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LET US REALIZE AND PLEDGE THAT MY FAMILY IS THE REPRESENTATIVE AND CENTRAL FAMILY



Letter from the Publisher

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DURING the one month and six days Father was in Korea, he worked so hard that he knew virtually no difference between day and night. He spent most of the time educating our Japanese members at the Central Training Center. On April 13, 1994, he left for the United States. As we have the historical fortieth anniversary of our church on May 1, True Parents will be returning by the end of the month.

Our True Parents have recently set a goal to make 50,000 Korean-Japanese sister relationships, a project without equal in human history. Until they left for America, True Parents were guiding that project directly. On May 15, we will hold the eleventh ceremony to consecrate sister relationships. From the day that True Parents left, we have held three-day training sessions for church leaders and church officials, from which everyone has returned with much inspiration.

The day of Jesus' resurrection is April 17

Today, April 17, we are celebrating Easter. This year the exact resurrection date of Jesus is also falling on a Sunday. The established Christian churches have been celebrating Easter every year in March or April, but besides that they know very little about the life and work of Jesus.

Christians have been celebrating the birth of Jesus for such a long time in history without knowing the exact day of his birth. They celebrate Christmas, but that is not the actual birthday of Jesus. Moreover, they do not even know the important day of Jesus' resurrection. They are not able to celebrate those holy days on the correct date. But having heard it directly from Jesus, Father informed us that the correct date for Easter is April 17. Therefore, we have always celebrated Easter on the correct date.

In fact, even before the Holy Blessing of True Parents, and until the proclamation of the Day of the Resurrection of Heart and Substance [April 17, 1957], Easter was

a very important commemorative day for us. As you know, however, true resurrection is not people rising from their tombs. It occurs when we leave the realm of Satan's sovereignty on earth and cross over to the realm of God's sovereignty, changing our hearts and bodies so that we can receive God's love. Seen from this point of view, there cannot be any resurrection higher than our blessing. It is no one else but ourselves, the blessed couples, who have received such an ultimate blessing of resurrection.

Naturally, the relative significance of Jesus' resurrection diminished after the history of amazing grace began in our church with the Blessing of the 36 Couples. Still we are commemorating April as the month of resurrection, but we are not celebrating Easter like we did in the early days of our church.

Today I want to speak about our "Loyal Mother," who is an example of true resurrection. You may be hearing her story for the first time. We have been instructed by Heaven to attend Mother's mother with the title of Daemo-Nim ("Great Mother"), and just recently True Parents gave Father's mother the title Choongmo-Nim ("Loyal Mother"). I would like to explain a little bit of the background to the bestowing of this title.

You know that on March 26 every year we hold a memorial service in honor of Choongmo-Nim; but since last year, we have had a small problem. When Father went to North Korea toward the end of 1991, he visited his hometown. We were so grateful to see that the house in which Father was born and lived as a child was preserved in its original form. We were moved and extremely thankful. Another thing we appreciated very much was that they had set up tombs for Father's parents, even with tombstones. We just did not know what to say.

Knowing the Communist Party and through our general knowledge of North Korea, we all had doubts

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Right: Father and Mother pose with Hoon Sook Nim and the big halibut caught by Hoon Sook Nim in Chiniak Cape, Alaska, on July 14, 1994. (Photo: Courtesy of Yoshihisa Inoue)

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Let Us Realize and Pledge That My Family Is the Representative

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MY family is not just one family, but the representative family of all other families and central family representing heaven and earth. [In English: "Top Gun place."] Unification Church members must realize this fully or you cannot connect to the ideal world.

August 1 (lunar calendar) of this year marks a new direction on the worldwide scale. We have reached the pinnacle of the hill and are ready to cross over to the other side. The satanic world will cease to fight us.

Your mind and your body have been fighting. Your couple has been fighting. Your children and relatives have been fighting. Your nation has been fighting. Heaven and earth have been fighting, too. All this fighting must stop in this year. The world will change drastically.

Starting in 1991, I established the Federation for World Peace, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the Student Federation for World Peace, and the Youth Federation for World Peace. These organizations relate as mind and body. On the body side is the political realm, centering on the United Nations. On the mind side is the religious realm, a religious United Nations, so to speak. The outer UN and inner UN will get together. Instead of the mind and body continuing to fight, they will make peace and live in harmony.

UNDERSTAND NATIONAL ROLES

The political realm has always had a strong influence over the religious realm, attacking it just as the body attacks the mind. On the body side was imperialism, including communism, while on the mind side was democracy. On the body side were the Axis powers, while on the mind side were the Allied powers. During World War II, England, America and France represented the heavenly side, while Japan, Germany and Italy represented the satanic side. The two sides struggled just like the mind and body.

England represented the Eve nation. An island country always represents Eve. France represented Cain, and the United States represented Abel. In the satanic world, Japan was in the position of Eve, Germany represented the satanic-side Abel, and Italy represented Cain.

After World War II, there was unity in the Christian world, representing the unity between Eve, Cain and Abel, centered

on Christianity and the United Nations. This symbolized the restoration of the lost positions of Eve, Cain and Abel, rearranged and prepared for the Second Coming.

At the time of Jesus, no national base could be laid. This time, victory was gained on a worldwide base. Upon that foundation came the Second Coming. True Adam's perfection means the Second Advent Messiah. At the fall, Eve embraced Satan and fallen Adam, and they went to hell. At this time Eve and Abel united on the worldwide base, and on that foundation they embraced true Adam, turning in the opposite direction, heading toward heaven. Satan's side and heaven's side are 180 degrees opposite. The family base at the time of Jesus expanded to the worldwide base. After World War II, the Christian world was prepared as the bride foundation, embracing both Cain and Abel countries.

American women act like queens, don't they? Here women are in a superior position, and men have become almost their servants. Thus, America represents the position of the bride for the coming Second Advent. England, America and France will literally bow down to Reverend Moon. Is it possible? Is it easy to gain the position of king of kings? How can the Catholic and Protestant worlds dedicate themselves to Reverend Moon? How difficult is it for them? It is like dying. Those countries are based on the superiority of white people. They have never respected Eastern countries. If anything, they despise them, but they have been strong.

It is the archangel's mission to protect the young Adam, and that is why America has been protecting Korea all along. In spite of all sorts of headaches, America could not let Korea go. If America was to abandon Korea, it would be doomed; so without their knowing, America had to continue protecting Korea. After World War II, America gave economic aid to many foreign countries, but none succeeded as much as Korea. Korea got on its own two feet. In contrast, one-third of the countries in Asia became communist.

Truly, the war that started between the mind and body of individuals has expanded to worldwide fighting. That is the meaning of history. Even today, we sometimes feel a fierce conflict between our mind and body. Our mission is to bring them together in unity.

Satan is now being chased out of all the activities in which he had participated. When our mind and body become one, Satan loses his foundation. When Satan no longer exists, that is the Kingdom of Heaven. This will be accomplished on the worldwide scale by the Inter-Religious Federation for World

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and Central Family

Peace and the other federations for world peace.

[Father spoke in English about how divisions and fighting resulted from the fall. He established the various federations for world peace to create a unified world base. Without a center, Cain and Abel always fight. Without a vertical center, people cannot orient themselves, focus on a goal or make a settlement. Father has been setting one unified direction for the world.]

UNDERSTAND MY MISSION

This is what was supposed to happen when World War II ended, but it did not happen. America has destroyed itself. I came to America to restore it to the position it held right after World War II. American Christianity must follow me. They are ready to follow me now.

The democratic world represents the thief on Jesus' right hand at the crucifixion. The communist world represents the thief on the left. In Adam's family, Cain represented the left wing while Abel represented the right wing. This fighting expanded to the worldwide level, centering on True Father. At Jesus' time, the Israelites represented the Cain side, and Judaism represented the Abel side. If Cain and Abel had unified, the mother could have appeared as Jesus' bride. The unity between Eve, Abel and Cain forms the national base, the starting point for the ideal nation. However, with his death on the cross, Jesus' mission was defeated. Cain and Abel were represented by the thief on the left and the thief on the right.

At the Second Advent, those separate, warring sides will be unified through the Messiah. The Cain-type world and the Abel-type world must unite centering on the Eve nation, which should unite with the bridegroom, who is connected to God.

God chased the real husband, the real owner, out of the Garden of Eden. Now the Eve realm has united with Cain, Abel and Eve and planted a seed that will bear fruit in those countries. Centering on Eve's position, God and the Second Advent can connect with the Christian world and form Eden on the worldwide level. This is a possibility.

RESTORE THE FOUNDATION OF VALUE

After World War II, Satan completely occupied the Christian world. Christians helped even the communist student demonstrators. When the Lord of the Second Advent was rejected, the American family broke down. Family values broke down. There was no emphasis on the value of the grandfather, parents

and brothers. The foundation for value was lost, and people turned to drugs and homosexuality. This was never God's desire. It is the fulfillment of Satan's desire, the expansion of hell on earth. You cannot deny that.

American people do not have hope. Women have given up hope of finding real men. Real parents and real families do not exist. If America continues to decline, it will perish. This is not just a concept, but the actual situation. American people cannot deny their situation. The free world has been following America's example.

Heaven on earth could have been realized between 1945 and 1952, when the world was prepared to unite with the Lord of the Second Advent. During these seven years God intended the world to be unified. During the forty years from 1952 until 1992, the Lord of the Second Advent had to restore this broken foundation, fighting on each level from the individual to the worldwide scale. It took 4,000 years to establish a foundation. During these past forty years I had to indemnify and rebuild the same foundation. From the central four position foundation, the family, clan, race and nation have expanded.

Four thousand years of history and 400 years of history could be fulfilled in forty years. Because of the fall, the number four, representing the four position foundation, was lost. I cannot live 400 years. No one can live 400 years, let alone 4,000. During these forty years my mission was to lay all the indemnity conditions. All humankind and all of the satanic world united against me. Satan attacked me on the individual and family levels. People accused me of cheating old women. Some women left their husbands and children to follow me. Their children and husbands united against me. The world opposed me and called me a swindler.

CHANGE THE WORLD

Centering upon me, restoration expanded to the family, tribe, nation, world and cosmos. After the fall, people were separated from God. God could not enter the fallen atmosphere in which people lived. God cannot live in the realm of conflict. World history until now has been filled with conflict. Many countries have a history of fighting. This world is a bad world. America is a bad country. Your body itself is a battlefield, isn't it? Reli-

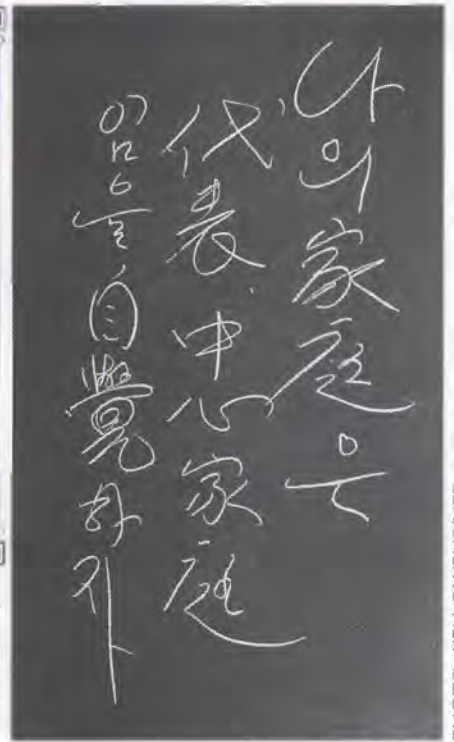


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Blessed couples overcome all barriers, including race. Centering on True Parents and True Parents' children, the original brotherhood can be created and expanded to families and relatives and nations.

gions aim for a peaceful world without conflict.

No matter how difficult the situation, we have to cleanse and change this world, otherwise we cannot realize the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. All religions are concentrating on this same point.

There are many varieties of boundaries in the world. We have to tear down every boundary and make one interconnected world. I won the victory against Satan on the individual base, the family base, the national base, the worldwide base and the cosmic base. No matter how much God longed to be close to an individual, endless boundaries, walls and fences separated them. However, I knocked them all down.

Adam and Eve lost the family base. This lost family base is being re-created by blessed couples. Blessed couples overcome all barriers, including race. Centering on True Parents and True Parents' children, the original brotherhood can be created and expanded to families and relatives and nations.

THE ROLES OF KOREA AND JAPAN

North and South Korea represent the free world and the communist world. One world denies God, while the other recognizes God. The center of fighting in the whole universe is the Korean peninsula. Satan's second advent occurred in the form of Kim Il Sung, the worst parent. In the Christian world, True Parents appeared, but the Christian world chased out the king of kings. Kim Il Sung held power through fear, threatening to invade South Korea. The ultimate fighting field that represents the world is North Korea.

Centering on Korea, America represents the heavenly archangel, China represents the archangel of the Eastern world, and the Soviet Union represents the archangel of the satanic world. Japan represents Eve's world, with three archangels surrounding it, representing the three archangels at the time of Adam and Eve. Now nations stand in the place of the original individ-

uals. If the Christian world in the Cain position and Father's world in the Abel position had united, communism would not have appeared.

America represents the Abel-type bride position, while the free world represents the Cain-type bride position. When Cain and Abel unite through give and take action, the mother appears. When Eve and the two sons unite, they can connect with the original perfected Adam and perfected ideal master, God. Their family then becomes the central family. Because of these historical events, I and my family are the representative and central family.

