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True Parents' 1993 American Speaking Tour

The tour announced in our July issue was expanded beyond the list previously published. All of the cities included are listed below.

On this tour True Parents received hundreds of welcome letters, honors and proclamations from national, state and local public officials and from private organizations and prominent citizens. Governors from more than half the states offered proclamations and more than one hundred mayors sent letters. Many of them were supporting a True Parents Day. The one from Phoenix, Arizona read, "World Peace Through True Parents."

The day Mother spoke on Capitol Hill the United States House of Representatives entertained a resolution submitted by Rep. Daniel Burton of Indiana to commemorate July 28 as "Parents Day." Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi added a remark for the Congressional Record before the Senate supporting the recognition of "True Parents Day." He ended by saying "I wish to join the Women's Federation for World Peace in celebrating July 28, 1993, as True Parents' Day. I also urge my colleagues in the US Senate, and all citizens of our Nation to recognize and support True Parents Day and the restoration of God-centered families in our country."

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| June 5 | Mobile, Alabama | July 27 | Indianapolis, Indiana |
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Earlier, fifty of the second generation were on stage holding some of the several hundred proclamations issued during the tour.

In the middle of the speech when Mother announced the first True Family of mankind, there was a standing ovation and again at the end of the speech this enormous applause that brought Father and True Children to the stage. (Photo: Chris Garcia/New Future Photo)

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ORIGINALLY mankind didn't need these kinds of major holidays, but we need them because of the dispensation of the restoration of history. Without the fall of man, the entire physical world and spiritual world would have been totally united centered on true love. There would have been only one celebration day—the first one and the last one—True Parents' Day. In that ideal, God would have become our vertical parent and the True Parents our horizontal parents. With both vertical and horizontal parents, the spiritual and physical worlds would have been totally united in true love. When the vertical father, who is God, and the horizontal parents, who are True Parents, meet and unite in one central, ninety degree angle, each individual family can orient themselves around them and have the same kind of relationship with God and True Parents.

Just as in heaven there are many different levels, in the physical world there will be levels of hierarchy, from the family to the clan, tribe, nation, and world levels. However, since that pattern was not established, the dispensation of restoration was needed.

THE THREE PROVIDENTIAL AGES

The Old Testament Age was the preparation period for receiving the Messiah, and when the Messiah was received, the New Testament Age started. Therefore, I established Parents' Day first, upon the completion of the Old Testament Age or national level foundation, in 1960.

At the consummation of the New Testament Age and the new beginning of the Completed Testament Age, I proclaimed True Parents and the Completed Testament Age. This is like circular movement, returning to the original point of establishing God's ideal. Of course, in the meantime, I established Children's Day and *Mamul ui Nal*, or Day of All Things, and God's Day. By establishing God's Day, on January 1, 1968, I established the condition in this physical world to conditionally receive God.

Today is the thirty-fourth Day of All Things. If God's dispensation continues to progress this way, by the year 2000 the entire world will be under God's dominion. All nations will follow the tradition that I set, because they will gradually come to realize that there is no alternative for this decaying, sick society but to follow my tradition. That day is not far away.

The proclamation of True Parents and the Completed Testament Age makes your families tremendously valuable and precious. The family encompasses parents, children and all things. Just as I established Parents' Day, Children's Day, Day of All Things, and God's Day on the worldwide level, each of you should be able to establish those days in your family and completely unite with God. Otherwise, we cannot build the ideal world—the Kingdom of Heaven on earth—which God desired

in the beginning. We must be able to create families that show the total unity and harmony and beauty which God desired in the beginning when He created Adam and Eve.

GOD IS REVEALED VISIBLY BY TRUE PARENTS

Husbands and wives in particular must be able to inherit True Parents' tradition and implant it in your family, demonstrating an exemplary life. You may not be able to see True Parents' family in this physical world all the time; however, when you join the spirit world you will be able to see True Parents' family on a horizontal level continually. God is our vertical Father, but He is revealed only through True Parents, because in True Parents' heart is where God dwells. Therefore, through



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PHOTOS: CHARLES PATTERSON

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True Parents' heart, you will be able to connect all the families in the world on the horizontal level.

Even when you join the spirit world you won't be able to see God. When God created the universe, He created all things first and then Adam and Eve, because God wanted to show Himself in this physical world through all things. God created Adam and Eve as His *hyung sang* and wanted them to dominate this entire world and bring the result back to the spirit world. The same thing will happen when True Parents enter the spirit world. True Parents will have God dwelling within themselves, and in the spirit world you will be able to view God only through True Parents. Just as true love brings our mind and body into unity, true love is the only factor that can bring God and human beings into total vertical and horizontal unity.

Therefore, where true love is, there is God. Where true love is, there is eternal life. Where true love is, you can enjoy eternal happiness and peace. In the spirit world, True Parents' family will be totally united with God, since God will be dwelling within the True Parents. You also have to establish that kind of exemplary family unit in this physical world, because without experiencing a true love relationship between husband and wife, you can't find true, eternal life, eternal happiness, or true ideals. True love has the power to bind together the whole cosmos.

When you know these truths, can you fight with your husband or wife? Can you think of falling in love with anybody besides your spouse? When God created His children, there was only one man and one woman. Nobody else was around. You must be able to create and establish that kind of perfect, harmonious family in this world. If you can't become an object to that kind of standard, you will be in big trouble when you join the spirit world, because the standard of the family unit in the spirit world is so high.

I sometimes hear of fighting between husband and wife in which the woman, because she is more muscular and strong, beats up her husband. That's not the Principled way. To be perfectly centered on true love, you absolutely need your object. The object is crucially important. Before you can even think about true love, you must focus on developing the subject-object relationship. To attack the subject-object relationship means to go against the universal power and God's ideal. Therefore, the only place where true love can settle comfortably is not in a man's mind or a woman's mind, but where the man and woman experience perfect harmony and unity.

When you create such a relationship between husband and wife, you can declare that the entire universe resembles you and resembles your family. As we learned from Divine Principle, all



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levels of plus and minus—from atoms to minerals to plants and animals—are totally united, not because of any kind of force, but centered on true love. True love is the key. Because we need true love, we need subject-object relationships; because we need true love, we need the family unit.

The word "family" already includes children and parents and all things. In your family, once husband and wife unite as parents, your children will revolve around you as the planets revolve around the sun. Your children will be circling around the parents, and then all things will revolve around your family, just like the universe. What is the chain that connects all these elements? True love. True love is the only power.

THE GOAL OF ALL THINGS

Throughout the universe, all things exist for the subject, the center. The center of the entire world is human beings, so all things exist, develop and progress for the purpose of serving human beings, who are at the center, like the nucleus. For example, when you eat breakfast, you must think that you are eating love—the original love which God put into all things at the time of creation.

Everything that we take in fulfills its purpose by being eaten by a higher dimensional being, a human being. In this way it makes a quantum leap from its horizontal level to serve the higher level of love, taking the vertical route of love back to God. Of course, when all things are taken by human beings, they are happy because the human being's purpose is higher and because through them they fulfill the higher level of love.

The purpose of all the created things in this world, from the smallest particles on up, is to become a portion of such a holy body and reach the level of unity and harmony that will eventually lead them to God Himself.

All things want to become part of the cells which feel love, because they are the most sensitive part of the human being. Which part is that loving part of the human being? The sexual organs are where man and woman become totally one with each other and one with God. Because of the fall, those particular parts have been considered as the worst and dirtiest, yet they are the most holy places. For both men and women, when the love gate is open the entire world is open; when the love gate is closed the entire world is closed. In other words, the opening of that gate determines happiness and peace. Where do you expect God's true children to be born? From those organs which are totally united with God and centered on true love.

Of course, all things want to be part of that particular section of the human being's body. However, once there is total unity centered on true love, not just that particular part, but the entire human being's body becomes like that particular loving organ. Your mind and your body and all your cells will be totally united and join in cheering *Mansei*. The purpose of all the created things in this world, from the smallest particles on up, is to become a portion of such a holy body and reach the level of unity and harmony that will eventually lead them to God Himself. Each of the one hundred seven or one hundred eight elements in this world is heading for that goal. Just as human beings don't want to die for no reason, nothing in creation wants to die unless its death serves a greater purpose. When particles and atoms are taken in by higher things, for them it is like they are going into the Kingdom of Heaven. That's the definition of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Again, the final goal of all things is to reach the spot where husband and wife experience total unity centered on true love. That is how all things can set a condition of contributing their portion of responsibility toward building the ideal world, toward making this entire world totally united with God.

When the wife puts on makeup and wears beautiful clothes, she is seeking to elicit a good feeling from her husband and build unity with him. Husbands seek to be attractive for the same reason. The same principle applies to all things in the world: they do things to please human beings and create unity with them.

Then why has the world of all things been crying up to this point? Because they lost the base upon which they could reach the Kingdom of Heaven. Even in the Bible it says that because of the human fall, man lost that base, so all things are crying. That very base upon which the Kingdom of Heaven was supposed to be built for the sake of human beings and all things was destroyed. Therefore, the dispensation of God's restoration had to begin and has been continuing.



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SERVE THE PUBLIC PURPOSE

When you know these principles, you cannot bring anything or any money that was illegally or unethically obtained to provide for your wife or children. It's a sin. If you do that, your body will start shrinking. To do that is worse than forcing poison into your children's mouths. Therefore, you must learn how to respect public life and public things.

In the world, and particularly here in America, individualism is rampant. However, it is very important to develop this public concept. Satan has been running away from this public concept and forcing everybody down to the individual level, or individual ideal. However, God takes the individualistic ideal and extends it to the public and worldwide level, in order to reach the central point, chasing Satan out in the process. Satan got kicked out of the worldwide level and went down, down, down, finally to the individual level. Once he gets kicked out of this individual level, Satan will just disappear. Sometimes on a fruit tree, unhealthy fruits will fall before they get ripe, while the ripe ones remain until the end, ultimately producing new seeds for the next generation.

You must learn a lesson from this. Suppose you are working for a company, a private company or a public company, and you steal some things—money or whatever—in order to try to provide for your family. That is a manifestation of fallen nature. You can never run away from fallen nature. In contrast, you should try to bring valuables from your home to serve the public purpose. That is how you can get closer and closer to the Kingdom

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Don't be ashamed in front of all things. They all have eyes and feelings. They are looking forward to reaching the Kingdom of Heaven through you. However, when you misuse public things, they know the road is blocked.

Your eyes, nose and mouth are part of one system, representing God. What you take in through your mouth helps your eyes, nose and ears survive. Breathing air through your nose keeps your mouth, ears and eyes alive. If your eyes were fixed in one direction for eternity, you would not be able to survive. However, your eyes have the ability to move around in order to help protect your entire body. Every organ of your body exists for the sake of the entire being, not just its particular section. By the same token, each family exists not for itself, but for the sake of all families. Therefore, we must not destroy the entire base where the Kingdom of Heaven can be built, as was done before. That's why all things have been crying until now. We must not repeat the same mistake.

All things, human beings, and God are all one system, not isolated existences. God is the axis around which parents, children and all things revolve. That's the way they form the pair system. Then, does man need woman? Does woman need man? To say that the entire universe is created because of true love means that everything is connected to you, not separated. All things are as close to you as a strand of your hair. When you scrub your skin, sometimes you see the dirt and dead skin rubbed away. New skin grew and the old went away.

In the Old Testament Age all things were sacrificed. In the New Testament Age the children were sacrificed, with Christians being martyred. In the Completed Testament Age the parents are sacrificed, because parents have been heartistically bur-

dened and have endured much suffering. You can see the chain reaction: for the sake of children, God sacrificed all things, for the sake of parents God sacrificed His children, and for the sake of God, True Parents have been sacrificed heartistically. That's the way they all became one. Therefore, the responsibility of the parents' position was so difficult. We had to attain an even higher realm of heart than Adam and Eve. Think about the course of indemnity True Parents had to walk up to this point, going through the levels of the individual, family, clan, tribe, nation and world. In order to reach a position higher than that of Adam and Eve before the fall, we had to go through such a difficult course of heartistic indemnity. That path was so thorny that it can be called the "heartistic cross."

This is the first time I have ever explained this to anybody. On this thirty-fourth Day of All Things, I want you to know that we are the Kingdom of Heaven for all things. I could explain this only because I already proclaimed the True Parents and Completed Testament Age.

America and Japan used to be enemy countries, but because of the love relationship and unity between one Japanese husband and American wife here, all things can look at this beautiful couple and cheer *Mansei!*

When you open the gate, open it wide so that nothing is in the way. Unite your mind and body, build unity between husband and wife, and raise your true love flag all the way to the Kingdom of Heaven up in heaven. You should each make such banners of love.

With its homosexuality and drug abuse, America is like a garbage bin or toilet bowl. Even to think about it makes me angry. Darwin's theory of evolution doesn't fit. For the sake of love, men and women die. For the sake of love, parents or even

children can give their life. Even the absolute and omnipotent God cannot disregard the law of true love. God has to respect and obey the law of true love. Who is higher, true love or God? God is lonely without an object; therefore, God created human beings as the object of true love. Man alone feels lonely, woman alone feels lonely. What are they looking for? Man goes after woman, and woman goes after man. Even grandfathers and grandmothers hang onto that loving organ to sustain their life. Father and Mother do same thing. We all do that. Nobody can dismiss this kind of universal law. This is the law of the universe, which is eternal. Everybody has to obey it, whether you like it or not. When we know this principle, do you think America will survive if it continues the way it is going?

Man's love-organ is a one-way street; it seeks after one particular thing, wife's sexual organ. How can you make the foundation to connect with everything? Through the most important organ of a



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man or woman: the most holy place, the love palace, life palace, blood lineage palace. When you understand this very precious principle you can produce precious children. They will be princes and princesses in this world and the spirit world. They will become the bridge upon which God will walk to rebuild the world.

Do you understand that the Kingdom of Heaven for all things is right here with you? Some people may think that for a church leader to talk about the human sexual organ is not good, but you need a clear understanding of the truth. When you have a complete understanding of the significance and preciousness of your sexual organ, you will recognize it as the origin of the love palace, the life palace and the blood lineage palace. If you accomplish this task, you can go into the Kingdom of Heaven directly without any trouble. However, if you have any difficulty in doing that, then you are in trouble.

