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After the inaugural speech Father said, "Now the door is wide open for America" and after completing three speeches, "The people who attended the event were counted as the first to enter Canaan, even if they just walked into the room." Father declared the tour a victory.



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HONORED Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: I wish to thank you for coming to this invitational address. My subject today is, "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age."

Today, we are at a crucial crossroads of history. Therefore, if we are to take the road to a bright future, it is essential that we understand God's original purpose for creating humankind.

God's ideal in creating the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, was that they perfect themselves through true love, true life, and true lineage. Such a good family would have been

formed on the basis of unified heart and mind among family members in front of God.

In general, all people want their loved ones to be better than themselves. All parents want their sons and daughters, for example, to look better and achieve more than themselves. This tendency comes from God. God wants His children to be better than even Himself.

Similarly, God wants to give limitlessly to His children. God is not content in giving just one hundred percent. God's desire is to give a thousand times more than what He has. The nature

Completed Testament Age

of God is to give love completely and then forget what He has given. Unlike some, who calculate how much they have given and decide that it is enough, for God enough is never enough.

Moreover, God's purpose in creating the world was to have an object of love. His purpose in creating parents and children, husbands and wives, and all things in this world in complementary pairs was to substantiate true love throughout His creation. Likewise, parents are to live for their children, and children for their parents. Husbands are to live for their wives, and wives for their husbands. All beings in creation are to live for and give to others.

If God's ideal of true love had been realized through Adam's family, that family would have become the beginning of the heavenly kingdom. It would have expanded throughout all of history to the clan, to the nation, and thence over all the earth. This would have been the world of true love, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Furthermore, there would have been a parallel expansion of the heavenly kingdom in the spiritual world.



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HUMAN HISTORY'S FALSE START

If God's original ideal had been realized, then there would have been no need for a Messiah or for God's providence to save humanity. Adam's family, though it was merely a single family, would have been the center of the clan, of the nation, and of the world. It would have been the blueprint for all families in the future. It would have been the model for the realization of God's ideal world.

Because of the fall of the original human ancestors, God's work of salvation had to begin. Salvation history had to be repeatedly extended through the complicated and suffering courses of the Old Testament Age and the New Testament Age, culminating in today's Completed Testament Age. God's ideal of the true family and the heavenly kingdom, which He wanted to realize through Adam's family, was destroyed because Adam and Eve fell away from God.

Due to the Fall, this present world is far from the good world of God's ideal. Today's world is, in fact, a "false" world, in that it is flooded with self-centered love. This came about because Adam and Eve became false parents based on false and self-centered love with Satan. They multiplied evil rather than goodness, creating a false family and passing on false life and a false lineage to their descendants. Thus, false clans, false nations, and a false world came into being.

FORMULA FOR RECONCILIATION

Therefore, the key goal in God's dispensation of salvation is that a man and a woman, representing Adam and Eve, should be restored as True Parents centered on God's true love, so that the true family can be formed. From them would eventually

In this historical proclamation, Father explained the significance of the forty-year period of his life from 1952 through 1992. He also spoke of a lost opportunity for the world in 1945.

flow the true clan, the true nation, and the true world. In other words, the seed from which God's true love, true life, and true lineage can grow must be created.

My dear friends, have you ever wondered how a world filled with such evil and corruption could come from a God of love and goodness?

If you read the Bible carefully, you will see that the fall of man involves the loss of Adam's entire family. First, the position of parents was lost through the fall of Adam and Eve. Second, the position of children was lost as Cain murdered Abel. God's "blueprint" for an ideal family and world perfection was lost. Therefore, to restore the original family, God works in reverse to reclaim the positions of Cain and Abel, and then the positions of True Mother and True Father. This pattern of reconciliation of Cain and Abel as the foundation for restoring the True Parents has been God's consistent formula throughout the history of restoration.

The separation of fallen mankind into a Cain-Abel division occurs over and over again in Judeo-Christian history. Therefore, God first of all separated fallen mankind into two "brotherly" sides of Cain, symbolizing Satan, and Abel, symbolizing God, to work out the hatreds resulting from the Fall. God used the method of having Abel be hit first and sacrificed. As a result, Abel could stand on that very foundation to embrace Cain and recover the blessing given to the elder son. For example, the religion that most advances the purpose of salvation always receives Satan's most severe persecution. It walks the path of constant opposition yet continues its sacrificial effort to save

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Looking almost anywhere in our fallen world, it is easy to notice struggles between good and evil, similar to the struggle between Cain and Abel. These struggles start in the conflict between each individual's mind and body. The mind, which represents the Abel side, struggles to overcome the body, which represents the Cain side. The struggle within individuals has expanded to the family, nation, and world. As a result, humankind has always been divided into two opposing camps, one good, or Abel-like, and the other evil, or Cain-like, locked in struggle at every level. It has always been God's intention, however, that both sides be restored, not that one triumph over and destroy the other.

Some examples of this division are: the thief on the right side of Jesus on the cross, representing Abel, and the thief on the left, representing Cain, and South Korea versus North Korea, which represents the last conflict between right wing and left wing on the world level. Moreover, there is the Christian-Muslim conflict in the Middle East. So the key issue in God's work of salvation has always remained how to unify such divided sides, based on His ideal, in order to build a foundation on which to reclaim the True Mother and True Father.

Ladies and gentlemen, if a family is not centered on God's ideal of love, there will be conflict among the members of that



Now the world has True Parents for the first time, and the True Parents' tradition will become established on earth from now on.

family. Without God's love as an absolute center, such a family will ultimately break down. Moreover, a nation of such families will also decline. Because illicit, self-centered love invaded the first family, selfishness and greed have continued to dominate human history from the individual to the family, society, nation, and world. For this reason, God's work of restoration begins at the individual level. Since Satan knows this, he focuses his efforts also on the individual level.

It is not by chance that self-centered individualism has become the dominant way of life in these last days. People feel increasingly alienated from those around them, and bear little sense of responsibility for the well-being of their country, society, or even their own families. Rising divorce statistics indicate that husbands and wives feel little responsibility toward their marriages; parents do not take responsibility for their children; individuals, devoid of any sense of human dignity, fail even to take responsibility for themselves.

America has seen such phenomena at work beginning with the youth movement of the sixties. Idealistic youth rejected the materialism around them in order to seek love and peace, but in the process, they also abandoned morality and responsibility. Unable to attain the true love they sought, many disillusioned



Sheila Vaughn and Mark McEwen sing about true love, brought on earth by the True Parents.

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Father explains that complete salvation is now available to the world, involving both physical as well as spiritual salvation.

young people resorted to suicide, drug abuse, and free sex.

TRUE LOVE VS. FREE SEX

Of all these, what pains God most is free sex. A world of free sex is absolutely contrary to the will of God. Love comes from the stimulation of unblemished emotion, but free sex is totally devoid of purity or true emotion. How many of us have been touched by the cruelty of infidelity and divorce? Where is God in all the one-night stands? What about the nightmares of the children who are sexually abused by a parent? Is free sex worth the price of a broken child? Where there is homosexuality, free sex, drugs, and alcoholism, the world of true love is far away.

In this world, Satan openly tells people, "Drink! Smoke! Take drugs! Have sex!" Those who do God's will, on the other hand, live a lifestyle that is one hundred eighty degrees different from this. Throughout history, those who chose to walk a spiritual path of self-sacrifice have been bitterly opposed and persecuted by the rest of the world. It is only God's love and blessing that have allowed the Unification Church, despite worldwide opposition, to prosper. The fact that our church has risen from obscurity in war-torn Korea to become a world-level reli-

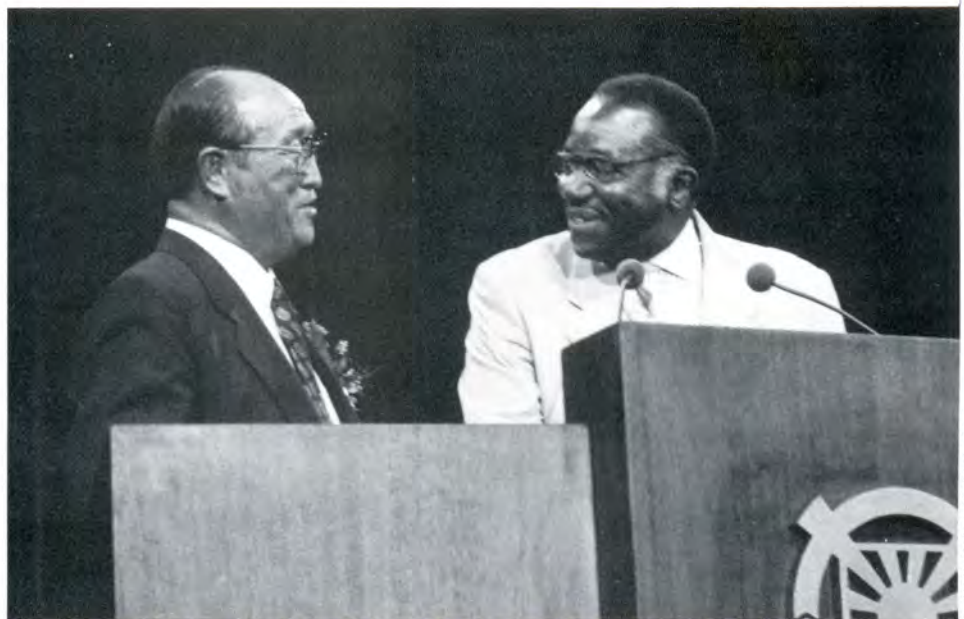
gious movement in only thirty-eight years testifies to God's continued guidance and support.

There are those who continue to oppose the Unification Church, spreading wild rumors or trying to prevent our teachings from being heard. Again, Satan's way is always to attack that which is most precious to God. Yet those who go against the will of God can never prosper. The principle holds true that those on God's side, who can endure unjust persecution, will win the right to take back the blessing. God's strategy is always to be hit first and then take back what is rightfully His.

RESTORING TRUE LOVE

Ladies and gentlemen, the Bible teaches that Eve first disobeyed God and entered into a relationship with Satan. Due to the Fall, not only Eve, but also Adam and their sons Cain and Abel, inherited Satan's lineage, based upon selfishness and false love. As the descendants of the original couple which was compromised by Satan, we have all inherited a Satanic lineage. This is why Jesus said in John 8:44, "You are of your father, the devil."

The Old Testament describes a process of restitution according to the formula "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." In the Divine Principle, we refer to making restitution for a wrong as "paying indemnity." To make restitution for her wrong actions, fallen Eve needed to take the entire responsibility upon herself. She should have reversed the actions of the Fall and



Fred Brown, chairman of the National Black Republican Council, giving a proclamation of support to Father. He declared that Father has earned the title of "spiritual Father of all humanity."

Confronted by the faithlessness in Israel, Jesus determined to give his life to achieve spiritual salvation for humankind. However, he would have to come again in order to bring physical, or earthly, salvation in addition to spiritual salvation.



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Before the inaugural speech in New York, Father (r.) shares with the ambassador of Sudan to the United Nations H.E. Ahmed Sulyman (c.) and H.E. Dr. Haidar Hassan, minister plenipotentiary deputy permanent representative of Sudan to the United Nations (l.).

stantial purification of blood lineage had to be accomplished in the womb. This is the reason for the paradoxical story of Tamar.

By understanding that Tamar, like Rebekah, was in the position of fallen Eve, it becomes possible to understand why Jesus was born of her lineage, the tribe of Judah.

I am sure that many of you have read the story about the birth of her twins. She conceived with Judah, her father-in-law, the twins Perez and Zerah. The Bible tells us that the two sons struggled even in the womb for the position of first-born. During Tamar's labor, Zerah's hand emerged and the midwife tied a red string around his wrist. Then, Zerah's hand disappeared back into the womb and Perez, the younger, was born as the elder! Thus, the posi-

made spiritual and physical restitution for each step of the Fall.

It was God's Will that Eve assist her younger son, Abel, to unite with the Will of God. We know from Genesis that Abel's offering was accepted by God. However, this was not all that was expected of Abel. Through Abel's love, Cain was supposed to recognize Abel as God's chosen person and unite with him.

If Cain and Abel had united, the second of the two problems of the Fall could have been solved. God would then have addressed the problem of Adam and Eve. Eve was meant to stand as the first mother of humanity. She should have united Cain and Abel, and worked to establish a foundation for True Parents. Eve, however, did not fulfill this mission in her lifetime, and history had to wait for another woman who would pay fallen Eve's restitution.

REBEKAH: A MODEL CASE

In the Bible, one of God's great heroines is Rebekah, the spouse of Isaac. As the mother of Jacob and Esau, Rebekah held the same position in Isaac's family that Eve held in Adam's family. Unlike Eve, however, Rebekah understood God's providence and helped her second son, Jacob, representing Abel's position, to gain the blessing destined for the first son, Esau.

Just as Cain killed Abel, Esau wanted to kill Jacob when the blessing went to his younger brother. But with Rebekah's help, these brothers eventually reconciled in a warm embrace, rather than resorting to violence.

This reconciliation was a major victory for God. This victory, nevertheless, was not complete, since the reconciliation represented only a symbolic purification of blood lineage. The sub-

stitutions of Cain and Abel were restored even before birth took place. It was from this point that the Israelite people became the nation chosen to receive the Messiah.

In terms of conventional morality, the stories of Rebekah and Tamar would be questionable at best. Why God blessed them was a theological mystery until today. As we now see, God needed to reclaim His lineage from Satan so that Jesus could be born. Purified, true-love blood lineage was the point from which the Israelite nation started expanding. The word "Israel" also means victory. Their victory was the purification of blood lineage.

MARY'S LIFE-RISKING COURSE

The lineage of Judah developed for generations, expanding to the levels of tribe, society, and nation. From this same lineage, Mary was born in Israel two thousand years later.

Mary had the responsibility to unite Cain and Abel figures on the family, clan, and national levels through paying appropriate indemnity and restoring elder sonship. Mary responded to God's call and conceived Jesus even though, in the eyes of others, she had betrayed her parents and Joseph, to whom she was engaged. At that time, it was customary to stone to death any woman who became pregnant out of wedlock. However, Joseph, standing in the position of Adam, courageously protected his fiancée and resisted abandoning her.

Because of Mary's faith, and the work of Rebekah and Tamar, Satan could not claim sovereignty over Jesus in Mary's womb. Jesus was born in the position of a true son under God's complete, direct lineage. He is the first true son of God after the

In Revelation, Jesus reveals to the Apostle John that he will come with a new name. This foreshadowed that Jesus would come again through another man, just as Elijah had done.

purification of the fallen blood lineage. That is why Jesus is the saint of all saints and the ancestor of the true blood lineage. His birth represented the conclusion of the Old Testament Age at the national level and the dawn of the New Testament Age at the worldwide level.

Mary, in the position to restore fallen Eve, had to build a unity between Jesus, who was in the position of Abel, and his elder cousin, John the Baptist, who was in the position of Cain. This unity was essential for the people of Israel to identify Jesus as the Messiah.

John was the elder. He had a great following and was widely respected. As Jesus explained to his disciples, the ministry of John was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy that Elijah the prophet would return to "make straight the way of the Lord."