However, since each individual is divided, how can unity come about? We cannot unite on our own; only by going through these patterns. Because of the fall, parents were lost, children were lost, and even God was lost. Through our family, we must restore everything lost through the fall.

Restoration takes place in a reverse way. Since Satan occupies the head position, God has to take the tail position. Abel has to regain the authority and position of the elder brother. Without paying indemnity we cannot return to the original place. The next step is to find the mother and restore her. Through the mother, Cain and Abel unite, creating the family base, national base and worldwide base. The true husband is the Second Advent Messiah, whose mission is to perfect the worldwide base. The owner of the restoration mission is the Messiah, True Father, and he connects with God. In the course of restoration, God has been in agony, shedding tears. With the victorious foundation at the Second Advent, we can liberate God. God can then become a glorious God.

Centering on Korea, the three archangel countries look to Japan, who is in the Eve position. America, China and the Soviet Union want to combine with Eve. These four countries are competing with each other to win Japan and occupy the bride. When ownership among those countries is settled, a peaceful direction for the world will emerge.

With the unification of the world, the time has come for the global family. People talk about the global village. However, it is the global family, not the global village, which is the core of the Kingdom of Heaven on the earth.

No one can deny that history has been characterized by indemnification. When we restore all the lost elements—father, mother, children and angels—we become representative families centering on God. True Parents have made the foundation. Your family's challenge is to unite with True Parents' family. You have to work hard. True Parents' family is showing the formula course for the family. It is terribly difficult to combine horizontal and vertical.

Once our mind and body are united, we seek the mother. Centering on mother, Cain and Abel must become one. This is exactly the reverse of what happened at



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All the efforts of the communist world and free world have collapsed. Only Godism and headwing ideology can save the world. Human effort is not enough. From now on, our activity will lift up the nation and the world.

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the fall. After the fall, the mind and body became separated, the mother was lost, and Cain and Abel were lost. So now it is time to restore the mother and restore our mind and body.

We must go through the historical steps of restoration to find our family. True Parents' family went through the course as the typical family. I and my family have received world-level persecution. I established a family, breaking down the walls and restoring the clan, race, the nation and so forth. Now, I am back in Asia, dealing with the Adam nation, Eve nation and archangel nations.

So many things have happened recently in North Korea, centering on its youth. The political situation deteriorated to the brink of atomic war. I sent my representative and an American representative to speak to Kim Il Sung. They met and they made peace. Centering on the United Nations, the mother has to restore the children of the world, represented by South Korean youth and North Korean youth.

After World War II, the Eve nation, the Abel nation and the Cain nation were lost. Forty years later, these three need to be regained. Otherwise, we cannot reach the original, ideal Kingdom of Heaven on earth. In the Garden of Eden, the archangel and Eve united and went down to hell. Now Eve reaches out to the archangel position. Mother reached out to save Cain and Abel, through her speeches at the US Capitol and the United Nations. By welcoming people, rather than opposing them, she made a victorious foundation of unity and embraced the Abel and Cain nations. However, Mother as an individual does not have a nation.

The Japanese government has opposed us. Through the

national news media, they persecuted us and tried to push us out. But when Mother overwhelmed Japan, no one could oppose her. They heard her words and welcomed her. As a result, the Eve nation, the Abel nation and the Cain nation united centering on Mother. Mother represents the central bride in the nations that represent the bride position. Those nations need to unite centering on the Messiah.

The same situation occurred after World War II, when England, America and France, as bride nations, should have united to welcome the bridegroom. They then should have returned to the original hometown nation, the Korean peninsula, and united with the mother and father.

This year we have returned to the circumstances after

World War II. The Unification Church is in the Abel position, and the Christian world is in the Cain position. No matter how much noise the Christian world makes, they are declining. Satan's people have occupied the Christian realm.

PROMOTE GODISM

To win back the young people, the Youth Federation for World Peace was created on July 26, 1994. Previously I had created the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, the Federation for World Peace and the Women's Federation for World Peace (the victorious Eve's foundation, Mother's foundation). Eve's nation, Japan, connected to Mother. Japan, which was formerly on Satan's side, has joined God's side, centering on the Second Advent. The universe is heading in the direction of Godism, headwing ideology.

No matter how much effort people made, it resulted in a defeated world. Even using all their power, talent and intelligence, how can people save the world? All the efforts of the communist world and free world have collapsed. Only Godism and headwing ideology can save the world. Human effort is not enough. From now on, our activity will lift up the nation and the world.

Under a democracy, brothers fight. Under parentism and Godism, there is no fighting. True Parents means real parents and real children. The real teacher, the king of teachers, is Father. The real king of kings is Father. Parent, teacher and king are the ideal subjects. Kim Il Sung tried to become such a subject, but his teaching is false. My teaching is the real one.

Since I am liberated, I am passing this liberation on to you. You then should liberate all things, blessing them with your hands. True Parents will be so close to you, your family and your environment. God will be right next to you.

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Father and Mother receive presents from Nora Spurgin, president of WFWP in America, at the celebration of the Harvest Festival.

Centering on True Parents, everything can be unified: the economy, politics, religion, culture and art. I have made that sort of foundation. To scientists, cultural leaders, politicians and diplomats, I proclaim one world under Godism. Humankind by itself cannot ensure the survival of the world.

INHERIT EVERYTHING FROM ME

Through following these steps, you can invite God to live with you and your family. Through this historical perspective, you should realize that your family is the representative family and central family. That is the topic of my sermon this morning. I have gone through the restoration process, step by step, and have won the victory. Your families must follow. I gave you the blessing. God gave you the blessing so you can make your family a model family that all the other families of the world can emulate. You must learn from our family and inherit from us.

As a result, my family and your family are in a father-son relationship. The son can automatically inherit everything the father has. I will bequeath everything to those families who can substantiate the claim, "Yes, Father, I have trod the same course as you did and now I realize a central and representative family." I did it concretely, physically, but all you have to do is follow my family in the depths of your heart. By doing so, you become the same. Simply put, God and my family have become one. Your family then should become one with my family, creating three generations of unity.

The way of perfection must be accomplished horizontally. God is standing at the horizontal point, the grandfather posi-

tion; Adam and Eve are in the parents' position; their children are in the position of children and grandchildren. The fall kept the three generations from being fulfilled horizontally. Laterally, God is standing on my right side, and you are standing on my left. This unity of three generations is the basis for horizontal world settlement.

Now God, True Parents and their children make connections all over the world. The free world can be liberated, based on this horizontal unity. God can freely visit the earth, spending time with individuals, families, tribes and nations throughout the world. There are no obstacles in God's path. God can automatically appear in the center of the individual, the family, the nation and the world, because everything belongs to God. This is God's original ideal of creation: worldwide perfection, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. True love covers the world.

The conclusion is clear: I represent God, I represent the center of humankind, and I represent True Parents' family, God's family center. This network is expanding to the world, centering on blessed couples. Now you realize deeply that your family is the representative and the center family.

BE LORD OF ALL THINGS

Millions of created beings have lived and are alive today, but they are in lamentation. They grieve because the world has never had the right master. The right master failed, and for thousands and thousands of years God has been struggling to restore that failure. During this time, all things in the animal kingdom and the plant kingdom have continued to grieve. This has been going on so long that now, in the Last Days, creatures are suffering from sickness.

Because of my complete settlement and your family's potential to settle in the center of the world, we will quickly take our position and become the true master, the true center of all things. Now all things are about to revive. The true master consoles all things. We should know how to shed tears for the sake of the flowers, asking them: "How long have you been waiting and grieving?" We should deal with all things like a true center and a true master. Since I am liberated, I am passing this liberation on to you. You then should liberate all things, blessing them with your hands. True Parents will be so close to you, your family and your environment. God will be right next to you, because He is right next to True Parents' family. How staggering it is! Suddenly you and your family can be liberated. Not only you, but all things, can be liberated because of these connections. You must clearly understand your position. No matter how deep your thoughts and appreciation, unless you act, that world cannot become your world.

BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY

The central, representative family is our topic. The central person or central family must bear responsibility. Central people

I have been promoting the concept of one world under God, centering on America. One nation under God is too self-centered. It is not good enough for God. God's ideal is one world under God.

and central families must protect their objects and help them grow and develop. In addition to nurturing and raising others up, the central being must help them develop in a balanced way, not favoring one person over another.

I bear that responsibility; therefore, I am always at the front. Wherever there is a critical problem or question, I am always present. I did not do anything wrong to deserve to be sent to jail. It was the members who did not do their part. However, since the responsibility was shifted to me, I had to go to jail often.

In the early times, I discouraged members from completely dedicating their lives to the church. I urged them: "Stay in your family, bear the burden of your family, and follow me at the same time." But many young members just left their homes. Since it caused social unrest I had to pick up the responsibility, and I ended up in jail. Following my example, you as central and representative families must also take responsibility for the consequences. We have the responsibility of protecting those who are under us.

Now the Unification Church has gone into debt, and we have to find money to repay it. I am now singlehandedly fighting that situation by bringing 160,000 Japanese women and teaching them for three days; they have been donating \$10,000 a person. With this money I am paying off the indebtedness. I always offer myself. It is difficult to bear the position of offering, but everything has to bow down to the offering. Am I indebted to you, or are you indebted to me? At least you know.

CREATE ONE WORLD UNDER GOD

You have persevered through many things along the way. Think about what you have gone through between the day you joined the Unification Church and now. You feel the difference, don't you? You have grown considerably. You have changed 180 degrees, from earth to heaven. Those who would say, "Oh, Father, I deteriorated. I became worse," raise your hands. This is why God is striking those who oppose our path.

I am the only one person in history to bring such large sums of money to pour out for this country. I have invested people, money-power and spirit-power into America. Am I supposed to do that forever or should Americans take this burden upon their shoulders at some point? The time for you to shoulder that burden is now.

America is a nation of immigrants. It should be one nation centering on God, not on itself. God's concept is one world under God, but American people are ignorant of this. Since I came to America many years ago, I have been promoting the concept of one world under God, centering on America. I have not been able to cast this country aside. I want to stop America



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from perishing. I want to restore it as an ideal country. One nation under God is too self-centered. It is not good enough for God. God's ideal is one world under God. You must be the representative family of the entire world, not just one country.

DEVELOP OCEAN RESOURCES

If somebody is starving, it is our concern. For twenty years I have been making a strong foundation by developing the fishing and marine industries. The ocean is virtually untapped, because life at sea is so hard. Americans do not want to go to the ocean, because they have plenty to eat on land. However, land resources will not last forever. The American soil may become exhausted. You have to develop the ocean. No one can deny that the direction of the future lies in the ocean. The ocean is the last frontier.

These past twenty years were foundation years. Although it may seem meager, it is a good foundation for the future because the sea occupies three times the area of the land. In the sea can be found an enormous amount of resources, perhaps more than on land. To tap and develop these resources is our task as true masters.

When I started this work twenty years ago, Americans with a very narrow perspective complained that I was invading their territory. For fifteen years they kept trying to safeguard their small, so-called territory. Only in the last couple of years have they stopped protesting, knowing that they will eventually benefit.

No one can chase me away from the ocean. I have been riding boats for twenty years. I knew that no satanic people would ever be serious about saving their so-called brothers and sisters. Only the true master of the world can and must

A blessed couple in which one spouse is Zambian must go to Zambia. Someone who says, "I like America and want to stay here," has no place. Americans should go to Zambia and make Zambia like America.

take responsibility to protect people and prevent them from starving. In that respect I have been the center and the champion of ocean enterprises. What you do not like someone else will snatch from you, and you will be deprived.

Who currently dominates the seashores and ocean enterprises? Recent immigrants from all over the world are harvesting the ocean's bounty.

I have endless memories of persecution and discrimination. When I applied to establish a fish farm on the West coast, they said we would have to wait for them to enact a law. We waited, but when the law was passed, the authorization was given to someone else who had nothing to do with the pioneering. We were the pioneers, but they bypassed us. It was preposterous. Everywhere we went, we have been pioneers, but people persecuted us. Now they are doing everything that I proposed.

I have a vision that America's millionaires will come to think and act exactly like me. They will sell their property and use the proceeds to save the people of Africa. When Americans do this, it will ensure America's survival, and Americans will experience unprecedented prosperity. To set up a bureau of emigration is America's present-day task. Americans should emigrate all over the world, working in the position of Abel to save Cain. This will be the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

A blessed couple in which one spouse is Zambian must go to Zambia. Someone who says, "I like America and want to stay here," has no place. Americans should go to Zambia and make Zambia like America. When I give that order, will you go? Would you trade your house in America for the worst hut in Africa? The size of your house is nothing, compared with the blessings you have received from me.

In Japan this is already happening. One person sold land and donated \$100 million (US) from the proceeds. That person

then moved into a one-room apartment. God would look down on such a person and say, "How wonderful! You are a king of property." Our time on earth is limited, while our existence in the spirit world is forever. People who willingly give their sweat, tears and blood on earth will be kings in the spirit world.

BECOME BROADER AND BETTER PEOPLE

When you sit down to eat, have you ever been so choked up with tears that you could not eat? Imagine people all over the world weeping at mealtime because of True Parents and God. What an incredible experience of worldwide sharing!

Only because today is Sunday did I dress up like this, with a necktie. Generally I wear very simple clothes. When the weather is warm, I wear only a shirt and pants, not even socks. Be frugal. Do not be extravagant.

When I am here, you feel full. However, when I go away from America, you feel empty, don't you? Your heart feels vacant. Who made you feel like that? God did.

