned away the past and have found the owners of Cheon Il Guk.

In 2001, True Parents established God's nation, and in 2002 they found the people who could be owners of God's nation. Considering all this, what can we expect in the providence of 2003? We need to establish sovereignty. 2003 will be the year to fulfill the complete settlement of Cheon Il Guk. Then, in April 2004, God's providence will be concluded. The hard work of True Parents involved in realizing the world as originally planned at the Creation will be finished in 2004. The rest will be up to us. It will no longer be True Parents' responsibility; it will be ours.

The history of God's providence of salvation, the history of the providence of restoration, began with the fall of Adam and Eve. It could also be described as the providence of re-creation. How can we describe the present era? In my opinion, the term "re-creation" does not adequately describe it. Re-creation was only possible during the providence of restoration. This is the era in which we have established Cheon Il Guk through the Coronation Ceremony in 2001, established the owners of Cheon Il Guk in 2002 and should go forward to establish the sovereignty of Cheon Il Guk in 2003. Now it is that time—a time of new creation rather than a time of re-creation. It is a time of creating something that did not exist before. The arrival of the year 2003 has that kind of significance.

Therefore we should look back on

the previous year and ask ourselves whether we have become the owners of Cheon Il Guk or not. The fruit of True Parents' achievements in 2002 was the finding of the owners of Cheon Il Guk. We should critically analyze ourselves, questioning whether we have the right, and substance, to be owners of Cheon Il Guk. We should analyze ourselves.

Ladies and gentlemen, what do you think the owners of Cheon Il Guk should be like? First, they should embody the heart of God. In order to feel the heart of God, they should get rid of prejudice. If we feel hatred towards someone, we cannot be an

people centered on God. No walls exist for a free person.

Second, the owners of Cheon Il Guk should have a sense of responsibility. The person in the Cain position does not have any responsibility. A servant does not have any responsibility, but the person in the Abel position should be responsible. Abel is the one who is responsible for Cain.

Ordinary people usually only want to be responsible for what is theirs, but we want to be responsible not only for ourselves, but also for other people. This is the heavenly law that we have to follow in order to become a true Abel,

a true owner of Cheon Il Guk. Only the owners know God's law. According to God's law, nothing existing in the world exists alone; everything co-exists. I alone deal with the ordinary responsibilities of my life. But the responsibility for God's providence is given to all of us together, including Cain. Owners are thus people who take responsibility. So we must anguish deeply over the question of whether we are in the position of owners who live through taking responsibility for our tribes, our communities, our neighborhoods, our spiritual children and for Cain—or whether we are just focusing on living in the position of Cain ourselves. In particular, if we can take responsibility for God's providence, we can surely be considered owners.

Third, the owners of Cheon Il Guk should have their own identity. The thing that leaves the clearest mark on one's character is God's truth. Why are True Parents the Messiah? They brought God's truth and love to us. For us to be owners of Cheon Il Guk, we should show ourselves worthy

to be such, to be different from other people in the world. God's truth should come alive through us.

Beloved members, as we look back on the previous year, let us make a resolution to attain the position of the owners of Cheon Il Guk in the year 2003, in order to fulfill the providential responsibility of establishing the sovereignty of God's nation. On the foundation of True Parents' achievements in establishing the name of Cheon Il Guk and its owners, let us establish the sovereignty of Cheon Il Guk. Then, in the year 2004 let us, without fail, hold the celebration for the liberation of God. ♦



The dedication ceremony for a new regional FFWPU headquarters in Suwon (just south of Seoul)



The appointment of hoondok family church leaders

owner of Cheon Il Guk. If we build walls in my heart to block out others, we cannot be owners of Cheon Il Guk.

When we say that we are the owners of Cheon Il Guk, we mean that we possess the heart of God. By that, we mean basically that we are not divisive by nature. In other words, it means that we are free. If you hate someone, whom do you think is limited by that? It is not the hated person but the person who hates who is restricted. Who do you think would suffer? The person who is hated? No. The hated person would be free. The person who has hatred in his heart will be the one restricted. Therefore, the owners of Cheon Il Guk have to be free

Reaching Out to Community Leaders

One Japanese grandmother describes her work in Korea

Mrs. Sato is a blessed member who joined the church after she was married. Her husband and she raised their family in the Unificationist tradition and they now have blessed grandchildren. In 2000, responding to True Parents' direction and with her husband's blessing, Mrs. Sato has moved to Korea for the duration of the sisters' mobilization. She has kindly sent two previous accounts of her first months and subsequent activities in Korea. Here, she explains her strategy to breakthrough in her city.

Hisae Sato
Daejeon, Korea

It's already been two years since the opening the office of the Citizen's Federation for North—South Unification, set up for the purpose of concretely promoting the providence of reunification—the liberation of the fatherland—which is our True Parents' desire.