Did John fulfill his role in God's providence? The Gospel of Luke tells us that John came "in the spirit and power of Elijah." John, however, denied that he was Elijah, and doubted the Messiahship of Jesus even after he had received a clear revelation at the Jordan River at the time of Jesus' baptism. John was a well-respected religious figure, while Jesus was seen as only the illegitimate son of a poor carpenter. Without the support of John, it was impossible for the Jewish people to believe in and follow Jesus. Alone, Jesus undertook the difficult path of proclaiming himself.

John the Baptist should have helped Jesus reach the religious leadership of Israel. If John had fulfilled his role, then Judaism, in the position of Abel, and the nation of Israel, in the position of Cain, could have united centered on Jesus.

This would have laid the foundation for the Marriage of the

Lamb. Jesus would have stood as the True Father of humanity, and his bride would have stood as the True Mother of humanity.

In less than seven years, his teaching would have expanded rapidly to the worldwide level, winning Asia and Rome to his side before he was forty. Eventually, Jesus and his bride would have achieved the individual heavenly kingdom, family heavenly kingdom, clan heavenly kingdom, and national heavenly kingdom.

A DREAM UNFULFILLED

However, this glorious destiny could not be realized. It was the religious people themselves who rejected Jesus' words and called for his crucifixion.

Confronted by the faithlessness in Israel, Jesus determined to give his life to achieve spiritual salvation for humankind. However, he would have to come again in order to bring physical, or earthly, salvation in addition to spiritual salvation.

This is why the mind can draw close to God through Jesus, but the body continues to be tempted by evil. Even Saint Paul anguished over the contradiction of the desires of the flesh and the desires of the spirit. Many great Christian evangelists have also suffered because of this contradiction. At the dawn of the Completed Testament Age, the crucial challenge is to accomplish both physical salvation and spiritual salvation.

Because of Jesus' death on the cross, the conflict between left wing and right wing appeared. This is like the separation into Cain and Abel necessitated by Adam's fall. Likewise, Islam and Christianity appeared and began struggling. Because such separation was caused by the crucifixion of Jesus, Christ will work for unity at the time of the Second Coming.

THE UNITY IMPERATIVE

God's preparation for the Second Advent required a world-level foundation of successful Cain-Abel reconciliation. This dispensation was carried out through the events surrounding World War II. The Allied countries of Britain, America, and France represented Christianity and were in the position of Abel. The Axis countries of Germany, Japan, and Italy were under the influence of nationalistic militarism and stood in the position of Cain. This war represented the expansion of the conflict between Cain and Abel to the world level.

Immediately after the Allied victory, great strides were made toward creating a world of peace centered upon Christianity. With Britain in the world-level position



The Honorable Ambassador José María Chavez offered greetings to Father before the meeting. Ambassador Chavez introduced H.E. Stoyan Ganev prior to Father's speech.

Rome thought that the world existed only for the sake of Rome. She did not realize that God had raised her up for the purpose of uniting with the Messiah and serving the world.

of Eve, and America and France representing Abel and Cain respectively, these Allied nations stood ready to receive the Lord of the Second Advent.

Despite all of this preparation, God's dispensation was not fulfilled at that time. God's representative came to bring His word and was met with tremendous persecution and almost universal misunderstanding. This paralleled Jesus' situation two thousand years ago. Just as the Israelites of Jesus' time awaited the Second Coming of Elijah on a chariot descending from heaven, Christians awaited the Second Coming by expecting Jesus himself to descend on a cloud from the sky.

In Revelation, Jesus reveals to the Apostle John that he will come with a new name. This foreshadowed that Jesus would come again through another man, just as Elijah had done.

At this crucial time after World War II, then, God instructed me to bring a new message of truth to Christians in Korea. Korean Christian leaders, however, rejected the possibility that I, a humble young man, had been chosen to bring this new message. Because the New Testament Age is an extension of the Old Testament Age, they could not believe that the Second Coming would be born as a man on earth any more than the Jewish people could believe it at the time of Jesus.

If I and the Christian churches had become one, the heavenly kingdom would already have been established on earth as well as in heaven. During the seven-year period from 1945 to 1952, when the New Testament Age ended, the entire world could have united in accordance with the providence of God.

A THORNY PATH

Instead of uniting with me, however, these religious leaders

became jealous of the growing number of my followers. They blindly opposed me without hearing me out. They even spread lies about me. Rumors of sexual misconduct and greed, the very antithesis of my teachings, were used to assassinate my character.

God had expanded Christianity and had raised up a mighty Christian nation like America for the purpose of preparing the way for the Second Coming. Whether they realized it or not, those ministers in Korea represented all of Christianity. Because America and worldwide Christianity failed to unite with me after World War II, they began to decline in their power and moral authority.

After World War II, the United States and Christianity stood on a victorious foundation of Cain-Abel unity. The time was ripe to receive the Second Coming. However, this opportunity failed to materialize and the whole world opposed my work. Therefore, I was expelled into the wilderness. I was forced to the bottom and have been climbing back up ever since.

Thus, the Cold War began. The world separated again into two worldwide spheres of Cain and Abel, just as it had during World War II. Denying God, just as the thief on the left denied Jesus, communism represented the Cain-type world. Christian democracies, which affirmed the existence of God, represented the thief on the right, and the Abel-type world.

It was God's Will that the Messiah of the Second Coming should unite the two hostile blocs. That is why I mobilized my church to help settle conflicts between the right wing, represented by the free world, and the left wing, represented by communism. We have also worked on behalf of Christianity and Judaism as a peacemaker with our Islamic brothers and sisters.

During the Cold War period, I fought to break down barriers on the individual, family, clan, national, worldwide, and cosmic levels in order to rebuild the lost foundation to receive the Messiah. This required a minimum indemnity period of forty years. Since I cannot live for four thousand years or for four hundred years, I knew that I would have to indemnify all of history in just forty years. During this period of four decades, I restored the four-thousand-year history before Jesus, and the six-thousand-year biblical history since the Creation. After this indemnity was paid, the Cold War ended through the unity of Cain and Abel countries. This was consummated by the Unification Church at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, where one hundred sixty nations of the world came to Korea.

For decades, I have been completely misunderstood. For three years, I was imprisoned in a North Korean communist concentration camp. Altogether, I have been wrongly imprisoned six times for doing God's work. Moreover, the media have mocked me as a monster



A great proclamation was made to the audience in the Manhattan Center: The New Testament Age has ended and the Completed Testament Age has begun, under the True Parents.

America must take the responsibility of creating a foundation for worldwide unity upon which the bridegroom can be received. This signifies the restoration of the original positions of man and woman, restored Adam and Eve, to the realm of true equality.



PHOTO: KEN OWENS / NFP

Amidst social chaos and moral decay in the world today, Father has brought a strong message of new hope: The tradition of true love has come on earth, brought by the True Family.

who brainwashes the young for self-benefit. Can anyone disagree when I say that Reverend Moon is the most persecuted religious leader in the world? My heart is broken when I think of how God has suffered seeing His messengers rejected time and time again. My only desire has been to comfort His heart, yet I find that it is God who always comforts me.

I have walked a path of indemnity, or restitution, in order to restore the failures of the past, including those of the Old and New Testament eras. Korea can be compared to the Old Testament Age, while America, a mostly Christian civilization, can be compared to the New Testament Age. For the first twenty years, I walked the road of indemnity of the Old Testament Age, centering on the Korean nation and the Unification Church, representing the positions of the Israelite nation and Judaism, respectively. On the foundation of this work, I established in 1960 the Holy Wedding of True Parents on the national level. Then, in 1971, my wife and I came to America. Over the next twenty years in the United States, I walked the path of indemnity to fulfill the New Testament Age and to begin the Completed Testament Age. Thus, I established the True Parents' family, the origin of true love, true life, and true blood lineage, based on God.

The reason why America is essential in the providential dispensation is because of her close ties with the Christian churches, Judaism, and Israel.

Even though America has dismissed and opposed my work, my wife and I continue to pray for America to realize her providential responsibility. It is our sincere desire that America avoid repeating her failure. A failure to unite with God's Will would

create the need for further indemnity and would deprive America of the blessing that God wishes to bestow upon this great nation.

Rome thought that the world existed only for the sake of Rome. She did not realize that God had raised her up for the purpose of uniting with the Messiah and serving the world.

America faces a similar situation today. People must realize that God blessed America not for herself but for the sake of the world. America's Pilgrim Fathers did not come here for wealth. They came here to attend God. If America fails to remember the purpose for which she is blessed, then her blessing will cease and she will perish. I desperately want to prevent this. I must save America.

For twenty-one years I have struggled in this country, trying to bring God's message to the American people. American leaders, prominent Christians, and other leading figures of the world have only a faint idea of the forces that shape the future. Therefore, they can offer little insight, hope, or guidance to their people. In these chaotic times, humankind is long-

ing for a true direction and purpose, yet America and the churches have no confident answer. God has granted me an understanding of the forces involved in His providential history. Thus, I know the direction that humankind must go, and I, with the help of God, will lead the world there.

WHAT THE UNIFICATION CHURCH OFFERS

The truth which God has revealed to me is contained in the Divine Principle. Looking at the history of humankind and the stories of the Bible from the providential viewpoint, the Divine Principle unlocks the answers to questions unsolved for thousands of years. Those who have sincerely studied its contents have found it to be a true gift from God, providing the only solutions to the problems facing our society today. Even in the formerly communist C.I.S., Soviet leaders and thousands of young people have found their lives renewed through their studies of my teachings. Finally free from the oppression of communist ideology, they are hungry for the spiritual truth to guide their nations. Russian classrooms where our members are teaching "Godism," or "Head-wing Ideology," are overflowing.

There are countless other testimonies to the power of the Divine Principle to give hope and new life to young people. Last year, in Korea, we held a wedding celebration for thirty thousand couples, all dedicating their lives to one another, to God, and to the world. In most families today, parents cannot effectively guide their children, especially on such intimate matters as love and marriage. Yet, my wife and I brought together young people from one hundred thirty-one different nations

Through the law of indemnity, all the problems of the world will be solved by establishing the family ideal centered on God's true love.

and realized their most cherished dreams of love in a historic way. This was indeed a great miracle of the modern world. In the future, as people come to understand the value and quality of these precious families, millions will seek such marriages. Through them, God can restore the family that Satan has destroyed. Such restored, God-centered families are the very building blocks of an ideal nation and world.

My dear friends, when Jesus taught the coming of the Messiah, he told the parable of the virgins who were awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom. According to the book of Revelation, Christianity is portrayed as a bride. America, representing Christianity, can also be seen as a bride nation.



Mother and In Jin Nim wait prior to Father's speech. Mother has come to the fore as God's champion for this age, side by side with Father.

WOMEN'S CRUCIAL ROLE

Therefore, America must take the responsibility of creating a foundation for worldwide unity upon which the bridegroom can finally be received. This signifies the restoration of the original positions of man and woman, restored Adam and Eve, to the realm of true equality. At this turning point in the history of restoration, a woman in the position of True Mother must prepare the world to receive the True Father.

When Christianity failed to meet her bridegroom the first time, God's dispensation had to be delayed forty years until 1992. During this time, I have worked and prayed to bring about the unity of Korea, Britain, America, France, Japan, Germany, and Italy.

That is why, in April 1992, my wife and I founded the Women's Federation for World Peace. Last year my wife, as True Mother, visited these seven countries, as well as Russia and Oceania. She gathered together the women of these countries to form chapters of the Women's Federation for World Peace. With these events, the nations that had been the worldwide Cain and Abel countries since World War II united together to receive the True Mother and prepare again the foundation for meeting the True Father.

Based upon this foundation, my wife and I can now stand on a worldwide foundation as the first True Parents. As the world enters the Completed Testament Age, we will live with God again.

At this historical turning point, we have to practice on the

worldwide level the principle that an individual's mind and body must be united centered on God. To facilitate this, we have founded two organizations working for world peace. The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace represents the world mind, and carries out the internal mission of uniting all the world's religions on the basis of God's love. The Federation for World Peace, on the other hand, represents the world body, and pursues the external mission of building up ideal societies with leaders in the fields of politics, economics, media, academia, and science.

COMPLETING THE FAMILY FOUNDATION

During the last forty years, I broke down all of Satan's obstructions, traveled into various parts of not only the physical but also the spiritual world, crossed over many world and national barriers, and have now reached the present family stage.

Through the law of indemnity, all the problems of the world will be solved by establishing the family ideal centered on God's true love.

Looking at the vertical perspective of love, Adam and Eve should have related directly with God by developing in themselves the four types of love: children's love, brother-sister love, conjugal love, and parental love.

Therefore, Adam and Eve should originally have gone through the four spheres of the heart, centering on God's true love, as completed children, completed brother and sister, loving couple, and perfected parents. In this way, they would have

It is my great privilege to announce to you the establishment of the first True Family. My wife and I, together with our thirteen children and twenty-four grandchildren, are absolutely dedicated to serving God and humanity.

achieved the completed family.

Adam and Eve should have become the role models for all in their family. Their children would have looked to their parents as ideal role models. They would have become brothers and sisters who loved each other as their parents loved them. Then they would have become married couples resembling the husband-wife relationship of their parents. Finally, with the birth of children, they would have established their own completed families, identical to that of their parents.

By setting up ideal, unbreakable families that fulfill the vertical and horizontal unity between parents and children, brothers and sisters, and husband and wife, we can finally build the eternal basis for God's kingdom on earth as well as in heaven. Thus, all the families in the world originating from the same God-centered ancestors, Adam and Eve, would have equal, divine value.

EXTENSION OF THE MESSIANIC IDEAL

Ladies and gentlemen, at the dawn of the Completed Testament Age, the time has come for each family to take up the messianic mission of completing the work of salvation all over the world. After restoring your family, the next step is to restore your community, tribe, and nation. We call this process "tribal messiahship." In the Completed Testament Age, the mother's role will be crucial. She must unite her children and her husband, and link her family with the True Parents. Already, we have sent thousands of Tribal Messiah missionaries around the world. Soon, the original ideal of the family will be achieved worldwide.

In the completed family, grandparents will be in the position of kings and queens representing God. Parents will be in the position of kings and queens representing humanity, and children will be in the position of princes and princesses representing all future descendants. When all three generations are united, past, present, and future will live together in harmony.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my great privilege to announce to you the establishment of the first True Family. My wife and I,



True Parents celebrate Father's victorious speech. Front row l.-r. (seated): Sung In Moon, Yong Nyo Hwang, Mal Sook Lee, Chung Un Kwak, Myung Won Cho Yu, Kion Yoon, and Eu Hong Kim. Middle row l.-r. (standing): James A. Baughman, Young Hyun Moon, Sang Kil Han, Ho Yol Lee, Father, Mother, Zin Moon Kim, Jong Dae Sun, Ki Byung Yoon and Young Sun Moon. Back row l.-r. (standing): Michael McDevitt, David S.C. Kim, Peter Kim and Jin Jae Joo.

together with our thirteen children and twenty-four grandchildren, are absolutely dedicated to serving God and humanity. With three generations in one family, we have achieved, on the family level, the central root, the central trunk, and the central bud of the "Tree of Life" mentioned in the Bible. It is our sincere hope that you will symbolically graft into this lineage by joining us in our efforts to create an ideal nation and world. This marks the beginning of the Completed Testament Age.