Every person in a difficult situation calls out to God for help. That cry comes naturally. You follow your parents without being taught to do so. Automatically your mind wants to follow your parents. Children naturally cling to their mother's skirts. Our minds move automatically, without being instructed. God made us that way.

When you are moved with a deep yearning to save the world and you tearfully speak about this to the multitudes, they will certainly listen to you. When somebody close to you dies, you feel so much grief. Contrast that feeling to your emotion when a country is about to perish. You will find that there is no comparison. From my early childhood, when I had an occasion to grieve, I immediately thought, "Can I compare this grief of

mine, which is so painful, to that of God, who lost the nation, the world, His own children?" I always made sure I did the right thing and went the right path. Even under such difficult circumstances, I realize that God is always in a far more difficult position. You, too, should live like that.

Use each experience as an opportunity to become a broader and better person, like God. Resolve to save the world. Every day you have to live like that. When people become angry and bitter during the process of a divorce, I look at them and think: if I were in that situation, I would never do that. I would wish the other person great blessing and I would try to pioneer again, rather than becoming bitter and cursing the other person. Thus everything that

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Father speaks, as Col. Sang Kil Han waits to translate for the members.

You need absolute faith in True Parents' concept: unity of mind and body, unity of husband and wife, and unity of parents and children. You should be so strongly united with True Parents' family that nothing can separate us.

happens, no matter how small, can be a lesson to us.

Often God has promised me the highest, most exalted position, but then put me in the lowest place. I imagine I am beneath a flat-bottom boat, and heaven is on the top, with only a thin layer of wood separating me from heaven. If you think like that, God will embrace you. During the most difficult situations, God connects with me and embraces me. In such circumstances, we can feel God right beside us.

Satan cannot connect with the central, dark root. Satan governs the realm of darkness, but even Satan does not want to live in the depths of darkness. When we go to the darkest place, God will visit us and remain with us, bringing His light. When you are the source of light for the darkest realm, God will come and expand that light with the brightness of His kingdom. God will want to elevate you to the highest place and bequeath everything to you.

As you know, for the representative family to go out to fight and win is very difficult. God's strategy is to place his representative right at the top and let everybody persecute him. If you persevere through that persecution, you will have won the war. Satan can go his way, but he cannot go God's way. We may have come from a bad place, but if we reach the crossing point and take the right direction, that is what counts. When we go beyond the worst things that Satan can throw at us, we reach God's domain.

BECOME THE FAMILY SEED

We must unite as mind and body, as husband and wife, and as parents and children. When all these elements are united, we become the representative and the center. We become the family seed. From the small family seed comes the family king, tribal king, national king, worldwide king and cosmic king, representing God's position. God wanted to become the family king, the tribal king, national king, worldwide king and cosmic king. We need to pass on that tradition to the next generation and expand the family base, tribal base, national base and worldwide base. The center is the family. To establish the representative and central family is the direction of history. Every family needs to head in this direction. Your family and your descendants need to follow the pattern of the true Adam's family.

The seed is sown, and at harvest time the fruit bears more of the same seed. The seeds planted multiply. The mother seed and the children's seed have the same value, the same life potential. Adam's family is the seed and represents central family. Your family has to become the same seed. The seed needs to expand and become the family king, tribal king,



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national king, worldwide king and cosmic king, representing God and True Parents. Each seed has the same meaning. No matter how many generations are produced, they have the same value. The seed at harvest has the same contents and value as the seed at planting time.

Blessed couples represent Adam's family, which represents all creation and is the center of all beings. Humankind is the center of creation. Think about this every day and determine to make it a reality.

How glorious it is to have more than 30,000 families bearing the same seed as True Parents! The satanic world really fears this. How wonderful it is! Wherever we settle down, God can automatically dwell with us. God's territory will keep expanding, while Satan will be expelled from more and more territory. How wonderful this is!

You may assume that it would be very difficult to buy the Empire State Building, but it is very simple: the seller and the buyer both sign a piece of paper. Father's family is the central, representative family and the base of settlement. If you and your parents sign a deed of inheritance, you inherit everything. The process is simple, but the contents are difficult. However, I have clarified all the contents.

You need absolute faith in True Parents' concept: unity of mind and body, unity of husband and wife, and unity of parents and children. You should be so strongly united with True Parents' family that nothing can separate us. Everything depends on your upholding that standard. By following my actions, you inherit my value. Can you do it? Can you pledge before God to be united with True Parents and God? Let us pray. ■■■

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Automatic Dispensation

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IN JIN Nim and I saw two brothers fundraising with flowers as we were driving. We stopped and had give-and-take with one of the brothers. He was wearing a Walkman and said, "Jin Sung Nim, I am just listening to you giving a sermon." I always cringe when I hear that because I am too young to be giving sermons.

Whenever I come here I want to explode and share with you all that is in my heart. What is our favorite topic? True Parents, True Family. Heavenly Father has allowed me to hear and see things that I wish you could all hear, see and experience. I live to convey these experiences. I have been meditating on where one begins when one speaks of True Family. They are doing such incredible things.

Before beginning to analyze, one first needs to set the proper foundation, the proper spirit. Analysis is a powerful tool. In the hands of a cynical person any conclusion, no matter how negative, can be drawn. Analysis is also a very powerful tool in the hands of Abel-type people, enabling them to understand more deeply what is seen. Success may take a long time. How do we distinguish if we are on the right path, going in the right direction? How do we know if another person is going the right way if we do not understand him?

Understand True Family as a whole

The most important thing about True Family is what they are in their entirety. Before understanding each individual's flair and greatness, you have to understand them as a whole. They are the flesh and blood of our True Parents. If you know True Parents, then you already know True Children. Brothers and sisters in Africa and Asia know True Parents and True Children. When members of the True Family visit other countries, they feel this incredible love and brother-sister bond. Some of us who are close by are unable to digest the golden nuggets of what we see, hear and experience. Sometimes it is easier to understand from a distance.

The True Children represent the lineage of our True Parents; their flesh and blood. The other evening In Jin Nim and I were talking, and we wondered if the structure of True Family is clear to everybody. God is the origin. From God comes the True Parents, the very core of everything in the universe. From True Parents comes the four position foundation, which is our

True Family.

The birth of each True Child gives so much joy and hope. Father and Mother's eldest child was Ye Jin Nim; then came Hyo Jin Nim, followed by Hae Jin Nim, In Jin Nim, Heung Jin Nim, Un Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Sun Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim and Jeung Jin Nim. Even for me, it is a little difficult to rattle off all



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of those names in the proper order. Sometimes at birthday parties Father asks who is next. It is a huge family! See if you can name all the members of the True Family in the correct order.

Hae Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim

Ye Jin Nim was born first, then came Hyo Jin Nim and Hae Jin Nim. The fact that there are fourteen children tells you something about True Parents. Many of you know so little about Hae Jin Nim, because she was only with us in the physical world for a few days.

Was Heung Jin Nim meant to die? We should ponder whether we could have done something to alter the course of history so that Heung Jin Nim could be here with us today. Satan won a great victory, 2,000 years ago, by sending Jesus to the spiritual world at such a young age, before he could establish the True Parents. Satan has exploited that pattern repeatedly.

Father has spoken, in the past, about the suffering of the second sons in the Moon clan. The second sons of his uncles and aunts all perished. Heung Jin Nim's willing sacrifice was to indemnify Jesus' position. Heavenly Father, True Parents

and all of us hoped that it would not come to that, but because of our failures Heung Jin Nim agreed to become the sacrifice, and True Parents offered him.

Bad things repeat themselves, in part, because Satan works to exploit them. On the reverse side, bad things recur partly because Heavenly Father allows them to happen. We have to go to the edge of failure again to gain an opportunity to bring victory. A person who has never been a homosexual cannot represent homosexuality and restore it. Such restoration is accomplished by a homosexual brother or sister who suffers from that internal turmoil and, at the edge of temptation and destruction, denies that inclination and decides to follow True Parents.

Our church goes through so much uproar and difficulty because True Parents, true love and the Divine Principle do not isolate us from problems. The Unification Church is like an international garbage disposal. All garbage has to come through the Unification Church and we have to digest it. If you confront and solve whatever problems you have in the name of True Parents, you will be empowered.

True Parents sacrificed not only their second son but also their second daughter. Why did Hae Jin Nim go? Jesus was the second son of God. Don't you think that there was a second Eve, Jesus' intended bride? When Jesus died after three years of public ministry the second Eve perished. Satan claimed the second daughter of True Parents, who represent God on earth. He claimed their second son as well. All the good forces in the universe resisted that claim, because Jesus had grown to manhood and had accomplished something in his life. Therefore, Satan could not take Heung Jin Nim as a baby. He made the sacrifice at age seventeen.

I am explaining this to help you understand the True Children as a whole unit. Both Hae Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim served a special purpose in the spiritual realm. They are doing dispensation work in the spiritual realm. The other twelve True Children are doing dispensational work in the physical realm.

An incredible explosion

The first six True Children were born in Korea. Six were born in America. There are three sons and three daughters in the first half and three sons and three daughters in the second half. In Jin Nim calls this a vertical and horizontal manifestation in the True Family. The sum of six sons and six daughters gives the magnificent number of twelve, representing all directions of the universe. Father and Mother gave birth to seven sons and seven daughters, representing perfection of both sonship and daughtership.

Father and Mother are masters of providential numbers. What a beautiful structure has been made by True Parents and True Children! One of my areas of strength is probability and statistical analysis. How many women in the world had fourteen children? Enormous indemnity was paid to establish the number twelve in such a perfectly symmetrical vertical and horizontal pattern.

With this understanding as an anchor, we can see that God has given each of them a certain quality to manifest. They are going in twelve different directions. Promise me that you will keep this rock of understanding in your heart. We can then talk all we want. I have stories that can make you laugh and make you cry, stories that will inspire you. I am just an instrument for sharing these stories with you.

Hyo Jin Nim

How are we going to restore five billion people? True Children are desperate to accomplish this. We need to reach these five billion people through mass communication. Eight years

ago Hyo Jin Nim set out on this path. As a teenager he watched young people waste their lives because of rock 'n' roll, television and peer pressure. He had to fight these pressures within himself. True Parents brought their pure and precious children to America. America attacked and contaminated them at the inner core of their being. We who live in America are contaminated without realizing it. America has to pay a heavy price for what it has done to the True Children indirectly. True Children are not pointing fingers and blaming, but they are trying to deal with the effects.

You may wonder how True Children can tell others to be true if they are not true themselves. However, I want to tell you they are on the path toward trueness, and they are way ahead of us. They have something to share with us. Do not count the number of years you have been in the church as an

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indicator of progress. The only measure of your advancement is your willingness to endure suffering. Suffering and pain, in and of themselves, do not cause an individual to grow. The willingness to take on the suffering of others is what the True Children have inherited from the True Parents.

Hyo Jin Nim wants to bring the biggest victory to the True Parents. The O.J. Simpsons and the Michael Jacksons are the gods of this world. Aren't True Parents so much better than those gods? Why has the world not yet recognized True Parents?

When Hyo Jin Nim started at the Manhattan Center, who among us here were believers? When he came here and desperately appealed for help, who of us ran to him? Unification Church members are considered the bottom rungs. What a pitiful group we are if we cannot even serve True Parents properly! The elite and gifted of the world rejected True Parents, so the blessing of serving True Parents fell upon us. We are like the bottom rung of society. However, even within the Unification Church we have a structure. It seems that Hyo Jin Nim got stuck with the bottom of the bottom. All of the outcasts of the Unification Church, which represents the bottom of society, ended up at the Manhattan Center. Hyo Jin Nim embraced them and decided to build with them. What in fact has happened is that the bottom of the bottom actually ended up being most like society. That is why Manhattan Center is going to do great things for society.

We should emulate True Children in their vertical connection with True Parents. We also need to go out into the world and excel. True Children really do not want us to praise them all the time. How do you make True Parents great? By going out into the world and having the world recognize you and wonder what makes you tick. You can then proclaim that Reverend and Mrs. Moon are the answers. If you have internal and external excellence, your accomplishments and victories testify to True Parents. That is why you need to study True Children. Hyo Jin Nim emphasizes external accomplishments. He is not satisfied until the highest levels of whatever industry he is working in come to him and ask to work with him.



Just the other day, we got a call that Father was on his way to the Manhattan Center. I asked Hyo Jin Nim if I should call anyone there to inform them of Father's visit. Hyo Jin Nim said, "No, let's go home. Mother is waiting to see us." How many of you central figures could just go home from work when you hear Father is on his way? Father saw hundreds of people. Executives were meeting in suites. One of the production studios had a seven-camera shoot. Construction was going on to fulfill the requirements of the contract. Over the telephone, Father said to Hyo Jin Nim, "Do you need any help? Do you need any money? I am excited about this project." Hyo Jin Nim responded, "It is all right, Father, I can do it on my own. Please come anytime. It is for you." That is what we have to live up to, you know. It is rather awesome.

Eric Clapton is going to come to Manhattan Center. Johnny Cash put on a concert in that hall. The Rolling Stones might be coming. The Yes group used the Manhattan Center Studios when they were playing at Madison Square Garden. Every time Hyo Jin Nim creates one of these studios it gets on the cover of the industry magazine.

Hyo Jin Nim is now cutting his seventeenth album. How many of you put on album number one and album number two and listen to them 24 hours per day? Anybody? You must be crazy! Once Hyo Jin Nim said to In Jin Nim and me, "I know that you guys do not listen to my stuff because it stinks." When the first and second albums came out, we played them and felt his vision through them. He has been proceeding one step at a time. Each album was the best he could do at that time. I just love album number sixteen.