During my first year in Korea, 2001, we held hoondokhae seminars with numerical targets and brought sixty to seventy people to each meeting, but in 2002 we altered our approach and aimed for a higher quality of participant rather than a large number of them. The hoondokhae seminars, held every Wednesday, are now for the general public, while on Thursdays and Fridays we have started to have Principle education. To promote North—South unification, we have focused on the following three types of people: those with public awareness and intellectuals (for example, college professors, people who can educate the public); religious people; and those with financial power

(those who can be influential in promoting service activities). We set conditions to educate them and prayed for them. The rallies for the harmony and unity of heaven and earth have now been held, and since True Children's Day, we are in an age in which the spirit world and the earth can start to practically work together to realize a world of peace. We are now devoting all of our strength and effort to our recognizing this, and praying and acting on that basis.

Until the blessing in May, we will be holding lectures twice a week so that those who have heard the Principle can attend the blessing. As of December, some thirty people have come to the lectures. There is a workshop for Ambassadors for Peace every two months, and when the guests who have heard the Principle attend these workshops, they come to a deeper understanding of the word of God. I am moved by how they continue to change and grow.

We have been holding Principle lectures at one office since early last year, but because so many come, we opened another office in mid-August. Since then, due to everyone's prayers and determination, a high school principal and nine teachers have come to hear the Principle lectures, and the number of Ambassadors for Peace has grown to fifteen. The president of a Buddhist organization who is a consultant for the



Mrs. Sato (seated second from right) with contacts and members at the Citizen's Federation office

Buddhist faith in our city of Daejeon now comes, as well as a former military officer and several former civil servants (one of whom served for forty years). In the future, we hope to gather the teachers into a group and ask them to take charge of Pure Love education. We hope the former government employees and others who were leaders can become chairpersons for their respective districts. We are now deciding on who can take charge of their districts and are beginning to organize in this area.

Our goal is to be able to bring as many as possible to the blessing in May and to find quality Ambassadors for Peace. These are the two main pillars of our activity. Our pace is slow, but with faith, love and endurance, 2003 will be a very significant year, bringing to a conclusion the three years of the mobilized sisters' activity. I hope to be able to achieve the goals we have set and offer victory to our True Parents.

In order to focus the attention of our members, we have taken photos of spiritual parents and children together, had them enlarged and hung them on the wall. By recognizing who one's spiritual parents are, it has become natural for the "children" to help and remain faithful.

I am sorry that this is such a short testimony! Until April 2004 [the projected time for the sisters' mobilization to end], I will continue to fight for the goal that our True Parents desire to see accomplished. ♦



God Has Led Me

We are happy to include this very personal account from a second generation Japanese member who pioneered CARP in Hiroshima.

Mitsuyoshi Kurata
Hiroshima, Japan

MANY people have come up to me and said, "The second generation is our hope. Children of God without original sin, how hopeful that is from the perspective of the Principle." I, though, had never felt much hope, for myself as a member of the second generation, for my fellow brothers and sisters of the second generation or even for blessed families in general.

Every time I heard these cliches repeated by a member of the first generation, I felt distant and rebellious toward them. There were various reasons for that. There was nothing around me, or in me, including my family, blessed families around us or the Unification movement as a whole that actually gave rise to feelings of hope. Consequently, what I repeated in my heart became "the second generation has no hope."

After graduating from high school, I took up a job, and at the same time became active in the youth team of a church in Kanagawa. Even though I was witnessing and visiting people, I didn't accomplish anything. My purpose became unclear, and I felt that my emotions were drying up. What was really difficult for me was that there hadn't been any second-generation brothers or sisters who had gone the way before me.

I kept lamenting the fact that there wasn't anyone who could understand my feelings as a member of the second generation. Even the thought that there had been someone like that in the past would have made me feel better. Yet, the wish to find someone who understood me never came true, and I was beginning to feel tired of church life. My company transferred me to Hiroshima, and I went there with a desire to escape reality. "I'm going to quit. I am going to Hiroshima



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and will break away from the will of God."

I did want to attend services though. When I first visited the church, a member of the Hiroshima Youth Department was there, and, before I knew it, I was part of the youth team. As it turned out, I was the only second-generation member there, too. I thought it must be some kind of indemnity I have to pay. God must have brought me there. I wondered what He wanted me to do. That's what was on my mind as the days passed.

Around that time, Hyun-jin nim became the president of World CARP and began a world tour, but it was something that was happening in a

world other than the one I lived in. All members of the second generation were asked to join CARP. I had a job and, though I was taking a correspondence course from a university, I didn't think this applied to me. I wasn't able to attend the speeches anyway because I had to work.

As the days went by, I began to feel tired of my life of faith again. By that point, I had quit my job and had started doing church work full time. I felt that my immaturity, lack of faith and other things were stretching me to the limit. Mainly, I was not strongly motivated to live in accordance with the will of God. I was born into my situation and was not strong enough to weather the trials.

I knew that I was just repeating the experience I had had in Kanagawa, and there was nothing I could do about it.

I believe the only reason I could continue through such difficulties was that God kept working through me. I was slowly



Photos: top, Mitsuyoshi (left) at a meeting for CARP leaders with excellent results; left, relaxing with fellow CARP members; facing page, CARP in Japan is active in support of Service for Peace work.

coming to an understanding of why God needed me. There were no other second-generation members working in Hiroshima. Some had come before me and others were studying abroad, but there was no one in Hiroshima at that time who was involved in working to fulfill the will of God. I thought, "God has called me to pioneer the way for members of the second generation. That's why He's trying to keep me here."