The Completed Testament era is the age to live together with God. Realizing this, we must accomplish the unification of our mind and body, parents and children, and husband and wife. Then we can establish ideal families centered upon God's love.

Based on this foundation, we should try our utmost to realize the ideal clan, the ideal nation, and the ideal world. From this point, the world of true freedom, peace, and happiness will spring forth.

It is my hope that all Christians, and people of all faiths, will understand this message with a deep heart and an open mind. I sincerely pray that, by upholding the Will of God, we can all reach the place of God's blessing.

May God bless you and your families.

Thank you very much. ■■■

Sudan Invites Father—True Parents' Position is Proclaimed

by Taj Hamad

Father was invited by Sudanese officials to be the guest of honor at their conference. He was invited as a peacemaker and unifier in the realm of international religion. Father accepted and sent Rev. Kwak to give the message of True Parents and the Completed Testament Age to Africa via Sudan.

A conference dealing with the theme "Religions in Sudan" was held in Khartoum on April 26-30, 1993, under the sponsorship of the Sudanese government. Father was invited as the guest of honor and keynote speaker of the conference inaugural session. Father decided to participate through a representative, and instructed Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak to go to Sudan.

Thus began a series of miraculous connections leading from one victory to another and culminating with the announcement of Father's proclamation as the Messiah and True Parents. In this report I will relate the highlights of the events and will share some of my own observations and insights regarding this historical event, which brought hope to a country long awaiting a savior.

Background of the conference

After Father proclaimed his messianic role in 1992, the office of Inter-Religious Leadership Seminars (IRLS) in New York City began a series of contacts with African and Middle Eastern diplomats to inform them about Father's proclamation as the Messiah. I invited several diplomats to take part in a "Ramadan breakfast," during which they were to receive an update about the Unification family, including the announcement of Father's messianic mission.

In the beginning of March, Mr. Abadalla Ahmed Abdalla, the ambassador from Sudan, who had accepted the invitation to attend the Ramadan breakfast, told me that a delegation of high-level officials from Sudan had arrived in Washington, D.C., on a diplomatic and public-relations mission. The leader of that delegation had asked to meet with representatives of the Unification family.

The ambassador put me in contact with the delegation, and I was informed that Sudan had extended an official invi-

tation to Father to participate in a conference on religions in Sudan, to be held at the end of April. They knew about Father through the Sudanese graduates of the

IRLS.

I invited Dr. Frank Kaufmann, Director of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, to accompany me in a trip to



Rev. Kwak announces Father's messianic mission.

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Washington, D.C., where we met with the Sudanese delegation and were informed of the purpose of their visit in the United States and the purpose of the conference on religions in Sudan.

To declare mutual respect

Sudan, the largest country in Africa, became independent from the British in 1956. It is divided into two regions, the north and the south. The north is part of Arabic Africa, and the south is part of black Africa. The challenge of Sudan has been how to bring together its two heritages in harmonious and cooperative unity.

Since the time of British rule, the southern leaders have often conducted fierce battles to improve their social and political condition. Under British policy, the north was allowed to prosper, while the south was left in its undeveloped state. Bitter guerrilla fighting and civil war seriously damaged the economy of the country and has forced many people to migrate from the south to the north and even to neighboring countries. In 1972, a cease-fire agreement was signed between the government and the rebel forces.

The south demands greater political freedom and is willing to fight for it. A small percentage of the population of the south is Christian; most of them maintain their traditional African beliefs. The media portrays the situation of conflict in Sudan as motivated by religious struggle.

The conference was to declare to the world the cooperation and mutual respect among the religions of Sudan, something that has been the tradition of Sudan for many generations.

The Conference on Religions in Sudan was organized by the Foundation for Peace and Development, headed by Minister Abu Goseisa of the Sudanese government. This foundation promotes peace and development in Sudan, especially in areas torn by war and poverty. It is one of the most important organizations of Sudan—if not the most important one.

Minister Goseisa explained that the international media was conducting a campaign of disinformation against Sudan, which was costing the country dearly in terms of its international image. The conference was to declare to the world the cooperation and mutual respect among the religions of Sudan, something that has been the tradition of Sudan for



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Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak meets with Cabinet Minister Abu Goseisa, who had officially invited Father to visit Sudan, April 26, 1993.

many generations. Religious leaders were to come together to describe the religious freedom that already existed, and to declare their commitment to mutual cooperation.

Father accepts invitation

Father, who for many years has taught the need for the unification of religions through mutual respect and cooperation, was invited as the guest of honor of the conference. It was thought that Father could explain how peace was to be achieved in Sudan, based on his worldwide foundation in pursuing world peace.

I have characterized this conference as a "series of spiritual connections." The first connection was that Rev. Kwak just "happened" to be in New York City when the invitation to Father came. I met with Rev. Kwak and related to him the background and details of the invitation. Rev. Kwak promised to convey that invitation to Father.

Father has assumed the position of parent of nations; when nations ask for help, he responds without fail. I did not know how he would respond, and I decided to do everything that depended on me to lay the proper foundation. I established direct communication with Sudan (which is not all that easy) and began to lay out a plan for our part in

the conference.

Several days went by without any answer from Father. In fact, I received many requests for clarification about the conference and some indication that the invitation might be turned down. My wife and I decided to keep our minds completely positive and not to lose heart. We set up spiritual conditions to maintain our hearts open to heaven, ready to fulfill the will of God.

After a long labor, the answer came that Father had agreed to participate in the conference through a representative, and that Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak had been chosen to be Father's envoy. My wife and I and all the members of IRLS were thoroughly delighted with Father's decision, as were our contacts with the Sudanese government.

"Be treated just as Father himself"

Right after Father's decision was made, I departed for Sudan to make preparations for Rev. Kwak's arrival. Mr. Thomas Cromwell, our brother in Greece and the regional leader for the Middle East—who speaks Arabic very well—was to join me as part of Father's delegation. He arrived in Sudan one day before the opening session.

No one in Sudan knew who Rev. Kwak was; I explained to them about Rev. Kwak's position, and insisted that he, as representative of Father, be treated just as Father himself would have been, had he come personally. The Sudanese organizers of the conference accepted and made the preparations necessary.

Thomas Cromwell and I made preparations for Rev. Kwak's arrival, but mostly what we saw was the spirit world working for us as though angels and good ancestors were there making "spiritual connections" for everything we needed.

My primary contact in the Sudanese government was Minister Abu Goseisa, and I requested from him the best that was available in the country for Father's special envoy: the best car, the best suite at the best hotel, the best video equipment, and so on. Minister Goseisa was completely united with my requests, and here is where the spiritual connections began to take place. Sudan is a country where the best of things are not always readily available. Whenever I asked Minister Goseisa for anything, he would pick up the phone and invariably the thing that had been requested would be right there waiting. After that happened three or four times, the minister said, "I don't know who you people are, but I must tell you, every time you ask for something, it's right there in front of me, and all I have to do is to get it for you." For instance, I asked for complete video coverage of Rev. Kwak's visit; as soon as I finished my request, the director of audiovisual equipment just walked in the door, and the minister gave instructions to him right away.

Another case of "spiritual connection" was with regard to the person who was to introduce Rev. Kwak at the conference. I was about to leave by car to go to a meeting when I saw a woman who seemed to need a ride. I asked the driver to stop and offered her a ride, which she accepted. In talking to her, I found out she was the person who was going to introduce the main speaker at the conference, namely, Rev. Kwak—and said she did not have enough information about that speaker. While riding with her, I gave her all the information she needed, and in the con-



People rejoice at the news of amnesty and plans for economic development.

ference she did a superb job of introducing Rev. Kwak as Father's representative.

Spiritual preparation to receive Rev. Kwak

Three kinds of spiritual preparation were made to receive Rev. Kwak. This preparation came in the form of the unity of Cain and Abel, which is the foundation to receive the Messiah (or the Messiah's personal representative).

a. Unity between the president and the people

The day before the conference began, President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir called for a national rally to be held in Khartoum for the purpose of declaring a general amnesty. Tens of thousands of people gathered from all over the country for a peaceful rally. The president declared that anyone who had ever raised arms against the government was thereby forgiven,

provided they surrender their weapons and join a peaceful process of political activity. Also, he granted them provisions of food, shelter, and other necessities. That was the first victory of Cain and Abel unity.

b. Symbolic unity between the British and the Sudanese

Our brother Thomas Cromwell, who is British, had been called to Sudan to be part of Father's delegation to the conference. After his arrival, a phenomenon began to happen: Everywhere Thomas went, people would immediately begin to talk about the British colonization of Sudan in the most bitter of terms. No matter what the topic was, they would turn the conversation around and speak about the British—most of the time totally unaware that Thomas was British. That was an inner restoration of the colonization; I felt Thomas persevered with a positive attitude throughout that ordeal and eventually won the hearts of the Sudanese by his sincerity and humble attitude. That was the second victory of Cain and Abel unity.

c. Substantial unity between Unificationists and government officials

I had gone to Sudan to prepare for Rev. Kwak's arrival. I had decided that everything had to meet the heavenly standard, or else I would advise Rev. Kwak not to come. When I arrived there, the preparations were just as they had promised, and whatever I asked for I would get. Even though the officials did not know who Rev. Kwak was, they were totally united with me and Thomas in making the best possible preparation



Government ministers attending the conference, including the minister of Religious Affairs, H.E. Abdalla Neil. (third from left), who has attended the forty-day seminar in New York.

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Listening attentively to Rev. Kwak's speech are (l.-r.) head of the Supreme Justice, Thomas Cromwell, Tageldin Hamad, and former President Swar Eldahab.

for Father's representative. That was the third victory of Cain and Abel unity.

Based on these three victories, the foundation was set to receive Rev. Kwak, who was representing the Messiah. Rev. Kwak had come as a messenger of peace. The first day of the conference coincided with the start of peace negotiation among fighting parties.

Rev. Kwak's activities in Sudan

Rev. Kwak arrived in Sudan at 8:00 a.m. of April 26. We had prepared for him the best of everything. To begin with, Rev. Kwak had a formal VIP reception at the airport. A welcome delegation, headed by Former President Swar Eldahab and by Minister Abu Goseisa, received Rev. Kwak at the deplaning site; a top-model Mercedes from the presidential palace was assigned to him, and he was taken to the presidential suite of the best hotel in the city.

Upon his arrival at the hotel, Rev. Kwak made immediate preparations to attend to the scheduled events of the day. In less than twenty-four hours in Khartoum, Rev. Kwak would take part in three important meetings, conduct activities of spiritual significance, and deliver his keynote speech at the Conference on the Religions of Sudan. Rev. Kwak was scheduled to meet with the head of state of Sudan, with the most prominent spiritual leader of the country, and with the Muslim blessed couples and the forty-day IRLS graduates plus core members of our family.

The first meeting was with President

Omar Hassan Al-Bashir. Originally that meeting had been scheduled for later in the day. It so happened that the aunt of the president passed away, and the president moved up the meeting. Barely two hours after landing in Sudan, Rev. Kwak was meeting the president.

Rev. Kwak had gone to Sudan to declare how Father intends to establish peace in the world. In his meeting with the president, Rev. Kwak mentioned that his native Korea, like Sudan, was plagued by conflict between north and south. He

pointed out that a country's civil wars and upheavals can have many external causes, such as social injustice, unequal distribution of wealth, and political infighting. And then he said that Father teaches that the true solution to these problems lies in the hearts of people rather than in external conditions.

The key to achieving world peace, he told the president, is for people, especially leaders, to inherit God's parental heart. Through God's parental heart, he said, conflicts among people can be solved. Rev. Kwak praised the president for the Amnesty Rally, held the day before. Also, he stressed that Sudan is destined to prosper because of its abundance of land and water. The president thanked Rev. Kwak for his visit as special envoy of Father and assured him that inter-religious harmony had been and would continue to be the uncompromising policy of his government.

For the prominent spiritual leader of Sudan, Rev. Kwak chose to meet with Dr. Hassan Al Turaby, a scholar highly respected throughout the Muslim world. Dr. Turaby had already visited the World Mission Center of the Unification family in New York City, where he addressed an audience of over five hundred Muslims who had come from all walks of life in New York and the Muslim world, including diplomats from the United Nations. He was visibly delighted to meet with Rev. Kwak. He said he sensed genuine open-heartedness on the part of Father and the Unificationists toward Muslims and Africans in general.



President Al-Bashir receives a traditional Korean crown from Rev. Kwak.

As Dr. Turaby spoke with Rev. Kwak, Dr. Turaby appeared as a true saint who had dedicated his life to God and mankind and had long been waiting for the coming of the kingdom of heaven. Rev. Kwak shared with him deeply about the “parents’ religion,” which will unite all existing religions (the “brothers’ religions”) through mutual respect and cooperation. Rev. Kwak then invited Dr. Turaby to cooperate with the Unification family to effect a great movement of peace in the Muslim world. I encouraged Dr. Turaby to study Father’s life and teachings so that he could understand Father more deeply and cooperate with him. Dr. Turaby agreed to do so.

The third major meeting of Rev. Kwak’s day in Sudan was with the Muslim blessed couples and forty-day IRLS graduates. That was an intimate, more heartistic meeting, held over tea in the afternoon. [Note: *A blessed child has been born from these blessed members.*] Both Thomas Cromwell and I spoke to this group, providing some inspiration and giving them an update about Unificationist activities in the world. They were so delighted to see Rev. Kwak, who explained the significance of the Completed Testament Age, which has just begun. Rev. Kwak concluded his warm speech by instructing each couple to bring twelve couples for the next blessing.

The keynote speech at the conference

From his seat at the table of honor, together with the president and minister



Former President Swar Eldahab greets Rev. Kwak at his arrival in Sudan.

of state, Rev. Kwak was introduced as the representative of Father. The hall was packed with more than one thousand guests, including representatives from over thirty countries. On the front pews sat all the ministers of state. Rev. Kwak delivered his keynote speech with passion and eloquence. No one asked to check Rev. Kwak’s speech; he had complete freedom to speak as he saw fit. What better could he speak about than the Principle! The climax of his speech was when

he mentioned the proclamation of Father as the Messiah and True Parents. Several key passages drew applause from the audience.

The minister said, “I don’t know who you people are, but I must tell you, every time you ask for something, it’s right there in front of me, and all I have to do is to get it for you.”

After delivering his speech, Rev. Kwak promptly prepared to depart from Khartoum. His stay in Sudan had been less than twenty-four hours, and he managed to transform the spiritual atmosphere of the country through his whirlwind schedule and the astounding reference to the coming of the Messiah on earth.

Bearing gifts

Rev. Kwak reached Sudan bearing gifts, both physical and spiritual. These gifts have significance as a whole.