This summer I hired a young man to work for me. A brilliant young man, he scored practically perfect 800s on his SAT tests. He applied to every Ivy League school and got accepted at them all. He is the first person that I have encountered who types computer code language at speed. He agreed to work for low pay. He is not the most colorful person, but we got along just fine. On his last day on the job I turned on one of Hyo Jin Nim's albums and asked him what he thought. He said, "Very impressive! If you told me that this was a top ten rising hit, I

would believe it. It is just as good." When I shared this with Hyo Jin Nim he said, "If I can reach the nerds of the world, I must be doing something right."

The other day I went to lunch with a lawyer friend. In the car I asked him to listen to some music created by a member of my family. "It is tight, it is good. Very enjoyable to listen to."

In the True Family we always give each other feedback and try to understand what everyone is doing. As loving brothers and sisters, why can't we give each other a chance? Hyo Jin Nim's work is based upon a vision, and he is going to try until he drops dead. As with all of the True Children, he will be working in multiple fields, but now he is doing this. I can see the potential power of the Manhattan Center. Famous people come because they love to work there. Hyo Jin Nim cannot even get into his own studios because they are booked up to three months in advance. An institution guided by Heavenly Father and True Parents' foundation is ready to explode on the national and international scenes, touching young people all around the world. He is accomplishing it with outside people's money and pouring in his blood, sweat and tears. That is a rather awesome example to follow.

Hyo Jin Nim will get mad at me if I talk about Manhattan Center too much. Members of the True Family all watch each other at home on closed circuit television. I watch Hyo Jin Nim when he comes here to speak. It is not his style to share about himself, but it is important for you to know this. Just the anticipation of what is to come can keep us inspired for days and days.

In Jin Nim

Earlier this summer In Jin Nim graduated with a theology degree from Harvard. Ye Jin Nim and In Jin Nim were studying together at Harvard Divinity School, which is probably one of the most difficult places in the world to study. [See the report in the July/August issue of Today's World.] To spend years working

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among those arrogant professors and students is not so easy. You have to know what it is like going to school as a True Child. Other kids have beat up on them. A bigoted professor can write a nasty letter and block their way. In True Family, to get an education is like walking a tightrope, and Satan tries so hard to knock them out. When you go to school with the surname of Moon you cannot hide. Diplomacy is one of the strongest assets of Ye Jin Nim and In Jin Nim. Sometimes In Jin Nim lays low when she senses that a certain professor is very bigoted, but she still gets an 'A.'

In Jin Nim was taking a course on Puritanism, which was the religious bedrock of America. The Puritans came to America

thinking that they were going to create a new world, the ideal society. They were pioneers of an awakening. Puritanism was like a rebirth of Christianity from a principled point of view. They claimed to be the chosen people. They married and set up families and communities, and then all of a sudden they began to argue over tradition.

One issue that practically destroyed the church was the transition between the first and second generation. Is that not, brothers and sisters, the critical juncture we are coming to as a church? We must succeed in the transition between first generation and second generation. After Father Divine passed away, after the founder of the Mormon church passed away, only remnants of their church survived. Harvard professors

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are watching Father, Mother and us. We are under their microscope. They are even writing papers about us. We have to succeed in making this transition.

The transition is gradual and internal. You do not have to be literally a blessed child to be a part of the second generation. Father and Mother want you to transform yourselves into the second generation. To be in the second generation means to identify with the second generation leaders: True Children. Look at their example and transform yourself from a first generation shell, into a second generation rebirth.

True love is inclusive in nature, not exclusive. True Children are in awe of True Parents; they glorify True Parents. Any of the True Children regard it as most precious when their parent comes and sits beside them and asks them, as a son or daughter, how their day was. It does not happen that often, but when it does all of the vertical power and glory is transferred horizontally. We have to be able to show the subject that we are in a position to be able to handle that relationship. When your subject comes down to relate to you horizontally, you should know how to respond. The dynamic is very flexible and so much beauty is created through the give and take.

In her course on Puritans, In Jin Nim read a lot about the historical struggles in the transition between the first and second generation. In Jin Nim told me that she was beginning to understand part of the reason that Father sent her to that divinity school, because through learning about some mistakes other religions made, she could realize some issues with which we will have to deal. She wrote a paper entitled, "The Similarities between the First Generation and the Second Generation Transition of the Puritan Movement and the Unification Movement." It is not enough just to be bold and strong; we must also be wise. We discussed it and decided to go ahead and write on this topic, though the professor could throw it out.

The Puritans thought that they were perfect and therefore their children would be perfect. As the children grew up, they struggled a lot. The first generation began to question if the children were in fact members of the covenant and whether they should receive baptism and the Lord's Supper. They really wrestled with these issues, and the hard-liners claimed that visible signs of conversion had to be manifest. You first generation brothers and sisters had conversion experiences, but we blessed children did not experience a conversion. When we were growing up and heard you say that you were nothing before you became sons and daughters of True Parents, we wondered when we would feel that way.

One cannot write a paper without citing some authority. In Jin Nim wrote a whole paragraph on details of our church, describing certain situations among the blessed children, and wrote the following as a footnote: "In Jin Moon, second daughter of Sun Myung Moon." (Laughter.) Who else is going to know this stuff, right?

The professor is the foremost authority on Puritanism. The books that In Jin Nim read were all written by that professor. Her footnotes cited her professor and In Jin Moon. She submitted the paper just before graduation, and she did not know if she would graduate because the professor could easily object. The paper came back with an 'A' and the following comment: "This is excellent. I never learned so much. I never knew these things about the Unification Church. You need to write a follow-up paper. Maybe we can publish this together." (Laughter. Applause.)

Un Jin Nim

Un Jin Nim is an amazing member of the family. Her nickname is "the tank." When she has an opinion, you know it. She is so courageous. You have to be courageous when you are sitting on an animal several hundred times heavier than you, with a mind of its own, going forty miles an hour out of a jump six feet or higher. She has broken practically every bone in her body. She has been to the Olympics twice, representing Korea, the second time as team captain. The riding world is the world of the elite, the highest level of society. Father thinks that we need a representative in that world. Un Jin Nim has to win the respect of these people. Naturally they are going to perceive her



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as "daddy's little rich girl." Being Reverend Moon's daughter puts one at a severe disadvantage in their eyes. The riding season starts each January in Florida. She trains seriously from January until August or September, entering show after show, competition after competition. She is away from home all the time, living out of a camper to save money.

The members of True Family always worry about you and about money. They never want to spend too much. They are very sensitive and do not want to offend you. Father invested \$100,000 in a horse. That is a lot of money. Un Jin Nim trained the horse and took it to the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. Half the field of riders did not even make it to the finish line, but Un Jin Nim went through the whole course.

Let me illustrate what she has accomplished. After the Olympics, someone offered 3.5 million dollars for the horse she rode. After seeing her performance at the Olympics, they concluded it was a great horse. Un Jin Nim wondered if we should sell the horse, because 3.5 million is a lot of money, and she could buy another horse and start over. The horse is now at its peak. Un Jin Nim and her husband, Jin Hun Nim, were in turmoil, thinking of Father's financial burden. However, Father told her to keep the horse and get the victory with it.

Un Jin Nim's coach is Rodney Jenkins. When he rides a horse, he is introduced like this: "Here comes Rodney Jenkins, out of retirement, who has won more prize money show jumping horses than any person in the world." For a couple of years after retirement he trained other riders, and then he gave up. Many wealthy people asked him to train them, but he refused. One day he came to see Un Jin Nim. Olympic equestrians are usually in their thirties or forties, so by those standards Un Jin Nim is still very young. Rodney Jenkins recognized Un Jin Nim's talent and volunteered to train her.

No feminist can point a finger at any of the true daughters. The daughters of our True Parents fulfill all of the responsibilities of wives and mothers and they have careers. How can you pick either one? The feminist movement has run out of steam because many of its stars have admitted that they have missed out on life by not having children.

Un Jin Nim has recently given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Olympic contenders train for four years between the games. Un Jin Nim has sacrificed two training seasons.

Hyun Jin Nim

Many of you are work with Hyun Jin Nim at United Vision Sales (formerly known by other names). He reorganized everything and made some hard decisions that needed to be made. Sometimes we as central figures get stuck and do not know how to make decisions.

Do you know what is so great about the future? Not only will we have Father and Mother but we will have twelve True Children who know Father and Mother's desires and will take the responsibility for moving forward. There is no more stagnation.



Mother is greeted by the True Children and True Grandchildren upon her Homecoming, September 6, 1994.

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Inc. magazine listed Hyun Jin Nim's company as the ninth fastest growing company in America last year. That is national recognition.

It is amazing that as young and inexperienced as True Children are, they are going out and doing their best. If we give them space to grow, we will see phenomenal, unimagined growth. They will learn and grow faster than anyone. If something does not work, they will analyze it with you and figure out how to make it work. Their initial areas of responsibility are training grounds. Eventually their responsibilities will be around the world.

Kook Jin Nim

Kook Jin Nim is a Harvard graduate. Using the skills he developed as an undergraduate he did something that won the respect of all of his brothers and sisters. There was a time when Father was like the giant Atlas, bearing the world on his back. Not only was he holding the world up, but the foundation upon which Father and Mother were standing in Korea was crumbling a couple of years ago. It was a terribly intense time for Father and Mother, and there were huge multi-million dollar decisions to be made. Frankly speaking, as hard as the business leaders in Korea, Japan, America and Germany tried, they could not come up with any decent solutions. Father will never give in; he always moves forward. However, they had to choose between two alternatives.

Who was going to jump into that mess and try to sort it out? Kook Jin Nim. Fresh out of Harvard, he went to the library and

checked out every book on restructuring corporations. He was a genius at processing the information.

As a true son I want to share with you that True Children have not been welcome, sometimes even in their own house. They feel it too. Kook Jin Nim dedicated a whole year in Korea. First of all, he had to organize the accounting systems. Many of our companies there are run without balance sheets and income statements. After getting all the procedures in place, he then had to come up with a master plan. The hard part was delivering the master plan to Father. Kook Jin Nim would continue to ask Father to look at various issues, and Father would refuse to listen. How many leaders would walk away at that point? Kook Jin Nim said, "Father, I love you very much. You have to look at this." He showed a combination of love and courage. Because of their love for True Parents, True Children would do nothing to betray them.

Kook Jin Nim persists with his questions. Sometimes Father throws up his hands and yells, "Where did I get a son like this?" (Laughter.) It was awesome to watch Kook Jin Nim deal with Father and try to save our community from collapsing. He gave everything he had to connect the leadership of Korea with True Parents. How often can a leader take "no" from Father? For True Children "no" means "no," but they keep checking to see whether the "no" incorporates all the information. Instead of giving True Parents just the good part of the story, True Children tend to give Parents the bad part of the story. We can learn a lot from them.

Internal and external excellence

I spoke about some external qualities of the True Children because I feel it is so inspiring that they are going to become leaders in the future. The overall theme is internal and external excellence. We must become excellent people. If we know that we are internally excellent, there is absolutely no reason not to be externally excellent also. Hyo Jin Nim emphasizes simplicity

rather than complexity. The detailed work has to be done, but the overall direction and purpose are very simple: humility, quality work and compassion.

Hyo Jin Nim has a substantial foundation in audio production, and he is now moving into video. Every time he sees a movie or watches television his critical mind is learning. Hyo Jin Nim is now attending the Unification Theological Seminary. The first day he was at class, Dr. Theodore Shimmyo was giving

Looking back on the blessings of the True Family, I see something so incredibly moving. Each of the True Children have unconditionally accepted Father and Mother's choices.

a lecture on restlessness. Hyo Jin Nim sat in the center front seat as an object. Dr. Shimmyo was asked a question, and Hyo Jin Nim volunteered a simple, straightforward answer. He stated that if you are a member of this community seeing the drugs, the corruption and the television programming, how can you not be restless? He said he felt so restless to get out there and fix this world. If you are that restless, then channel it. How can you be content and laid back?

The prerequisite for attending UTS is a college degree. Many of you finished your degree requirements through the Regents' program or by taking mail order courses. Hyo Jin Nim must do the same. He is a self-taught person. He is going to be one of those famous people who will one day say that he dropped out of Columbia University because he was wasting his time there. Some of the greatest people in the world have been Ivy League dropouts. At the same time, he realizes that he missed certain formal education. However, at the recording studio, he

has computers set up so he can press a button and a hundred knobs will turn all at once to a pre-set location. As he listens to the music he tweaks a knob and makes it much better. The staff at Manhattan Center considers Hyo Jin Nim's criticism to be correct and helpful.

True Children want hard-earned respect. A professional audiovisual designer from the University of Bridgeport came to the Manhattan Center Studios to meet Reverend Moon's son, thinking he was doing him a favor. Something happened in those three hours. He was overwhelmed by every studio he walked into. He asked Hyo Jin Nim to explain his philosophy of creativity. For the next two hours Hyo Jin Nim explained God-centered creativity. The visitor asked Hyo Jin Nim if he might send some university students to Manhattan Center



True Family gather for a photo on Shin Myung Nim's eighth birthday (10/12/94). Back row (left to right): Young Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, In Jin Nim holding Shin Chul Nim, Sun Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, Jeung Jin Nim. Front row (left to right): Shin Won Nim, Shin Kwon Nim, Shin Myung Nim, Shin Sun Nim, Shin Yeon Nim, Shin Eh Nim.