Contrary to this realization, I still desired to escape and tried several times to rebel against him. "God, let go of me! I understand your heart, but I can't go on anymore. Why didn't you call a more capable person?" I prayed in this way often. I sometimes tried to prove my inability; yet, each time, God sustained me—through different people, the environment, the Word and so on. This tug of war went on for some time. Then one day, while I was out visiting people, I encountered God.

At the time, the brothers and the sisters that I was working with were placed in a very difficult situation. Thinking that I had to be successful to bring hope to others, I was determined to make some progress. I didn't even know where I was going, but God continued to push me forward, and I met with success. And when I did, something Father had said—"A person who cannot shed tears of grief cannot shed tears of joy"—struck my heart and left me weeping. From the bottom of my heart, I felt that God wanted to accomplish His will even if He had to use someone like me. I awoke to the fact that if I didn't pioneer the way another second-generation brother or sister would have to. When I realized that, I could not say "no" to God any longer.

About that time, I became a part of CARP. I was chosen as one of the founding members of CARP in Hiroshima, the only provincial capital with a population of a million or more without a CARP branch. This was May 2001. I did not necessarily want to be a part of CARP, but I felt that God wanted me to be there, so naturally I joined. My honest feeling was that it was where I was supposed to be.

Especially since there were no other second-generation members in the southwest region who were active in CARP, I was determined to pioneer the way! I had to start, though, with no place to meet, with no members, and without any knowledge of what CARP

was actually doing.

After taking part in a two-day CARP seminar, I went from one branch to another in the southwest region to learn the lifestyle and activities of CARP. I took part in their witnessing activities.

At that time, we were focused on witnessing to university students who would become future leaders. I remember becoming very excited about witnessing purely to university students. I deeply felt that CARP had great potential. I witnessed with great passion; as a result of witnessing for three days in Hiroshima, Shimane and Okayama, I was able to bring some guests to the summer program for beginners that year. I also visited homes during winter and spring vacations. I went to places I had never heard of or seen before—places

ing heaven and earth. The most memorable day for me is the Day of Victory of Love. I felt Heung-jin nim was always with me in good times and in bad. I couldn't help crying when I thought of Heung-jin nim feeling somehow unfulfilled.

"Why did you go to the spirit world so soon, Heung-jin nim! Please help me." Heung-jin nim has always stood by me silently, as I go forward with tears.

I have gone through many emotional phases since I joined CARP. This past year has gone by so quickly; yet it was the year in which the impossible has become possible. I was able to achieve substantial success through my witnessing activities as a second-generation member, not just in the southwest region, but nationwide.

I don't believe this was a product of my own faith, but of God revealing His glory through me. Of course there were times when things didn't work out, but even then, there was always the presence of God, who desperately needed me.

In those difficult times, I still found myself stepping forward, because I knew that God would shed tears if I didn't stay the course. I'd finally met someone who truly understands me—God. I finally recognized that He knows everything about me and shows me the best way to go. As a pioneer for the second-generation, I would like to continue to make progress in accordance with whatever He has in mind for me.

Many second-generation brothers and sisters will follow suit in the near future. When they do so, they will have the comfort of knowing that I have already gone ahead of them, and that may sometimes help them see it through. I believe that I am here for those brothers and sisters who will come in the future. I believe that, because I was someone that longed to have an elder brother or sister like that.

In the beginning of this testimony, I wrote that the second generation is without hope. I now believe that that is simply unacceptable to God. If the second generation is the hope of the future, my wish now is to prove it!

And in saying so, I'm not just talking about bringing results.

I would like to continue to work with CARP as someone that can support God, True Parents and Hyun-jin nim. ♦



where it was just God and I and where, inevitably, I sought Him out.

By going through suffering, a certain sense of respect for those of the first generation who had had to go the way before me sprang naturally up in my heart. One step at a time I was beginning to grasp a portion of the heart of God and that of True Parents as they went forward with the dream of restor-

The Battle to Preserve the Purity of a Nation

A look at the work to counter the rise of sexual immorality in Korea

The movement in Korea has invested a lot in the work to warn the nation of the dangers of immorality. The Youth Federation for World Peace (founded in 1994) has been joined by new organizations with educational roles in the fight to protect moral values. TODAY'S WORLD asked the project director in the relatively new Pure Love Federation for World Peace (PLFWP) about the outlook of his organization and the work for pure love that various organizations are undertaking in Korea at present.

Lee Sang-jae
Project Director, PLFWP

THE Pure Love Federation for World Peace was launched at a convention at the Segye Times complex on March 28, 2002, to reach out to the Korean people as a whole, and especially with a view to networking with and involving other conscientious leaders from society in the effort to protect family values and sexual purity. The theme of the event was "An Upright Nation and World Can Only Come from an Upright Family."