1. *A physical golden crown:* The first gift was a traditional Korean golden crown, given to President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir. This crown is a replica of Korean King Sejong’s crown. Father has the position of king of kings, and the golden crown signifies Father’s desire to establish and maintain close ties with the leaders of Sudan, as they put into practice the message given to them by Rev. Kwak.

2. *A Christian Bernard watch:* The second gift was a beautifully crafted Christian Bernard watch given to Minister Abu Goseisa. This gift signified that the “time for visitation” is at hand. This is the time of True Parents, the time when nations



The conference opens officially with the national anthem of Sudan.

will no longer prosper without the advice of True Parents.

3. *Ginseng roots*: The third gift was given to Dr. Turaby. Rev. Kwak gave him ginseng roots from the fatherland, signifying that health and true life for the Sudanese will begin when they connect with the root of the "tree of life."

4. *A spiritual golden crown*: The fourth gift was the mission of tribal messiah given to the Muslim blessed couples, which is like a spiritual golden crown. This means that the blessed couples of Sudan are the core of Sudan's new life and hope.

5. *Messianic news*: The fifth gift was the announcement of Father's proclamation as the Messiah and True Parents in front of the president of the country, his cabinet, and the most important people in Sudan plus representatives of thirty nations. For a nation that had been suffering all kinds of problems for so long under civil war, it must have been wonderful news to hear that the true standard of leadership is to guide the people with the heart of True Parents.

Other conference activities

After Rev. Kwak's departure, the conference continued for four days. Scholars and religious leaders, coming both from the north and from the south of the country, presented their various papers and engaged in animated discussions. They also had a chance to visit different cultural landmarks of Khartoum and different parts of the country, especially the south.

The government officials hosting the event made special efforts to let their international guests see for themselves the real situation in the country. Their



Rev. Kwak greeting Sudanese blessed couples.

goal was to give them a first-hand experience of the peaceful reality in the country. Renown for their religious tolerance, the Sudanese people have a tradition of coexistence among religious diversity. Under a single roof, one may find a Christian, a Muslim, and a non-religious person—all coexisting peacefully. The presidential cabinet itself includes ministers both from the north and from the south, Muslims and Christians.

On one occasion, the minister of information, while speaking candidly to the participants, said, "Look, there's no danger in Sudan. I am a public official, but I can go anywhere without a bodyguard. I often go to the market by myself

and drive my own car. I feel completely safe." He also mentioned that Pope John Paul II, who had been in Sudan just a few months prior to our arrival, had traveled around the country in an open car. As I was listening to him, I dreamed of the day when I could speak about True Parents from such a position as a minister of "true information." At that very moment, I was approached by the Conference organizer to translate the minister's speech to the participants!

As I accompanied the guests on a trip to the south of the country, I myself was astonished at the striking beauty and peaceful nature of that region. In my heart I know that Sudan can indeed fulfill its promise of uniting the north and the south, the Arabs and the black Africans, in a single country. Like the White Nile and the Blue Nile that meet in Khartoum to form one Nile, the Arabs and the black Africans meet in Sudan to become one people under one God, guided by the Unification Principle and ready to receive True Parents' blessing. ■■■

Mr. Taj Hamad is a graduate of the Unification Theological Seminary. A native of Sudan himself, Mr. Hamad is the director of the Inter-Religious Leadership Seminars. Taj and his wife, Josephine (who is British), were blessed in the 8,000 Couples' blessing, and are serving as officers of the 8,000 Couples' Blessing Association. They have three children.



Rev. Kwak gives guidance to the Unification family members of Sudan.

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Mrs. Ki-Sook Yoon Pak's S Celebration—B

Introduction

by Peter Kim

[First, there were bows, a gift of food, and thanks from their children.]

I would like to introduce Mrs. Ki-Sook Yoon Pak's life briefly. She was born on April 25, 1933, which makes her sixty years old. Before she joined the Unification Church, she had married Dr. Bo Hi Pak, on November 29, 1953.

In 1957, they heard Divine Principle and accepted Father as their True Father, True Parents, and in March 1961, they received the blessing as one of the 36 Couples (Dr. Pak was in America at the time). Since their marriage and blessing, they have had three sons and three daughters. They all got blessed and some of them have children. As you know, out of the six, Jin Sung Nim and Hoon Sook Nim joined the True Family. Mrs. Pak has one brother and six sisters. They all joined the Unification Church, and some of them



are blessed. All of them are still in the movement. Mrs. Pak has a special message this morning to show her special thanks to God and True Parents and everybody here.

[Mrs. Pak read her thanks in Korean. The morning included Father's explanation of the event, cake cutting, pictures, and gifts.]

Top: After the hwan gap chanchi celebration, Mrs. Ki-Sook Yoon Pak (l.) and her husband Dr. Bo Hi Pak (r.) express gratitude and joy, as a loving son and daughter of the True Parents. Left: A Pak family portrait taken at the celebration.



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Sixtieth Birthday Beginning A New Tradition

In Gratitude to the True Parents

In response to the extraordinary honor the True Parents bestowed upon her on her sixtieth birthday

by Mrs. Ki-Sook Yoon Pak
April 25, 1993, Sunday, 8:45 a.m., East Garden

THIS must be a dream. How could this occasion be real?

Father and Mother, when I heard from my husband that you instructed him by saying, "Bring Ki-Sook to East Garden. We shall celebrate her sixtieth birthday here," I was absolutely shocked, to the point of almost fainting.

At that moment my heart began beating fast, and tears of overwhelming disbelief and gratitude for such great fortune began to run down my cheeks. That stream of tears continues at this moment. Father and Mother, I thank you from the

I am receiving today a most extraordinary honor from True Parents, which was not given to anybody before me.

very depths of my soul.

However, I know that no matter what I do to express my gratitude to you, our True Parents, I could never thank you enough for this most extraordinary heavenly blessing and for the honor you are bestowing upon me today. Even if I gave my thanks to you every moment of my life for the rest of my life, until the last day of my existence here on earth, it could not be enough. Even when it is time for me to go to the spirit world and I give you my thanks for the rest of eternity, still I would not have responded enough to the true love you have bestowed upon me, this meager, humble daughter. Today,

I must confess, I am the one who is eternally indebted to you, and it can never be repaid.

Unification heroes and heroines

In the Unification Church there are many outstanding leaders and members who are absolutely loyal to you and serve you with unconditional filial piety. There are also many heroes and heroines in our church, who serve you from the very early days of our church, and whose impeccable record of upholding the tradition and whose spirit of dedication are unparalleled.

Then, who am I? I do not even feel near to those great forerunners and great members of our church. Yet, I am receiving today a most extraordinary honor from True Parents, which was not given to anybody before me. When I think of the significance of this occasion, I am completely overwhelmed. My heart is filled with gratitude. I do not have a sense of how to respond properly to this occasion. Only these ceaseless

tears running in a helpless way can express the most honest feeling of my heart.

Service behind the scenes

My husband and I have been in the Unification Church for almost thirty-eight years. During this relatively long period of time, I have had no notable accomplishments. Therefore I have always felt I am not worthy of coming before the

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Dr. and Mrs. Bo Hi Pak (seated) pose with other True Family women-in-laws. Standing, (l.-r.): Mrs. Chung Un Kwak, Mrs. Myung Won Cho Yu, and Mrs. Keum Soon Choi Park.

Remarks from Father

After the introduction and gratitude statement and celebration, Father commented as follows:

Translator: Peter Kim

HISTORICALLY speaking, there have been a lot of dynasties, kings and queens, many different nations. For example, in one dynasty there is a king and a queen and princes and princesses, their spouses and families, all tangled in terms of the relationship of the in-laws. However, there was a common phenomenon that those in-laws were not really united all the time. Because of that disunity and disharmony, there has been a lot of difficulty, and sometimes they even went to war. So, this morning I am initiating this special celebration in order to set up a standard of how to unite all the in-laws and indemnify all the past history.

Because of the appearance of True Parents, now truly the liberation of women is taking place; of course, that is followed by the liberation of man, too. Liberation for both man and woman is taking place. According to the Principle, or God's plan, all the women, all the females in this world must be united with the true Messiah, True Father first; and only after that foundation is accomplished will all the men, the males, in the world be united. That is the step that should be taking place.

According to the Divine Principle, right after World War II, between 1945 and 1952, the entire world, particularly America centered on Christianity, was supposed to receive the Messiah and be united and start building the ideal world, which would have taken place in only seven years. However, because of the failure of that particular time, I had to walk the path of indemnity for forty years to prepare the foundation for Mother, the bride, to stand on the worldwide scale. That's why last year, 1992, Mother had a worldwide tour under the banner of WFWP, particularly in the seven major nations, including Korea, (three Allied countries, three Axis countries)—America, France, England, Japan, Italy, and Germany—including Korea, seven major



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nations. Because of this foundation, now this year I could declare the Messiahship and the Completed Testament Age.

BLESSING TO WOMEN

Also because of the foundation that Mother established through last year, women are in the position to receive the real blessing from this year on. Therefore, as we start living this new, Completed Testament Age, women are the ones who will bring peace and harmony and unity to each family; so, women have to play the central role.

When it comes to the number six—which is represented by the number sixty—six is the number that you must go over in order to reach the completion number: seven. Therefore, after you complete the number stage six, then you can get into the completed number stage of seven. So, this sixty (number six) is very significant.

Mrs. Ki-Sook Pak is the first woman-in-law of myself and Mother to reach sixty years of age. For those reasons, I today held this special celebration to open the gate for all the women in the world.

The fall of man was initiated by woman first. When it comes to the human-being level, therefore, women must be restored and woman must now take the initiative to bring peace, harmony, and happiness to the world.

SETTING A NEW TRADITION

Father is setting a new tradition today. From the families of Father's in-laws, whenever someone reaches



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Shin Won Nim, Shin Kwon Nim, and Shin Gil Nim share a moment of innocent joy.

the age of sixty, those children of that in-law family who have joined the True Family will initiate this new celebration of sixtieth birthday—the *hwan gap chanchi* celebration. In other words, suppose another in-law family member reaches the age of sixty, then all of their relatives—for example, they may have three, four, five children, all married—all the children's families and their in-laws work together to hold this kind of special ceremony and celebration for them. By doing so, all the children and grandchildren, all the offspring of their family will learn this kind of tradition and eventually this tradition will be spread all over the world, and it will be a heavenly tradition.

CELEBRATING OLDER PEOPLE

Ordinarily speaking, out in the secular world, as you age, you become more lonely and nobody pays attention to you, and you are kind of left out. However, Father says, as you get older, you get closer to God. Therefore, as your parents get older and older, you should be more happy and celebrate more, because of their career, their life, their care for you. Therefore, the sixtieth-year birthday will be celebrated this way; and after that every ten years: seventieth birthday celebration, eightieth birthday celebration, ninetieth birthday celebration, one hundredth birthday celebration, like that, every ten years. By then, think about it, how many children and grandchildren and in-laws will be able to gather together and celebrate! That way those people will set the tradition for their children and grandchildren, great grandchildren, and all the



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in-laws. That's the way we will expand our tradition to the worldwide level. Of course, not just the in-laws of your family will prepare, but of course, your children, your children's family, and your grandchildren will all work together to prepare for the next celebration.

WORLDWIDE TRADITION

Let's say for Dr. and Mrs. Pak's family, for her seventieth birthday, Dr. Pak's seventieth birthday will come first, so all the children of Dr. Pak and Dr. Pak's in-laws and grandchildren, all those people will have to prepare steadily for ten years until they become seventy, then you will celebrate. That is the way. As I said, I set the new tradition by showing Mrs. Pak's *hwan gap chanchi* today, this is not just simply one celebration and then forget about it. From today on, the entire Unification Church in the world will follow this tradition. When it comes to your family, or your parents, all the blessed couples of course, and following these footsteps we will celebrate the sixtieth birthday and seventieth birthday like that. Of course, the husband and wife must be united, must become one, and then the next level is your immediate family and then your relatives and in-laws should all become united and work as one unit.

I spoke this morning on how plus and minus can combine to bring unification to this problem. Combining upon this couples' standing as an ideal couple, this kind of unified and united family involvement, family standard, is set today and will continue forever. Usually women, household mothers prepare the birthday celebrations for their family members, right?

On this historical occasion, it is very significant that Dr. Robert Grant's couple and Dr. Ron Godwin's couple (of course, Dr. Don Sills' couple was invited but couldn't make it), have been invited and have witnessed a new Unification Church tradition. Dr. Pak and Mrs. Pak, please stand up. Special blessing from True Parents.

(Prayer) ■■■

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The Early Church in Korea from 1957

Jung Soo Kim's Testimony

October 22, 1992
Kodiak, Alaska

Rev. Jung Soo Kim is the director of the headquarters twenty-one day and forty-day workshop center in Korea. He is from the 430 Couples' Blessing. While traveling to the United States to accept an honorary doctorate from a university in Chicago, Rev. Kim stopped in Kodiak to greet Father. Father invited him to stay and share his testimony with the members. He gave his testimony to several Kodiak workshops and this one was given to the missionary workshop. Father introduced Rev. Kim by saying that, unless we know the beginnings of our church in Korea and the spiritual side of our church, we cannot follow the proper course of Unification Church life.

I joined the Unification Church in 1957, in Korea. Some of you had not been born. Perhaps you don't know so much about our church's history between 1957, and the time when you joined. I'm sure you are very interested to hear about the work of our Father and the elder members in the early days of our church.

My grandmother died at the age of ninety-six. She had nine sons. The first eight sons all died. The last was my father. He passed away when I was only three years old. I have four brothers and one sister. I am the youngest of the sons. Because my father died when I was only three years old, I never really used the word "father" and never felt fatherly love. My grandmother had many sons and

they all died; so, she tried many kinds of spiritual ceremonies and medical treatments. She seemed like half saint and half medical doctor. I loved my grandma so much. She passed away during my first mission as a church leader, but I could not go to her funeral.

My father died very young, leaving little property to be inherited. So, my mother suffered in many ways while raising us five children. Some of you may not understand this. At that time, Korea was very poor. Usually, only the children of rich families were able to go to high school. My mother, though very poor, worked desperately hard so that all five children could graduate from high school. The county supervisor gave her a special prize for being a great mother.

My mother was a very strong member of the Methodist church. Before joining that church, she could not read. After joining it, she learned to sing hymns and to pray; through that, she eventually became able to read Korean. Later she converted to Buddhism, and before she passed away, she joined the Unification Church.

My mother always emphasized two concepts to me. First, she said Korea looks like the yolk of an egg—the center of the

world. Next, someday Korea will receive tribute from all countries.

Introduction to the Principle

In 1957, I was sixteen years old and in the eighth grade. Father chose eighty members and sent them, in teams of two people each, to forty places around the country. My hometown is Chung Ju, and Father dispatched Rev. Soo Won Jung, one of the thirty-six couples and a person of very good heart, as the first missionary to Chung Ju. He is now taking care of blessed couples in Korea. Rev. Jung's first spiritual result was my second oldest brother, who became a very good member of the Unification Church. I automatically followed him into the church.