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as interns. He asked Hyo Jin Nim to do something for him and the University of Bridgeport. This man walked out of there saying, "Thank you, Mr. Moon."

Building a love relationship

In closing, the most important thing is the quality of a person. Looking back on the blessings of the True Family, I see something so incredibly moving. Each of the True Children agreed, as you did, to marry whomever Father and Mother chose. From Ye Jin Nim down to Kook Jin Nim, they have unconditionally accepted Father and Mother's choices. However, it isn't as though they were in love from day one. All of you know that. You have to work on it.

Once Father and Mother commented how Hyo Jin Nim and Nan Sook Nim are about as opposite as two people can be, but when they unify it will be so beautiful. I live with Hyo Jin Nim, and I know that they work at it every day. I do not think a day goes by without Hyo Jin Nim saying that he loves his wife and children. He and I sometimes have some heavy talks, and he tells me: "Look at these wonderful children of mine. It goes right back to my wife, because with any other woman I would not get these children. As far as I am concerned these children are perfect. They are exactly what I wanted. It is like asking for something for Christmas and getting it perfectly." He said to me, "When Shin Gil looks up at me with that total love, it gives me rebirth and brings love into my heart. I look at my wife and I tell her that only with her could I have this. That is why we love each other."

The magic of True Children is the same magic that Father and Mother have given to you. We do not get married at the high point of our emotional attachment to one another. If we did, it would be all downhill from there. We get married at rock bottom, or even below! We receive the seed of true love from God through True Parents. When you accept your spouse, you receive something nobody in the outside world has. That seed, if you nurture it, will grow. Some seeds have hard shells to crack. Even from day one you might hate each other, but because you agreed to accept one another based upon nothing but true love and obedience to God and True Parents, nothing can break your connection. Do not let Satan fool you. All relationships require effort. All relationships have their ups and

downs. Sometimes it is the momentum of going down that propels you to your next high.

In the True Family we experience this also. Sometimes Hyo Jin Nim is in the car with me at four in the morning, weeping as if it were the end of the world. The very next day something will happen and the whole family is on cloud nine. Because they are always focusing on God and True Parents, they know the right thing to do. It is not that they do not suffer. True Children seem to have an inherent sense of what to do.

Divine Principle tells us that nobody is born perfect; there are formation, growth and perfection. Therefore, I ask you to give True Children some breathing space before judging them.

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Judge yourselves before judging them. Just give them some space, and they will not disappoint you.

If I can, in any way, be an instrument to support and love True Children, I know they will not let me down. It is not easy for In Jin Nim to be in a position to take care of her younger brothers and sisters, especially since she is formally responsible for their education. This means chastising them. Sometimes I have gone out on a limb and I am just a brother-in-law, not a true son. However, according to the Principle, are we not all trying to be true sons and daughters? True Children want us all to become their true brothers and sisters.

If the True Children were an exclusive crowd, we would have no hope. We have to earn the right to love Father and Mother as much as a true son and daughter would love them. From True Children we can study what is it like to be a true son and daughter at each age level. We want to be like them, but we have to perfect ourselves, creating mind-body unity.

When we meet Father and Mother in the spiritual world, they need to receive a vibration from us that identifies us as a son or daughter. Therefore, you have to live as true sons or daughters and be recognized as brothers and sisters by the real true sons and daughters. They are the True Family. If they include you, you are included. That is the magic of being a spouse of one of them. Because Father and Mother blessed me to their daughter, then True Parents and True Family give me the right to be a part of them. I have no right otherwise. We all need to feel very clear on that, especially you twenty- and thirty-year members. What right have you earned? Only the right to be true.

Let me give you an example of how to deal with a difficult situation with love. As a law student, I was primarily learning the tools of analysis. Many years ago, Hyo Jin Nim stood here and said he



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hated all lawyers and that analysis was terrible. Some warning lights went off in my mind, but I told myself, "He is my brother and I love him, so I am not going to throw his words away. I also know that he loves me." What he said that day challenged me. Whenever True Parents and True Children speak, we should take what they say personally. If you are an Abel-type person, criticism makes you grow by leaps and bounds, as long as you know how to absorb it. If you keep bouncing it off, you become cynical and resentful. I received so much criticism from Hyo Jin Nim during the first couple of years, although he is so tolerant and patient now. I hope I am doing the right thing. He and my spouse have trained me well. Parents, of course, have trained me, but Hyo Jin Nim and In Jin Nim are the ones who trained me the most.

What am I to think when Hyo Jin Nim says that analysis is all messed up? Of course, analysis is critical, but the main point is love. Loving him as my older brother, I used analysis to understand what he said. I concluded that Hyo Jin Nim was talking about selfish lawyers and selfish people who use the tool of analysis selfishly. Though he was not talking to me personally, I will take it personally and use it as a gift. There is a right way to analyze and a wrong way to analyze. Hyo Jin Nim's words applied to the wrong way to analyze. I could use his statement to learn to analyze in a good way.

More recently, Hyo Jin Nim has often talked about the importance of analysis. When I see that in my older brother, I feel so moved. I never lose my position as his younger brother. I just observe and feel so moved by him as a human being who is expanding and growing like a cosmos. It is not a matter of who is right and who is wrong; it is a matter of love.

Recently Hyo Jin Nim told me that he thought I was really very smart, but I told him that in reality what I have is a good memory. Having memorized lots of things makes me sound smart, and it is beginning to transform slowly into wisdom. However, whenever I watch Hyo Jin Nim and In Jin Nim and deal with the younger True Children I see wisdom, creativity, ingenuity and the ability to pull something out of nothing. In True Children, I see raw creative genius developing.

After a few months of law school I felt I was studying fencing. One day I walked in from law school and said something with a flair reminiscent of the things that went on in class. Hyo Jin Nim came up to me, patted me on the back, and said, "Hey, Jin, we leave the swords at the door." (Laughter.) It really pulled me up into reality. In Jin Nim went through law school with me, and she and I would practice together, but I never forgot those words from Hyo Jin Nim. It just blew me away. Law school equips you with certain skills, but that does not mean that you come home and slice and dice your brothers and sisters.

Because I was around True Children when I went to law school, I went through law school in a unique way. I do not see myself as a lawyer. No matter what you do, no matter what clothes you wear, no matter what your mission is, the most important thing is your heart: shedding tears with one another, relating to one another. Everything else is just a tool to help the



Father and Mother cut the celebration cake upon their return to New York, September 19, 1994.

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providence along.

I want to make you all want to be with True Children. When you do have the opportunity to be with them, do not take what you see for granted. When they stop to say something to you or even look at you a certain way, take that as a gift from a true person who is trying to communicate something special to you.

Father recently told us that he has accomplished everything and even if he dies now the ideal world is coming. One day Hyo Jin Nim and I talked about whether the ideal world would come automatically. Hyo Jin Nim regards life as a paradox: the greater you are the more humble you should be. The Unification Church is like a drop in the bucket so how can Father and Mother say that the ideal world will come automatically? The key is True Children. Father looks upon True Children as part of himself. Even if Father and Mother go to spirit world now, Father has lived, researched and discovered the Principle and then taught it and bequeathed it to his lineage.

I talked to Hyo Jin Nim about Jesus, who had a bunch of incompetent disciples, and it took 2,000 years to rebuild the foundation. If you compare that to what Father and Mother have done, I think you can say that the ideal world will come automatically, for even if Father does not do anything more, we will accomplish so much. Nothing can eradicate Father's foundation now, no matter what. It is just a matter of time. Knowing God's heart like Father and Mother, True Children want it to come NOW. You brothers and sisters please join with the True Children to bring the victory now for True Parents. Will you do that, brothers and sisters? Please say yes and raise your hands. ■■

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TRUE FAMILY IN KODIAK, ALASKA

Some moments captured by photo during the time True Parents spent in Kodiak in 1994



Father fishes for silver salmon in Baskin River on the last day of the season. - September 28, 1994. Left: Father and Mother take a moment for photos with the participants of a missionary workshop in which they were taught care and management of boats and other related equipment. Participants represented the 40 countries in which Mother spoke in 1993. September 3, 1994. (Photos: Yoshihisa Inoue)



Far top: True Parents fish for silver salmon in Marka Bay. August 25, 1994. Above: Father, Mother and Sun Jin Nim (left) pose with the three black bass Mother caught at the same time on the same line. July 7, 1994. Left: Father speaks to the Japanese leaders assembled for a workshop on the new start for family church. September 8, 1994. Bottom left: Father and Mother pause for a photo with the Korean regional leaders during their workshop. August 16, 1994. Bottom right: Father and Mother pause for a photo with the participants of the international second generation workshop, while sitting around the campfire at Marka Bay. August 24, 1994. (Photos: Yoshihisa Inoue)



Kyung-gye Kim Choongmo-Nim

about the authenticity of the tombs. Especially when looking at the photographs, it appeared that the paint of the inscriptions on the tombstones was still wet, and the stones themselves looked as if they had been erected just a short time before. How can we believe them? Yet, neither can we deny it.

Though Father met his sister-in-law and his elder sister, there was no opportunity for him to take them aside and ask them whether the date of passing away written on his mother's tombstone was the true date. They would not give him such an opportunity.

It was wintertime, and Mother had brought a sweater for Father's older sister. Mother hoped that she would wear the sweater when they met again the next day, but Father's older sister did not wear the sweater. Before leaving North Korea, Mother went once more to Father's hometown and met Father's sister, but that time also she did not wear the sweater. I saw that Mother was very sad about that.

Mother asked a guide: "She looks to be cold. Why is she not wearing the sweater I gave her the other day?" The guide replied: "My goodness! Why should she? She knows that everywhere we

go the rooms are well heated." I heard that those words hurt Mother very much, because it had really seemed that Father's sister was cold.

So, what did I mean by saying we have had a problem since last year? Well, we had to decide which date to hold the memorial service for Choongmo-Nim. Should we have the service on the date we had been holding it on or should we change it to the day which was written on her tombstone? Usually the service is held on the anniversary of the actual day the person passed away. The only thing we knew about Choongmo-Nim was her

birthday. That is why we had decided to hold the ceremony on that day, but we felt that it would not be quite right to continue like that. This last March 26, 1994, just as before, we held the ceremony to honor the memory of Choongmo-Nim—by the way, this is a celebration which you should also attend!

I always feel sorry when only a few church members attend the ceremony. I think I mentioned it last year. Since Father honored Grandmother Hong with the title Daemo-Nim, we have been attending her with that name, and I said last year that we will have another great mother to attend with a great name. On March 26 this year, I felt

again very strongly about this.

As you all know, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is known throughout the world as "the Holy Mother." Everyone knows the good qualities of a mother—her love, her patience, her sacrificial attitude and so much more. We know the preciousness of the word "mother." If we hear the call "Mother!" our hearts receive a special feeling. Among all the holy and precious mothers on earth, there is one mother who should be remembered by humanity forever, and that is the mother who gave physical birth to Father.

Particularly on that day, I felt that it was not appropriate to call Father's Mother "Mrs. Kyung-gye Kim" or "Grandmother Kyung-gye Kim." How long will we continue to call her by her ordinary name, Kyung-gye Kim, I asked myself. My thoughts became a prayer, although I felt that it was not my own prayer. On the occasion of that memorial service, Mr. Young Hyun Moon [Father's cousin] gave a testimony. He told us the story of the sale of the ox.

- Determination to care for Father in Hung Nam prison

I expect you can imagine in what kind of circumstances they were living at the time when the Communist party was ruling the nation with an iron fist. It was the time when the Communist party was collecting a special tax for farmland reform from all farmers and it was the time when Father was in Hung Nam prison. Naturally, this special tax reduced all the farmers to the poverty level. Though they were farming, farmers did not have enough to feed their families. As that special tax continued to be collected, the situation of the farmers became worse and worse. It was a long way from Father's home in Sangsa-ri, Deokeon-Myeon, Cheongju-gun to the Hung Nam prison. There was also no transportation service then. Choongmo-Nim would go once a month to the prison in Hung Nam whether it rained or snowed, whether it was summer or winter. She would never go with empty hands; she would always bring some clothing or rice powder.

What a burden it must have been for this mother, to go not just once a year, but month after month. How difficult it must have been for her to prepare things to give Father while under the pressure of the Communist regime to pay the special tax. We thus have a word in Korean meaning "to take private supplies to a prisoner." It means to gather everything together that can be exchanged for money, and prepare the items necessary for the person in prison. Even with the circumstances worsening day by day, she showed the highest devotion in caring for her son.

Why Father could not speak about God's will to his family

Occasionally, Father speaks about his hometown and his family. He emphasizes the greatness of his mother and how she loved Father with the utmost devotion. We all should know the tremendous hardships she had to overcome to take care



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Choongmo-Nim*

of Father in prison.

Choongmo-Nim would never attend a festival in the village or go to a neighbor's house. She only stayed at home. Please remember that Father said he could not tell her anything about his mission. She did not know that Father had received that great mission from God, and that he had to walk the path of indemnity as the son of God. Why could not Father tell her anything? Father said there were two reasons.

The first reason is that Jesus was supposed to fulfill his mission with his mother Mary and the family of John the Baptist, but found no support from them. He had to leave behind the family level foundation and go out to achieve God's will centering on his nation and its people. During that course he was rejected and had to go the way of the cross. Therefore, Father said that he had to come as the third Adam in the place of Jesus and first accomplish the will, not inside the family, but outside the family, and then return to his family. That is why, in the beginning, he could not speak to his family about his mission.