HEAVENLY LOVE-MAKING

The secular world now is giving a lot of sex education to the children, so I want to ask you a question this morning. When you make love, who has to have the upper position, husband or wife? Among American people, most of the time the woman takes the upper position. Because the man is usually heavier than the woman, it may seem easier for the woman to be on top. If you want to do that, you have to think about God, heaven and earth revolving, and maybe today it is your turn to be up. That way you are following the Principle.

Another question: when you are about to make love who takes the lead? The man shouldn't just take initiative and put his organ into the woman's organ, but when the woman is ready, she should lead the man's organ into her organ. The man can't see the way. When the man is ready to act, if he goes alone into the place he is like a robber; the woman should take the lead and bring him in and receive him. That's one of the reasons why husband and wife shouldn't fight. If your wife is still upset

and doesn't want to lead you, there is no fun.

In lovemaking, there must be absolute unity and harmony. If you really have an urge to hit your wife, she can say, "Just wait one minute and after we make love, if you still feel like hitting me, then go ahead and hit me." However, after the lovemaking, that feeling will be gone. That's the medicine that can cure any kind of disease. It's true. No matter how angry or upset you may be, just be patient for several minutes and make love. Then all the negative feeling will be gone. It is truly a panacea, isn't it?

On this Day of All Things I am giving you a holy talk, but actually it's the truth, and we are dealing with it in reality. Therefore, when husband and wife make love, you can make any kind of noise.

You can be noisier than the pigeons. You can make noise like lightning and thunder, and it's okay. Up to this point, this kind of sex has been considered dirty or shameful, but when all humanity truly understands and accepts sex as precious, enjoyable and holy, what a wonderful world we can have! When that time comes, the children will hear their parents making noise at night and that will be their sex education. You can tell them, "When you grow up and live with your wife, you can make that kind of noise too." It's natural, open education. That's much more effective than the sex education that is going on right now.

Do you understand that all things are waiting for the real owner to arrive, touch them and eat them, or whatever they want to do? From particles to atoms to minerals, all things have a long way to go in order to reach God. Plants are eaten by animals, which are eaten by man in order reach God. Therefore, we should have pity on them. We should comfort all things. When you have perfect, harmonious love-making with your wife, you can tell all things, "We did it for the sake of you." Then all things will be happy.

Now you understand why all things have been crying. After my talk today you can go out and to relate to all things with a fresh feeling. You can see the preciousness and usefulness of all things. Even poisonous snakes, which may be harmful to human beings, have a medicinal purpose. Snake meat promotes health and vitality; in addition, it makes men more virile.

SALMON ARE EXAMPLES OF TRUE LOVE

One of the reasons I love salmon, and king salmon in particular, is because of its bravery. The king salmon travels all five oceans of the world and comes back. Even without adding salt or any seasoning, you can roast it and it is tasty. You can't even imagine how brave the salmon is.

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The Unification Church is like the love race, following such a concept. If asked whether they are willing to sacrifice their life for the sake of their children, not many people would say yes. When you catch a king salmon, you can tell the fish, "I am sorry to catch you, but I will use you to serve greater purpose." Think about how wonderful such a world is. Unification Church members must inherit this kind of concept. The salmon's final destination is not a comfortable place; rather, it is a cold place which people don't particularly care about. Silver salmon even spawn in the winter weather of December and January. Nobody likes cold weather, but when I consider all the facts about the king salmon and other salmon, I think the Unification Church members should love the salmon and learn lessons from them.

The word "salmon" can be interpreted as "salvation Moonie." Therefore, I hope that all Unification Church members take after salmon, particularly blessed couples. Suppose husband and wife go out together to the ocean, catch a beautiful salmon, and say to it: "We are sorry to catch you today, but we have a greater purpose. We want to emulate your lifestyle and even sacrifice our life for the sake our children and for all of humanity." If you mount the fish and place it where you can look at it, every time you see that fish you will be reminded of those goals.

Think of God as a fisherman with a fishing pole, trying to catch a human being. Suppose I am the king of the king salmon, and God is trying to catch me, following me everywhere.

Think of America as big and strong like a whale, and think of me as the king of the king salmon, hunting and striking this big whale. King salmon vs. the whale: what a match! That's the way I am trying to awaken this country America. It is like the battle between David and Goliath.

THE PRECIOUSNESS OF YOUR FAMILY

On this special ceremonial day, please remember how precious your family is. Through your family, heaven and earth can be united and harmonized. The world of God's original creation would have prospered naturally without any negative element, had it not been for the fall of man. We would have been able to join the spirit world naturally, without being concerned about restoration. However, we still have to restore ourselves and the entire world.

In order to serve me and follow my footsteps all these years, Mother had to pay tremendous indemnity. Your task as a tribal messiah is nothing compared to what Mother had to do and what True Parents had to do.

Please build happy families and raise your children properly. Your family must serve grandparents, even if you don't have your own physical grandparents. In the future, I may distribute some Oriental grandparents among your families. To form the ideal family model, three levels must connect as one. Three generations—grandparents, parents and children—must be united to form the four position foundation. This is the formula course. Satan destroyed this formula course, so I rebuilt it. Satan knew God's ideal; that's why he separated parents and children, destroying every level.

Now America has come to know my value. From today again, Mother is resuming her speaking tour, and soon she will speak on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The time is not far away when the royal palaces in Great Britain and in Japan will welcome Mother. Those two countries, like Cain and Abel, will hear True Parents. Then the world will be restored.

Actually, America has the key to restore this entire world. However, if America rejects me, I will go to Moscow.

Therefore, I am giving you the blessing to build a beautiful family where God, all things, and all people will long to come and dwell. This is the blessing on this particular Day of All Things from True Parents. Will you do that? ■■■

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CTA—Feel the Joy and Value in It

MRS. HAK JA HAN MOON
JULY 13, 1993, CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Mother speaking to the brothers and sisters.

Translator: Peter Kim

DON'T you think we are a different species? We are going beyond, transcending space and time. We live in a three-dimensional world. Aren't you happy? If we restored all the American people, all two hundred forty million people, and we celebrated with True Parents just as we did tonight, how happy we would be. What if we restored the entire world's five billion people and then began celebrating?

How old is Father? [Seventy-three.] How many more years do you want Father to live? Physical time on earth is limited. Since Father has come to America, he has been working here for over twenty years; and so the number of Unification Church members who are here now are the result. Because we didn't do our responsibility, we didn't bring enough spiritual children, we are the only ones who are still following True Parents. Yet, if we have to restore the entire two hundred forty million people in America, how many more years do we need to restore the entire world—if we go at the speed we have been? Don't you feel serious? My speech today was just about one hour long, a short speech; however, that particular speech proclamation contains six thousand years of biblical history, ever since God's creation.

It also contains two thousand years of the history of Christianity, since Jesus Christ. On top of that, seventy years of Father's life-history is included.

When God created the world, particularly when God created man, God had hopes and dreams centered upon humanity. Yet, because of the fall of man, God has been suffering and struggling for six thousand years with tears and an agonized heart. Every day God looks down on, and He sees, more and more people being multiplied, and those people do not directly belong to Him, they belong to Satan. In other words, satanic people get multiplied every day. While God has been watching those people every day, what kind of heart do you think God has been having?

Throughout history God has chosen many prophets and sometimes even champions of each time period to do God's will, and finally God chose Jesus Christ to save all of humanity, yet they all failed. Even right after WW II, when God had prepared the entire world centered on Christianity and America to receive the Lord's Second Coming, Christianity and America failed. Therefore, True Parents themselves went down to the bottom of hell and from that level True Father has been climbing back up, which took forty years to pay indemnity for the sake of all of humanity.

When we think of the history of the Unification Church, so many people have come and gone. When we, regardless of who you may be, when we joined the church, joined with True Parents, it wasn't just ourselves, but there were our ancestors and also hopefully our coming generations, together we joined. Without our ancestors' help, we couldn't join. I think you all feel that. However, when the members came and they joined, and then they were left alone [by their ancestors] because they have their own five percent responsibility, they failed and they left the movement. When God and True Parents watch those people come, and because of their failure, leave the movement, what kind of agonized heart do you think God and True Parents have? True Parents' heart is broken, yet True Parents never gave up and Father always reminded himself, saying, "I am the one who has to save those people, even though they leave my bosom. I have to do my absolute best to save them, bring them back. I am the one who can liberate God's suffering heart, and I am the one who can give life to those people who are already dead." Mother is wondering how much of True Parents' suffering heart we can feel.

FATHER HAS TAUGHT US

If you watched today, the ten-minute videotape of True Parents' life, I'm sure you must have watched the scene where Father was imprisoned at the fertilizer death camp of Hung Nam.

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He was there for three years. Because of the United Nations army's attack, the Hung Nam prison was liberated and all the prisoners were released. Father's parents and relatives were waiting in his hometown. Father could have gone there and brought them down to South Korea. However, he didn't go there. Father chose to visit his disciples who were around the Pyongyang area. Furthermore, Father found one crippled man who had been following Father in prison and who was abandoned in his own house because he couldn't walk. His relatives had left him behind because they couldn't carry him with them. He was just lying in his house abandoned. When Father visited there, Father couldn't leave him there alone, so Father carried him on his back all the way down to South Korea. That was right in the middle of the Korean War. Therefore, even parents left their children behind, husbands left their wives behind, and vice versa. Everybody was desperate to save their own life. However, Father himself practiced true love, right there. Without saving his own parents, without saving any other person, that abandoned crippled man he carried on his back to South Korea. What kind of life Father has been having!

Whatever Father has taught us up to this point is the truth that Father himself experienced and proved that is the way we should go. For example, instead of loving his own family and his own tribe, Father gave his love to the Cain children. You all understand Divine Principle, don't you? You also understand how you should fulfill your tribal messiahship,

don't you? When it comes to the path of the indemnity course of Father, there were numerous incredible cases, unimaginable. Nobody can copy Father's life, because Father did it only for the sake of God and humanity. Because of the victories Father won in all those moments in the indemnity course, Satan finally surrendered to Father. Therefore, because of this your True Parents could come up with the proclamation of the True Parents and the Completed Testament Age.

As a blessed couple, we must be able to inherit True Parents' victory and make it our own victory. When True Parents gave us the blessing, they didn't give us the blessing just for our own sake. The blessing is for the sake of our past, which is our ancestors, and our present, which is ourselves, and our future generations. Therefore, we must not go back to our old way of life and old habits. We have to have a brand new life, new start. I am wondering how much you understand the value of the message, the proclamation of the Completed Testament Age. Because True Parents now proclaimed the Completed Testament Age, we must feel joy and we must see the value in it.

Think about Jesus Christ's disciples. They had strong faith in Jesus Christ. Particularly after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, their faith became even stronger. When we think of the two thousand years of the history of Christianity, there have been many prophets and martyrs. Even though they were thrown to the lions and killed, they never compromised their faith. They always had a strong faith in God and they never wavered. Therefore, as a blessed couple, when we go to the spirit world, we must carry with us such a quality of life that those martyrs and strong believers in Jesus Christ won't be able to criticize us or judge us, because we didn't fulfill our responsibility.

Let's compare those prophets in the past and the martyrs of Christianity and us. Those people had faith and believed in Jesus Christ without knowing when the Lord of the Second



Rev. Chung Young Yoo and Dr. James A. Baughman pose at the podium during preparations for Mother's speech.

Your mind is always with True Parents, you want to follow True Parents' teaching one hundred percent, but your body doesn't follow, right? Do you have the determination to become sons and daughters of filial piety to True Parents and God and patriots for the Kingdom of Heaven we will build?

FILIAL PIETY AND PATRIOTISM

We all made mistakes in the past. We all didn't do our absolute best. However, from now on, in this new era, do you have the determination to become sons and daughters of filial piety to True Parents and God and patriots for the Kingdom of Heaven we will build? Will you do that, or do you want to become a failure again? [Do it.] In order for you to become that kind of person, you have to be able to endure twenty-four hours without sleeping. Can you do that? [Yes.]

I heard that the state of Wyoming didn't have enough members. Therefore I am sure that with just the small number of members here, to bring over two hundred people tonight, all of you must have worked really hard and tried every possible way to mobilize the members you have, didn't you? Will you do that, every day, just as you have done for this mobilization? What about working ten times or one hundred times harder from now on, harder than you did for this event? If you have that kind of determination, if you do that much, maybe it is possible. Will you do that? [Yes.] Is it true? [Yes.] I appreciate your determination. If you truly do that, I will thank you.

[Yes, we will do it!] [Yes.] [Ten times more, one hundred times more.] Do you all make that pledge and determination in front of True Parents? [Yes.] Stand up. [True Parents, we will do it, more than one hundred percent.] Thank you. ■■

Advent would come. Yet they never changed their faith, they never compromised themselves—they even gave up their lives. However, when it comes to our situation now, we have our True Parents, we are attending True Parents, we are taught by True Parents, we are practicing the truth that True Parents give every day. If those Christian martyrs and prophets were alive now, do you think the quality of their life would be better than ours, or ours better than theirs? Think about what kind of life they would be living here if they knew the True Parents and they received the truth from True Parents. They would never be afraid of losing their life. However, on our level, if we worry about our daily life, worry about how to raise the children, where to send them to school, and worry about our wives and our husbands. We are wasting our life, looking at just this present. We are supposed to think of our ancestors and we are supposed to prepare ourselves for the sake of our future generations. If we don't fulfill our responsibility, then our future generations will suffer. You all love your children, don't you?

From God's point of view, when God looks down on us, what kinds of expectations do you think God has for us? What about your good ancestors when they look down on us, what do you think they would think about us? Our good ancestors, they all know True Parents, who they are, what they are, and what kind of life you should live. Therefore, don't you think they would want to see you, their descendants, attend True Parents and be loved by True Parents while you are living in this world together with True Parents? Then what shall you do? Your mind is always with True Parents, you want to follow True Parents' teaching one hundred percent, but your body doesn't follow, right? Particularly you American brothers and sisters are like this. Be honest, isn't it true?

Now the new age came, dawned, so no matter what kind of life you had in the past, now you have to be a brand new person. Do you want to become a victorious person in this new era, or do you want to be a loser, a failure? [Victorious!] Is it easy? [No.] The only way you can become victorious in your mission is to work along with True Parents, not just by yourself. Time is running out. Even as we think about the year 2000, we have only about seven years. When it comes to Father's physical age, by the year 2000 Father will turn eighty. When a person reaches the age of eighty, don't you think he is considered an elderly man?