I heard the introduction to the Divine Principle, which explains why a new truth must come, based on the progression of time and human intelligence. The lecturer explained how in Abraham's time people approached God through offerings, in Moses' time through the law, and in Jesus' time through the gospel. At the time of the Second Advent, a new truth should appear. I understood that the new truth is the Divine Principle. Then I thought, "Ah, Reverend Moon should be the Second Advent of the Messiah." It was then that I first believed that Father is the Messiah, and my conviction about that has never changed.

First meeting with Father

One day I dreamed that it was war-time and all the people were trying to escape. I was one of them. When I looked carefully in front of us, there was one person leading the way. I tried to get close to

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Rev. Zin Moon Kim translating for Rev. Jung Soo Kim while Father and the missionaries listen.

that leader. I pushed my way through other people, climbed a lot of steps, and finally met the leader. He had very humble clothes and humble shoes. I then stood at the right-hand side of the leader. I thought, as long as I am with this person, everything will be okay. The leader was peeling an apple. After he finished peeling the apple, he cut it in two, gave one part to me and said, "Please follow me." He was smiling. I can still picture that smiling face. After getting up, I felt a light, very comfortable feeling.

Soon after that dream, Father visited Chung Ju for the first time. It was the first opportunity for me to see Father. We rented a theater, and I sat in the front row. When I looked at Father's face, I realized it was the same face I had seen in my dream. When I looked at Father I thought, this person is my father. I felt like a child who had been missing his father and suddenly met him. Then I cried. Father spoke for six hours and forty minutes. I cried continually during that time.

In those days Korean leaders didn't teach us to call Reverend Moon "Father"; we just called him "Teacher" or "Master." I was expecting him to come as our teacher. However, when I looked at him I changed my feeling and considered him to be the Messiah and my father. I used the word "father" for the first time when I met Reverend Moon. I thought this was a glorious thing. Because my father died when I was three years old, I had never used that word before.

Spiritual phenomena at Sunday service

I want to describe the atmosphere of the Sunday services at that time. For example, if we had a 10:00 a.m. service, most people would come at 9:00 a.m. We would spend one hour preparing for the service, through singing and prayer. During this one hour, each person would repent for the wrongs he or she had done during the past week. If we didn't repent, during the service some spiritual phenomenon would occur, and we would be punished. During Sunday service, it seemed like everyone was crying. A spiritual person would stand up during prayer and spiritually investigate each person's heart. If someone had lied or had bad thoughts, normally no one would know about it; but the spiritualist would know and would announce it to everybody. If you had some negative thoughts, he would hit your head. If you sinned with your hand, he would come and hit your hand. If nothing happened to you during Sunday service, it meant you had a good week. We had to repent before Sunday service all the time in order to

not be beaten in front of everyone.

I will give the example of one lady, a Mrs. Chil Rye Kim, who was a good member. Usually women came to Sunday service wearing a white *chima chogori*. In prayer, some spiritual phenomenon happened, and Mrs. Kim began to shout out and hit herself. She had criticized the leaders, but how can members criticize a leader? She began to hit her own mouth. Whatever leader is assigned by Father is a representative of God and True Parents, so we must respect and follow them. Therefore, she repented of her criticism and chastised herself. After the service, her *chima chogori* was blood-stained, because she had hit her mouth so much.

Whenever Father speaks, he talks about Divine Principle. Father always says that the first and last purpose is to make the heavenly kingdom on earth.

We tried very hard to keep our thoughts pure. For example, a Mr. Man Shik Kim (later blessed with the 124 Couples) always walked with his head bent down at a forty-five degree angle. Whenever he tried to lift his head, some force would come and hammer it down, saying "You must bow down. Why do you look at the dirty society?" If we lift our head up, we can look at many things, can't we? This man was told not to look up. After joining the church, he walked like that all the time so he would not know who was around him. When someone passed by, Mr. Man Shik Kim would consider them like a dog or cow passing by.

Balancing school and church

I studied at a famous teacher-training institute. In Korea we have high respect for teachers, revering them like a parent or almost like a king. The entrance examination for the school was very difficult. However, once I got in, I devoted my time to church projects first and school second; so, many times my school officials were upset.

I did a seven-day fast while still a high school student. Many people thought I was not eating because I was poor or crazy, and they spread rumors about me. During the seven-day fast, I could not stay in the room where the students were eating lunch; so, I went outside under a tree, where I would cry, pray, and sing.

People said I was crazy. However, my grades were high, and because I studied very well, the teachers loved me. I would

be called into the office and asked why I was part of such a crazy church. Usually I would just sit there without answering. I was the target of various kinds of treatment. If my school results had been low, I would probably have been punished many times.

I dedicated a lot of time to church work and usually didn't have much time to study. Most of the time I had only one day to prepare for exams. But invariably, the test would cover only whatever I had studied the night before. My grades were always ninety percent or above, and I graduated first in my class. Because my school work was very good and my behavior was exemplary, although I

belonged to a religion that seemed to be crazy, many students decided to visit our church to find out what was going on. Twenty to thirty of my school

friends became members, and I started a student church. As many as ninety-eight students attended services.

Forty-day workshop

I was offered a teaching position, but decided to give it up to attend a forty-day workshop. I went to the workshop without notifying either my school or my home. I needed twenty thousand *won* to attend the workshop but had only part of it. My brother-in-law had an orchard, and I decided to go there to get the money from him. Before mentioning the money, I offered friendly greetings to him, but he totally ignored my greetings and walked away.

So I decided to approach my sister, his wife, for the money. I followed her around everywhere she went, persuading her to let me have the part of the money I still needed. I have never forgotten the words I used to persuade her: "This world has four billion people. Among these four billion people, two billion are women. Among these two billion women, only one of them is my sister—you. If it weren't for you, I could never use the words 'elder sister.' Right now I need thirteen thousand *won*. Later on I will pay you back many times that amount. You've got to help me." My sister finally decided to give me the money, and I was able to attend the workshop. Now my brother-in-law and sister are blessed, as well as their three children.

There were one hundred six participants at that forty-day workshop. Many



Father (c.) pauses for a photo with Rev. Hideo Oyamada (l.) and Rev. Jung Soo Kim (r.) with the Children's Day 1992 offering table in front of them.

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spiritual phenomena took place then. Miss In Ja Lee (now Rev. Joon Shik Yoon's wife) experienced some spiritual phenomena and beat all of the one hundred six persons. If somebody beats you, what shall you do? I don't like to be beaten.

We had two examinations: the first after twenty days, and the second after forty days. In the first examination, I got the highest score; and in the next, I got second highest.

First assignment: Oi Sang

After the forty days, Father sent everyone out. I went to Oi Sang, in Kyungbuk province. It is near my home town. I was nineteen years old then, the youngest church leader sent out by Father. I had a student's uniform and a short haircut. At that time the position of a church leader was like that of a state leader—it was a great job. But then I thought, "How can I go to Oi Sang with nothing but a student's uniform?" So I returned home and borrowed an outfit from a friend and then went to my assigned town.

There were several elderly members and several young members when I arrived. I was nineteen, and all the members were older than me. However, in front of me, they would kneel in respect for one or two hours at a time. The spirit world was guiding them to respect heavenly authority.

The night before I went to visit members' homes, they dreamed that the leader was going to come the next day, and were told to prepare everything. I didn't know about that kind of preparation; but when I arrived at their homes, luxurious food was already prepared, and they were ready to serve me. This was evidence that God and the spirit world were guiding

members directly. Sometimes the spirit world would guide a member, saying, "Your leader has no money, but he needs this amount of money. Please give him money." When I visited them, they gave me money.

In order to restore that town, I thought I should start by witnessing to the people at the lowest spiritual level that I could find. Eventually I contacted

a gang leader. Gang leaders try to control everything and take money from people. Everybody knew who he was. Whoever passed through his area had to pay him something. Through the help of the spirit world, I contacted him and witnessed to him. We lived together in the center. The gang leader was twenty-five years old and twice my size. Every night we slept in the same bed, under the same blanket, our bodies closely side by side.

Every morning we went to the holy ground on the mountain. While we were praying there one day, a spiritual phenomenon happened. I was offering a very fluent, strong, and heartistic prayer. During that prayer, I heard a sound as though someone had fallen to the ground. The gang leader had fallen down and begun to cry and cry. When I finished praying, the big gang leader knelt down in front of me. He said to me, "When you were praying, my body began to float and suddenly fell down." He couldn't support himself, and he fell to the ground. "God is very fearsome," he thought, "and this young guy is a representative of God."

After that, whenever I spoke or prayed, that man would remain kneeling, no matter how long my prayer lasted. Before that took place, we had lived together in the center for about one month. Eventually he became the first disciple and served his leader very faithfully.

Now I thought it was time to start witnessing publicly, and I began to street preach. The gang leader would stand by my side and hold the speaker or hold the *Divine Principle* book for me. The whole town knew who he was and wondered how he could have become a religious person. I told him to visit the homes of the people whom he had harmed or from

whom he had taken money and to repent to them. Even at nineteen, I had great heavenly authority as a church leader.

The special history of Taegu

From that time, I started my real ministry. I was a church leader in Taegu, which is a notorious place for our True Parents. Father went to Taegu from Pusan. In one month he had to move thirteen times because people persecuted him so severely. At that time, there were a number of women members. When Father had to move quickly, he never had enough time to inform the members where he was going. But in the evening, all the members would come to Father's new location. They knew where Father was by spiritual revelation.

Handling a nagging woman

As a leader, I felt I needed a sincere devotional life and spiritual power. There was an older member who took care of the kitchen and was gifted with special spiritual power. Whenever she visited a member's home with me, she could look into the member's spiritual state and tell me what she saw. That made it very easy for me to minister to that family.

However, first I wanted to take spiritual dominion over that woman. Therefore, I told her, "When you are cooking a meal, think of it as food, not for your central figure, but rather for God. You are not attending one leader; rather, you are attending God and True Parents. All the time you are cooking breakfast, lunch or dinner, think of it as preparing a meal for True Parents."

We would usually set aside the first bowl for True Parents. I would never eat the food she served me at that moment. Instead, at lunch I would eat the food offered to True Parents at breakfast—which would then be cold; at other meals, I would do the same. Some days we would fast at breakfast. Because of such a system, I was always eating cold food.

This woman began to develop a complicated attitude. She became very unhappy and was always nagging. Finally, she said she was leaving the church. I stood still and did nothing, thinking that sooner or later she would come back. I was on the second floor, and as she was heading down the stairs; about half-way down, her feet became stuck and she couldn't move. How would you feel if you were stuck and couldn't move? She began to think things over and realized that she had caused some problem; but at first she couldn't figure out what it was. "Ah, I made a problem for my leader," she realized. Then she repented. Finally she could

move her legs, and she came and knelt in front of me and apologized.

Praying on the mountain

Many spiritual phenomena happened to us. One time some church leaders went up to the top of a mountain to pray for renewal and spiritual power. The regional leader at the time was Tiger Park, and the church leader was Rev. Chang Kyun Kim. We began climbing the mountain at 10:00 p.m. It was one of the highest in the area, and the climb was very rugged. At about midnight, we reached the top, and we prayed there until 4:00 a.m. It was cold, and we had brought plastic bags to put over us for warmth. Around thirty people were assembled, and each one tried to find a place to sit and pray. We sang holy songs and prayed for four hours. The next night we did the same thing again—at first, nothing special happened. The leaders had a kind of strange, empty feeling.

Around 2:30 a.m., I was praying very hard, when I felt something like an electric shock hitting my body. It was a strong

in each town where the members were pioneering. We had no place to sleep; after we finished giving lectures and people had gone home, we would place the blackboard under a tree and go to sleep.

You may have heard that some of our pioneering members ate dog food. [*In Korea dog food is what is being thrown out at the end of the meal, scraps and leftovers.*] This happened for the first time when I was at Ok Chun. The person who ate dog food was Mr. Jung Yul Chai. He was blessed in the 777 Couples' Blessing and is now the president of the Korean titanium company. I gave each pioneer a dozen pencils to sell to make money for the forty days. If people couldn't sell any pencils, they had to fast. Even then, our pioneers fasted more meals than they ate.

Mr. Jung Yul Chai went on one of those missions. He had little food and no place to sleep except some rice straw. If people knew he was sleeping there, they would persecute him even more. He had to get up early in the morning and go to the river to wash his face, so no one would

know where he slept. He visited the rich families first and then the poor ones, following Father's strategy. He went to the rich homes with an empty stomach. He had been fasting for several days. He would say, "I

am the Unification Church missionary," then they would kick him out.

One day, when the same thing happened again, Mr. Chai was very unhappy and angry. Suddenly he turned around and saw a dog eating something. That made him even angrier: "Why must human beings fast while dogs have nice food to eat?" he wondered. Then he told the dog, "I am God's son. I am hungry. You are just a dog. You are lucky to have received such good food." Then he took the dog's food and ate it. That was a dangerous thing to do, right? When a stranger interferes with a dog while he is eating, the dog will bite. Mr. Chai didn't think about that at all.

When we were doing a three-day revival, I visited a certain family. The lady of the family was surprised to see me and said, "I saw you last night in a dream." That was just one of the many spiritual phenomena in the Ok Chun area. I visited the area village by village, traveling a circuit of two hundred fifteen miles under suffering conditions.

Church leader in Su Won

In my church life, I have always

emphasized spiritual power. First, spiritual power; second, spiritual power; third, spiritual power. While in Su Won, I started a twenty-one day fast. Korea is very hot in July. I chose the most difficult time of the year to do a twenty-one day fast. Father was going through a lot of suffering at that time. I also decided not to lie down during those days, but rather to work harder than before.

I made a plan to visit two families in the morning and two families in the afternoon every day. I would wake up at 4:00 a.m. and would go to the holy ground in the mountains to pray. From a spring I would bring back water to the church, and that was my daily meal. On the third day of my fast, I received a letter from the rural development office asking me to give a lecture. I was scheduled to lecture on the morning of the twenty-first day of my fast. I was very happy to see the schedule. I considered it a challenge rather than a problem. I determined to make a wonderful finish to my twenty-one day fast.

At that time I felt God was directly guiding me to do something for the people. For example, when I visited a home, I would always read them something from the Bible or from the Principle. My goal was to give them some words that would move that family. If I knew the family's situation, it was easy to choose an appropriate reading. If I didn't, I would leaf through the Bible, and some passage would shine out to me. I would read that passage to the family, and amazingly enough, it would be a passage that fit their situation very well. I used this method for every family I visited.

Every day I would drink pure water. If you fast for a long time without drinking water, you develop big problems later. By the seventeenth day, however, even drinking water became very difficult for me. I could sense some strange, dirty smell coming from it. The same water had tasted good for sixteen days; but on the seventeenth day, its smell suddenly changed and made me nauseous.

Some people, also, began to smell bad to me. There were people I would be happy to greet, and others that repulsed me. From this I learned two things: First, like Jeremiah, I learned that the human being is lower than all things. Flowers don't have a dirty smell, but human beings do. Second, I could look into any person's mind. Without them saying a word, I could understand what other people were thinking.