The second reason is that, according to heavenly law, God cannot love the Abel side before loving the Cain side. Since this was a pattern that Father had to follow, he could not but do the same. We see in Father's life until today that he has always lived according to the heavenly law, loving the church members more than his closest relatives—including his wife and children—which prevented him from speaking about this precious will of God to his own relatives.

Father always spoke to us about his eldest brother. "My eldest brother was a person who did not need any law. He loved me with all his heart, and would have done anything for me, although he was never taught the heavenly law. Spiritually he was very bright. I could not speak about myself even to him." When Father tells us such things, we understand that he was so busy loving the Cain side first that he could not say a single word to his closest relatives. The family did not know Father's position, and why he had to go such a way of suffering. Since they did not know and saw only what happened externally, they could not understand. They had sent Father to study abroad, though the family was suffering under the severest financial circumstances, but the only thing they saw was Father going from one prison to another.

Father's position when meeting Choongmo-Nim in prison

Please try to imagine what Father's parents thought, what his brothers and sisters thought, and what the other relatives thought about Father. Ordinary people in our world expect a son to embark on a career, obtain a good job, support his family financially and return honor to the family. However, the only thing Father was doing was going from one prison to another and from one courtroom to the next. How must his mother have felt? We can all imagine. Choongmo-Nim did not have anything to be proud of about Father in front of other people; that is why she did not go out.

She also did not speak, and virtually forgot how. We can understand that, as a mother, her greatest desire was to be proud of her son, but she could not boast about Father. It will be difficult for us to really understand what kind of pain she must have had in her heart, although she would never have said a word about it. Living like that, she would make the journey to bring things to Father in prison.

Having sold everything, nothing was left in their home; but she had to go again to see Father



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in prison. Although it was good to be able to meet Father, she could never return home afterward with a happy heart. She was never sure what happened to the things she brought him, but when she asked him whether he had eaten the rice powder from the previous visit or why he was not wearing the trousers she had given him, Father would respond from the heavenly point of view and shout at her, "I have never had a mother like you. Do not think that I am your son."

Coming back from visiting Father in prison, Choongmo-Nim probably said, "Now I will not go to see him anymore." How much must her heart have been hurting to say such a thing. Although she went through all these difficulties preparing for the visit, Father had to blame her externally when she lamented for his miserable situation in prison, because it was not allowed by the heavenly standard. This made her heart even heavier on the way back home and led her to say that she would not go anymore. Yet, soon she would prepare again for the next visit. Under all these difficult circumstances they had become very poor and had only one ox left. If they were to sell the ox, they would not be able to continue farming. Try to put yourself in their situation.

Selling the ox to prepare to visit Father

Having thought about things for a long time, there seemed to be no other way but to sell the ox. Choongmo-Nim went to Mr. Young Hyun Moon's mother (her sister-in-law) and discussed with her

Father and Mother pause in front of Father's boyhood home during their trip to North Korea in 1991.

Father was so busy loving the Cain side first that he could not say a single word to his closest relatives. The family did not know Father's position, and why he had to go such a way of suffering.



Father and Mother pause for a moment in the rice fields, which used to belong to Father's family. The mountain on which Father received the revelation of his mission from Jesus is in the background.

The issue was not one of oxen, but that, had she known Father was a person standing in God's position, she might have sold even the house.

what to do. Choongmo-Nim said, "I cannot tell my eldest son that I want to sell the ox to buy things for his younger brother in prison. Despite what may happen to our farm, I must see my son in prison. There is no other choice: we have to sell our ox, I want you to make the suggestion to him." Please, try to imagine how delicate the whole situation was, because the eldest son was already in the most difficult position of having to take care of the entire family.

As there was no other way, Choongmo-Nim's sister-in-law called her nephew in the evening. Sitting in the room she said, "Listen, your mother has asked me to talk to you. She sees no other way but to sell the ox, because she must go to see your brother in prison. Without the ox, you will have a big problem on the farm, but what else can we do? That is the way your mother feels." Father's brother could not say anything in reply. He just cried and cried. After sitting there for a long time, he went back home—which was actually the next house behind the fence. It was already late at night.

Coming home, he discussed the matter with his wife (Father's sister-in-law). He explained to her what his aunt had said about his mother's request. It is easy to imagine that the elder brother and his wife had different opinions. Only because he was such a special brother could he understand. An ordinary brother would already have complained and scolded his mother for having brought things to the prison.

Of course, the brother did his best to calm his wife down, but could she have really understood? As you know, there was the question of how to do the farm work without an ox. The next day, the complaint in her heart was manifested. As the wife of the eldest son of a large family, she

was supposed to get up in the morning and prepare breakfast, as well as take care of all the other concerns of the household. That morning, however, she just stayed in bed. How painful must her heart have been and how little she must have understood, that she protested in such a way. Choongmo-Nim must have understood her objections, but as her eldest son had made the decision, she sold the ox. With the money from the ox she prepared things to take to Father in prison for several more months. Mr. Young Hyun Moon told this story at this year's memorial service for Choongmo-Nim.

On that day, Mrs. Yong-soon Kim, wife of Mr. Ho-ung Chung of the 430 Couples' Blessing, attended. From the time I began to speak, she had a very difficult time, experiencing such heart-breaking sorrow that she felt she would weep uncontrollably.

I would like to read the letter from Choongmo-Nim that Mrs. Kim passed on to me, just as it was written. I decided to share this letter with you on Easter, as we can learn a great lesson from it.

Choongmo-Nim's letter to Father

"I am grandmother Kyung-gye Kim. Why on earth is a day like this needed for an old woman who lived worthlessly in a remote mountain district? I knew that my son was special, not an ordinary person. However, had I known that he was standing in the position to represent God, I might not have kept even that house...."

What does this mean? I spoke earlier about how she had sold the ox. What she means here is that the issue was not one of oxen, but that, had she known Father was a person standing in God's position, she might have sold even the house.

"... and how could I have been so neglectful in caring for my child?" Saying this, she could not continue her talk. Mrs. Kim Yong-soon herself was also feeling as though she would burst into tears of grief. God said to her, "I will bring this woman to you again later in the evening." So the letter stopped at that point and began again that evening.

"I am the one by the name of Kyung-gye Kim. I am the mother who gave birth to Yong Myung Moon." She was using the name that Father was called by when he was young.

"I am offering this letter, feeling very grateful to have come to this place. I offer this letter to my son who is so very precious, noble, courageous and resolute, in whom I take pride, who is the most precious person in the world, and is the Father of humankind. Even while I was suffering in my heart as if Heaven and earth would collapse together, I was living only with the joy that my son was alive. However the feeling that I miss him...." She could not express that and continued a little while later.

"As for the deep heart between us, mother and son, even God could not do anything...." Saying this, she stopped again for a little, and then continued, "With the 38th parallel blocking us, not being able to see each other, day and night I looked at the southern sky and yearned only for his

health, and to be able to see his face just once. However, my destiny was to experience many sorrowful things and much heartbreak. There was not even one comfortable day when I could stretch out my legs, and we were constantly watched from all sides. I was wandering, my heart filled with pain ... in the end, my death came not in a way that I would have wanted, but..." Seeing this, we can guess that Choongmo-Nim's passing into the spirit world was not a peaceful one.

"I thought that going to the other world would be better if only I could see my son's face that I have missed, just once. Now that I am here in the bosom of God's heart in the heavenly world, my heart is so miserable and painful that I feel like giving up everything. However, in this land [the spiritual world] ... I am in a place where I can see you even if I run away or if I close my eyes. It is a situation from which I cannot escape." So can you imagine the situation of this mother who has to call her son "Father"?

"Why are you tearing apart this mother's heart again in this way, Father whom sons and daughters, brothers and sisters should address as such? This mother who should call her son "Father" does not know where she should stand. What should I do? Although this place where I find myself is Heaven, there is no place for this person to stand. Where should this mother, who did not fulfill her responsibility, stand?

"Why could you not even give me even some small indication of the circumstances which would mean having to call my son "the Father of mankind"? Just as Mother Mary did not fulfill her responsibility, although she gave birth to Jesus, can Father understand if I say that the pain that I suffered was more bitter than that of Mother Mary? Please tell me what I should do with this sin. Please teach me how to solve this bitter anguish. I was nothing but a stupid old country woman. Loving my son—that was all I knew. Why could you not show me even a small hint?

"Father, I really dislike this place. I would prefer to be in a dark hell. I cannot really escape the shame and pain in my heart here. God—so unsympathetic—treated me so hospitably that He sent me to this very beautiful Heaven. However, this is a dark place where it is impossible to feel comfortable. Can you understand what I am saying? Father, will you forgive me? Will you forgive this foolish "Mom"? Now that I received God's great grace once more at this difficult place, it is hard for me to cope with it. Father, I ask you to forgive this stupid mom. Although I came to this place as God instructed me, I know nothing. Please forgive your mom who was a fool and is such even now."

As she could not finish that letter, God instructed her to write "Mom" at the end of the letter. So she did. As we can see from this, we find that Choongmo-Nim went to the spirit world not knowing anything, with the wish that she would be able, even spiritually, to see her son whom she could not forget either when awake or asleep—having suffered such hardship, facing that final end she had not desired. However, as I read to you

just a short while ago, when, through God's grace, she came to dwell in that beautiful place, she said that she would prefer to be in a dark hell—"I do not want to be treated this well as I did not attend my son well. I am not worthy of this. Please forgive me"—She said these words so often.

Father gives the title "Choongmo-Nim"

Not knowing what to do with this letter and wondering how, and with what kind of condition, she should deliver this—especially because this was a message directly connected with True Parents—Mrs. Yong-soon Kim prayed with the heart that she must convey that letter, and then she brought it to me. As I thought it somewhat awkward to talk about this to Father in public, I waited for an opportunity and read it to Father privately a few days later. I humbly mentioned to Father something that had been on my mind, that—as you may also feel from what is expressed in her letter—Father should officially honor his mother with a title, and let her live with a free heart in the spirit world.

Father has poured out grace on so many people in this world who have not deserved such, forgiven us for many kinds of wrongdoings, and blessed us. Do you think it made sense that Father did not do anything for so precious a mother for so long? When we look from a principled viewpoint, Mary, Jesus' mother, did not fulfill her responsibility or her mission. Nevertheless, we call her "Holy Mother," so I think that no title in this world should be more precious than the one given to our grandmother.

I asked Father, "If possible, could you not give her a title anyway, and make it so that she can be free and release her heart in the spirit world?" At first, Father just listened. He then said that the date of her death engraved in the tombstone in North Korea may not be accurate, and that she might have had no way but to face a painful death. We can also imagine this, can we not?

Father worked very hard for the Victory Over Communism movement in this land. He is the one who made things difficult for Kim Il-Sung, and made it difficult for international communism to expand its influence worldwide by standing in its way at every turn. When we look at the North Korean system, do you think it would have been possible for Father's physical parents and family to feel comfortable there? That is why, as I read to you earlier, she said in her letter that she could not stretch out her legs comfortably and was constantly watched—through which words we can guess how miserable a life she must have led. As our international pilgrims are going to North Korea, we may sometime hear, through the testimony of Father's sisters or of his brother's wife, when and how she died.

As Father accepted my report of Choongmo-Nim's letter, I am announcing this today. Although



*Yong Soo Moon,
Father's elder brother*

Father is the one who made things difficult for Kim Il-Sung, and made it difficult for international communism to expand its influence worldwide by standing in its way at every turn. When we look at the North Korean system, do you think it would have been possible for Father's physical parents and family to feel comfortable there?

Who among those who follow Father can say that he or she loved Father more than Choongmo-Nim did? Can we compare our hearts to the heart with which she, with all her power, loved and attended Father?

I should have informed Mother of this, due to the heavy schedule I had been unable to find an opportunity. So, as it seemed that I would have to tell Mother about this at any rate before she left, I explained and read this letter to her on April 13, as I traveled with True Parents in their car to attend them. At that time, I begged Father once more: "Father, I hope that you might somehow manage to honor your mother with a title. Only then can we also feel at peace." After arriving at Kimpo International Airport, and just before he got out of the car, Father gave the Chinese character "Choong," meaning loyalty or devotion. That is how she came to be called "Kyung-gye Kim Choongmo-Nim" (Loyal Mother).

To hear that word, I was so happy and grateful. Thinking about how much liberation and happiness Choongmo-Nim would be experiencing in the spirit world, I was so joyful that I did not know what to do that day. For all her many accomplishments, she said that she failed to attend Father well and asked, "Would you forgive me? Would you forgive me? Please forgive me," as you heard in her message. How could Father not have wanted to give her that title? However, there needed to be some condition for him to do that on the earth and Father might have been looking for an opportunity.

No one has loved Father more than Choongmo-Nim

Commemorating Easter, especially with the title that Father gave her in April, the month of resurrection, we can feel how free and joyful Choongmo-Nim must be in the spirit world. God already knew how precious she was, despite her protests. We can well imagine why she called God unsympathetic. She said His calling her to that

lovely place was unsympathetic. She had such a desperate heart and feeling.