Mother (c.) holds Michael Brazil's son, as Rev. Yoo (l., seated) and Mrs. Yoo (r. standing) attend her. "Our good ancestors, they all know True Parents, who they are, what they are, and what kind of life you should live. Therefore, don't you think they would want to see you, their descendants, attend True Parents and be loved by True Parents while you are living in this world together with True Parents?"

Forty-Hour Days

MRS. HAK JA HAN MOON
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Because of Father's Danbury, Connecticut, experience the smashing success of the speech at Bridgeport, nearby, was especially sweet for True Parents, and was described as "resurrecting Danbury." It was sponsored by the Council for the World's Religions, a non-governmental member of the United Nations and the hall was packed with over twelve hundred notable scholars and public figures from the area. H.E. Stoyan Ganev, president of the UN General Assembly, introduced Mother and H.E. Jose Chavez introduced him. Afterwards a delighted Mother reported to Father in Alaska by phone and then spoke to the brothers and sisters so seriously about what is needed at this time.

Translator: Peter Kim

WHAT does the Completed Testament Age mean? The meaning of the Completed Testament Age is to live with God and serve God. God wanted to be called "Father" and "Grandfather." God had to wait six thousand years for that. For six thousand years, God never abandoned mankind. God wanted mankind to fulfill its responsibility and go back to God on its own.

Read the text of my speech morning and night. Please read and meditate and pray, then you will get fresh inspiration.

Can you imagine what kind of broken heart God has had for six thousand years? God had to wait with longing for mankind to stand up on its own and come back to God.

Christian people believe that God is a God of glory. They do not know how much God has suffered since He lost His children. The meaning of the Completed Testament Age is the time we live with God and serve God. God really wanted to have a true family. The fact that we now have the Completed Testament Age brings God joy and happiness.

Have you ever thought of the suffering heart of Jesus Christ when he went to the cross? What kind of broken heart did Jesus have when he passed to the spirit world? God has prepared everything throughout the world, centered on Christianity. The world, particularly Christianity, failed. As you know, the four thousand years of the Old Testament era ended there. For six thousand years Satan has never given up. Finally today God proclaimed True Parents and the Completed Testament Age.

We must remember the five billion people in the world and hear the proclamation and attend True Parents. We must build the Kingdom of Heaven. They don't know what True Parents have been through in order to bring this proclamation. Now we are living in this time period and our hope for the future is here.

I wonder if you understand this time period. Without exception we have to pass into the spirit world. Think about the prophets of the Old Testament and New Testament Ages who are now in spirit world. We are living with True Parents. When we join the spirit world, will the prophets welcome us with an open heart if we don't fulfill our responsibility? Will you get applause because you are a blessed couple? The blessing is meant for our future generations. If we fulfill our responsibility as blessed couples, we open the way for our ancestors and future descendants to be saved.



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God's desire is to embrace the entire world. Do you think that the five billion people know about True Parents at this point? Do you understand what kind of suffering path True Parents went through?

POSITIVE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

During the speaking tour, I met many prepared people around the country. A Baptist radio evangelist from Orlando, Florida, Rev. George Crosby, was going to introduce me at the program in Miami. He was flying his jet to Miami and was struck by lightning. His instruments went out and he had to land visually. He arrived late and apologized. I comforted him. He told me in Korean that he wants to receive the blessing next time.

One minister built ninety-three churches on his own. He wanted to come to my speech in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was holding a workshop for youth and extended it three more

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Champions of True Love

In Jin Moon
July 1, 1993
World Mission Center, New York

WHO are the champions of true love? True Parents. By champions of love, I mean that True Parents have been victorious in overcoming all difficulties and are able to stand as the true son and true daughter of God. On July 1, 1991, Father proclaimed the Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing. Since 1945, our Father and our Mother have shed so many tears and sweat and blood to restore biblical history and to establish the first True Family. God didn't want His children to feel misery and pain and neglect. He wanted them to be glorious sons and daughters. He wanted to be in a position to give them an infinite amount of love. He wanted to be able to say, "Adam and Eve, you are my champions of true love." True Parents have digested all the obstacles that Satan put in their path. Through the magic of true love, they have turned them into one victory after another.

Every time I stand here and look into the audience, I see such a mosaic congregation here. We are brothers and sisters of all colors, ranging from black to white to yellow and maybe even red. This is such a beautiful assembly of God. However, when we come into this holy place, we always have to ask ourselves,

are we really worthy? Of all the people in the world, why was I tapped to do God's mission?

We've all made the decision to be here. By our free will we choose whether to follow God or not, and you obviously decided that you want to dedicate the rest of your life to God and to our True Parents and to the world. That is a laudable conviction, and I am truly proud that we can be called brothers and sisters.

A great majority of you are Japanese. Where is America in this room? I only see a couple of American brothers and sisters. Every time Father speaks at major celebrations, he says, "America has a great responsibility to perform. Americans must wake up and realize the providential time. Americans must carry the name of True Parents to the world." However, in a way, America has failed. Our saving grace is that our True Parents choose to still reside in America and revive America so that she can stand in the true position that God planned for her.

Hope for America

True Parents have been going around the country giving a revival message to the American people. Didn't you feel as you were participating in those talks that it was a historical event? For me, these series of lectures symbolized a new hope for America. I was almost afraid that maybe our True Parents had given up on America. However, this time Father turned to me and said, "This is the first time in my twenty-one years here that I actually feel new hope for this country." They feel that the country is beginning to come alive again. There is so much that we can harvest for the sake of our True Parents.

If you really think about it, we have a lot to do. Every day must be spent on doing the work of salvation, giving God's great, important, new hope, to the American people. I've grown up in this country and I know what this country can do if it is centered on God. I can almost see how wonderful it would be if this country could truly be united centered on God and our True Parents.

For many people God is something they cannot grasp. Our understanding of God may be someone who looks like Charlton Heston, sitting up in the heavens and looking very grave—sometimes being magnanimous, sometimes judgmental. However, we see God every day of our lives, don't we? We see Heavenly Father in the faces of our True Parents, and you really have to be grateful for that. How many people would die to be in your shoes, to serve True Parents and be able to follow them? How many people



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In Jin Nim (r.) and Young Jin Nim (l.) cut the ceremonial cake for the Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing on stage in the Grand Ballroom at the World Mission Center, New York. "How many people would die to be in your shoes, to serve True Parents and be able to follow them? How many people would long to say to the rest of humanity and to history, 'I was there, walking side by side with our True Parents, making history happen?'"

would long to say to the rest of humanity and to history, "I was there, walking side by side with our True Parents, making history happen"? I ask myself that question every day.

My source of inspiration

The life of a True Child is not just automatic. There are many struggles that we have to overcome, many obstacles that we must face every day. We are not perfection embodied in the faces of many different "Nims." We are very much with you. We feel everything you feel; we suffer through all the things that you suffer through. Yet I ask myself every day how many people are just dying to be in my shoes—not only following Father and Mother, but actually being the embodiment of their love, their flesh and blood. Every morning when I get up I ask myself, am I worthy to stand as a member of this family and as your sister? If I am not worthy, what must I do to make myself worthy?

I have to work very hard, and sometimes everyday life can get rather perfunctory. You do the same things over and over again, and many times it's hard to feel that renewed inspiration. Over the years I've come to realize that it's not right for me to look elsewhere for my inspiration when God has given me the very source of inspiration within my grasp, within my heart.

Many years ago, I didn't want to accept who I was and I didn't want to be In Jin Nim. Maybe you don't understand how someone in such a blessed position as a True Child would feel this way. However, as we all know, with tremendous blessing comes tremendous responsibility, and when you have the whole church looking to you as a beacon of light, it's very difficult to be that beacon twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, twelve months of the year, basically, for eternity.

When we were children, we could revel in the glory, but par-

ticularly during the teenage years it was very difficult for me. I really had to think and pray about it. What kept me going during those difficult years was True Parents, of course, but more than that, all of you. You symbolized for me a solidarity of spirit, a spirit of true love. I looked around the world and I couldn't see that anywhere else. In no other place could I find all different colors gathered in one room, everybody working towards one ideal, the building of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

When I came to realize the greatness and the magnitude of our True Parents, my first reaction was total fear, that they are my physical parents. Then, I entered into a period of intense reflection, where I read everything that there is to read. After a lot of tears and a lot of prayer I came to understand—and am still learning to understand—the heart of our True Parents.

Champions of love

What True Parents preach to us every day is a very simple philosophy: do things for other

people without asking for anything in return. Love people endlessly, without limit. Most of the greatest concepts in philosophy have been very simple. Profundity lies in simple words. If you start with the belief that you are living for the sake of others, somehow everything that you do and everything that you personify becomes something greater than yourself. The

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only way to rise out of who you are is to start doing things for other people.

Certainly, our True Parents have been the champions of living for others. They have given themselves, going out of their way to love all the members, even rejecting their own family at times for the sake of the members. Every day, with ceaseless energy, they have given me and they have given all of you so much hope. "Champions of true love" is a simple phrase, but it comes loaded with suffering and heart and pain.

For Father and Mother to stand in a position to proclaim a Day of God's Eternal Blessing is incredible. It's the seventh holy day of our church. From 1945 to 1985 was our True Parents' forty-year indemnity period. Six years later, this holiday was announced. Many calamities happened that year: earthquakes, natural disasters, so much chaos. In that chaotic year which Satan wanted to claim for himself, our True Parents proclaimed

this Day of God's Eternal Blessing. In the seventh year after the forty-year indemnity period, Father and Mother founded the Women's Federation for World Peace. This eighth year marks a new beginning. In seven years we will be entering the new millennium. If we can carry forth this tradition and bring the message of true love to the world, it will be the substantiation of the Heavenly Kingdom on earth.

With the Day of God's Eternal Blessing came the blessing of tribal messiahship. What does tribal messiah mean to you? [In Jin Nim asks several members of the audience to respond to her question. Answers include: becoming messiahs for our tribe, showing God's love, making sacrifices, giving the truth, giving of ourselves, serving.]

Be little Reverend Moons and Mrs. Moons

By asking us to be tribal messiahs, True Parents have given us a very important gift. Father and Mother are the first True Par-

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ents. That means that they are the first man and woman to stand victoriously on the foundation of true love and establish an ideal family. To be tribal messiahs means to be little Reverend Moons and little Mrs. Moons. We have to be the representatives of True Parents wherever we go. Now think about that. Can you be like Father? Father doesn't like people to say merely that they will try. You are supposed to say "YES! Yes, I can be." Can you be just like Mother? Yes. That's what we have to be, brothers and sisters: little Reverend Moons and little Mrs. Moons. To our families, to our society, to the nation.

If you are going to be Mr. and Mrs. Moon, how are you going to look externally? Are you going to go to your hometown in punk leather and spike heels and blue and orange hair? No. Everything you do must manifest who they are. Of course, internally you must truly inherit their tradition and become one with them in spirit, so that when you live for others, your actions become a combination of the external and the internal manifested in the beautiful expression of love. It's an awesome responsibility, but if you take it seriously and you are really motivated and invest your heart in everything you do, God can work miracles.

When True Parents went around America giving their message of new hope, many people were studying the speech, taking their pencils and circling some things that meant a lot to them, nodding their heads. Some black ministers who were sitting behind me were saying, "Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! That's the spirit!"

There are people out there who are waiting for us to bring them the good news. Come on, brothers and sisters.

Don't do your daily tasks grudgingly. You have to be inspired. People will know you by the way you manifest yourself. Is it inspiring to see someone totally enervated because of the day's work? No. We have to be beacons of light. Think that the whole world depends upon you, that everything is contingent on what you do and what you become. Think that every second, every hour, every day of the week is crucial to this providential history. Tell yourself you know what you have to do, and then resolve to do it.

One day at a time

Take things a step at a time, one day at a time. Start your day with a prayer, tell yourself what you are going to do, set up certain guidelines as to what you want to accomplish that day. At the end of the day, come into your bedroom and pray and see how much you were able to follow, how many things on your list you did that day. A life of faith is not easy. It takes constant discipline, constant dedication, but most of all, constant evaluation and constant desire for betterment. Without that, you will spiritually die. You will wither away. You will cease to see the significance of the time that you are living in, and in the end you will leave. It's all up to you, brothers and sisters. Everything depends on you and your determination. Nobody has brainwashed you into this church; nobody has coerced you to do anything. It's your decision, it's our decision, so let's make something of ourselves.

Let's harness the tremendous potential of every individual in this room and put it to good use. If even one brother or sister is lost, think about all the potential that's gone with them. You are hand-picked by Heavenly Father. Everyone of you has tremendous value and importance for this historical time. That's why we have to love and respect each other as brothers and sisters.



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True Family applauds (r.-l.): In Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim and Hook Sook Nim holding Shin Chul Nim. "Think that the whole world depends upon you, that everything is contingent on what you do and what you become."

We have to work as one. There is no room for dichotomy in this church—or in this world, for that matter. We do not need walls of separation between different races, different faiths.

We don't need walls separating men and women. Men and women are different, but in true love they have equal, divine value. Moreover, you, as brothers and sisters, as husbands and wives, and as future parents of your children, have to be able to embody that spirit of true love and manifest it in brother-sister relationships and in a conjugal relationship. Otherwise, how will the next generation learn how to love and serve others? Everything will start with you, with us.

People are searching for true love

Since I've been married, one of my high school friends went through three marriages and numerous relationships. When I got matched, she felt sorry for me and gave me her condolences. However, after ten years, she said to me over lunch: "I would just love to be in your shoes just for one day, to experience the kind of true love that you share with your husband and your family." She was crying. She said, "I have many friends, but all those friends will turn away from me once my beautiful face is gone. Even those who supposedly care about me usually want something in return."

Regardless of how many years we have been separated, my love for her was the same, and she knew that. She said, "I thought you guys were crazy, thinking that you are living in apocalyptic times, serving the Messiah, trying to create the ideal family." With a couple more meetings, I think she is going to be in the next blessing. Of course, this realization came after years of heartache. She said to me, "I feel like a used carpet. I feel like I have nothing to give, nothing new, nothing to inspire me." I said, "That's because you haven't been tapped by true love. However, you know through me, that true love never changes; it's always absolute." Then she said, "Yeah, I can see that."

That's just one example from my own life that I share with you. So many people out there are so lonely, and really search-

ing. In my classes and conversations with fellow students, the bottom line is: everyone wants to be happy, everyone wants to find love. They want to find someone who will love them for the rest of their life. To be loved eternally by a true man or a true woman who will be your spouse and through whom you will have an ideal family is an incredible life goal.