The ultimate happiness that all people long for cannot be realized without fundamental countermeasures to the sexual fall and family breakdown. Over time, our movement has established various organizations to promote pure love nationwide and beyond. The Pure Love Association for Youth in Korea has, as its name suggests, been working to help young people understand and avoid the dangerous quagmire of pornography and promiscuous sex, mainly through a campaign of presentations in Korean in schools. Despite its efforts to instill good sexual values in teenagers, however, there has been a continuing deterioration in the awareness of the value of chastity due to the rise of teenage interaction with impure aspects of society. Sexual promiscuity among those of student age is on the rise, as is the national divorce rate. Society is confronted by moral chaos, something that the work directed toward educating young people alone cannot counter.

Thus, the Pure Love Federation for World Peace was founded with the mandate to bring the message to broader aspects of society.

The PLFWP's advisory panel comprises leaders from various fields including seventeen congressmen. Although they have not yet participated concretely in activities, having them on the panel has been a great help to us as they have smoothed over problems by negotiating with various government offices and have guided distinguished leaders to our group.

Beginning in April 2002, the Pure Love Federation for World Peace held city-level, borough-level and province-level rallies with the purpose of launch-

rallies had been held nationwide.

In reality, both the above-mentioned Pure Love federations, together with the Youth Federation for World Peace are working in a triangular relationship, pooling their efforts to stem the encroaching tide of immorality. Accordingly, cooperative efforts are ongoing to teach the value of sexual purity to elementary, middle and high school students and parents so as to protect the integrity of families, present and future.

Pure Love education is also being provided to university students to combat the corrupt, sexually-oriented culture on the campuses. A workshop for 240 students was recently held at Gyeongsang University. The theme of the workshop was "Sexual Purity Values for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence." We spoke on the sexually permissive mentality prevalent in society today and the problems that have arisen out of sexual permissiveness. We then introduced a philosophy based on chastity as a solution.

The students listened seriously from beginning to end. A questionnaire distributed afterwards revealed that 90 percent of them felt the lecture was helpful for them in developing a purer mindset and that there was a great necessity for work

to combat the increase in free sex at the university.

By some time in 2003, our organizations will have educated all the students at Sun Moon University as Father has instructed (several thousand have already attended presentations).

The activity plan of the Pure Love Federation for World Peace includes organizing smaller organizations and groups such as environmental watchdogs, service groups, hiking clubs or local area groups that will hold campaigns to counter moral corruption in their localities. We will also hold joint activities with other social organizations. These endeavors will empower the expansion and effectiveness of the movement for moral virtue in Korea. ♦



North and South Korean students attended a special meeting at Mount Keumgang in North Korea. Five representatives from our organizations participated. Lee Sang-jae is back row, 5th from right.

ing itself solidly throughout Korea. From these rallies, the entire Pure Love movement is being strengthened. At least three co-chairmen for the appropriate level were appointed at each rally, and respected people from various fields of endeavor have joined the group of advisers.

Some two or three hundred leaders from society attended each rally. Many national congressmen, district government leaders and other people of influence were in the audience, listening to lectures that emphasized the importance of the family. Rev. Hwang Sun-jo was among the presenters. His words seemed to awaken in his audience a sense of the preciousness of family and sexual purity. By the end of January this year some two hundred of these

A Pure Love Essay

A Korean junior high school boy examines a problem and a parent's response

This essay by Daejeon City student Yoo Dong-ho, entered in an annual writing competition run by the Pure Love Association for Youth in Korea, won the Chairman's Prize.

TONIGHT I'm planning on staying up all night, studying so that I can do really well in my Language Arts test tomorrow—for once. Even tonight, though, I won't be able to use the computer. The truth is, my dad has a very good reason not to let me use the computer at night.

Something happened to me about a month ago. I came home late from school one night and turned on the computer to check my e-mail. I hummed to myself as I clicked the button that said, "Read Messages." For some reason, I had received a lot more e-mails than I usually do. As I clicked on one to open it, suddenly lots of windows of "adult" Internet sites started popping up. Pictures of naked women kept coming up on my screen, and it seemed they would never stop. I tried to close the windows, but once you're connected to a porno site, try as you might, it just keeps making new ones pop up. I was very frustrated and was just about to shut off the computer's power, when suddenly the door opened and my dad walked in.

"Dong-ho, there have been a lot of mosquitoes recently, haven't there?" he began. "Yoo Dong-ho, what are you doing?! Those pictures on the computer....!"

I was very flustered.

"Dad, it's not like that!"

What could I say? There was nothing I could say. My father hit me on the leg with a stick that night. I felt upset, and unfairly punished; yet there was no one I could appeal to. I just had to hold in my frustration. I sat up late in a chair, looking somewhat dazed. After a little while my dad came by.

"Dong-ho, aren't you going to bed?"
"I'll go to bed."

He couldn't help having a little annoyance in his voice, and so I also responded, unintentionally, with a little annoyance in mine.

"Dong-ho, let's have a little talk out on the balcony."

There have been countless summer nights that I've spent with my father looking up at the shining stars. Looking up at those stars, shining like the star from the Christmas story, my aggravation started to ease away.