If there is one person in the world who gave everything and lived unconditionally for the sake of Father, who could have been more sincere than Choongmo-Nim? Who among those who follow Father can say that he or she loved Father more than Choongmo-Nim did? Can we compare our hearts to the heart with which she, with all her power, loved and attended Father? For all of her effort, Choongmo-Nim says that the position with which she is honored in the spirit world does not make her feel at home. Do you think that the honorable attendance that she is receiving now will be sufficient? When True Parents later set straight the order of the spirit world when they go there, and when we think of True Parents—the author of the grace that has been given to billions of people—we will find that the attendance that Choongmo-Nim receives will be more precious than that which she is receiving now.

Who can say a word in front of Choongmo-Nim when they go to the spirit world? Though she is a person whom even God has recognized, she has repeatedly asked, "Would you forgive me? Would you forgive me?" in this message from the spirit world, saying that she had not fulfilled her responsibility to her son on this earth nor attended him properly. With this in mind, we surely have to repent deeply about our attitude, and the arrogance that we are showing today. The textbook through which we can do this is precisely this message, I think.

Externally, we can see True Parents so often, receiving and approaching them too closely and easily. Meanwhile, we have become ill-mannered, our minds paralyzed, not appreciating their value. Furthermore, whereas we always say that we are attending True Parents, we have actually become burdens to them and are committing many irreverent wrongdoings as easily and often as we have meals. In fact, the law according to which we shall have to attend True Parents in the spirit world is extremely strict. True Parents are the most precious people to live on the earth since the beginning of human history, and Father is the most precious being of all of humankind's long history. We are not attending our Father in the manner we have proclaimed. With this in mind, we must not only be grateful for the fact that Choongmo-Nim is inspired with eternal liberation and joy through her resurrection on April 13, 1994, but we must also repent for our present situation and for the past way we have lived, not fulfilling our responsibility and ignoring the heavenly law. I have also been thinking that our hearts and lives need to be substantially revived.

Even when listening to the letter, Father was serious and did not open his heart altogether. Father is a person who lives according to a standard which we cannot assess, at a different level from our own. I felt once again through Father's attitude that he is the center of justice who cannot forgive, give grace or a title to anyone just as he likes—whether on earth or in Heaven.

Additions to the Church Calendar

AFTER reading this sermon and noting that a memorial service is held in Korea each year, I had the opportunity to discuss the commemoration of Choongmo-Nim's ascension with Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak. He confirmed that all members should commemorate Choongmo-Nim's ascension with at least a prayer, noting that we should attend the memorial service, mentioned at the beginning of this sermon, if we are in Korea. He also confirmed that the same should be done to commemorate Daemo-Nim's ascension (Mother's mother).

At the time of my conversation with Rev. Kwak, the date of Choongmo-Nim's ascension was still in question. Since then, he has informed me that the correct date of her ascension is January 7, 1968, and is celebrated according to the lunar calendar. Daemo-Nim's ascension was November 3, 1989, and is celebrated according to the solar calendar.

Beginning with the 1995 calendar, *Today's World* will list these two dates.

—Kathryn L. Coman
Executive Editor

I have spoken to you of this, wanting this week and month to be a time during which we can deeply realize once more, with the help of these truly good words from Choongmo-Nim, what a precious road we are now traveling and how our actual daily lives reveal many faults and inadequacies. We must be thankful to Choongmo-Nim for how she served Father and for giving Father to us. Had there not been her care and her body, had there not been Choongmo-Nim, how would we have been able to attend True Parents and how would human beings be able to be saved? We should attend precious Choongmo-Nim once more, our hearts filled with gratitude. Even such a precious person had to go through a process of feeling so much regret in the spirit world. I have expressed these things in the hope that this can be an opportunity for us to reflect deeply on what our situation will be in the spirit world, and try to set our lives and attitudes of mind right while we are on the earth. Let us pray.

Prayer

Beloved Heavenly Father, today is an especially important day—the day when Jesus resurrected. Most of us here are blessed families who have received the resurrection of resurrections, and the glory of substantial resurrection. We offer our thanks to You for allowing us to be able to think once more about the amazing blessing that we have received from True Parents without making the appropriate effort.

We offer our thanks for the heart with which Choongmo-Nim took care of Father and loved him so much, while helping him in the background while he was in prison. On behalf of all humankind, we offer our thanks for Choongmo-Nim's effort, for trying her best to attend and live for the sake of Father, taking the place of the heart of God and humankind although she did not know His will.

Through the title "Choong" given by Father, we can imagine the supreme level of devotion she had for God and Father while she was on earth. In our hearts we already knew that, even before receiving the title of Choongmo-Nim, she should have received the most precious and highest admiration.

Heavenly Father, today we realize once more how inadequate and ignorant of the heavenly law we are in believing, following and attending True Parents. Please keep us in Your embrace, lead and push us so that we observe the law and keep our position, and thus make progress, however insignificant that may be, repenting that our attitude and lives always fall indescribably short of the right way and the heavenly law. We sincerely hope that You will help us become a little better through our repentance.

We know that Father and Mother are going the road of pioneering, sacrifice and service to establish the heavenly way and public life in America even today. May God's special protection and care be with our True Parents and Heavenly Father's special grace on True Parents' holy bodies.



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We know that True Children and their children will now have an opportunity to take pride in and appreciate True Parents' coming to America. We sincerely hope and pray that Your grace and consoling heart will be poured into the hearts of True Children who have been lonely.

Let us prepare our hearts for the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Association during this week and month, attending Heaven and True Parents. Father officially proclaimed God's command to march forward in front of the entire universe and in front of Satan, and victoriously fulfilled that arduous and difficult course of indemnity according to the number forty. That being accomplished, we will come to realize that it is not merely a day commemorating the founding of the Association in a narrow sense, but a meaningful day celebrating an amazing victory, which promises a new beginning to receive the new hopeful era of honor, righteousness and value. We pray, therefore, that You will help us to develop through our efforts such an attitude of mind and attendance as would be appropriate in front of the heavenly way.

Please pour out Your unchanging grace on all the Unification altars throughout the world where people gather in True Parents' name, and on the righteous and good people's foundation of effort. We pray that Father can continue to be our master who guides us. We offer our thanks and pray in the holy names of our True Parents. Amen.

[Translated by Karl-Heinz Schultz and Soon-Young Kim.]

A prayer is offered at the gravesite of Father's parents, during his visit in 1991.

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Pioneer a New Path

Susan Henry

THERE I was all day, knee-deep in water, casting my line out, winding it back in, casting it out again, snagging a rock at the bottom of the river, struggling to wind my line back in... There was Gerard Willis right beside me, a few feet away. He would throw the line in, hook something that pulled him and his line down the river, struggle to pull that beautiful salmon on shore, unhook the fish, cast in again, hook yet another one ... until he had caught his limit for the day—despite having his line all tangled up with mine when I would cast out.

Gerard was not the only fisherman victimized by my cast. I am grateful for the forbearance of many of the other lawyers and judges who participated in the three-day conference in Kodiak, August 28-30, 1994. I am also grateful for the several warnings I received when the river was just about to spill over into my boots if I did not step back a little closer to shore. We were a motley crew of 24 brothers and five sisters from the United States, Europe, Brazil, Hong Kong and Sri Lanka. It was a wonderful reunion with some and a wonderful chance to meet the others.

Most precious of all was to share the time and space with our True Parents. Kodiak is so far away for most of us that it is hard to imagine True Parents living and fishing there, but there we were. True Parents were also standing all day knee-deep or beyond in that river—patiently, silently, focussed.

Activities

Our schedule was to wake up at 4:30 a.m., have morning service at 5:00 a.m., breakfast at 7:30 and then depart at 9:00 on the bus for the dock. At the dock we loaded about nine people to a boat and headed off with our box lunches to Marka Bay, about a ninety minute trip across the rugged Alaska ocean. You could take your choice of sitting at the bow of the boat, where the ride was the bumpiest, or at the stern,

where the ride was the wettest.

When we arrived at Marka Bay, Joachim Becker, one of the hard-working Ocean Church brothers, would meet us with a little rubber boat. We would climb in about three at a time and get a tow a few feet toward the shore. When the water was less than knee-deep we would get out and walk with our poles and gear to the rocky land, around the curve of the bay, until we came to the river which was our fishing site the first two days.

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It was about 9:00 that first night, when it was just getting dark, that we got back to the little rubber boats. It was pitch black on our ride back to North Garden and the church center next door where we stayed. True Parents would be the last to leave at night. We could see True Parents still standing in the water fish-

ing as our boats prepared to pull away. Their boat would be already anchored and True Parents on shore when we arrived in the morning.

Do not imagine that True Parents had any special luxuries on their boat. Even if they had, it would do little good since we were away from the boats all day. There were no portable toilets or other amenities on the river bank either. We were in an isolated spot in a spectacular setting, with an excellent opportunity to become one with nature.

We were there for just three days—arriving the day after a two-week blessed children's workshop ended, and leaving the day a 21-day Ocean Church conference was to begin. Father and Mother had been living the same intense schedule in Alaska since spring. Appar-

ently when we were already in bed at night, Father used that time to receive reports and go over his mail.

The first morning of our conference we had Sunday morning pledge with True Parents, as well as Hyun Jin Nim's family. Elder Young Sun Moon, Mr. Dong Moon Joo and other elders were also



Father and Mother take a moment to pose for a photo with the participants of the lawyers' conference in Kodiak, Alaska.

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there with us. Col. Sang Kil Han was our translator. After Father's speech, Father showed us samples of the different fish he had caught in Alaska; then he taught us how to cast, and we were off.

On the second day around lunchtime, Father came up to the little fire built on the shore where members dried out their socks and elder sisters smoked freshly-caught salmon. (The taste was mouth-watering!) Father sat on a log by the fire with a small group of us. He suggested it was time to change the type of bait we were using. He took my pole and switched the lure with some fresh salmon roe attached to a hook with fishing line, then he brought us down to the river. He demonstrated and explained a new technique where you let the bait rest at the bottom of the river until you see the salmon approach.

Fishing for salmon

Other than that occasion, I did not hear Father speak at the river the whole

time we were there. While we were tempted to reminisce among ourselves while fishing, Father was there for only one purpose. He was absolutely serious about what he was doing. Later that afternoon Father called us all to gather on land for a group photo. Since at that point we had five beautiful salmon just taken from the river, we took turns in groups of five each holding a fish, getting our photo taken with True Parents. We then had a photo of the entire group.

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We went back, newly inspired, to the river to continue fishing. That night we left a little earlier, but still almost dark, for a scheduled evening lecture. Once back, however, we learned that one of our boats had stalled at sea. Another boat had gone to aid it, and somewhere in the middle of the gigantic ocean, in the cold, black night, three brave souls leaped from one boat to the other to make the journey home. One of those faithful to leap was Rev. Zin Moon Kim, our lecturer. Father had given him the task of making our experience physically arduous to counterbalance the ordinary lawyer's life of mental activity without much physical labor. I did not dare ask how many fath-

oms deep the ocean was just there, but we were assured that the boats at least were unsinkable. The next morning members who were on that troubled boat the night before made sure they got on the same boat again!

On that third morning, Father surprised us by coming to our morning service. Father opened the service by recognizing that we all led very busy lives. But, he asked, have you realized that, no matter who you are, the time of death is nearing? He continued that until now people have seen things upside down: the spirit world has been of little concern though it is eternal and this is just a temporary world. Father reiterated that he is preparing for the eternal world by constantly overcoming secular life here on earth.

About fishing, Father said that he had to learn to like it because he wanted to fulfill the ocean providence. The purpose of a Unification Church life, he explained, is to take responsibility for all segments

of the dispensation. He said that our mission, as Unificationists, is not just to make an old path better, but to pioneer a new path.

Halibut fishing

That morning Father gave us the choice of either going salmon fishing, back at the river, or of going ocean fishing for halibut. Fishing for halibut is very different from fresh-water fishing for salmon. Instead of casting all day, you throw what to me was a very heavy, weighted line down until it hits the ocean floor. You pull the line up frequently from the ocean bottom, about six inches, and then let it down again. (Father engineered the special double-hook system we used.)

Another big difference that was significant for most of us is that you are on an anchored boat all day, rocking back and forth and back and forth on the high seas. It struck us all to differing degrees, but when sea-sickness struck, it was difficult for even the most sophisticated among us to keep face. I had forgotten the spasms, choking and assorted other complications that can accompany seasickness—even Dramamine did not help me that day.

That day it was the turn of the boat I was on to have engine trouble, so we had to go back early. I therefore had time to help prepare dinner in the church center: a caribou hunted by Hyun Jin Nim the day before. Our group had caught the quota for halibut, and—so I heard second-hand—that combined with the extensive list of those of us who had gotten seasick, enabled Father to consider our conference a success of some sort.

Celebration of the Day of the Settlement of Eight Stages

The next day we were privileged to celebrate with True Family the Day of the Settlement of Eight Stages, which Father had declared in Kodiak five years before. Directing a comment to us as a group, Father said that our most important mission was not our missions as lawyers, but to establish a stable place in our bodies for our minds. He also urged each of us to take ourselves down a notch and proudly proclaim that we are True Parents' children.

Our group presented Father with a sculpture of a salmon entitled "The Fighter." Father accepted the sculpture saying, "Not Fighter. Victor!" Mark Paine, a lawyer from Alaska, then presented Mother with a plaque containing the United States flag that flew over Capital Hill in Washington, D.C. the day Mother addressed Congress.

That afternoon we closed our meeting with a discussion on the formation of an international organization of lawyers, judges, law school professors and other legal professionals that could work through publications, conferences and other activities, essentially to expose and separate good from evil.