That's exactly what True Parents are calling us to by asking us to be tribal messiahs. Messiahship is not confined just to Father and Mother. Father is trying to break us out of the understanding that the Messiah is from a cloud, that he's not a human being, that somehow saintliness has to go hand in hand with being unrealistic. Father and Mother are showing us through their example that saintliness can be substantiated in our daily lives.

Father believes in us

Don't take Parents for granted. They are so precious to me, and I want them to be just as precious for you. If we can't do it, the responsibility will fall on our children and their children.

Father always gives the hardest time to American sisters, right? He does that because he is looking to you to be the women leaders that will unite America and bring it back to our Heavenly Father and our True Parents. It's difficult for Japanese and Korean women to break out of the mold of our Oriental tradition. However, you American women have had the experience

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of being on the front line. Be aggressive for God. There is nothing wrong with being aggressive for God. If you are aggressive for yourself, that's a problem.

Father and Mother are looking for American women who will be out there day and night serving the world. Because Father knows the potential is there, he is saying, "Come on, do better, because you hold the key. You American women are tall, beautiful, and smart. This is your country, and Mother is showing you the example. If the brothers get a little tired along the way, give them a nudge." You have to believe that Father loves you. Even within my family, Father says, "The ones I love the most, I give a hellish time to," and it's true. Sometimes I say to my mother, "Omma, why can't Father just smile once in a while and tell us we're doing okay? Why does it feel like Father is always kicking us out?" She tells me, "He's kicking you because he wants you to be better, because he knows you can take it." Mother said, "You should be grateful that he kicks you. He's not going to kick somebody that he doesn't love or doesn't trust." Therefore, if Father and Mother give you a hard time, or if your



Every human being out there is important to God. It is our responsibility to bring that message to the world. Therefore, don't hold yourself back. Be aggressive. If people like you for some reason, or if people are interested in you, use that as an introduction for them to come and hear the Principle.

central figure gives you a hard time, be grateful.

I never thought I would be so happy

My life goal is to bring joy to True Parents. If I can be persecuted instead of them, I'll gladly do it. If I can be sacrificed for their greatness, I'll gladly do it. I'm not stupid, and neither are you. Just because I am Father's daughter doesn't mean I have to be here. I can leave. However, I've decided to be here, just as you've decided to be here, so let's not sit around and mope. Let's come together. If we are really united, true miracles can happen. We saw what tremendous effect Father's and Mother's speech had on people.

I hope we can learn from one another and achieve great things. My desire is to see you become great and for you to experience the kind of love that I've experienced. I never thought I would be so happy. I never thought that I would have a wonderful marriage and beautiful children. When I lie down at the end of the day and I think back about the day's events and I reflect on how much my husband loves me,

how much True Parents love me and how much my own children love me, I am just overwhelmed. I feel that I don't deserve any of it.

I want all of you to be that happy. Father and Mother want all of you to experience such magnificent, reciprocal love, so you can be the example for your tribe, so you can provide that spark of life and that incredible breath of fresh air for your lineage.

Please remember that the True Family is with you every step of the way. Young Jin is the top student in his class. He works hard not for himself but because he wants to better serve you in the future. Everybody in my family is working hard because we want to better serve you. We want you to be proud of us and know that our dedication to our True Parents and to this life is unwavering and absolute. We really want you to feel the same way.

Offer to buy someone coffee

You have tremendous potential, a tremendous God-given blessing that needs to be nurtured and used effectively. Grab somebody on the street and say, "Can I offer you some coffee?" They rarely say no. I know from personal experience. At first they may think you are trying to hit on them, but when you talk, ask them questions: What do you do? Are you a student? What are you looking for in your life? Do you believe in

God? When you engage them in a conversation, they become really interested and say: "Wow. You really think of that stuff?" I reply, "Yeah." "Do you believe in God?" they ask me. "Yeah, I believe in God." "Gee, that's great," they exclaim. "Now where



At the evening's entertainment at the Manhattan Center, the University of Bridgeport Dance Troupe performs. Maruhisa Higuchi is director of the dance troupe; Emiko Sato and Miho Yamazaki are assistant directors; Asayo Nakagawa, Hiroko Takaku, Yukiko Yano and Yoko Nakazato are the dancers.

do we go from here?" "Well," I continue, "do you believe that this world should be composed of ideal families?" Usually the person will say, "What do you mean by an ideal family? Like, gung ho, everybody's happy, drinking iced tea and sitting around the table enjoying some Kentucky Fried Chicken?"

Then you start explaining what the ideal family is. Usually people are blown away: "Oh, my goodness. You believe in eternal love? You really believe that you were meant for this person and you are going to be faithful and loving to this guy for the rest of your life?" And I'm like, "Ye-e-e-es, I do!" Usually they will say, "Wow! Why do you think that way?" Then you can invite them to the center or to your home and really talk to them.

I've realized that there are a lot of lonely people. Many people have friends, but they are just buddies because they go for pizza or they go see a movie together. When you ask them, "So who is your true friend? Who in your life would stick with you through thick or thin?" Usually that person will not have a clear answer. Nobody really knows and nobody can be certain. We will introduce them to the eternal blessing of entering the embrace of our True Parents and to experience true love.

Father once said to me, "In Jin, if you go out grocery shopping, and there is a person behind you in line but you leave without ever uttering a word about True Parents, forty or fifty years later when you meet in spirit world, that person will say, 'Hey, weren't you the girl who was buying groceries in front of

Be aggressive for God. There is nothing wrong with being aggressive for God. If you are aggressive for yourself, that's a problem.

me on such and such a day? How come you didn't tell me about True Parents?" When Father said that, it really blew my mind. In the movie *Dr. Zhivago*, even a chance meeting is considered to be somehow predestined. Think about it, there are thousands and thousands of potential new brothers and sisters walking the streets of New York, searching and aching to find the truth, and you are passing them every day, on trains, on airplanes, in grocery stores, in book stores, even in the restrooms. Every human being out there is important to God. It is our responsibility to bring that message to the world. Therefore, don't hold yourself back. Be aggressive. If people like you for some reason, or if peo-



In Jin Nim shaking hands with the sisters as she leaves the room.

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ple are interested in you, use that as an introduction for them to come and hear the Principle.

Our mission is to give people life

If I, as the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Moon, can say things and gain legitimacy in people's eyes, it shouldn't be a problem for you. When I talk about my father and mother, people usually say, "Yeah, but you are Reverend Moon's daughter. You've been indoctrinated. You are taught what to say, so of course you say it." They say, "Reverend Moon's rich. You guys live in a mansion. I saw a picture of your house: you have a humongous swimming pool in the middle of your house." I say, "Who would want that?" Whenever I try to proclaim True Parents, people always ask me about the money and the prestige? I can honestly say to them, "Take away everything I own and I will still be who I am, just as proud and just as stubborn and just as aggressive, and maybe even more so."

You members have the advantage of a third-person perspective. When you speak out, when you proclaim our True Parents, people will say, "That guy doesn't look brainwashed. His eyes don't look glazed over. Let's see what he has to say." Can you do that? You with the glasses, you have a sparkle in your eye. Don't ever lose it!

Heavenly Father is truly happy on this day when He looks out at all of you. We can do so much, brothers and sisters. Don't ever forget that. We have to be strong, we have to work hard, we have to be aggressive. On this day, who will pledge, "I will be the champion of true love?" Thank you, brothers and sisters. ■■■

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TRUE PARENTS' 1993
SPEAKING TOUR

The Significance of True Parents' American Speech Tour

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak
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THIS morning I will share with you my thoughts about the significance of True Parents' American speech tour. I left Korea and attended Father's speech in Denver, Colorado, on May 21. I received a great deal of blessing as I traveled to four of the locations on the tour: Denver, Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco. My original purpose for going to America was to report on various topics and afterwards attend some of Father's historic speeches. I had planned to return to Korea after about one week. However, Father told me to be present for Mother's whole scheduled tour. Personally, the time spent was truly worthwhile, glorious and precious. I want to again thank you for having sincerely done the seventy-day condition we set up for the speaking tour.

The main substance of Father's speech and Mother's speech was about the same. Of course, since Mother testifies to Father and gave his speech from the mother position, there were slight changes at the beginning and end. However, the content of both speeches was based on an outline of "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age."

Even though we look at the whole of God's providence, the coming of the Completed Testament Age and the fact that we are living in it are amazing in and of themselves, and we can feel the tremendous progress of the providence. In particular, it is a historical event that True Parents themselves are declaring True Parentism all over the world.

As you know, Jesus died without being able to declare himself the Savior? He could just barely reveal, indirectly, that he came with some mission; he couldn't directly say that he was the Lord they had been waiting for. Father did say this time due to True Parents' declaration on the earth, sections were drawn on the earth and order was formed in the spirit world. The



Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak (far l.), Dr. Betty Rubenstein (l.) and Mother (r.) listen as Dr. Richard Rubenstein (far r.) speaks to Father over the telephone microphone following Mother's speech in Bridgeport, Connecticut, June 28, 1993.

closed doors of the spirit world opened up and the walls of division were destroyed. True Parents' direct declaration is an astoundingly significant thing.

Americans' trend toward religious disbelief

Actually, when Father had this tour in mind and gave the direction, there were some leaders who wondered if the timing was right or not. As you know, a little while ago there was an incident in Texas, where over eighty Branch Davidians perished in a fire after having engaged in a stand-off with US Federal law enforcement agencies. Our leaders felt that Americans don't have a very good feeling about religion right now and mentioned that out of their anxiety. However, Father said that in this Christian nation of America, Satan is clapping his hands with delight as he sees the wave of disbelief and anti-religious sentiment, and the more the time is like that, the more we must prove what a true religion is and who the true religious leader is. He said we must not hesitate because of security issues.

We, as members, attend True Parents and receive instructions and do the work, but our thoughts are nonetheless horizontal and on one plane. Father always makes a connection to the vertical and multidimensional, and he overcomes a tremendous number of difficult conditions by



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putting God's will first. This time I could once again feel how that is Father's course.

How many are there who understand the meaning of "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" from the title itself? Probably nobody, right? The phrases "True Parents" and "Completed Testament Age" are utterly incomprehensible to Christians.

Generally speaking, Father spoke in the big cities and Mother in the smaller ones, so they picked thirty-three cities which are the major ones in the United States [later others were added to make a total of fifty-six]. Father's largest audience, three thousand people, was in Washington, D.C. Mother had an average of at least five hundred in the smaller cities. These meetings were especially meaningful because many leaders and influential persons attended them. The speech was a total summary of God's six thousand year providence.

Standing ovation

Americans can be a very conceited people. Father was judging America and redefining the whole of Christian history, so it must not have been easy for them to endure the speech. However, since the truth always stimulates the conscience and makes people show their best side, the large audiences couldn't make one single objection; they listened, applauded, and later gave a standing ovation. It is not easy to get dignified standing ovations from Americans. So it was truly impressive to see, without exception, a standing ovation in every city.

Within the speech were many fundamental points about Jesus' birth and the restoration of blood lineage that not even one American Christian could imagine. They plainly declared the truth about Rebekah, Tamar, and Mary, and also about how Jesus' suffering on the cross was not God's original will; John's failure of responsibility; the relationship between America and Christianity

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Detroit, Michigan, June 23, 1993



Father and Mother (c.) cut the Alaska victory cake as Kwon Jin Nim (r.), Sun Jin Nim (second from l.) and Soon Ju Nim (far l.) look on.

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from the viewpoint of the providence of God; straight declaration of the relationship between America and True Parents; how the providence was prolonged because America and Christianity didn't accept and serve True Parents; how America can't help but deteriorate if it doesn't receive the blessings granted by God and by True Parents; America's inability to survive if it doesn't unite with Father—True Parents said all that they wanted to say.

Mother said at one point, "I can speak and it is the truth, but there are times when I wonder if they will throw stones at me because they can't deal with it. There are many difficult and upsetting parts within the speech. Because of this, when I saw American members, I told them this is a speech they have to study, for it is the path that remains for American history to follow." I really believe that.

For twenty-one years, True Parents have laid the foundation in America and worked so hard—this time they gathered up that whole foundation on the horizontal level. Ministers who had visited Korea through the International Conference for the Clergy attended, as well as people connected with the American Freedom Coalition; leaders in the fields of politics and education and those with a relationship to the International Relief Friendship Foundation, International Conference for Unity of the Sciences, and the Professors' World Peace Academy were invited and True Parents could give them incentive and deep teaching.

Father was not satisfied with the prepared text alone, so additionally he spoke at length. I only attended four times, but sometimes in the middle of the speech, Father would supplement it with any ideas he wanted to add. Sometimes it would be

twenty minutes; in San Francisco he spoke fifty minutes longer making the whole speech two hours long. As I listened, sitting on the side, I felt there were so many things Father wanted to say. Americans were astounded just listening to the words in the text, and as Father spoke additionally, thundering at and scolding them, I felt pain in my heart watching the scene.

There was a very good video made introducing True Parents and the audience was very inspired. Hyo Jin Nim created it, using a special technique so that the viewers could easily understand True Parents' life and achievements in an excellent ten-minute introduction.

World champion of freedom and peace

The meetings could not have been better or on a larger scale. Everywhere Father and Mother went, congratulatory messages and plaques of appreciation were sent or personally presented by governors, mayors, and other officials. That gave the events even greater prestige and significance. There were various statements among those messages, but one in particular praised Father as the "World champion creating freedom and peace." Southern Baptist church leader Rev. Jerry Falwell sincerely praised Father as the world leader establishing true love. Keys of good luck and honorary citizenship were presented everywhere, creating



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Mother cutting the cake in Topeka, Kansas, June 22, 1993, with Kwon Jin Nim (c.) and Sun Jin Nim (r.) assisting.

a truly magnificent sight to behold.

On the first day, the president of the United Nations general assembly, H.E. Stoyan Ganey, came and introduced Father. After that, in every place prominent scholars sent congratulatory messages so all people came to realize the historical importance of these meetings. Ministers prayed at the speeches. In Seattle, a white minister from an established church prayed in the name of True Parents. He is one of the ones who had gone to Korea twice through the International Conference for the Clergy and he prayed better than our own church leaders could have. In San Francisco, the last stop on Father's tour, another minister prayed in the name of Jesus and True Parents. It was so very pleasing that he used that form. The influential people who introduced Father gathered all of their experience and insight, expressing praise and respect for True Parents. True Parents were introduced as people "absolutely necessary for America and the world," "waking America up out of sleep," "great figures making world peace a reality."