"Dong-ho, I was just worried, because at your age one becomes very interested in those types of things. That's why I overreacted. Internet porn sites exaggerate and give a disproportionate view of sex. It's thoroughly destroying the values of teenagers, and it makes them think only of the pleasures of sex. It dirties their hearts, and fills their thoughts with lust. Such people can't make happy families; they become people whose lives are unhappy everyday. I was afraid that you would lose the purity of your heart."

As my Father said these words to me, I looked up at the stars.

"Dong-ho, it's the same with the stars in the sky. If there's a lot of dust in the air, it's hard to see the light of the stars. In the same way, if your heart is filled with the dust of lust and a wrong view of sex, then it's easy to lose the light of the star of happiness. That starlight disappears."

My Father's words shone into my heart that night, and wiped away the dust it found there. As I sat there listening to what he was saying, I began to consider the world today.

The truth is, in today's society, the rate of teenage crimes related to sex is increasing. The reason for this is that today's teenagers have no understanding of the value of sex. In a survey on the purity of teenagers, there are many instances when teenagers compare sexual purity to some cheap item not really worth having. They easily throw away that precious gift of purity, one that is precious and cannot be replaced. There are teenagers who are just curious and then get caught up in having many partners, and others who sell their purity for money. If we throw away our precious purity, then, as my father said, the future holds no happiness.

If we look at the primary reasons today's teens have such an incorrect view of the value of sex, it's very possible that the biggest contributors are those exaggerated Internet porn sites. The reason for this is simple. In our school education system, sex education is based only on the biological, scientific facts of sex. At home, the traditional

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The Work in Korea: top, a rally organized by the Pure Love Federation for World Peace; center, a meeting for leaders who guide young people in sexual purity; bottom, The student seminar at Gyeongsang University on preventing sexual harassment and violence

"Dong-ho."

I was drinking in the beauty of the stars, when my Father's voice surprised me.

"Yes Dad?" I answered.

"Dong-ho, I'm sorry I misunderstood you back then."

"What do you mean?"

A Letter to the Editor

How members in the U.K. are taking a stand

Editor's note: I received the following letter from an English brother, and although I was very inspired by the content it was only some weeks later that I realized how valuable it might be to print it! It is our hope—and certainly that of its writer too—that it may bring inspiration to readers in any nation who may be wondering what they can do to better their local community and society. In Korea, Father has been emphasizing “Tong Ban Gyeok Pa”—breaking through in community level outreach and activism. This letter describes ways in which this might be done.

Dear Julian,

I am writing to you with regard to the subject of immorality.

In Britain, lap-dancing clubs¹ are being given permission to open in the major shopping districts all over the country. Local councils state that “moral judgments cannot be brought into consideration.” It's an outrageous and appalling state of affairs. lap-dancing is a cancer-poison, which has come to Britain from America. One American company, Spearmint Rhino, plans to open “hundreds” more of their lewd clubs throughout Britain.

One example of how action can pay off concerns an application for a lap-dancing club license made by an organization in my local town, Harrow [North London]. Robin Marsh and I organized a petition which drew considerable support from local religious leaders. (One Catholic

priest commented, “We may have different theological views, but on these issues we can work together.”) The Member of Parliament and local councilors were also supportive, as was the local college. The lap-dancing club would have been situated near the college. A few weeks after our campaign ended we heard that the application for a lap-dancing license had been withdrawn.

Earlier this year, one sister, Anne Hughes, in five days obtained over a thousand signatures against a the application by a pub in Harrow to hold regular strip-tease shows. It was a remarkable effort. Anne and I both had letters published in our local paper about this issue. My letter was the heading on the letter page, and was entitled “The Dangers behind Strip Shows.” I explained the evidence that shows conclusively that immorality corrupts individuals and destroys society. I also pointed out that the enormous increases in crime statistics and social problems have gone hand in hand with the decline of moral and spiritual values in Britain. Two Labour Party councilors were also strongly against the license being granted. Despite overwhelming opposition to the proposal, Harrow's licensing committee granted a license to the pub. It was an outrageous decision. We were informed that “moral values cannot be brought into consideration.” The two Labour councilors, Anne, one other person and myself were able to

make our views known to the licensing committee. Then, in our local paper last week, there was an article headlined “Strippers are out as pub goes upmarket.” The pub's landlady was quoted as having said, “the publicity from the strip nights gave us a bad name.” They put on one show and nothing more was heard from them until the article in last week's paper. Personally, I have no doubt that Anne Hughes' petition was the main reason the pub have decided not to put on any more strip shows.

Father has said that “we should be serving in all kinds of clubs and organizations with an Abel-type attitude.” I cannot think of more worthy organizations to serve than moral groups.

In Britain there are some wonderful moral organizations who have very sincere, dedicated members—people who truly care for moral and family values. It is very inspiring to work together with such people.

Quite a few Family Federation members belong to one or more of the various moral groups in Britain. I am a member of Family Youth Concern and Media Watch UK. In our Family Federation we have our own moral organization, the Morality Forum. Morality Forum was started by Robin Marsh in 1997. Our aims are to support the established moral groups and to initiate our own campaigns. We especially encourage people to write letters as well as to stand up in defense of moral values when required. Some of the Morality Forum activists

¹ where women wearing very little clothing dance very close to customers in exchange for money



“The enclosed photos were taken at the annual Media March, organized by the best known morals group in Britain, Media Watch UK. Their director is often quoted in the media on moral issues.