We held workshops on a regular basis. Two or three people generally attended them. When a workshop started, I would

Father sometimes has an expression on his face like he doesn't know anything, but he knows the past, present, and future.

sensation, and I began to shiver. My physical eyes were closed in prayer; but my spiritual eyes were open. I had a vision of thirty people praying all around a wide-open area. A large tortoise was coming toward them. The tortoise was heading for one or another particular person. Suddenly I realized what kind of sin that person had committed. I would shout out what I saw and would call on that person to repent. If the person repented and prayed strongly, the tortoise would leave him alone; but as soon as he stopped praying, the tortoise would return. Then I saw those thirty people jump up and down on a very rocky area. They were jumping all around, yet nobody got hurt. That night I experienced the practical effects of spiritual phenomena.

Church leader in Ok Chun

I became the church leader in Ok Chun. At that time our church was in a very weak financial condition. I dispatched all the members to witness for forty days throughout the region. I went to visit them, carrying five or six liters of dried beans, which was all the food available. We held three-day revival meetings

describe each person's nature. Everyone would be surprised, and it would help them decide to stay for the entire workshop.

Father is a very sensitive person. He once said he can tell by the sound of a person's footsteps whether there is a bad feeling or a good feeling. During Mother's speaking tour [in 1992], Father would comment about the differences in atmosphere from one place to the next. For instance, you may have thought that the rally in Washington, D.C., and the one in New York City were the same, but Father considers each one different.

Leading a team in Kyungbuk province

I directed a Korean One World Crusade team with twenty-eight members. Tiger Park had been the team leader before me. Usually the team stayed for twenty-one days in each place. I divided the members into small teams of five to seven people each, using a lottery system. Each time we moved, I made new teams. Lottery is not really random; God and the spirit world can work.

When we arrived in Kyungbuk province, Miss Kum Rye Lee, who was later blessed with the 1800 Couples, came to me one night and wanted to talk. She said, "Change my team. I don't like this team. If you do not change me, I will go home." I asked her why. She said that among the twenty-eight people on the team there was one man whom she disliked very much. As we moved from region to region, they always ended up on the same team chosen by lottery. She had been patient for a long time, but now this man became her team leader, chosen by lottery.

It would have been easy to change her; but just before I opened my mouth, I thought more deeply about it and realized I couldn't make the change. All twenty-eight members were working as agents of God. If they all sat down and did nothing, God could not work. For God to work through them, they must unite. If they fought with each other, God couldn't work. If they did not want to get along with each other, what could Heavenly Father do? This woman and this man seemed to be representatives of the team for the purpose of paying indemnity.

I asked Miss Kum Rye Lee, "Suppose we are given the choice of two possible cases: Case A, all team members fight among themselves to pay indemnity. Case B, only you and this particular man disagree between the two of you and make an indemnity condition for the entire team. If you were God, which case would

you prefer as the better way to pay indemnity?" Immediately she said, "Case B." "That is your situation now; that's why I cannot change you," I replied. She understood, changed her attitude, and brought big results.

We would hold three cycles of seven-day revival meetings and would get incredible results. I would ask each member of the team to select twelve families to witness to. Usually the top five families on their list would come over to the church. Even though I never went to their homes, I could tell them about their family background and their heartistic situation just by looking at them.

One rainy day, the members were sure I would give them the day off. Instead, I took them to a school playground and divided them into one team of men and one of women. That day I discovered that women are stronger and more stubborn than men. Usually if the men got the ball, the women would take it away; but when the women got the ball, the men could not take it away from them, because men love women. It was raining and everyone got soaked; but through those sports, all the bad feelings were washed away, and everybody's spirit was raised.

Father's best gift to us

In 1974, Father spoke at Madison Square Garden. About thirty thousand posters were plastered throughout New York City, letting people know that September 18 could be their re-birthday. An overflow crowd came to Madison Square Garden that night.

We wondered what kind of speech Father would give. We thought that he might be planning to declare some special, new things. Yet, when we heard the contents, it was pretty much the same things we had heard before.

Whenever Father speaks, he talks

about Divine Principle. Father always says that the first and last purpose is to make the heavenly kingdom on earth. He always says that the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was not a literal fruit. He always says that Jesus did not come to die. He always says that the Second Advent will not come on the clouds. Father believes that the best gift for fallen people is the Divine Principle. Divine Principle is the best and last revelation from God to humankind.

You can use Divine Principle to check the power of a spiritualist. Usually spiritualists are old women. You can ask just one question: What is the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? From her answer you can understand if she is a genuine spiritualist or a fake. I asked one woman this question. She prayed and answered, "The fruit of good and evil is not a fruit." Then I asked her, "What is it?" She prayed again but could get no further clarification.

What is Father's gift to you here at this workshop? I think it is Father's words. Nothing could be more precious for you.

430 Couples' Blessing

In preparation for our blessing in 1968, about nine hundred members gathered at the Chungpadong headquarters church in Seoul. Father spoke for a certain length of time, and then each member was introduced by their respective regional leader. When a woman was introduced, all the men looked at her; and when a man was introduced, all the woman looked at him—wondering if he or she would make a good spouse. Sometimes Father made us sing a song or perform a small skit.

After the introductions were over, Father gave out paper to the candidates and instructed each of us to write down five names. The first name would be our first choice; if that was rejected, the next



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name would be considered. Then the regional leaders arranged the photographs according to people's preferences, and those photographs were shown to Father.

I, also, wrote down five names. When Father asked me who my first choice was, I told him the name, and he said that woman was too stubborn for me. He said that my second choice, also, was not so good. The third choice Father approved. (She is now my wife.) Father said, "I have big hopes for you." He then sent us both to the floor above, where the decision-making room was located.

My wife had been so sleepy when the brothers were introduced that she could not remember any names. She said that maybe God had covered her eyes so she wouldn't evaluate anyone with fallen eyes. When Father asked her whom she liked, she answered, "Father, please, you decide." Then Father showed her my picture, and she accepted. At that time I was twenty-four, and she was twenty-three. I think I was one of the youngest brothers in that blessing group.

Father knows our future

Father told my wife, "Your descendants will be very good. You must be patient in spite of all difficulties. If you are not patient, your husband will die early. Until he is thirty-four, please be patient in all circumstances. Whatever difficulty may arise, just remember to be patient. From age thirty-five on, your fortune will come."

After the blessing, I had many assignments, and many kinds of difficulties came our way. For years my wife never shared with me what Father had told her. She just kept it secret. When I was thirty-five years old, I was suddenly appointed regional leader. This was the fortune coming my way that Father had talked about. Then my wife told me what Father had said. From that time on, we have received many wonderful blessings. When I was thirty-five, True Parents took care of me directly. I have had the opportunity to visit many other countries. Even the grace of my being here today is a blessing from Heavenly Father.

I was twenty-four when I was matched. Father already knew what my circumstances would be when I became thirty-five. Father is always thinking and looking ten years or more into the future. When Father looks at you, he knows what will happen ten years later. I think Father has a clear idea of what will happen in each decade of my life. Father sometimes has an expression on his face like he does not know anything, but he knows the

past, present, and future.

My mission now is to direct the workshop center for twenty-one and forty-day workshops. Everyday I am giving Divine Principle lectures. I appreciate Father allowing me to do this kind of work. Father said many times that to have the responsibility to give lectures is a great blessing for our life's work. "For you to give lectures in this world is a very big blessing."

When Hyo Jin Nim held a twenty-one day workshop, I was one of the two lecturers. That also was a big blessing for me.

True Parents' love

One of our Korean songs has the following words: "The mountain is very high and the ocean is wide and deep. But there is something higher than the mountain and deeper than the ocean. It is Mother's grace." I have concluded that True Parents' love is higher than the mountains and deeper and wider than the ocean.

When I was the director of the general affairs department in the Chung Ju region, at age twenty-one, Father came to visit us to go hunting. Rev. Lee and I helped Father hunt pheasants. If the pheasant was injured but not fatally wounded, it would continue to fly for a while before falling down. I would run out to look for it. First, I would go to a high place and look around trying to find it. I would go where I thought it was, but sometimes I couldn't find it. Father would call me by name from the top of the hill and would direct me.

Until that special opportunity to be close to Father's side, I had never had direct give and take with Father. When Father called my name, I felt such a thrill at Father's recognition of me. I felt such gratitude and love. That was just a fleeting moment, but for me it is a cherished memory. Deep in my heart I can hear the loving sound of Father calling my name.

Once I brought a group of retired generals to the United States for a workshop. After they returned to Korea, Father called me to East Garden, where I



(l.-r.) Hideo Oyamada, Jung Soo Kim, Father, Joo Chan Choi and Koo Bae Park display their catch.

remained for six months, attending Father and Mother. During that time, I felt True Parents' loving heart, which is higher than the mountains and deeper than the ocean. I followed Father on fishing trips to Long Island, Miami Beach, Boston, and Kodiak. I followed Father wherever he went.

When Father went fishing in the Hudson River for striped bass, I usually put the bait on Father's fishing rods. Father usually used five rods, and I had to go quickly back and forth between the rods replacing bait. The bait had to be put on firmly. The work was hard on the knees. I wanted to learn how to do it quickly, so I would practice on ten lines at a time. Sometimes when a fish is hooked, it thrashes about and tangles other lines; then I would fall behind in baiting the hooks.

Father knows where to find fish. He knows where the fish will be passing through, and he moves around quickly to be where they are. If there are other boats on the river, Father's boat always catches many fish, while other boats catch only a few. Maps of cities show the locations of streets and market places. Fish society is similarly organized, although locations change according to the weather and other factors. Father understands these changes and keeps moving to good places.

During the six months I was with Father, I began to have some feeling of paralysis in one of my legs. It was very painful; sometimes I couldn't lie down to sleep and had to sleep sitting in a chair. Once Father noticed me limping and told me to have the problem checked by a doctor and have surgery if necessary. I went to a doctor, and he found a tumor

on one of the nerves in my spine. If I had not had surgery then, by now the lower part of my leg would be paralyzed. Now I can do hard, physical work without any problem.

Father gave me spiritual life, and physical life as well. Therefore, once again I want to testify that True Parents' love is higher than the mountain, and wider and deeper than the ocean.

The source of true value

If you have a bowl that was used by Napoleon, you can sell it for a high price at an auction. Someone once found a hair believed to be Napoleon's, and it was investigated in great detail to verify whether it did indeed belong to him. If its authenticity could be proven, it would command a high price at an auction. However, did Napoleon receive the blessing? Did Napoleon call Reverend Moon "True Parents"? Did he receive the title of tribal messiah? Did he know chapter one and two of the Principle? Who, then, has the greater value—you or Napoleon?

Thousands of Japanese members have come to Korea for the workshops. When they arrive, I tell them about the workshop buildings. One building was built directly by Father and was completed within twenty-eight days. Another big building was finished in forty days. These Japanese blessed members began to cry and cry. When I looked at their crying faces, I wondered why they were crying.

The buildings were not made of gold and silver. We didn't serve them luxurious food. They usually slept twenty or twenty-five people to a room. They cried because their hearts are stirred by Father's spirit and Father's heart.

Once Father said, "I wouldn't trade this building for the entire United States. I wouldn't trade this building for the entire nation of Japan." If one strand of Napoleon's hair is expensive, in the future how

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much value will be placed on something touched by Father? How much will a building built by him be worth? I don't think we can trade this North Garden site for the entire state of Alaska.

We are living together, eating together, talking together with True Parents. Sometimes our pictures are taken together, and Father himself signs it. This is a truly historical, unforgettable thing. We are living in a historical period. This is a unique time in history. It never happened in the past and will never be repeated in the future; even if we die now, we cannot have any kind of complaint.

Before you came, Father said it had been seventeen years since he sent out the missionaries, and he never had the chance to gather you together. Many times Father has made such a statement. He has been waiting for you to arrive. He has been longing for you. It is with the greatest gratitude that we can sit down together, hear, eat, and talk with True Parents.

In Korea, there is a special resort hotel that has a presidential suite reserved for Father when he attends special meetings there. In the bathroom, they lay out twenty towels. However, when the maid cleaned the room, she found that Father used only the smallest one. Father economizes even in toothpaste, using only a little bit at a time. If all the people of the world economized in toothpaste, think how much money would be saved.

During the six months I spent at East Garden, I would notice sometimes that Mother and Father would have a small quarrel because Father would not flush the toilet after every use, and Mother would complain about the smell. Father would reply that, if we flush the toilet only after every second or third use, we can conserve water.

Father's private life is very humble. You need to know Father's will, Father's heart, Father's lifestyle, and Father's thought while you are here at Kodiak. ■

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In Gratitude to the True Parents

True Parents.

Furthermore, since I am not that healthy, I have simply taken a passive role behind the scenes, silently enduring all the difficulties, obeying our True Parents, helping my husband, who is serving beside our True Parents in a very important role, and simply bringing up our children so that they will live up to our tradition and True Parents' expectation. I have always felt that this is nothing special or spectacular, just the normal duties of any good wife in the Unification Church.

In-laws' new life

Yet, miraculously and to our great surprise, two of our children have been chosen to become members of True Parents' family. In my entire life I could never imagine, nor would I even dare consider, that such a blessing would be possible. I

know that this extraordinary blessing did not come by our merit, but came solely to us as a gift from God and through the mercy of our True Parents.

Personal pledge

Father, I pledge I shall cherish and value this unforgettable honor for the rest of my life. Father and Mother, you often ask my husband, "How is Ki-Sook's health? Is she doing all right?" Whenever my husband would relate to me your concern and remembrances of my health and that you frequently asked such questions to him, I would be totally overwhelmed and tearfully thankful. Each time I heard of your concern for me, I would feel revitalized and gained new energy to go on. Father and Mother, I am convinced that the fact that I am even living today is solely because of your love and your blessing.

Dear Mother, this time, in order to arrange for this celebration, you called Korea to prepare for me and my husband these beautiful Korean gowns. You also had custom-made for me this golden

double ring which is a symbolic gift of good health. Then, today you prepared my sixtieth birthday celebration with an amazingly beautiful offering table. These are all beyond me and anything that I deserve.

Father and Mother, you have breathed into my life and into our family new life, energy, and resurrection. Today we feel like we once again became a bride and bridegroom. Again, how can we repay for such immense blessings?

Father and Mother, today I am beginning a new life. Although I am not worthy, still I pledge upon this monumental occasion to be most obedient to you, to become your pious daughter, and, to the best of my ability, to serve you until the last day of my life.

Long live our True Parents!

Long live the True Parents' family, which shall be prosperous and fill heaven and earth.

Father and Mother, I thank you once again from the very bottom of my heart. ■

Four Bible Verses that Challenge Christians, Including Us

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BASICALLY we are Christian, but of a different species. Established Christians become abnormal because they don't clearly understand the content of the Bible. When the Bible was translated from Hebrew to Greek there were many mistakes and the same is true about translations from Greek to English. It made established Christians strange. It allowed an easy-going life in Europe and America.

I will give four biblical passages with very heavy content. Usually Christians ignore these passages; so, the quality of their religion is compromised. Even if the content is heavy, we must practice it in our daily life. Then God will be on our side, and we will be able to change other Christians. Here are the biblical passages.

Love even heretics

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16)

This verse has two parts. Normal Christians like only the second part: "Whoever believes in the Messiah will have eternal life." Americans think God is American, not Korean. Each denomination believes God is their God. They say we have other books.