True Parents met the audience as if to say, "You are entirely our children," and their words, gestures and voice reflected that feeling of meeting their children. They didn't look around behind them or stare at anyone, but drew the audience

in from beginning to end. The audience was spiritually overpowered, so they could only listen immobilized.

Since Father wrote the speech himself, there is no reason why he wouldn't know the contents. Still, every night he would carefully read it for more than an hour and again in the morning and in the airplane. He said it was not reading practice for giving the speech later, but rather making an effort in advance, infusing more spiritual pressure and power into it. The speech, together with the way Father overwhelmed and commanded them with spiritual ability, moved the listeners and they received much grace. The majority of the audience would first wonder what "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" was all about.

Dr. James Baughman, the president of the American church, did a very good job as the emcee. In describing the order of the program, he said, "Rev. and Mrs. Moon have decided not to use a translator but to speak directly in English. You all know that English is not their native language. However, in order to feel close to you and share their hearts and minds, they decided to use English even though it isn't their mother tongue. Please know this and read along in the pamphlet." Since he made this kind of introduction, people became interested in the pamphlet and were more and more surprised as they listened. Wouldn't the established Christians be especially amazed? The speech presented an entirely new view of the two thousand years of Christian history, one that established Christians couldn't even imagine.

The power of the words

Due to the spiritual pressure Father exerts when he speaks, nobody dared open their mouth. There are shocking points and incredible declarations within the speech. The more I thought about it, the more amazing were the words that

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Topeka, Kansas, June 22, 1993

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continually poured out. The people became increasingly serious as the speech became deeper and more astounding.

When I asked the local church leaders about the effect of the speech, I heard that some of the people in the audience went to work as usual the next day but couldn't work at all because they were thinking about the speech all day. This is a serious and amazing thing—one person like this was a normal established Christian. It is true. She couldn't work. Americans were shocked to that extent. When it wasn't Father who spoke, it was Mother. She started out so quietly, but by the time one third of the speech was finished, there was no doubt that she had the audience firmly in her grasp.

Think about it. Don't you think Jesus was extremely happy? He must have felt a victory, a liberation from his *han*. I could feel how joyful and excited Heavenly Father must have felt, too.

At the end of every speech there were many high-level leaders who wondered if they could greet Father or even shake his hand. However, Father didn't grant that opportunity. Mother did give permission for this kind of moment at her speeches, so there were people who came up to her suite and didn't want to leave.

There were many moments, scenes, filled with God's blessing. The American members worked very hard, especially this time, as they are doing tribal messiahship and hometown providence activities. Because they brought relatives to the speeches, relatives who were highly-educated, well-spoken or hard to make a relationship with, they could receive a great deal of blessing.

There is a brother, a lawyer, named Farley Jones who was the president of the American church for a long time. His family is one of several famous families in the Caucasian community in the upstate New York area. His extended family has influence, is imposing, and wields power, especially among



Mother (c.) blows out the candles with help from Hoon Sook Nim (c. r.), Soon Ju Nim (c. l.), Dr. Bo Hi Pak (far r.) and Reverend Kwak. Charlotte, North Carolina, June 26, 1993

the lawyer class, and so his parents opposed him very strongly in the early days. His wife is a very good woman but she received so much persecution from her father-in-law.

However, Mr. Jones' father gave the congratulatory address at Mother's speech in Albany [see photo, August Today's World]. This address had a huge effect, for there is nobody in Albany who doesn't know him. Farley's wife said, "It was like ten years of indigestion, or heaviness fell away." Thereby restoration took place.

Other incidents

Father successfully finished the twelfth speech in Oakland. Disregarding the lateness of the hour, he went to the holy ground in San Francisco, which is very far away. [See August Today's World for Father's prayer there.] This was the first place Father picked as a holy ground when he came to America. With a joyful heart Father prayed and reported to heaven.

There were so many special incidents; it is hard to list them all. In many places we had to work with the chiefs of police to provide security. We found a great many of them respect Father. In New Haven, Connecticut, there was a police chief who was determined to greet Mother at any cost. Actually, when Mother finishes a speech, she talks on the phone with Father and her clothes are soaked with sweat. Nevertheless, the police chief eagerly met her. I thanked him, and he said it was only his duty and that if there is any need in the future to contact him, he will do his utmost to help. After that, he didn't leave the room but stayed, smiling as he listened to Father and Mother talk and sing songs on the phone. He was just like one of our members. I thought, "This person will truly receive so much blessing." There were many like him among the leaders who were introduced to Mother. Ministers came and greeted Mother and would not leave, not knowing how fatigued she was.

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Detroit, Michigan, June 23, 1993

They wanted to stay, even a little bit longer. There is so much heavenly fortune at this historical time! I felt this quite frequently, watching how those leaders were excited and moved by Mother.

As part of the preparations, there were places that announced the speech in advance on radio or television, so it became public knowledge. Some of our church leaders went on television talk shows and announced True Parents' speaking tour.

The coming Lord must be Oriental

I went to St. Louis and Milwaukee, where there are still acute black-white problems. I again felt how black-white racial problems can't be resolved without Father's thought and teaching. I heard that Father said, particularly in Milwaukee, "Even as Christianity talks of God and Christ's love, black and white confront each other. In the end, the coming Lord must be a yellow man. A white person won't work and a black person won't work either."

This speaking tour externally gave America stimulus and another chance to live, and internally, our members could have hope, see many possibilities and use it as an opportunity to make a new start.

We all love and respect Father, and we know what extraordinary activities Mother has been doing, and how she has been working on the front-line of the providence. I can't express how thankful I was to Mother and how happy I was as I followed her. Heavenly Father truly chose her well and raised her up. Father exclusively handed down to her everything through his lifestyle, so now she can do these great works. This impression didn't leave me for one minute.

When Father stood on the stage, he had spiritual power, so from the beginning he faced the audience as if they were his children, addressing and overpowering them. Many high-level members of the audience knew about Father and could guess what his speech would be like. However, since there are still many things they don't know



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Miami, Florida, June 24, 1993

about Mother, there was curiosity about what kind of person she is and what she would say. Therefore, their hearts, their grasp of the main points and the atmosphere were no less than that at Father's speech. Her appearance as she stood on the stage was a rare and beautiful sight. Her clothes were especially dignified, but then isn't Mother's sense of style in clothing always that way? When Mother wears such refined clothing and stands on the stage looking so elegant, people's attention automatically focuses on her and they are surprised.

History of the substantial Holy Spirit

Even though we look at the two thousand years of Christian history through the eyes of the Principle, what is it, really? After Jesus went to the cross, he gathered his disciples for forty days on the earth, set the condition of resurrected spiritual father, and ascended. Isn't Christian history one of waiting on that foundation, for the True Parents,

the Lord of the Second Advent? Isn't the phrase, "True Mother directly standing on the stage," literally the history of the substance, the essence of the Holy Spirit? You can feel the history of her on your skin and hear her blessed voice through your ears, see the precious substantial Holy Spirit with your eyes. The fact that this time has come, in itself, is a wonderful thing, the glory of mankind which is alive in the Completed Testament era. When Mother stands on the stage, it is not just another public speaker at a podium; for that moment it is the unfolding of the history of the substantial Holy Spirit.

Americans listen closely to Mother's speech because her voice is calm, clear and beauti-

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New Hampshire

Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon

June 25



words and heart. We talk a lot about becoming one with True Parents. Mankind is the substantial object of the invisible, formless God. We hear it often, but I deeply realized in a new way, through Mother, what substance is and what a substantialized body is. In certain passages on the stage, Mother choked-up and the heart of God appeared visibly. It was like generating sparks of electricity. Don't we experience this occasionally—we receive a special grace or reach a high spiritual level in the middle of prayer, and we feel tingling like our heart is cut open, awakened from sleep, and we cry as our heart connects vertically to heaven?

Since Mother's life itself is the very essence of this spark with God and True Parents, she is in a position to demonstrate that heart, for she continually has the same viewpoint and her tears will automatically flow as God's object.

Mother's tears

I was thinking that there must be several kinds of tears. The depth and degree of our tears and Mother's tears at the podium are different. Therein lies the power of Mother's tears to influence the audience as compared to us.

From one viewpoint, Mother's delivery was more effective than if Father directly said, "I am the True Father," for Mother doesn't just testify to Reverend Moon, her husband, through words or voice. She testifies through tears and the lump in her throat.

Without fail, Father listened to Mother's speeches by telephone in Alaska. At first, he criticized her a little bit. After a few times, he said, "Mother, there is nothing more for me to teach you," and he was pleased and satisfied. Mother's speeches were truly a great success. Since the cities to which Mother went had few members and not so much power, the members there received abundant blessings. The American church leaders were all

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Manchester, New Hampshire, June 25, 1993

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ful, and her English pronunciation is very good. She begins quietly, but by the first one-third of the speech spiritual power descends, pressure builds, and each word is effective. In that way, the listeners' hearts change. With Father, people are subjugated spiritually. With Mother, the door of people's hearts opens, like a longing for mother's embrace; I felt this spiritually settling over everything. At Mother's speeches I listened carefully as I changed positions—first sitting in front then at the side and lastly standing in back. Mother used the mike well and her voice could clearly be heard from all positions. People opened their hearts and the auditorium was warmly wrapped in an atmosphere of blessing and grace. Speaking comparatively, it is like the falling of a silent spring rain, where you don't know if your clothes are wet or not until they are thoroughly soaked.

At every speech, Mother shed tears as she spoke of Father's course of suffering and heaven's sorrowful heart. She would choke up and have to stop speaking, wiping away her tears several times. The people sitting in front of her couldn't move an inch, due to spiritual power and the sincere plea of her heart. I heard that after the speech, in several locations, Mother said this! As she spoke witnessing to the achievements of Jesus and supporting him, she said, "I spoke today about Jesus' heart, and so many tears wanted to pour out that it was nearly impossible to hold them back."

This time I really understood about "substantialization." Our heart becomes one with Father as we learn about Father's



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Charlotte, North Carolina, June 26, 1993

moved by the content of Mother's speech and her guidance to members. There wasn't a single instance where Mother gave guidance without tears. [Here Reverend Kwak quoted extensively from the Albuquerque, New Mexico speech. See the transcript of this speech printed in Today's World August 1993.]

Unification of heart

In the different cities Mother's guidance varied according to the circumstances, but Mother always shared about Father's heart. Since Mother is totally one with Father, anywhere, anytime, through any words she is directly linked to God's heart and Father's heart. Therefore, I can't even describe how wonderful and admirable was the sight of her giving heartistic, tearful guidance.

She had this to say in Mobile, Alabama: "It is so insufficient to say or think 'Father has worked so hard!' Wasn't there tremendous suffering for the New Testament saints and early Christians? Moreover, there were countless others who walked the road of asceticism and sacrifice, living a single life. They did that for the Lord, not even knowing when he would come. How does your lifestyle rate in relation to this, you who have met True Parents and even received the blessing? I came here last year and this year, yet there are no new faces. What can be said except that you have only been living for yourselves and your families? Just as a parent can't sleep through the night when their child is sick, don't forget that God and True Parents are struggling for fallen mankind. Doesn't it say in Father's words that blessed families must shed sweat for three or more foreign countries doing missionary work? Doesn't that mean giving utmost love and effort in your life? American members' practice of love is lacking. Your lifestyle until now hasn't been good enough.

"I said that the Completed Testament Age is the

time of living together with God and True Parents. Does this mean that God just takes the blessed couples and lives with them? It means we must quickly save all the people of the world to live together with God, doesn't it? As you hear my words, what do you think? If you listen with no emotion, you can't be True Parents' children. You must listen while looking at yourself deeply.

"When you go to the spirit world, can you pass through just by saying, 'I was blessed by True Parents'? It is a world where you maintain life by breathing love. How much did you deeply, in your bones, love God and True Parents? Your sphere of activity in the spirit world is determined by how much you practice love for others. Do you want to be confined to a realm of immobility,

where you can't breathe because you went to spirit world without restoring your tribe or community? If your activities are unfinished in this way, how will it be for your children?

"There is no persecution now, is there? Even though we proclaim True Parents and the True Family, there is no opposition. Spread these words to everyone without exception. When you say 'True Parents,' that sorrow and heart must be felt deeply in your bones. How can you say your



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course is difficult when you think of True Parents' course and suffering? Moses' heart of love for Israel was so big and yet he had such resentment that he broke the tablets and the providence was prolonged. Compared to Moses, there were many more periods where True Parents could barely endure, times they wanted to give up and curse

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the whole world. However, they endured it all, were victorious and shortened the providence instead. Just as Father lived a life of attendance to God for seventy years, you too must attend True Parents thinking, 'If not for me, what will happen?' and live so that you receive comfort from True Parents."

In this way, Mother substantially testified to God and True Parents through words of life in every city.

Our life of faith is not a vague thing, but it means we must become the personification of God's heart and True Parents' hearts. I want to say that we must establish that goal for our life.

Father, Mother and True Family all caught colds, and they couldn't get rid of them, so they gave the speeches even with coughs. They must have been so anxious, as they were preparing for a speech that is not in Korean.

As it is such a significant tour, they bear the burden externally as well. Every day the location changes, every time they fly several hours in a plane, the longest being a six-hour period. On top of that, the air conditioning in the airplanes and in the hotel rooms is different and also the temperature outside. Father shared, "This is a historic speaking tour and historic time period, so Mother and I have to pay the same indemnity. Even as we give we have to give more."

We met with Mother as her twelve-

city portion of the tour [Albany through Portland] ended and she went to Alaska, where Father was. The last speech in Portland started at 3:00 p.m., afterwards Mother gave guidance to members, and we arrived in Anchorage at 11:30 p.m. Father had chartered a plane for Mother, so we arrived in Kodiak at 1:30 a.m. The True Grandchildren came to the airport to meet Mother. Father was waiting outside at North Garden. He was extremely pleased and happy. They cut a victory cake and Father listened to reports.

The fact that in the Unification Church we attend Mother, who can perfectly stand in for Father in every respect, is our blessing, our glory, and something for which we must continually be grateful.