The overall theme of the march was that the media needs to be cleaned up and to stop corrupting our society with ever-increasing levels of violence, pornography, and so forth. Approximately twenty-five Family Federation members (including second generation) took part in the march. People came from all over Britain...”

Also from John's letter (He is in the picture at left, wearing the tie)

also speak at public meetings. We especially encourage people to speak on radio phone-ins and TV programs when possible.

We have some determined moral activists in our own British movement—none more so than our German national messiah, Bruno Klotz. Only last week, Bruno organized a demonstration outside the Houses of Parliament in support of the House of Lords turning down the Labour government's proposal to allow homosexuals to adopt children. (Thankfully, the House of Lords voted against the proposal.)

Bruno often calls to newsagents on his travels around London. He politely, but firmly points out the dangers for any society that allows immorality to become rampant, as is the case in Britain today. Newsagents are ordinary people; they want the best for their families. The problem is that the media brainwash our society into thinking that promiscuous behavior is normal. Unless people voice their concerns about pornographic books, newsagents will think they are doing nothing wrong. Susan Crossthwaite persuaded her local newsagent to stop selling porn books. Bruno exchanged correspondence with Woolworths earlier this year regarding their decision to sell porn books. After a number of letters he felt he had made his position clear. Recently he went into his local Woolworths and found that the offensive books were no longer on sale! I had a similar experience with Sainsburys. Sometimes it may take some time before our words have an effect on some people. Bruno also spoke to the manager of a co-op supermarket regarding a porn book that was on sale at the store. The manager did not know the book was on sale. He agreed with Bruno's comments and the book was removed. Bruno also phones directly to newspapers regarding relevant moral

issues. Speaking directly to people on the phone can have a powerful effect.

There is also the *Morality Forum Update* newsletter which is put together by Brian Warner. As well as our own activities we also use information from the media, other moral groups, and so on. We mail this to key political figures, moral group activists, religious ministers, etc. The *Update* goes out approximately every two months. Also each of our members receives a copy. We receive very good feedback from members and other relevant people regarding the *Update*.

True Father says that we have to be the locomotives pulling society, and that is our responsibility to give the truth to people. Let us all do our best to combat the numerous immoral influences which are having a devastating effect upon our societies.

May God bless you,
Yours sincerely,
John O'Neill
Kenton (near London)

Following up this letter with a telephone call to John O'Neill at his home, I discovered that this work is starting to bear fruit beyond original expectations. He explained that through taking a stand and organizing campaigns to protect their own communities, members are finding themselves empowered. It has also proven to be a means of initiating and maintaining relationships with people from other faiths. A further step has been the preparation of starter packs which help people new to the idea to become involved.

Recently, an advisory board made up of six Ambassadors for Peace was set up in support of the *Morality Forum's* work.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 31....*PURE LOVE* view of sex is similar to the way people view the sexual parts; it's almost taboo to mention it. Because of these things, the fastest and easiest way for teenagers to learn about sex is through Internet porn sites, so they believe what they see on those sites is the way sex should be. Also, the way our society's sex education has been minimized triggers the curiosity of young teenagers, and so we have the phenomena of today.

The worst part of this imperfect and distorted sexual knowledge is that teenagers are being pulled into situations, by their curiosity, where they have a sexual relationship due to their sexual desire. Such a mistake, which can never be reversed, brings a lot of pain to many people. Not having correct knowledge about sex, many teenagers risk becoming pregnant. It's impossible to imagine the psychological suffering teenagers go through after they become pregnant. They don't even have a solid financial foundation upon which to raise a child. As a last ditch effort, a pregnant teen might try to have an abortion, but to pay for that she might feel forced to sell her body. Through doing this, she could catch an incurable sexually transmitted disease—and even if she didn't, she would carry with her the indelible guilt of sin until the day she died. If the cause of all this unhappiness starts from an incorrect understanding of the value of sex, then I am truly grateful to my father for his guidance.

When I think of all these things, I think of the time my father hit me on my calves. It seems, at times, more like a pat on the head. My father was thinking of my future happiness. Purity is like the stars under the night sky—truly beautiful. Just as we cannot touch the stars, purity is not something we can touch but is something that shines through from the depths of our hearts, as a stars shines through the night. ♦