When I joined the Unification church, near my church was a Presbyterian church. Because we were nearby, they criticized us more than other churches. Their main point was that we are not Christian because we have other things. The Bible says not to add a dot, but the Unification church has many other things.

Now I am going on fifty-six, but at that time I was in my twenties, and I had only been in the church for three months. When I arrived at the Presbyterian church, there was a youth meeting going on. The youth leader was maybe two to three years younger than me. I said, "You don't have much time to talk with me.

I'll be direct. I hear that you criticize us. What is the problem?"

"What do you add to the Bible?" he asked.

"How long have you been in the Presbyterian church?" I asked.

"Seven years."

"I was in it for thirteen years. Maybe I know the Bible more than you," I said, and continued, "Anyone who adds to the Bible is a heretic, right?" ["I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book" (Rev. 22:18).]

"Yes."

"Where do you find any criticism of the Unification Church in the Bible?" I asked. "Also, your minister reads one passage from the Bible, but he speaks one hour. He is a heretic, too." Everyone but the leader laughed. He was red in the face.

Then I read him the verse John 3:16. "Therefore, you must love me, too," I said. I read to him Revelation 10:11 ["Then they said to me, 'You must prophesy again about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.'"] and said, "We can't add even one dot, but it says we will add another book."

He could say nothing. Then I spoke for about one hour explaining the

two passages. The Bible will be translated into many languages. The passage about not adding a dot, means God doesn't want us to make a mistake or add anything when translating the Bible. Now you can understand both sentences. He said nothing.

If we criticize someone, we must give a



"Beware of false leaders ... by their unfruitful life you shall know them." Miniature painting from a Gradual by Liberale da Verona, 1460s, for Siena, Cathedral.

righteous counterproposal. He criticized the Unification church but had no counterproposal.

Father's love

We must love the whole world. God gave us Father, and he seems to love outside people more than us. We said to Father once, "You give nice hotel rooms and chicken to the professors, but you have never given us even one leg of chicken."

Father smiled, "You are eating everyday much more delicious Divine Principle. They (the professors) are like children—they need money and chicken; but you are adults—you need Divine Principle." Therefore, we can understand that he loves us very much. He loves the whole world. We need to love the whole world.

Heart attacks and "Me"

"I love my wife, my children," that is a problem. America started from selfish ideals: not only Christian ideals. Now we live in the "me" generation. We like to use "me" and "my" more than "us" and "our." We say: "My baby, my wife, my house." Is the baby made by me or by my spouse and me together? A husband and wife made the baby as a joint venture. When you say, "My baby," you are logically wrong. This country is not my country—with two hundred forty million people it is "our country." We need to think "we" more than "I." Then we can become God's children.

People who like to use "I," "my" and "me" more than "we," "our" and "us" can have a heart attack more easily. Two Stanford University professors studied heart attacks. It is normal for someone to have a heart attack at eighty years of age, rather than thirty. They studied around a thousand patients for many years and concluded that people who say "I," "my," "me" more than "we," "our," "us," tend to die earlier from a heart attack. They don't know why, but Principle teaches why. Because God is "we," people are created to resemble God's ideal which is the "we" ideal. Therefore, if we think "I," we go against nature.

God made us in His image. If we violate the Divine Principle, then we have health problems. Let's try to love all people.

Families who put God first

"He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. A second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these

two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt. 22:37-40).

We must love God more than anything else, including money, wife, children and spouse. If you love your children, spouse, or money more than God, you will have problems—mentally and physically. The blessing is for the purpose of accomplishing God's ideal. Before the blessing, they were working hard. However, after having babies, they became lazier and increasingly more selfish. Many blessed members have money problems and conjugal relationship problems. Even some of them say, "Reverend Moon has strange ideas. He said the blessing is a blessing, but it is

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just miserable." They have problems because they don't follow God's ideal.

Father gave us ninety-five percent, but if we do not do our five percent, then there are problems. If you follow Divine Principle and are poor, you will be happy. If you do not follow the Divine Principle and have money, you will be unhappy. Love God more than others. Established Christians say they believe in the Bible, but they do not live according to this commandment of Jesus.

We should live and believe in the Bible more than they do. We should love God more than others. Then we can guide them because God is our background.

About one week ago, Father and I talked about blessed couples. They have a hard life. They live as home members, most of them. They became home members because of their own choice, not because the church told them. When you start your family separately, automatically you love your family more than you love God. On the other hand, living in the church is difficult. Every morning you hear Father's speech and the Divine Principle. You put Heavenly Father first. When you have your own home, you must have a very strict life.

Many of you did not know Father would not be at Belvedere this morning. If you had known, some of you might not have come. When Father is away, this congregation becomes smaller after about one month. After Father is not here for one hundred years, maybe only a few members from Westchester will attend

this service.

Love neighbor more than self

Heavenly Father never said for us to love our neighbor more than ourselves. Actually we should, but at that time people were low spiritually. Even now we do not practice this ideal. We are humans; if established Christians are real Christians, they must love us as they love themselves, but most of them never do that.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If you want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who

lose their life for my sake will find it." (Matt. 16:24-25).

Husband and wife: deny yourself for your spouse. Never divorce. We in the Unification Church should

be the first to practice this teaching. Husband and wife, if you deny yourself for your spouse, then you can't divorce.

When you have problems, you should think that there is something in your ancestry that makes you need such a wife. To think the problem is with your spouse leads to divorce. Except for the True Family, there aren't any outstanding spouses; everyone is almost the same. My wife has a very ugly face; your wife is beautiful. Anyway, how much difference is there between ugly and beautiful? What is the difference between Cleopatra and my ugly wife? The difference in the height of their noses is a few millimeters, almost the same.

When I was matched, we had a seven-day training session, which meant a matching session. During that session, Father made two elder couples stand up. One couple had a husband about thirty years older than the wife. The other had a husband nine years older than the wife. Father asked them, "Are you happy?" In Korea, when people shyly smile it means they are happy. Often when Koreans express feelings, yes means no and no means yes. When you talk with an Oriental you have to think in order to figure out what they mean. Westerners grow up more externally, so your yes/no is very clear. These couples had children and a happy life because of self-denial. Self-denial can make everything smooth.

One person in Queens sent me a letter containing many theological ideas and said, "It is your responsibility to take this

to Father and get me answers." When I talk to Father, I prepare a long time. Nevertheless, I must love that brother, so I will try.

My nickname used to be "self-denial." I put that poster all over when I was in Region 10. Many members criticized me. It means they don't want to come to the heavenly kingdom! They want to die. I try very hard to deny myself. I don't do it perfectly, but I have survived. For most of you, to be without your spouse for more than ten years would be very difficult. For a woman to raise four children without her husband's help is also very difficult. During this trip, we had only four days together in Tokyo and Seoul. We lived well during that time, in a small hotel room. Please deny yourself and be happy!

The Book of Matthew instructs us to carry our cross. My experience with Presbyterians is that they put it all on Jesus. The Bible never said to do that.

Even when you pray, you also give your burdens to Heavenly Father. We must take our own burdens. If we say, "I am a fallen person. I must pay indemnity," then God will help. You can ask for the whole world, but not for yourself. Even for yourself, you must have a good motivation. For example, you can pray: "If you cure me, I will dedicate myself

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completely." This is a common Christian attitude. To deny yourself and carry your cross is to be a real Christian. Not many people do that.

In Matthew 16:25 we read, "For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." If you want to live for a good cause, you will survive. However, if you want to live for your own cause, you will die. Many blessed couples live for their own cause; then they die. When your family has problems, you should go out to witness; then your family can survive. God will take care of it. Most of us don't witness; then we become unhappy. When you go back home and watch TV with your children, it looks as if you are happy, but it is really not so happy. If I ask you how many people have found spiritual children in the last three hundred sixty-



"Heavenly Father said not to look down, as we normally do, but to look up. The lesson is that, when you have difficulty, you must think of the next step of happiness; then everything is okay." The brazen serpent, Bible, Cologne, 1470s

five days, not so many will raise their hands. Witnessing is very good for your spiritual life, even if you do not bring results.

With the serpent on your heels, look heavenward

"From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food

and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' Moses prayed for the people. The Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live" (Num. 21:4-9).

When the fiery serpent bit the Israelites, people died. Then Moses asked Heavenly Father for help, God told him to make a bronze serpent and put it on top of his staff. The staff was taller than

him. Anyone who looked at the bronze serpent would live. Normally they had to look down not to be bitten, but God said to look up.

Today Father speaks from a perspective that is one hundred eighty degrees different from fallen human beings. Heavenly Father said not to look down, as we normally do, but to look up. The lesson is that, when you have difficulty, you must think of the next step of happiness; then everything is okay.

Many worry in Japan about the current difficult situation, but Father thinks of the future. Father gave special guidance to five leaders from Japan for several days. Now they follow Father's ideas, and the situation is getting better. If we have a problem and think only about that problem, then we feel the problem becomes bigger.

If your husband has big problems, don't just think about those problems. The more problems your husband has, the more love you can give; then the more the problems will be solved. When you have financial problems in your family, think about Father's situation and how many financial difficulties he has to resolve. Then you can overcome your problem. So, look up. Don't think, "While I look up, I'll get bitten." Those (among the Israelites) who looked up, survived. Selfishness makes more difficulty. If we believe in the Bible, then we must practice it.

This morning I gave four Bible passages and had a strange feeling that we do not practice them. How about you? Do you practice these principles? If you have problems, then you do not practice this in

your daily life. We have problems, but God gave us solutions to those problems.

Second generation: Create a good environment by witnessing

About the second generation: You are all second generation in the front row. Father said on God's Day that the position of the second generation is Jesus' position. Jesus had no original sin, but his environment was completely fallen. Many times you heard Father's Principle of Creation. First we make a good environment. The subject must find an object in that environment. Then subject and object have give-and-receive action and the environment develops.

The second generation must make a good environment, then find an object and have give-and-receive. The environment can be made by witnessing and prayer for others. We first generation are very dirty in a sense. We are full of fallen nature. We have hope in our second

generation. But the second generation just sits down and enjoys their studies. Their pure nature cannot work outside.

Those who are in the second generation should try to witness, too. You have almost no idea to witness. Unfortunately, several second-generation members have married with outside people. We first generation are already a problem. Time is passing for the second generation. The first and second generation must help each other. Try to witness. This is the only method for us to survive.

Live for others; then indemnity is easy

If we live for others, indemnity is easy. My conclusion is simple: If we live for the sake of others, everything will be okay. It may be difficult for you to remember all these passages, but do not forget Father's phrases: True Love, Life, and Indemnity. If you live elder for younger, younger for elder, then everything will be okay. Prob-

lems come from focusing on self-centered ideas without self-denial. Indemnity and living for the sake of others are the two main aspects of our life. Whatever difficulties come, we must think: "This is my indemnity course." We must think based on the Divine Principle. If we live for others, then indemnity is easy.

Sometimes when I give tough guidance, some members become angry. Then I think I may have used the wrong methods. All the time I want to develop, so that members will not become angry.

Father is physically far away this morning, but always he prays for us. We, too, must pray for the True Family all the time. Then we can really be blessed.

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New Witnessing Literature

about Father's early life.

New occasions teach new duties

With the accomplishments of the last seven years, and the advent of the Completed Testament Age, the message of unificationism has moved to a new key. More than ever, it is a message of world peace, a message of true love for the sake of others, and a message of confidence in the future built upon foundations laid and missions accomplished. The year 1992 witnessed the successful launching of the Women's Federation for World Peace. On August 24, 1992, Father officially proclaimed his Messiahship and True Parentship before the world. In order that this good news be proclaimed to a wide audience, new publications are needed which can convey its essence in simple language.

Initial impetus came from the True Parents themselves, as Mother's speeches were published in the *Textbook for World Peace* and Father's declaration of the dawning of the Completed Testament Age was rushed to press as *Proclamation of the Messiah I*. In the same spirit, members of the American church have also brought forth new witnessing materials.

American contributions

The pioneering work of Dirk Anthonis led to the publication of *Building a World of True Love* in the summer of 1992. The

Divine Principle was originally written for an audience of Korean Christians, and the book deals with a frame of reference that is often quite different from that of most secularized Americans. Dirk Anthonis, in his spare time and as a tribal messiah, set to work to produce a concise summary of the Principle written in language easy for an American audience. The result is *Building a World of True Love*.

respects all religions, *Building a World of True Love* gives a glimpse of the Divine Principle's power to unite the world.

The latest publication is *The Healing of the World*. [It was introduced May 10 at Father's inaugural speech in New York.] This booklet is a useful introduction to all three aspects of unificationism: the True Parents—a brief biography of Father and Mother, the teaching—a summary

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It is an excellent introduction to the Divine Principle.

One feature of Anthonis's treatment of the Principle which sets it apart is his use of supporting quotations from the scriptures of the world's religions. Although the Divine Principle was revealed based upon the Bible, and was initially given as a divine gift for the revival of Christianity, the contemporary stage of the providence is to embrace all the world's religions. Father instructed the preparation of *World Scripture* because he honors all religious teachings as manifestations of the will of God. Utilizing the *World Scripture* book, it is easy to find support in the scriptures of every religion for Divine Principle teachings. By demonstrating that the Divine Principle is a universal teaching that

of Divine Principle, and the unification family—a survey of projects. While the synopsis of Divine Principle is largely abridged from *Building a World of True Love*, the discussion of Father's life is the most complete available in an introductory format. It is the first book to divide his ministry into three stages: his calling, the wilderness course, and the time of consummation and homecoming. It highlights the role of Mother and the Women's Federation for World Peace. The layout is attractive and there is a diverse selection of photographs. All of these publications are ideal introductions to unificationism. ■

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First National WFWP Convention in Cote d'Ivoire, Africa

by Mrs. Kimbembé Koko

AFTER our Mother completed her global speaking tour, we women of the world felt very proud of our Mother who has now gained an honorable position next to our Father.

Inspired by our Mother's success, we organized a speaking tour in all the different districts of our capital city Abidjan, led

Our main achievements were a seminar for young girls about drug abuse, abortion, and prostitution and a survey which we did on prostitution.

by Mrs. Paulette Likane, chairwoman of the WFWP in Cote d'Ivoire.

The response to this tour was very positive and two hundred twenty women signed membership forms. Based on this foundation, we decided to have the first national convention on February 13, 1993, which marked the first anniversary after the inauguration of the WFWP in Cote d'Ivoire on February 15, 1992. We really wanted to make this event a success for our Mother. At 3:30 p.m. the hall allocated for the ceremony was filled. All our invited guests were present, amongst them, the wife of the Angolan ambassador in Cote d'Ivoire and the WFWP representatives from Burkina Faso and Benin.

The convention started with the national anthem and a welcoming address given by our secretary-general, Mrs. Catherine Segba. After that Mrs. Likane, chairwoman of the WFWP in Cote d'Ivoire, pointed out the goals and different activities of our federation. She stressed the importance of women our age working together towards a better world centered upon women who sacrifice, serve, and initiate true love in their home and neighborhood.