The importance of tribal messiah

I sincerely ask you to do your best until the very end for the sake of our Mother, who is like a soldier on a forced march, and for all of Father's providence. I beg you once again to be determined to give your best and witness to the Completed Testament era and True Parents through tribal messiah activities.

Father said something new. He said that our church teaches and witnesses to individuals, but the time has come for tribal messiahs in each of their hometowns to witness to whole families, centered on the local church or witnessing center. If we don't work very hard in our tribal messiah mission to witness to family units, a very difficult time lies ahead. On that point, please strive for your hometown restoration and tribal messiah mission.



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Mother (r.) laughs with Father by microphone telephone while Hoon Sook Nim (c.) and Soon Ju Nim (l.) smile. Nashville, Tennessee, June 27, 1993

A Successful Three Year Providence in the Middle East

A Testimony to True Parents' Global Foundation

Thomas Cromwell

THE last three years have seen a remarkable providence unfold in the Middle East, centered on True Parents' bold initiative to bring lasting peace to the area. Seven groups of Muslims, one group of Greek Orthodox and one of Israeli Jews have come to New York to study the Unification Principle

and the activities of the Unification community.

This has been a pioneering development with profound implications for the Middle East and the world. It was carried out by only a handful of members, in the Middle East and in New York. There are several key elements that contributed to

the success of this program which I will reflect upon after summarizing the main features of its history.

History of the Inter-Religious Leadership Seminar

It all started during the Assembly of the World's Religions in August 1990,



Seated (l.-r.): Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, Father, Mother, and Shin Sook Kwak Kim of Egypt. Standing (l.-r.): Adel Jamati of Lebanon, Yoshihiro Yamazaki of Turkey, Thomas Cromwell of Greece, Abdelkader Mesbah of Syria, Fritz Piepenburg of Yemen, Hod Ben Zvi of Israel and Walter Gottesman of Egypt. Kodiak, Alaska, August 1993, missionary workshop.

when True Parents hosted a lunch for the Grand Mufti of Syria. At a crucial point during discussions about how the Mufti and Father would work together to create peace in the Middle East, Father asked the Mufti to send forty of his disciples for a forty-day seminar about the Unification family and its teachings. When the Mufti agreed, a historic venture was launched.

As is now well known to most members, Sheikh Ahmed Kuftaro did indeed send forty of his followers for a forty-day program, under the banner of the specially-created Inter-Religious Leadership Seminar (IRLS). The experience was not easy for either side, given the challenge to Islam of some Principle concepts and the differences in culture, but by the end both the Muslim guests and their Unificationist hosts had come to a deep mutual understanding and appreciation.

The Syrians were quickly followed by a group of forty Yemenis, led by their wonderfully wise Grand Mufti. Next followed a group of Shazlia sufis from Egypt, led by their sheikh, Dr. Mohsen Labban. Not long after, forty Jordanians came, through the auspices of the Arab Youth Forum, a group headed by Crown Prince Hassan. They were followed by a group of Turkish Muslims, mainly academics from the religious studies faculties of eight Turkish universities. The last group of forty to come for forty days was from Sudan, led by a former prime minister and accompanied by the Minister of Religious Affairs.

From these six initial seminars, and from some other contacts in the Muslim world, especially Pakistan, forty-two



Thomas Cromwell (l.), Frank Kaufmann (c.), and Tageldin (Taj) Hamad (r.), "We have been taught a lot by the IRLS. Through this education we can truly see how True Parents will substantially unify the world under God."

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Mother to complete her mission through the global speaking tour, culminating at the end of 1992. The Completed Testament Age could then begin in 1993.

This year, there have been three IRLS seminars. The first was a ten-day seminar held in May, for two former prime ministers of Egypt and the leading Muslim scholar and spokesman in the West. The second was a twenty-one-day seminar for twenty-seven Greek Orthodox, held in June, and the third a twenty-one-day seminar for twenty-eight Jews, held in July.

into groups of goodwill ambassadors for True Parents and the Unification family. We saw the impact of this transformation even before the seminars ended, with participants explaining to their many contacts in New York and elsewhere that we are actually good people, not at all like the monsters portrayed by the media.

The IRLS seminars have planted many good seeds, the fruits of which have only barely been seen so far. Never in history has there been this type of exchange between different religions. Through this initiative, True Parents have substantially taken the parent position in the Middle East region, bringing together all their beloved children under the umbrella of true parental love. From this beginning point, cooperation and the creation of lasting peace, based on inter-religious harmony, can be expanded substantially.

How success was achieved

The three-year IRLS providence developed successfully because of close cooperation among several elements of the Unification community. Father has established various projects of global significance and impact to accomplish Unification objectives within the different fields of human endeavor. When the work of these projects is harmonized under the common purpose of restoration, they contribute directly to the substantial creation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. In the World Culture and Sports Festival, for example, their synergy has awesome power to create a model ideal world, to

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Muslim couples were blessed by True Parents at the Olympic Stadium on April 10, 1992. This launched the providence for people other than Unificationists to receive the blessing. By Father's explanation, it also restored the position of Barabbas, completing the work; of Father's restoration of three key figures at the time of Jesus' crucifixion: the two thieves crucified with him (represented by the Christian/free world and the communist world) and Barabbas (represented by Islam). This success opened the way for

Each of these seminars has been a great challenge but enormously rewarding. We have been confronted on all of the Unificationist positions, and had to find appropriate ways to present them to often skeptical listeners. This has forced us to think deeply about what it is we are presenting and how we can improve in our communication of True Parents' heart and work.

The result has been, in every case, that we have made friends, and, as one Israeli participant put it, we have turned groups of highly cynical and suspicious guests

accomplish what has never been done before.

In the Middle East it has been virtually impossible for our members to witness in conventional ways. Those who have tried this have most often ended in jail and been deported. What has been possible is the introduction of media, academic, educational and inter-religious activities ties through bringing Father's international projects in these fields to the region. Thus we have actively developed the *Middle East Times* and the *Greek News*; Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS) and now the University of Bridgeport; the Summit Council for World Peace; and the various International Religious Foundation (IRF) projects, especially the Council for the World's Religions (CWR) and now the International Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP). Through close cooperation with the headquarters of these organizations in the United States, members in the region have built up a network of several hundred significant contacts throughout the area, as well as thousands of friends.

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Projects and representatives

Thus there are two key elements in the picture so far: first, True Parents' representatives (such as Yoshihiro Yamazaki in Turkey, Hod Ben Zvi and Masahiro Uruga in Israel and Fritz Piepenburg in Yemen) working in Middle Eastern countries to lay an internal foundation, despite all difficulties, and, second, True Parents' global projects. The catalyst to link and mobilize these two was True Parents' direct involvement through their decision to set up a special program to educate its leaders: the IRLS.

To illustrate how this worked; we can use the example of the Grand Mufti of Syria. He was first contacted by the Middle East regional office to participate in a CWR inter-religious dialogue in Toledo, Spain, during March 1988. He could not attend that time, but he did respond to the next invitation, sent by CWR NY for an intra-Muslim conference in Istanbul. He was then connected to True Parents by Dr. Frank Kaufmann, the executive director of the CWR.

The Grand Mufti of Yemen was a long-time contact of Fritz Piepenburg, our representative in Yemen since 1975. The Mufti came to Toledo and Istanbul, and then brought a group to the IRLS. Dr. Labban was recommended by a participant in regional PWPA meetings and World Media Conferences. Crown Prince Hassan gave an interview for the first issue of the *Middle East Times*, and has cooperated with PWPA and CWR activities as well.

Reverend Kwak appointed Taj Hamad to lead the IRLS program. A Muslim from Sudan, Taj had much experience in organizing IRLS-type seminars from his work with the seven thousand ministers from America who visited our movement in Japan and Korea. He had the necessary patience and perseverance to overcome all obstacles, and there were to be many! His wise leadership in the seminars was a critical factor in their success. The IRLS substantiated True Parents' direct invitation to religious and other leaders from the region.

Under Reverend Kwak's direction, Frank, Taj and I worked together very closely in developing the IRLS to meet its providential objectives. We discussed

how to improve our presentations of the Principle and projects and how to communicate True Parents' heart and activities to people of different faiths.

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learn, but we have been taught a lot by the IRLS. Through this education we can truly see how True Parents will substantially unify the world under God.

Key elements of success

To summarize the key elements in the success of the IRLS, we must first recognize True Parents' own internal foundation as the base for everything else. Second, Reverend Kwak's unwavering support. Third, the foundation and cooperation of the Unification representatives in the region. Fourth, the excellent leadership of the IRF and IRLS and their extremely close cooperation with one another and with the Unificationists in the region. Finally, the high standard of service demonstrated by the IRLS and World Mission Center staff members, who directly served our guests, expressing True Parents' love for them.

Through these labors of love by Unificationist men and women, centered on True Parents, the will of God has been done and a new chapter has opened in



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The Cromwell family: Thomas (far back l.), Katherine (far back r.), Tossa Jihad (center l.), Anmar Yungkwang (center r.), Alexander Jonathan (front l.), and Harmony Ruth (front r.).

the Middle East. On many occasions, Father has said that he himself is the only person who can bring peace to the Middle East. The IRLS is an important part of that peace-making. ■■

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For those interested in how we presented Father's teachings to Muslims, Christians and Jews, there will soon be available a book written for a multi-religious audience, presenting the Principle without scriptural quotes and including sections on Islam, Asian religions and other elements not stressed in other versions of the Principle. The emphasis is on True Parents, rather than the Messiah. The book is entitled *Essentials of the Unification Principle: The Core Teachings of Sun Myung Moon*. Copies will be available through Taj Hamad at telephone: (212) 465-0526, Fax: (212) 279-4210.

True Love Comes to the Samurai

Hideo Oyamada
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This testimony was given at the missionary workshop in front of Father and missionary brothers and sisters. At several points during the speech, Father laughed in the background, especially when Rev. Oyamada referred to his early experiences after the blessing. Part I is printed here and Part II concluding his testimony will be in the coming issue of Today's World.

MY ancestors were Buddhist priests, but four hundred years before that they were samurai. When I first met Father he said, "Originally you are a Christian, right?" "Yes, Father," I responded. Then later Father said to me, "Your ancestors were Buddhists, isn't that right?" "Yes, Father," I confirmed. Then finally, ten years later, he said, "Your ancestors were samurai." Going back to their origins, my roots are samurai.

A samurai is someone who is always fighting, always practicing how to kill, not only someone else, but himself. In the process of indemnity, to be a samurai is very meaningful; but for the realization of the ideal world, it is not good enough. This is my problem; and actually it is the Japanese people's problem in relation to the True Parents. This samurai spirit is almost impossible to overcome.

I was born on May 10, 1941. Seven months later, World War II started in the Pacific region, when the Japanese navy attacked Pearl Harbor. Those things took place just after my birth. Before I was five years of age, the war was all around me. My father and three brothers went to the battlefield. Only my grandfather, my mother, my elder sisters, and my elder brother were left behind. Also, some soldiers were staying at my home. My entire family was involved in the war. I recall that many times the siren would sound, and suddenly all the lights would be turned off, and we would rush into shelters. These are my very early childhood impressions. Now I have forgotten most of them; but until junior high and high school, whenever I heard the sound of a siren, I would think I had to go to the shelter. For me, the world was full of anxieties, full of fears. Thus, I wondered what an eternal and safe place would be like, and I was looking for that kind of place. Only after I was baptized as a Christian

was I able to solve that problem.

When I joined the Unification Church, my mother confided in me that after conceiving me she always prayed for me. At that time, because of the war, people felt confused and self-centered. However, my mother was a faithful woman, and she prayed: "Please, Heavenly Father, let this child in my womb have a good spirit, a good mind. Don't let him have a self-centered way of thinking, but let him live for the sake of others, for the sake of the world."

After I joined the Unification Church, my mother went to our ancestors' tomb or a Buddhist altar to pray: "When my youngest son was conceived, I prayed that you would not let him live for the sake of himself, but for the sake of others. Because of that, he joined the Unification Church, and many troubles have come to

us. I'm sorry I prayed that way." I told her, "Thank you, Mother. Because of you I could do so many things."

Actually, it is amazing how Father can see our background. I have seven brothers and sisters. Although I hadn't mentioned anything to Father about my family background, he told me: "You are different from the others in your family."

Internal struggles

Because of such a foundation, when I was a child, I was always attacked by evil spirits. I was living back and forth between the invisible world and the visible world. How I fought! Ours was a very big farm house. Once we had more than two hundred people sitting around. At that time we had no electricity except for a small lamp, so we would gather leftover straw and wood from the rice harvest to



Father (c.) has an official picture taken with Rev. Hideo Oyamada (l.), and Rev. Jung Soo Kim (r) at the 1992 Children's Day celebration in Kodiak, Alaska.

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make a fire. Once while we were sitting around the fire, a voice continually called to me from the fire. I wondered whether such things were happening from the spiritual world or the physical world. I was confused about so many things.

When I was six years old, the villagers attacked my home because they knew my family had come from outside. My family had been there more than four hundred years; still the village people attacked us. My grandfather was like a hot-tempered, righteous samurai. If unrighteous things happened it was difficult for him to forgive. When the villagers attacked, even the policemen were on their side. They cursed us and threw stones at our house. My family felt totally isolated from that village. Those people were farmers, and they were fighting over a very small piece of land.

I determined that one day I would take revenge for what these villagers did to my family! In the visible world I wanted revenge, but my invisible self said, "No; that is not the most righteous way. I must know Almighty God and learn His power. Those people will know God's forgiveness and love." This was another instance

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of the fighting between the invisible man and the visible man.

In college my professor of psychology, a woman, analyzed my fighting spirit: "In your motivation to study so hard, you seek revenge on your enemies, but you also seek to forgive them. There are two kinds of spirits fighting within you. If your determination can be really strong, then you had better become a communist. Otherwise, get rid of all your resentment and fear and become a Christian minister. You can choose one of these two possibilities." I finally became a Christian.

One time Father said, "Oyamada looks so soft and gentle, but the deepest part of him never forgives the enemy." That samurai spirit is still within me. Once a year I burst. That is because my fighting was not on the outside, always inside. Japanese are sometimes like that.