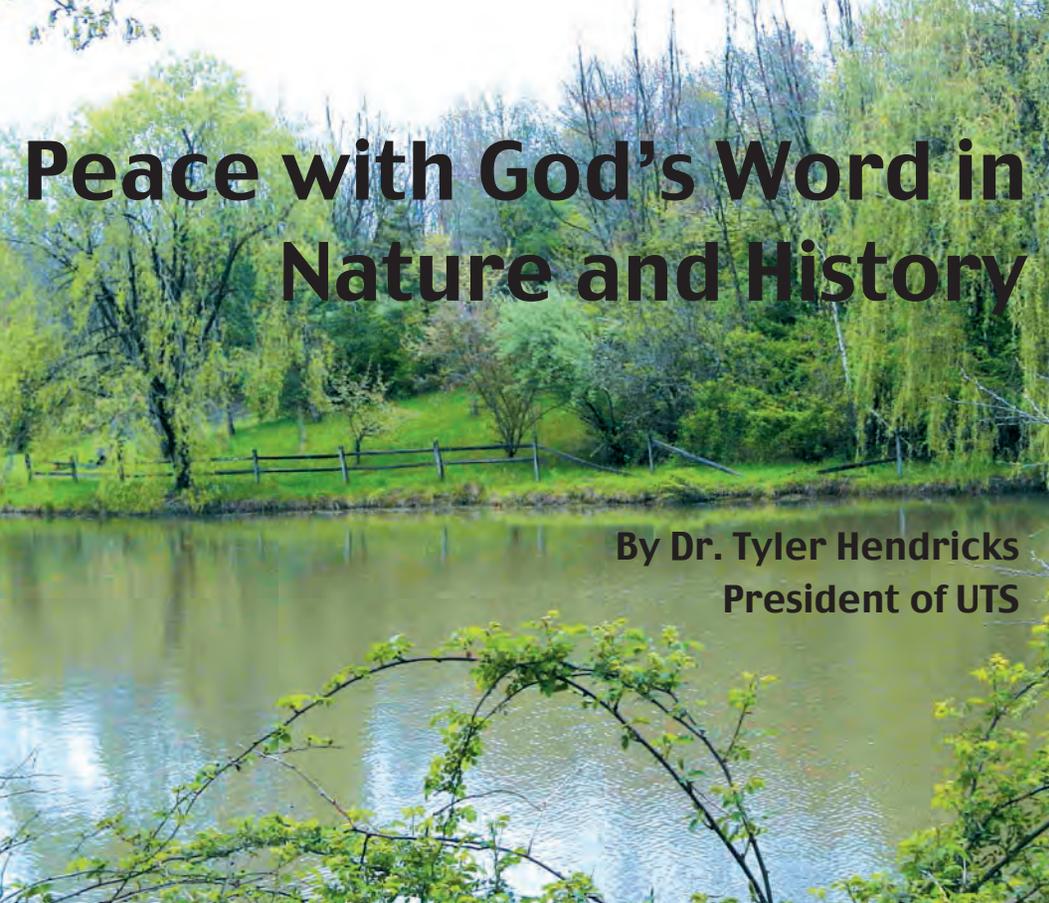


Church Leader's Son a

Winner: Pictured here are two other prize winners in recent national pure love essay competitions. At right is Hong



Sung-bong (aged 16), son of Mapo regional family church leader in Seoul.



Peace with God's Word in Nature and History

By Dr. Tyler Hendricks
President of UTS

How studying at the seminary brings us into new realms of experience and growth.

THEOLOGICAL study is for the person who strives to make logical and linguistic sense out of the revelation of God's love in True Parents. The word *theology* has its roots in the Greek terms for God (*theo*) and word (*logos*).

Revelation is a challenge. Revelation is in your face; it does not stop to explain itself. Revelation is God presenting Himself to man without apology. It may be complete, it may be partial, it may be comforting, it may be disconcerting, it may support and assure us, it may tear us apart and scare us. When we talk about it, we are beginning to do theology. When we organize our thoughts and explanations of God's revelation, we are taking on the theological task.

The world, as well, is a challenge. Like God, the world does not explain itself. It too may be complete, it may be partial, it may be comforting, it may be disconcerting, it may support and assure us, it may tear us apart and scare us. But when we talk about the world, as Kant expressed, although we see only part of it, we speak as if we see the whole. When we talk about God, too, even though we see only part of God, we speak as if we have seen the whole. Even to say the word "God" is a vast presumption on the part of man.

To think that I can say something true about the Creator of the world, or even that there is a Creator of the world, is an amazing human gift.

We meet a few women, and we make statements, even to ourselves, about all women. We meet, in particular, our mother, and we draw conclusions about all women. We meet our father, and feel as if we have ascertained knowledge about what all men are like. We fit what we experience from other women or men into the framework that we have created telling us who they are based upon our partial experience. We move easily from the particular to the universal, without even realizing that we are doing it. If we stop along the way, and think and talk about what we are doing in that process, we are doing theology.

For Kant, our innate impulse to speak about God and to make assumptions about the whole and live according to them means that the image of God is within us. The inevitable human impulse to tell the story about the whole based upon the part led him to conclude that God exists. Either God exists, or we all are insane.

So Kant tells us something deep, and very interesting, about the human experience. And thinkers followed Kant and built variations and implications, and developed psychologies and eventually shaped the world in which we live and

breathe. They shaped western culture, to an extent. And so did Augustine, and so did Moses, Paul, Joshua, Aquinas, Calvin, Edwards, Baxter, Schleiermacher, Origen, Luther, Loyola, Bushnell, Berkeley, St. Peter, Locke, Hume, Descartes, Marx, Ritschl, Schweitzer, Freud, Kierkegaard and Loisy. You may have heard of some or none of these people. To the person who is conversant in theology, the names conjure deep feelings, wonderful vistas of thought and insight, powerful explanations for what life is and why the world is the way it is. What one does with that knowledge is another matter.