High-level interest

In response to this heavenly guidance,

our guest of honor gave greetings to everyone present. Mrs. Bouadi Marie, the representative of the president of the National Assembly of Cote d'Ivoire expressed her gratitude and joy to be associated with this important gathering. She wished us success in our federation which indicates quite original and profound solutions to the world's problems. She then spoke to the women about the desire of the president of the National Assembly to meet the WFWP committee for closer cooperation. We could not expect a better response coming from the president than this invitation.

After this inspiring speech, we listened to a lovely solo sung by our blessed sister Donnette Ojima, and then we enjoyed a short performance by our dance group "Cosmos." National television covered the entire ceremony. The refreshment break provided time for talks

between the guests and the members of the WFWP committee.

In the program that followed we showed what the WFWP has done here during one year of existence. We have four areas of activity: research; friendship; education; and welfare. The leaders of those areas reported their activities and shared their vision for the future. Our main achievements were a seminar for young girls about drug abuse, abortion, and prostitution and a survey which we did in Abidjan concerning prostitution. At the end "Little Victor" sang some moving songs for all the mothers present. With the support and prayers of the brothers and sisters, this convention could become a victorious offering for Heavenly Father, True Parents and the WFWP in Cote d'Ivoire. ■■■

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VIP's attending the WFWP first anniversary include: front row (l.) Mrs. Bouadi Marie, representing the National Assembly president and (r.) the wife of the Angolan ambassador in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).

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To the Depth of that Love, You Can Love Many

by Linda Shapiro

Last year many members who went to the C.I.S. through many of Father's organizations stayed for longer than they had originally planned. This summer thousands of C.I.S. and Baltic education leaders (especially high school principals) are scheduled to attend workshops to hear Divine Principle. Workshop staff is needed at every level. Those members that have gone there before inevitably want to go back to the C.I.S.—many to stay in the mission field there. What is it about this providence that moves the hearts of our brothers and sisters so? Linda Shapiro here tells us her experience with the heart of Russia. Note: After these summer workshops finish, Mother is expected to speak in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kiev, and Minsk sometime in late summer or early fall.

SINCE I came to live in Moscow, a whole new realm of my heart has opened up. In January 1992, I hesitantly came to Russia to do my forty-day foreign mission. I had promised God that I would contribute at least once to the Russian providence, as it seemed so important and critical at this time. Here I have discovered how important indeed it is.

I taught my first few seminars in Cri-

mea; they were totally life-giving and spirit-filled workshops. Every night I went to sleep experiencing the spirit world so close to me that I would dream of those two to three hundred people I was teaching. I kept feeling an absolute desperation to save their lives. I knew then that I could not return to the United States in good conscience, as I thought of teaching twenty-five people in the United States as compared with two hundred

mothers, all of them very hungry for truth. I knew that inevitably I would have to pray and ask God what His will was for me, although I already knew the answer in my original mind: "You must stay."

"Someone to repent"

After the second group of high-school students' finished their seminar, one night I asked God that question in prayer. I did that following an experience I had in church service on Sunday morning. I felt very high spirits near me and around me. I began to ask God who was there. I was praying so intensely to find out who; then suddenly I heard, "Linda, this is Vladimir Lenin." I thought, really? Then again I heard, "Yes, Linda, this is Vladimir Lenin, and I need someone on earth to repent for my sins."

That evening I knelt down in prayer and began to repent for Lenin's sins, and then Marx's sins, and Stalin's sins. I shed buckets of tears, which kept coming and coming, and then I asked God, "What do you want me to do? Should I stay in Russia or not?" God told me, "Linda, what do you want to do?" God always puts it back in my ball park. "I know you need me here; so I will stay longer, at least one year," I replied.

That was a difficult decision, as I knew of the material sacrifices involved. The lives and hearts of the Russian people are what pulled me to stay. Long ago I had decided I would live in another country besides the United States. Father had told us we need to live in different nations in our lifetimes. I was so grateful to get out of the rut we are all in America. I knew

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Members celebrate at a meeting with Dr. Joon Ho Seuk in Kraskova. (l.-r.) Linda Shapiro, Andrea Ulriova, Tanya (student). Father's words, "If you can love one person with your whole heart, then to the depth of that love, you can love many other people," have become real to me now.

that Americans must sacrifice themselves for the sake of the other nations to save America! I know now that my investment of heart, as well as that of the other inter-

denents have shown me my true value; I am loved, and I love them in return. I gained much greater confidence in myself as a daughter of God, a teacher, an elder sister to many, and an object of love to God and others. The internal reward of truly loving others has been so great that now I understand what Jesus and Father meant when they said we need to "love our enemies." Father's words, "If you can love one person

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national missionaries now in Russia, will only bring great blessings back to our native countries and former mission countries.

"Love our enemies"

It has now been one year since I moved to Russia, and I have no intention of leaving. The relationships of love that I have developed with teachers and stu-

with your whole heart, then to the depth of that love, you can love many other people," have become real to me now.

In Russia, I have discovered that we as family members need each other and need absolutely to love one another, or else we have no power to love the Russian people. They will not work with us unless we are united in love. It is the small ways to express love and concern

that have proven to be the greatest witness to God and True Parents. My closest friends and I call one another daily and always know what the others are going through. We take care of one another and support one another. That is not a task or duty; it is a joy to serve and be served, to love and be loved.

I have often felt my limitations as a parent, and humility and willingness to learn from the "children" have proven to be a strength for me. I have had to laugh at myself many times and realize my limitations and then go forward in faith and trust that God would fill in the gaps through others around me. Yes, this is an absolute necessity here, where people are very intelligent, skilled in professionalism, public-minded, and clever. This profes-



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Lee and Linda Shapiro are a couple whose fate has been deeply entwined with the Russian people.

sionalism is a great asset for God; at the same time, the internal self is crying out like a lost child seeking to be nurtured and cared for, always testing for true love. There is no way to hide your sin and limitations; rather, be honest with God

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and your friends and seek to grow closer to God together as a family.

God's unfolding plan for Russia

This has been my experience this year, and truly it is just the beginning. The future is still open. I trust that God will continue to unfold His plan for Russia and for my personal life as well.

I am grateful to God for the many experiences He gave me and I look forward to many, many more in Russia. God bless all of you! You are so precious to God. Never let anyone tell you any different! ■■■

Mrs. Linda Shapiro is a missionary to the CIS. She was blessed in 1982 at Madison Square Garden with Lee Shapiro, an award-winning American independent filmmaker who was killed in 1987 by Russians while filming the war in Afghanistan.



Celebrating Inna's birthday at Linda's apartment. (l.-r.) Linda Shapiro, Inna Lebedeva, Tatyara Kutznetsova. "There is no way to hide your sin and limitations; rather, be honest with God and your friends and seek to grow closer to God together as a family."

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Family Life Reference Book— Pure Poetry

by Paul J. Perry

Father directed that Blessing and Ideal Family be translated from Korean and made available in English to help us understand the blessing. A year in production it is now ready. At this time when we are witnessing to bring couples to the next blessing, and seek guidance for the many new and old blessing families—it is a gift from Father, to help us be “citizens of the third Israel.”

WHAT does Father teach about love between man and woman, about the True Parents’ family, about the meaning and value of the blessing, and about the way of life of a true husband and a true wife? If asked these questions, even the most experienced lecturers of our church would have trouble in coming up with good answers that are complete, accurate and totally according to Father’s teachings.

As many of the Unificationists now come to be family persons—with spouse and children—these questions become increasingly important in our lives.

Moreover, what exactly is it that makes the blessed family different from traditional families? How differently do blessed couples and blessed children live (should live?) as compared with non-Unificationist couples or children? Not easy questions to answer, wouldn’t you agree?

Encyclopedic book on the blessing

Wouldn’t it be nice to have all that information neatly compiled in a single book? Father thinks so. That is why he directed the Korean leaders to publish just such a book, which is available under the title *Tchukpok-kwa I-sang Kajong*. This book has been translated into English and is now available under the title *Blessing and Ideal Family* (New York: HSA Publications, 1993, 632 pp., \$25, available from the Accord Bookstore).

The original book in Korean was the fruit of the labor of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon Speech Editing Committee, a department of the Unification Church of Korea. The committee collected Father’s speeches from the 1950s through the late 1980s dealing with the blessing and family life in its various aspects. They

created an encyclopedic book on the blessing and ideal family life.

English translation

If the original compilation in Korean deserves great appreciation for the committee’s colossal task, the translation into English is equally deserving of appreciation. The translation in this case was made even more difficult due to the deep nature of Father’s thought. The members who worked on this translation are deserving of our appreciation.

However, what can *Blessing and Ideal Family* offer our members that they are not already getting through the many speeches of Father’s that they already possess? Surely one can always attempt to compile Father’s teachings on a given topic by inquiring into the various speeches pronounced by Father over the years. However, for those members who are interested in Father’s teachings on the blessing and on family life, this is an invaluable book for inspirational reading and for reference, already researched. It is also beautifully put.

The true sexual revolution

In the decade of the 1960s and 1970s, the world underwent a “sexual revolution,” which, in Divine Principle terms, can be characterized as “the false preceding the true.” The old sexual revolution was false because it was centered on egocentric love. With the book *Blessing and Ideal Family*, Father has introduced the elements of the true sexual revolution in the world—that is, one based on true love. Conjugal love has been elevated from the realm of selfishness and guilt to the realm of true love and true joy centering on God’s love and blessing.

The basis of Father’s revolutionary teaching is the idea of the “unified love

relationship” (p. 9): “If God is an absolute being, the question is why God created man and woman. It was not in order to gain money, knowledge or power. It is because this is the only way through which God can feel happiness. seen from this point of view, God the Father and humankind as His sons and daughters form an axis. If this axis is linked, the unified love relationship between man and woman and God will never be broken.”

World adrift in matters of love

Father’s revolutionary thought comes none too soon in a world that is adrift in matters of family life and sexual love between man and woman. Amidst confusion and contradictory viewpoints

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about love, sex and family life, Father's voice comes out as a clarion call to a new way of looking at the relationship between man and woman (p. 11): "The reason God created male and female was for the two to love each other and unite. God did not create Adam for Adam or Eve for Eve. God created Adam for Eve and Eve for Adam. Also, God created Adam and Eve for His love and His happiness.... The reason God created Adam and Eve was not to give them knowledge, power, or things to live a good life. It was to make Adam and Eve substantial beings of love."

What about the proper way for man and woman to treat each other? Should man dominate woman, or woman dominate man? According to Father, neither case is correct. Man and woman should relate to each other based on the theory of reciprocal partnership (p. 49): "If all humankind meets man to woman or woman to man based on the theory of reciprocal partnership, no accidents or acts violating the order of love can occur. The order of true love will be formed when man and woman meet based on the theory of reciprocal partnership."

Besides such practical questions, *Blessing and Ideal Family* addresses issues such as the significance of the Feast of the Lamb (ch. 2, sec. 2, item 3), the distinction between false parents and True Parents (ch. 2, sec. 3, item 5), and the process by which an unrestored family becomes a restored family (ch. 2, sec. IV, item 5).

An important section of this book is the entire third chapter, which deals with the meaning and value of the blessing. Among the topics discussed we find

rebirth, changing of blood lineage, rebirth through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, the reason for holding mass weddings, seven-day fast, and qualifications to receive the blessing.

About the value of the blessing, Father says (p. 213), "The value of the blessing cannot be exchanged even for the world," and also (p. 214), "You must know the value of the blessing before receiving it. By receiving the blessing, you are standing on the level of being a citizen of the third Israel."

A reservoir of information

Those who want to have a lot of detailed information about the blessing, will find chapter four ("The Process of the Blessing") teeming with important and interesting information.

In section III ("Cases at the Engagement"), for instance, Father describes actual cases, sharing his own impressions during matchings. It is quite revealing and some couples are mentioned by name.

On one occasion, he noted that when he asked the blessing candidates to write down their preferences for mates, "the women all focused their attention on the man who was the most outstanding. The men all concentrated their attention on the woman who was supposedly the most beautiful" (p. 301). Based on such observations, Father instructs us on how to prepare our hearts for the blessing. For example, the proper way to pray about our future spouse is to "entrust everything to God" and to be ready to "receive anyone." Father explains that this is the most comfortable thinking for

our minds (p. 301).

Father shared his impression and heart with regard to specific couples, letting us know how he chose one particular woman to be blessed with a particular man, the kinds of discussions that went into that choice, and the kind of attitude specific couples must have in order to be successful in the marriage. Such stories open a window into the whole process of the blessing.

What about the meaning of the various blessings? Father provides descriptions of the meaning of the various blessings (pp. 408-421), identifying the uniqueness of each blessing group. About the 36 Couples, for instance, Father says (p. 413), "Today's dispensation parallels that of Jacob's symbolic victory. Therefore, Father is to establish the age of true children after restoring the age of servants and the age of adopted sons. The 36 Couples symbolically restore the course of these three ages."

Certainly this is a huge book, with a lot of information—and one wonders, "Do I really need one more book?" This, however, is a reference book, sort of an encyclopedia of the blessing. Father directed that it be bound in a dark green leather-like cover with gold-tone lettering to match the earlier *God's Will and the World*. No Unification Church center should be without it. I highly recommend it—let's all enjoy and appreciate our blessing. ■■■

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New Witnessing Literature Gets Out the Good News of the New Time

by Andrew Wilson

For this new age Father and Mother have had printed the Textbook for World Peace and the Proclamation of the Messiah I. Added to these we now see Building a World of True Love and The Healing of the World.

THANK God and rejoice! The new crop of literature coming out promises to make the message of unificationism more accessible than ever before. In the past year, HSA Publications has published four new booklets: *Building a World of True Love*, *Textbook for World Peace*, *Proclamation of the Messiah I*, and now, *The Healing of the World*. These quality publications provide an unparalleled

selection of inexpensive witnessing materials. Each gives new perspective and insight into Father, the Divine Principle, and the Unification Church.

Consider the publications situation at the beginning of 1992. Excluding the various collections of Father's speeches, the witnessing material put out by the American church could be roughly classified into two types: book-length texts

that treat the Divine Principle in great detail and lists of projects in glossy pamphlets studded with color photos. Of booklets suitable for witnessing, there were only three: two introductory booklets of Father's speeches, *God's Warning to the World* (1985), and a quite useful booklet *The Path of a Pioneer* (1986), which collected several historic testimonies

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When Christianity failed to meet her bridegroom the first time, God's dispensation had to be delayed forty years until 1992. During this time, I have worked and prayed to bring about the unity of Korea, Britain, America, France, Japan, Germany, and Italy.

That is why, in April 1992, my wife and I founded the Women's Federation for World Peace. Last year my wife, as True Mother, visited these seven countries, as well as Russia and Oceania. She gathered together the women of these countries to form chapters of the Women's Federation for World Peace. With these events, the nations that had been the worldwide Cain and Abel countries since World War II united together to receive the True Mother and prepare again the foundation for meeting the True Father.

Based upon this foundation, my wife and I can now stand on a worldwide foundation as the first True Parents. As the world enters the Completed Testament Age, we will live with God again.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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