Focus on studying

In Eastern countries, the people who want to get better jobs in a higher profession must go to better schools. When I

was in junior high school, the principal told me, "You should go to such and such famous school, representing my entire school. Go beyond the others. Forget about sleeping or eating." After that I usually slept only three hours a night. The rest of the time I just studied and studied. Some time ago Hyo Jin Nim asked me, "What did you do when you were a high school student?" "I just studied all day long," I said. "That's all? You didn't play any sports?" "None whatsoever," I replied, "I just concentrated on studying."

In reality, I was a small-village boy, but the principal of my junior high school always challenged me to compete with his son, who was from a big city. Therefore, from waking up early in the morning to falling asleep late at night, all I did was study.

At age fourteen I wouldn't sleep at all. Eventually I became neurotic, and some low spirit came. When I took my examination, I wasn't able to finish it. My teacher said, "Rest for a few days."

My three quests

At that time I would spend almost every night in something like prayer. I would sit in the corner of a small shrine and ask, "Why do people have such difficulties? What is the meaning of life? What is the meaning of the universe? Is there or is there not a God?" Of course, I couldn't solve any of

those problems since my knowledge was so limited. Still, I would not give up my quest.

The important thing for me was to discover the meaning of life, the meaning of the universe, and finally, the truth about the existence of God.

Second, I knew that, in order to reach the ultimate, eternal truth, I absolutely needed a true teacher. I longed to meet a true teacher, someone like the traditional Oriental teachers, such as a religious leader, a saint or a great thinker.

Third, I longed to meet my spouse, who would be my dearest friend, because I knew I couldn't go alone on the path to reach the truth.

Therefore, I had three major quests in my life. I knew that if I fulfilled those three quests, my life would be completely victorious. I resolved to focus every effort on solving those problems.

Then suddenly the heavens opened in front of me. The dark night completely changed to light—just like the northern lights. Then I saw two eyes looking at me



A young Oyamada (r.) in junior high school in 1955. About this time he said, "I just studied all day long."

from above. Even after I was baptized in the Christian church, those two eyes were always watching me and saying, "Don't do that." They were calling my original mind.

Later I decided that until I reached thirty years of age I would continuously study and then change to a mode of action. I made a plan for my entire life and determined the best way to meet the truth, to meet my teacher, and later to meet my spouse.

How to carry out the quests

My plan was, first of all, to read as many books as I could—not just Japanese books but the masterpieces of the whole world. Throughout elementary school, junior high and even high school I always had a student job at a library. I was like a bookworm, spending hours and hours with nothing but books, because I could not see any other teachers.

I was a village boy and really wanted to study. Because of the voice I heard when I was fourteen years old I gave up everything else. I would go to some isolated place, and although I didn't know how to pray, I practiced contemplation: "What is the meaning of life and the universe? Where is my true teacher? How can I reach true understanding?"

Every day I would read five kinds of books. I made a list of all the great books, such as books on history, philosophy, literature, and especially autobiographies.

In junior high school the competition was severe in the entrance examinations for high school and college. At that time of my youth, the most important thing for

me was to make a wonderful future, but that meant always competing with the other students.

Introduction to philosophy

When I was in high school, a few teachers taught me about philosophy and about the deepest aspects of history. I learned about Immanuel Kant, the famous German philosopher at the beginning of the nineteenth century. When I heard a few of the ideas contained in his famous book, *Critique of Pure Reason*, my whole body trembled. I bought his *Critique of Practical Reason* and tried to read it when I was in high school, but it was so difficult.

I became pessimistic. My teacher was worried about me and said, "You are so young, but so pessimistic. Be careful, otherwise you may commit suicide. You had better not read Oriental books; read Western books." He introduced me to Michel Montaigne, a French humanist philosopher of the Renaissance.

I started exploring Western thought systematically; first I read Plato's *Republic*, then Aristotle and Augustine, while I was still in high school. However, there was always a wide gap between my ideal and reality; the two were always fighting. I was always conscious of this struggle. Martin Luther wrote, "Every human being is a genius at loving himself." This is because of our fallen nature.

I studied and studied. My major should have been philosophy, but at the end of high school I became acquainted with the works of Johann Pestalozzi, a Swiss educational reformer of the eighteenth century who is well known in Germany and France. After France defeated Germany, there were many orphans, and Pestalozzi built a great school for war orphans and took care of them in a family atmosphere.

When I read about that, I thought, "Okay, that is my mission—education. Not in some big city, but in a far-away mountainside or in a village. I will dedicate my whole self to that." That became a practical task for my whole life, but at the same I loved truth. Philosophical thinking was combined with religion within myself.

Studying in Sendai

Originally I wanted to go to school in Tokyo, but my family was very poor. I realized how hard my parents and elder

brothers and sisters were working. If I went to school in Tokyo, it would have been a big financial burden to my parents. My mother is more philosophical, a deep thinker and spiritually inclined. My father always loved the future, sometimes neglecting present reality. My mother said, "Please don't say no with a big mouth." She always had a universal, historical way of thinking, but the reality was so poor. Because of that, I moved to Sendai, but I was so grateful.

An aunt of mine is a very spiritual lady. Before I decided whether to go to Tokyo or Sendai, she prayed. A revelation came to her, and she said to me, "If you go to Sendai instead of Tokyo, you'll meet someone special—a special teacher, a best friend." So, at the last minute I changed from Tokyo to Sendai. I chose educational philosophy as my major.

I entered the university in 1960, during a time of gigantic demonstrations by radical students in opposition to the United States-Japanese treaty of mutual cooperation and security under Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi. All over Japan, the university campuses were completely influenced by communist and radical students. Every day, from morning to night the students were out in the streets fighting with

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the police. I did not get involved, because I felt those things were not important. I was sacrificing my parents and felt that the time was too precious.

In those circumstances, I became isolated. I had no connection with political movements, least of all with communists. I hate communism. The surrounding circumstances pushed me in front; but my goal was to study. The communists took our books away. The teachers' labor union joined the radical students, and communist agitators invaded the classrooms. They especially came to my classroom, because I was studying education and intended to become a teacher.

Because of so much fighting by the communists, that year was a complete disappointment for me. Even the university could not teach me the truth I was seeking. Therefore, I decided to study by myself. I went to the library, especially on Sundays, since at that time I didn't go to any church. I would also go far away to



Rev. Oyamada (r.) at a high school picnic in 1957.

the mountainside or the seashore, praying and contemplating, seeking truth and a teacher.

In the Department of Philosophy, students needed many foreign books, especially German and English ones, which were very expensive. Since my family couldn't afford such expensive books, I got a job from Monday to Saturday teaching younger students.

One of my students was a thirteen-year-old girl from a Catholic family. A little before Christmas she was studying the Catholic catechism and she asked me, "Teacher, why don't you go to church?" "I don't believe in God," I answered. "Why don't you believe in God?" she persisted. "I am a student of philosophy," I replied. Then, starting from Greek philosophy, I talked to that young girl for thirty minutes about the historical debates over God's existence. She didn't understand much of what I was saying, but then she said, "If you deny the existence of God, that is a very awful thing, isn't it?"

"Oh, you are talking nonsense," I said. "If I just understand the concept of God, I don't have to worry about such troubles." Still she insisted, almost crying, "Why don't you go to church? God does exist!"

Checking out churches

On my way back to my dormitory, I thought to myself, "If I could believe something, I would be so happy." My brain and heart were always so full of doubt, questioning everything. "I will try to go to church," I decided.

Until then I had been studying the Bible but didn't go to church. I was taking a Bible correspondence course. I knew about God, sin, resurrection and Jesus Christ. I continued to study the Bible, but knowledge alone doesn't work.

"How many churches are there in Sen-

dai," I wondered. I found more than sixty of all kinds and decided to check each of them, one by one. There were Wednesday evening services, Saturday Bible classes, and Sunday services. I planned to check three churches a week, and in two months, I would finish all the churches on my list.

I began visiting churches at the end of my freshman year. In one of these churches, the minister was a wonderful preacher. There was an odd-looking guy sitting beside me, an American Protestant missionary named Carl Schweitzer. He was a very special person, unmarried, and a teacher of theology and English literature. He said to me, "You are a new face here. Why did you come to the church?" This Sunday speech was so nice; I was very moved, almost to tears. "Japanese sermons are too passionate, lacking reason," he told me, making objective criticism. What he was talking about was *risei*, which is the Japanese concept of reason. There should in theory be a harmonized unity between reason and passion, *risei* and *kanjo*. That is correct—because passion or faith without reason is very weak when persecution occurs. I learned that point.

Then he criticized me: "You should know objectively what Japan has in opposition to the West." He introduced me to the works of Ruth Benedict, a famous American anthropologist. Benedict never visited Japan, but she wrote a famous book about Japan, *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword: Patterns of Japanese Culture* (1946). It is a pioneer comparative study of the differences between Japanese and Western civilization. Benedict shows that

the standard of Western civilization is "sin culture," while the standard of Japanese people is "shame culture."

Therefore, I learned many things while visiting churches. I read mostly Western literature, seeking to understand the roots of Western civilization. My brain became more westernized, although my way of life was Japanese. Therefore, East and West were fighting within me, and from Monday to Friday the communist movement challenged me at school.

I was a seeker, a wanderer. I carried on like that until my senior year, when I became very sick.

At the same time I was seeking truth I was seeking a spouse. Because of the great confusion all around, I was looking for a good girlfriend. I found someone, but she just wanted to bring me to church. I had all kinds of problems, but no solution.

The leftist movement said the social system was wrong, especially the Japanese capitalistic system. However, among the communist leaders there were more contradictions. Almost half of them committed suicide. The daughter of the dean of my faculty died like that.

I wondered why they were teaching us the communist ideal if it is garbage and they were all committing suicide. On the outside they seemed heroic, but the inside was so dark—always some fighting or love affair. I realized that their idea was not true, and I continued to seek for the solution or answer to those three questions.

I was reflecting on those things when

about four o'clock one morning I heard in the darkness some girls singing in my dormitory. Then my body was lifted up, and I found myself bowing in front of God Almighty. "Oh, what's happening?" I wondered. "I still don't know the existence of God!"

At that time, I also experienced platonic love. The elder sister of one of my private students was very beautiful and clever. She gave me such good advice

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about many things. My love for her was just private; I never said I loved her or anything. It was all in my mind.

I finally met the dilemma of whether to love God or to love a woman. These two loves were fighting inside me. Until then I was just seeking pure truth—completely beyond issues of security, love, economics, everything. However, when I met this beautiful girl, my heartistic self was so moved.

Overcoming illness

Finally, I became very sick with a special kind of diarrhea. I was put in the hospital for three weeks. On the floor above me, there was an urgent-care unit. Every night there were people dying in the middle of the night. They were always screaming for doctors and nurses, and emergency cars came in and out all night.

Sitting in a big room all alone I saw a big message on the wall with the words: "Do not worry. Physical life is very impermanent. After that you will go to eternal life." Day by day, my body was becoming weaker and weaker from diarrhea. I wondered what was happening.

I was twenty-one years old at that time. I reflected, "If I live, I must change my thinking." My health condition was terrible, and I was losing so much blood. Then I began to analyze things and realized I had been concentrating just on myself. I thought, "Okay, a spiritual world exists, I will change my attitude from selfishness to unselfishness. I want to try to do more for the sake of others."

I stopped giving private classes to girls and cut off my platonic love. Still I was full of questions, about everything. Even in the daytime, I felt it was so dark. Half a million people lived in Sendai at that time, but no one cared about me. During



Rev. Oyamada (2nd row at right end) at a YMCA Christmas meeting on December 8, 1962, during his university days.

the day it was like I was asleep. In the evening I would wake up. At midnight my brain would be working full speed; it was almost crazy. Many days I couldn't sleep until 4:00 a.m.

In those days, I was living isolated from the horizontal world; my life was completely vertical. Then, all the spirits would come to me. Almost half crazy, I saw spirits. Moses came; some prince or princess from ancient Egypt came. I felt, "Oh, this is not good."

Baptism as a Christian

Finally, when I came out of the hospital, I really began to seek God. I asked my minister, "Can I become a Christian? Can

As a student of philosophy, I had been trained to doubt everything.

I be baptized?" "Sure, why not?" he said. At the end of the illness, in 1963, I was baptized as a Christian.

During the baptism ceremony, I received the holy water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I felt a cold wind blow across my back when I thought, "What is my future? My future is only the cross. How can I endure?"

I wondered how I could meet God, so I decided to study how the prophets and saints met God. One by one, I checked out St. Paul, Augustine, Martin Luther, Kierkegaard, and Toyohiko Kagawa.

After becoming a Christian, I went on to become a Sunday School teacher, and my social status became bigger. Inside I felt empty, with constant fighting between spirit and body. I couldn't resolve the problem of the love for God (*agape*) versus love for people, especially for women (*eros*). I longed to solve this problem and understand original sin.

I began concentrating on some works of Martin Luther and Soren Kierkegaard, especially on their struggle between love for God and Christ and love for women. I couldn't find any solution. I couldn't tell others about such agony, because they would say, "Oh, you are just wasting time. This world is not as simple as you want it to be." They would always criticize me.

Finally, I asked my minister if I could go to the seminary, and he agreed. In my church there were many scholars, famous professors, and famous theologians—just like Saul before he became Paul. It was a

very academic, intellectual church. I had reflected, "Without understanding God, we cannot find the truth." My conclusion was that I needed to study the nature of Christ and the meaning of the end of time. Christology and eschatology were my basic questions. My aim was to find the best way to solve those problems.

As a student of philosophy. I learned about Karl Jaspers, a famous German philosopher who was persecuted under the Nazi regime. He taught that philosophy is not knowledge but a way of life. It involves seeking God, or the ultimate being. To meet God vertically is to meet your real self. To meet your real self you need another real person. The key to that is Jesus Christ. Where can I best encounter Jesus Christ? I gave up everything in order to go to the seminary to seek Jesus, because through Jesus Christ I could meet the real, existing God.

I meet my spiritual father

However, one week after my decision to go to the seminary, I met Mr. Sung Ho Kwak, my spiritual father. A Korean resident in Japan, he had just come back from Atlanta to Hiroshima, which is his hometown. He was wonderful, but no words—just smiles. His heart and love would always come out. Later, words began to come out also.

At the bus terminal there was a young lady shouting, "The end of the world has come. Repent! The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." She had posters proclaiming the decline of the earth, and a few pamphlets. I would tell my Sunday school students, "Be careful! That is the anti-Christ." Therefore, none of the students would come to hear the young lady, only Unification Church members.