The one who loves, or is curious about, these people, and the ideas and spirit that they brought to the world, is the one who should study theology. These people worked hard throughout their life to explore truth. They attempted to fit the revelation of God and the world together into a whole. They sought to bring into conscious and deliberate thought that which for everyone else stays on the subconscious level of assumptions and belief. Some people do the same through music, or through art, or through mathematics. I guess everyone does it, in a way, every time they open their mouth and say, Yes, to life. But the theologian works at it a little harder, and speaks about it a little more directly.

The process of doing theology has led some to near madness, others to revolution, or to martyrdom, or to fame. The knowledge of theology can be a curse. One finds oneself analyzing what one hears by way of God's truth. "Oh, yes," one thinks, "that is what Augustine said when he struggled against the Donatists, and that led him to this and that, and now how are we going to avoid that trap?"

Long ago, a professor at UTS, Herbert Richardson, stated that he wrote





in its juxtaposition of nature and civilization. One can be out in the stillness of the night, meditating on the stars and hearing nothing but the chirping of the crickets, next to the gentle pond, with the moonlight reflecting, and a few moments later be hooked up to the Internet, building a website, or poring through a library looking for volumes on the Salem witch hunts or the analects of Confucius. One can be out of doors cutting down underbrush or mowing fields of grass, and an hour later listen to a debate on whether

poetry as a youth, but once he got his Ph.D. in theology he lost his capacity to write poetry. Theological study can take the glow off the world. It takes one out into the realms of knowledge and lets one know what is there, and how to get there and back, and the luster of love that is granted by imagination can lose power. The excitement of watching words play with each other can dry up. Romance holds no more interest, as the mind has exhausted itself by thinking too much in other ways. To think theologically can be magical but can also limit one's options. But that's nothing new; whenever we act, we foreclose the possibility of other actions.

Like anything in life, theology can become an idol. Thought about God's revelation can replace the revelation itself. God's revelation can never be reduced to thought, to human words. It is continual and endless. In that respect, the theologian, by knowing more, can come to know less. Aquinas, toward the end of his career, experienced the beatific vision, the vision of God's glory, and never wrote another word. He declared that all that he had written was nothing more than straw. The writings of the great theologians point always beyond themselves. Calvin explained something similar when asked what God was doing before the creation. His answer was, "God was creating hell for those who ask that question."

Having said all of this, I must add that the Unification Theological Seminary is not only a place to study theology. Theology is but one field in many that we offer. We study the world's scriptures, paying particular attention to the Old and New Testaments. We study the history of Christianity and the great religions of the world. We

study philosophy. We have a number of courses in Unification Studies, including Divine Principle, Unification Thought, Unification worldview, life and thought of Sun Myung Moon and others. We teach Korean language and culture, and we offer courses taught in Korean. We have professional courses, in ministry, education, counseling, church growth and management, family and church and so forth. We are investing a good deal in our English language program.

We strive to maintain a rich spiritual environment, with morning and evening hoondokhae and worship, indoors and out of doors.

Students are encouraged to participate in the activities of the local Red Hook Unification Family Church. We have a late night prayer vigil by a campfire near the pond. Students take long walks on our hiking trails and enjoy the tennis courts, basketball courts and soccer fields. We have an extensive library that is full of fascinating books and journals. Our collection in Korean and Japanese languages is growing. We have two lovely chapels, a large one and a small one. We are wired throughout the building for Internet, and have broad band connection, something that is not easy to find in the countryside amid 250 acres of forest and field. We have deer, coyote, beaver and bear on our property, along with squirrels and rabbits—and fish in the pond.

The charm of Barrytown, for me, is

the UN has any value. I love this unification of diverse experiences under one lifestyle.

As is the case in any school, UTS is a place to discover one's purpose in life. School is, in a way, not a real life experience. To go to school is to pull out of life for a while, to think and consider and research. But research is vital, thinking is crucial, for development. At UTS one can develop habits of study, the habit of creative development. If we stop developing, we die. If we stop creating, life becomes joyless. If we stop discovering, we stop growing, and if we stop growing, we stop living.

As Bob Dylan sang, "He who is not busy being born is busy dying." Barrytown is not the only place to be born, but it is a good one. ♦



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Photos: facing page top, the UTS pond with surrounding natural beauty; bottom, the seminary was originally a Catholic institution, and the statue of Mary and Jesus stands as a reminder of its ecumenical calling; this page, top left, new students register for a new semester; top right, Dr. Michael Mickler counsels students; directly above, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Mrs. Hendricks and two of their children with Rev. Yim Dow-soon (72 couples)



Myodu Mountain, North Korea, where Father received God's call in 1935

Imagine the sorrow God must have felt when He couldn't do anything while people He loved were being sacrificed. You should weep deeply. You should be soaked in your own tears, blood and sweat; it is only then that Satan can never invade you—because of the tears, blood and sweat you shed for God and other people.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
True God's Day Midnight Speech
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