I met Mr. Kwak at a Bible class. He asked for my address and visited me at my dormitory, along with Mrs. Chizuko Runyon, the first missionary sent from headquarters to Sendai. He brought a small blackboard with him.

In my dormitory Mr. Kwak prayed, and after that he asked, "What kind of questions do you have?" I told him, "My problem is how to understand Christ, original sin and the end of the world." "Congratulations!" he shouted, and seeing that I didn't understand what he meant, he explained, "I have eternal truth."

"Eternal truth?" I asked. As a student of philosophy, I had been trained to doubt everything. My profession is to doubt rather than give answers—that is the

philosophical way of thinking. However, at that time my original mind said, "When you listen to other people, if you criticize first, you lose the chance to hear the truth. This time you will be quiet, meek and humble."

Mr. Kwak and Mrs. Runyon explained the mission of the Messiah and the necessity for the Lord of the Second Advent. As I listened, my critical mind said, "Wait, wait." I was shocked. I was never taught about the Lord of the Second Advent in the Presbyterian church. "Oh, this is a serious thing," I thought. "If the Lord of the Second Advent has come, it is serious. If it is true, it is very serious. If it is not true, it is serious also. Either way I must listen."

This was in 1963. I was busy writing a term paper and was planning to go to graduate school. They asked me to come to the center. Near my house was a graveyard and beyond that the Unification Church house. Like our centers worldwide, it was a little house with a big banner on it. I visited there and heard the Principle of Creation.

I couldn't endure what I had heard. I said, "What are you talking about?" I asked. "This is not truth of the twentieth century!" However, since it was not a truth of the nineteenth century either, it must be the truth of the twenty-first century. I had become so foolish, being spiritually influenced by a wrong philosophy. I had criticized Hegel for his systematic

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explanation.

I recognized the dual characteristics and the action of give and take as truth. However, I voiced objections: "What kind of truth is this? It won't work!" Mr. Kwak said, "Please be patient. Please hear the next lecture."

He lectured on the Fall of Man. I was thunderstruck. While I was sitting there, the sound I heard was not a human voice, but like a voice resounding in the whole universe. I completely surrendered. I had been seeking the solution to precisely that problem—original sin. I found out it was illicit love, fornication. A loud yell came out of my mouth, "Yaaaack!" They were surprised; Satan was kicked out. Then I told them, "I have nothing to say. Whatever you advise me to do, I will do it absolutely." I had sought unsuccessfully

A Sincere Apology...



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WE regret that we miscaptioned the above photo on page 20 of the July 1993 *Today's World*. Jin Sung Nim joined the True Family and is now part of In Jin Nim's family. The caption therefore should have read, "In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim with the Pak family."

The True Children are striving to be, and be seen as, one whole—the loving, mutually supportive family of True Parents. We offer this sincere apology to In Jin Nim's family, and are sincerely sorry for any misunderstanding that it may have caused.

Other corrections

On the back cover of the August *Today's World* the quote from Father should have been dated June 27, 1993. It was taken from the UTS graduation speech in the same issue.

In the July issue on pages 13 and 21, Mrs. Kwak's name should have been Jung Un Yoon Kwak.

for the solution to this problem. Illicit love had been a problem for everyone—St. Augustine, St. Paul, and me.

Twenty-one-day workshop

Then, they advised me, "You should go to the twenty-one-day workshop." I gave up everything and agreed to go. Rev. Ken Sudo and Mrs. Sakurai were the lecturers. Mr. Sasagawa arranged for us to use the Olympic training center for free during that workshop. Some members complained, "That was the only one contribution to the Unification Church made by the stingy Mr. Sasagawa. That was the

only time he did something wonderful for the sake of others."

We would wake up early in the morning, put on suitable clothing, and until midnight we couldn't sit down and rest. I was very moved by the purpose of creation.

At that time, the members referred to Father as a great teacher. When people asked questions about him, they would respond, "First of all, you pray!" They would tell us only his name. "What's the last name?" we would ask. "Moon." That means truth. Then they told us, "Sun Myung." That represents the universe,

because the characters contain the meaning of fish, sheep, sun, and moon. Wow, such a deep meaning!

An agonizing decision

When I came back from the twenty-one-day workshop, John F. Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas, and the world had changed a lot. The following day I went back to school and found that my professor was just like a living Satan. "What are you doing?" he asked. "What did you do during the time you were gone?" I had never known a person to be so unreasonable. My minister had the

same kind of reaction, as well as the people at my dormitory. They all became Satan. I wondered what was wrong with me. I was just seeking the truth!

My mother dreamed that her son had done some extraordinary action. In the dream I had asked my mother if I could go to the twenty-one-day workshop, and I promised to come back. "My son went toward the high mountains," she concluded. My mother always received such revelations about me, but my elder brother got very angry.

After the twenty-one-day workshop, I couldn't go to the university or the church without everyone accusing me: "What are you doing? What are you doing? What are you doing?" My only concern was a Sunday school girl who had become a member of a gang. Otherwise, it was okay. Then finally I prayed.

One of my teachers tempted me with the news that I had been accepted at a graduate school. "They have a scholarship waiting for you," he said. You have decided to become a professor, haven't you?" I was also tempted by a beautiful girl. I had to reach a decision.

I told the dormitory master that I

would stay at my friend's house and not to worry if I didn't come back that night. Actually, I had decided to go to a mountainside or a deep valley, where I could commit suicide if I couldn't find a solution. I prayed. I had heard the Divine Principle three times and recognized the depth of its teaching. On the other hand,

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over the past four years I had been learning many things. What is the truth?

That night I prayed and I thought. I was almost too tired to think, so I felt like going to sleep, but I wandered around the deep, dark valley. Finally I went to sleep in the garbage bin at a bus stop, thinking that before morning came I would decide.

After a little nap I woke up. In the Bible I had read some advice about facing trials or temptations: "Just trust. Calm

yourself and you will feel safe. That's the way the voice of God always comes." I had to decide whether to choose the path of that unknown Mr. Kwak, who was younger than me, or the secure, glorious way of becoming a professor. My original mind felt safe and calm just following Mr. Kwak, so I said, "Okay, I will choose Mr. Kwak's way."

I made up my mind to take the difficult course, in spite of the persecution I was facing at the university, at the Sunday school, at the dormitory, and at the high school where I was teaching. My professor said, "I've never seen such a foolish student in all my life!" My minister said something similar. "It's okay," I thought.

Instead of going home, I went back to the church. I finished the paper I was writing and gave up half a semester at the university. I had enough units to graduate, so I decided to become a full-time member. As for my seeking for Jesus Christ, I still didn't have the answer. ■■

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Forty-Hour Days

days so he could bring people to my speech. Satan tried to stop him. Three days before my speech, there was a car accident and three young people were killed and another nine people hospitalized.

He left others to care for this situation and brought two hundred fifty people to my speech. He was so prepared. Satan did not want him to go to the speech. He went through so many difficulties in his life in order to be able to do God's work.

[Peter Kim reported in Nashville that Bishop Barber had attended an Interdenominational Conference for Clergy in Korea. When Bishop Barber took the podium to give the invocation at Mother's speech, he prayed to give God's wisdom and strength to her and give new revelation to Mother. He was like a child. He wanted to hear more from Mother. Mother gave a plaque to him, from Father and Mother. At a birthday celebration for him right after Mother's speech, he showed people the plaque. He

paid indemnity. His courage made the speech successful. Satan does not let key people go easily. God's champions always get hit first and then return to God.

Peter Kim reported that another minister and veteran came to Mother's speech. He took the podium and presented a plaque to Mother. He shared his experience as an American soldier in Pusan at the age of seventeen. He remembered seeing Father there so many years ago, street-preaching, wearing an old army jacket. Father was preaching the gospel in the rain. Another time he was inspired to go to a mountain in Korea. There he found Father again teaching and praying. He never forgot these particular experiences. He is a living witness to these events.]

LOVED AND RESTORED

People went through such difficulties to come to True Parents, while you who have received the blessing take it for granted. You may be proud of being a senior blessed couple or a junior blessed couple. However, what makes a difference is how much love you offered to humanity and how many people you restored. Your territory in spirit world, whether it is a house with one acre or a hundred acres, will be determined by your result. While living on earth, without air we will physically die. Love is the air in the spirit world.

You should have a new determination and a new life. We have twenty-four hours a day, but we need forty hours to witness. Have thirty-hour or forty-hour days and work for God's will and to fulfill your responsibility.

Make God happy. We can give God either happiness or burdens. How can we make God happy? We have to clean up this world, restore humanity, and together serve God. ■



H.E. Stoyan Ganev, president of the General Assembly of the United Nations made a special trip back from Italy to give a very warm introduction to Mother before her speech at the University of Bridgeport, which was sponsored by the Council of the World's Religions.

LINNA Mae Miller Rapkins was born January 31, 1938 in Flint, Michigan, the eldest child of Marcus and Esther Miller. While still quite young, she and her family moved to Weyers Cave, Virginia, a farming community in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley.

After graduating from high school, Linna attended Bridgewater College in nearby Harrisonburg, and went on to graduate from Manchester College in Indiana in 1959.

After graduation, she served for two years in Germany as a Brethren Volunteer Service worker, which is a program sponsored by the Church of the Brethren. Upon returning to the United States, Linna began her teaching career. She taught the upper elementary grades in Weyers Cave, Manassas, and Vienna, Virginia. It was while teaching in Fairfax County in 1967 that Linna was introduced to the Unification Church, then known as the Unified Family, and became involved in its activities.

In the summer of 1968, Linna and I were asked by Dr. Young Oon Kim to pioneer a center in Toronto, Canada. During that hot summer, we were able to share the Divine Principle with several Canadians, three of whom joined. Thereafter Linna quit her teaching job in Virginia and continued to lead the Toronto center.

In February 1969, when Father and Mother came to the United States and performed the first Unification Church wedding outside of Korea, Linna was blessed in marriage to Carl Rapkins, along with twelve other couples.

Carl and Linna then led the Canadian church for awhile. It wasn't long until they were called to Denver to lead the Unification Church center there in the early 1970's. While in Colorado, their two children, Trenor and Kim, were born.

In December 1975, the Rapkins family moved to Berkeley, California, where Carl enrolled in the San Francisco Theological Seminary. During this time, Linna helped organize a Sunday school for the children. After Carl received his degree, they moved to the East Coast where Linna was asked to work with Mrs. Rebecca Salonen to start a kindergarten at Gracemere Hall in Tarrytown. This project expanded into the Jacob House program when blessed wives were asked to go out on witnessing teams for extended periods of time. In Gracemere, Linna helped care for the babies, relieving full-time caregivers. She also helped care for children in the after-school program.

During this time, Mrs. Mal Sook Lee asked Linna to work with Mrs. Phyllis

Kim in setting up a pre-school program at Jacob House. A kindergarten was developed which Linna taught for two years.

Father had asked Mrs. Lee to look for ways to open a school. Linna was encouraged to get her master's degree in education, which she did in 1987 from Long Island University.

It was in the early 1980's that the summer program, known as Camp Sunrise, began at Barrytown. Linna was one of the pioneers in this effort, lending her creativity, inspiration and meticulous planning to this successful venture. Those who worked closely with her and the young campers of those years will, I am sure, always remember her desire to make camp an experience for growth in their spiritual and social life.

Her involvement in pioneering the Sunday school programs in Barrytown and Tarrytown, as well as on the West Coast, and her active leadership in the summer camps grew out of her passion to provide the young people in the church with experiences that would meet their growing needs and give them an opportunity to develop their own relationship with God and with each other. Sunday school and summer camp were very important to her.

In 1987, Linna learned she had cancer. She underwent surgery and chemotherapy, yet continued her involvement in working in the church's national offices in New York City, with Mrs. Nora Spurgin and Mrs. Betsy Jones in the Blessed Family Department. Her responsibilities grew into the formation of the Children's Education Department under the direction of Dr. James Baughman. Linna played a major role in overseeing the program where middle school students could go to Korea to study the language and culture and attend school there.

She helped organize Sunday school workshops for those becoming involved in setting up Sunday school programs throughout the United States. She worked on a Sunday school manual. She conducted workshops to formulate *shimjung* education philosophy and theory, bringing together teachers and administrators of Unificationist schools to help in this endeavor. She wrote children's stories of the lives of True Parents and the early days of the Unification Church that have appeared in our church publications.

When Linna found that the cancer had reappeared, she continued her work in children's education as much as she could, but she became more involved in looking into alternative ways to battle cancer. She meditated, received healing



IN MEMORIAM

Linna Mae Miller Rapkins

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from the laying on of hands and prayer, and followed a rather strict diet. I believe she felt she may have prolonged her life by one year or more because of these efforts.

A couple of years ago, Carl was transferred to work with the *World & I* magazine in Washington, D.C., and as soon as Linna finished some radiation therapy, she joined Carl there.

Several weeks ago, Linna returned to her childhood home to be lovingly cared for by her mother and family. It was there on July 21, that she graduated to her glorious new life.

Carl, Trenor and Kim, her mom and dad, her brother—Rollin, and sisters—Irene and Cheryl, and their families, as well as all of us, will remember her as a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, with her creative ideas, her stories, her determination, her quick sense of humor, her passion to establish a meaningful heartistic education system, her love for children and young people ... and much more! She has left a legacy that we can only admire and respect and carry on.

We will miss you Linna, but we send you off to a brighter world where you can now breathe deeply and move freely in God's heavenly light. ■■■

by Marie Ang

Even though so pressed with the tour schedule, Mother prepared a gift for Linna and sent it to her shortly before Linna's passing. At Linna's request the older sisters sang "Light of Grace" at her Seung Hwa ceremony: Marie Ang, Vivien Burley, Diane Fernsler, Betsy Jones, Rebecca Salonen, Sandra Schuhart and Nora Spurgin sang and Hillie Edwards played the keyboard. Marie Ang is Linna Rapkins' first cousin, went with her to pioneer Canada and was in the same blessing.

Without the fall of man, the entire physical world and spiritual world would have been totally united centered on true love. There would have been only one celebration day—the first one and the last one—True Parents' Day. In that ideal, God would have become our vertical parent and the True Parents our horizontal parents. With both vertical and horizontal parents, the spiritual and physical worlds would have been totally united in true love. When the vertical father, who is God, and the horizontal parents, who are True Parents, meet and unite in one central, ninety degree angle, each individual family can orient themselves around them and have the same kind of relationship with God and True Parents.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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