We had spent three incredible days with our True Parents, but Father said that it would really take at least two weeks to get to know the spirit of Alaska. Father described the Kodiak spirit as one of complete denial of the self, and he gleefully welcomed us to return.

I heard that when Mother returned to New York from Alaska a group of leaders gathered to welcome her. As Dr. Kyung Hee Chin reported about True Parents' schedule in Alaska, and the quick and varied succession of meetings held there, Mother interjected: "Just think how many times in a day Father casts his line before he gets a bite." Particularly after being there, the point hits home. ■■

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Serve the Law of the Mind

Peter Ross

WHILE traveling through Alaska in August 1989, I had a memorable encounter with a native Alaskan, a woman from the Yup'ik Eskimo tribe. Her hospitality was simple and gracious toward a stranger who had arrived in her remote village to visit for several days. It was in Scammon Bay, a village of about 350 people on the coast of the Bering Sea. On my last day as we bade farewell, Alice presented me with a copy of a book that she had written,

away before her eyes. Her own children were growing less interested in the ways of their forebearers as they became caught up in the intrusive images of an easier and more pleasurable life offered by the Outside.

One world of the heart

Several weeks later I was fishing for halibut with True Parents in Kodiak as part of a small gathering of regional directors and regional coordinators. Returning

from fishing late in the evening, Father had asked each person to give a testimony of their life, how they had joined the church and encountered True Parents. My elder brothers, having such extended and interesting accounts, ensured that the nights grew close to day before Father would eventually retire us all to bed to get some sleep before the next day's fishing. The sweetness of those sleeps is incomparable! In the end, six evenings were not nearly long enough to get through all the testimonies. However, in anticipation of perhaps being called upon, I re-

flected on my life as Father had asked us to do. In such a sacred context and amid such holy surroundings, I could more readily appreciate the process of re-birth I had experienced with True Parents. As we drove out to the fishing grounds early one morning I could discreetly cry amid the cold whipping spray of the Aleutian Trench coming over the bow of our *Good Go*. Looking over at Father's boat, I could feel waves of gratitude roll over my heart as we ploughed our way through the

choppy waters toward the fishing grounds.

In comparison to a way of life that I had seen passing away in Scammon Bay, here at Kodiak centering upon True Parents, I could see the re-awakening of new life in its most authentic and original form. While I never got to give Father my testimony in our evening meetings, I still believe that the wind and spray carried something of my heart across to Father's boat on that memorable morning. No longer in two worlds, but in "one world of the heart."

Inauguration of an international lawyer's association

Almost exactly five years later, I was able to return to Kodiak when Father invited all Unification lawyers to a special conference. While the purpose of the conference was for us to receive Father's commission to inaugurate an international lawyers' association, it was more than one-dimensional. (If one wonders about the extent of God's grace in the Completed Testament Age, one needs look no further than True Parents' invitation to all lawyers within the Unification community to join them in Alaska!!!)

Father was indeed very serious to create an organization that could serve as an instrument in the transformation of society. Looking beyond and through his own personal experience of the corruption in the justice systems in Korea, Japan, America and elsewhere, Father can feel great empathy and compassion for all those who have been victimized by the abuses of power and privilege. Yet, with a heart of forgiveness, and free of any grudge or resentment, he is determined to create a new society out of the ruins of the decaying fallen culture. A symptom of this dissolution is the degradation rampant in our most esteemed institutions. It is all the more tragic because those institutions were originally created to advance the highest ideals and values. The damage to the justice systems of the world, as a result of selfishness and greed, violates that which is most sacred. The very notion of justice in its truest sense is really one and the same as the concept of res-



Father and Mother receive the flag, presented by Mark Paine, which flew over the US Capitol building while Mother spoke there, July 28, 1993.

called *In Two Worlds*. She had inscribed it, "To Peter, In memory Alaska adventure. Waqa. Quana mavit tailuten. Hello? Thank you for coming here to Alaska." It was Alice Rivers' (American name) account of her traditional Eskimo family life with all of its seasonal activities: fish camp, berry-picking, seal hunting—all centered on the customary home life in the village. Her book was, however, tinged with a certain sadness, for it was intended to record a way of life that was passing



At the same time, Father sought to instill in us a greater concern for the well-being of society and the world and a diminution of any concerns for temporal material perks. He advised us that the good lawyer seeks to serve the law of the mind, while the bad lawyer is enslaved to the law of the flesh. Has the lawyer become a servant or a master to the law? If the latter, he can teach and lead others in the right direction. Father was most concerned for our eternal lives and cautioned against operating in an enslaved and subdued conformity with a fallen society and world. The spirit world will show us clearly how we have lived.

This, therefore, was no academic conference nor in any way a typical lawyers' conference. It was alternatively, a conferring of great blessing

toration. The achievement of true justice is but an application of the principles of restoration. Who then, other than Father, has the moral substance to initiate an association dedicated to exposing the roots and tentacles of societal corruption? Who else can promulgate the highest ethical and principled standards for human conduct in both the private and public arenas? In this sense, Father is the jurist of all jurists.

Father initially spoke to us after Pledge on Sunday, August 28, and outlined a very broad and deep vision for what an international organization of legal professionals should do and who should be a part of it. However, he was more concerned that we become people, lawyers, of a character and nature to embody and apply heaven's standards of goodness and righteousness. A significance of the conference was for us to be cleansed again of the detrimental influences of the world, particularly of those that often arise in professional practice. Our three meetings with Father, the several presentations of "bitter medicine" given by Reverend Zin Moon Kim, and the various challenges that we encountered in the course of our time on the ocean were perfectly measured (by our distinguished host, of course) to give us the trigger for a fresh start.

upon us, 29 in all, representatives almost fifty Unificationist lawyers throughout the world. As we know, with great blessing comes great responsibilities!

Fishing instruction

With props in hand, Father then proceeded to personally instruct us in the fine art of salmon fishing and the less deft craft of halibut fishing. The salmon rod in Father's hands

seemed similar to a rapier in comparison to the clunky halibut pole that has all the appearances of a Scottish claymore. Father's passion and love for the salmon was apparent in his salute to this noble fish as *the* true love role model. He was especially pleased to point out to us that the word "salmon" was really an abbreviation for "salvation Moon." Inspired, instructed and inspected, we were soon headed for Marka Bay to join Father and Mother for our first taste of Alaskan salmon fishing.

En route, I looked wide-eyed at the vast ocean waters and contemplated the great depths below, abundant in the rich

resources that Father envisions as feeding the world. It is astonishing. The great stretches of wilderness, seemingly uninhabited and virgin, were a delight to behold after the steel and concrete of Manhattan. (Toward the trip's end, Bill Lay and I had set about designing an inter-island golf course, outlining some perilous fairways and mapping greens that only the reckless would seriously attempt to reach!) Aware, in this vast and inaccessible place—quiet but for the sounds of water, wind and occasional bird calls—that Father and Mother relentlessly continued to advance the recreation of the world, the biblical parable of the mustard seed struck a chord in my mind.

America's true prayer ground

Alaska! Father once played with the sound of "Alaska" and attributed its meaning as that place we eventually reach with anticipation and hope after a long and difficult journey. "At-last-ka!!!" Father has also described Alaska as America's true prayer ground. For all of us arriving there from different countries and different mission and work responsibilities, Alaska generously extended itself to us on both counts. It was a temporary spiritual sanctuary, offering a reprieve from the challenges and battles that we each face in our own private and public lives. It afforded us a profound and intimate daily communion with God and with Father and Mother. It also gave us the chance to meet each other—outside the fortresses of pinstripe suits and tight neckties—exposed before the natural world in our makeshift fishing attire! The bonds of camaraderie and friendship forged as a result of our shared experience with Parents reminded me of the enduring relationships cultivated at

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Barrytown. This heavenly fraternal networking is always a concern of True Parents, that we might be more able to go beyond our old world differences and create a real and authentic foundation for dynamic cooperation.

Frustration

It was especially frustrating for me personally not to land a silver salmon in a legitimate manner from a river that was teeming with peak-hour traffic. To keep



a salmon that was caught in the river as a result of an accidental snagging is prohibited by law. Boy, was I tempted when

The worst was yet to come! In a choice moment after an early speech Tuesday morning, Father demonstrated his wonderful humor. While chiding those of us who failed to land a keeper he quipped: "Well it wasn't as if there weren't enough fish in the water." It seemed to me then (there must have been a reason other than my own incompetence and impatience!!) that God had something He

I landed a real beauty only to realize that he was hooked in the gut??!! (Is there a lawyer in the house?). However, with Father and Mother several yards away and surrounded by a bevy of righteous lawyers, the thought was drowned as I returned the salmon to the water. It then seemed that the salmon picked up on my anguish, which only increased over the course of our two days at the river, and so they conspired to taunt me. Jumping boldly out of the water right in front of me, some real silver bullet would swish its tail defiantly in mid-air only to dive and then speed away downstream without as much as a bye-your-leave!! I had the classic experience of every fisherman (except probably for two that I know): the one that got away. I hooked him upstream to my left at ten o'clock; he jumped out of the water right in front of me at twelve o'clock; then hit the water and took off like a bat out of hell breaking my line and taking my tackle. I was dead at high noon. If at any future date you happen upon a great silver salmon wearing my jewelry, kiss it for me!

wanted me to experience, other than the succulent taste of my own trophy silver salmon. However, I am reminded that in Ireland the salmon is a symbol of wisdom and in a more modest moment of honest

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reflection I know I have much yet to learn, particularly from the Master Fisherman. So in the words of the rabbi, "next year in Jerusalem."

The English-born Canadian poet, Robert Service, wrote of the law that governs that part of the world, north of the 57th parallel, in a poem entitled: *The Law of the Yukon*. It expresses something of the spirit that I believe Father sought to instill in us as he commissioned us to establish this new organization:

I am the land that listens, I am the land that broods;
 Steeped in eternal beauty, crystalline waters and woods.
 Long have I waited lonely, shunned as a thing accurst,
 Monstrous, moody, pathetic, the last of the lands and the first;
 Visioning campfires at twilight, sad with a longing forlorn,
 Feeling my womb o'er-pregnant with the seed of cities unborn.
 Wild and wide are my borders, stern as death is my sway,
 And I wait for the men who will win me—and I will not be won in a day;
 And I will not be won by weaklings, subtle, suave and mild,
 But by men with the hearts of Vikings, and the simple faith of a child;
 Desperate, strong and resistless, unthrottled by fear or defeat,
 Them will I gild my treasure, them will I glut with my meat. ■■

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Peter Ross poses with his fishing rod.

China's Role In the Coming Millennium

Tony Devine and Jack Corley

AN INTERNATIONAL Leadership Seminar was held in the Manchurian city of Harbin from October 25-29, 1994. The conference, "Leadership for the Coming Pacific Era," was the latest in a series of international student conferences that so far have taken place in Moscow, New York and Beijing. Forty-two university students from the People's Republic of China were present, as well as students from Russia and Japan. The event was sponsored by the International Leadership Council and the Collegiate Association for the Research of the Principle (CARP), and was co-sponsored by Harbin Normal University, the China Association for International Exchange. The event was the culmination of months of planning and international cooperation.

First meetings in Beijing

On June 2, 1994, a small delegation arrived in China to begin two weeks of meetings with education officials and administrators. Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, director of the International Leadership Council, was accompanied by Ittetsu Aoki, vice-president of USA CARP, Jack Corley, vice-

president of the Unification Church of the CIS/Baltics, and Kazuyoshi Ikeno, regional director of Far Eastern Russia. Our original idea was that Chinese students and professors would travel to Vladivostok, Russia, for a series of conferences in the summer 1994.

During our meetings we constantly emphasized the important role that China is destined to play in the coming millennium. We stressed the need for ethical values as an integral part of leadership training.

Our visit began in Beijing with meetings with officials from Beijing University. Over several years we have been able to establish good relationships with several professors and, in particular, with the University's International Department.

Our visit coincided with the fifth anniversary of the Tienanmen Square massacre, so authorities were very sensitive regarding any contact between Beijing

University and foreigners. However, the deputy head of the International Department, Mr. Chen Zhenya, warmly welcomed us and offered to cooperate in holding conferences together at Beijing University. We also visited the University of International Business and Economics.

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A warm welcome in Manchuria

The major foci of our visit was Manchuria, which has universities and institutes. In previous centuries Manchuria was part of a greater Korea. It has had a tremendous history of suffering, and in particular its Korean population has experienced great suffering.

Our first stop in Manchuria was Harbin. With a population of 3.6 million, this city is in the midst of rapid economic development. We visited the university and spoke to the administrators about our plans. We also spoke directly to a representative group of students who were invited to participate in the conferences.

Our next visit took us to Chanchung City, with a population of two million. On meeting Mr. Wang Yu, the acting head of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Jilin Provincial Educational Commission, we were surprised to find that he was very aware of our Unification community. He had recently returned from a conference in the United States and had stayed at the New Yorker Hotel. He was very open and supportive and promised his full support to help the student delegation from his province attend the conferences.

A four-hour train journey through a beautiful countryside resembling the Korean landscape brought us to Yanji.



Group photo of conference participants and staff.

This city has a very large Korean population, and all signs were written in both Chinese and Korean. The university there, Yanbian University, has special significance to our Unification community. It was to this university that True Parents donated \$2.5 million in 1984 for the construction of an administrative building and computer science and technology department.

We were very warmly welcomed by the vice-president of the university, who formerly was the deputy governor of Yanbian Province. In this city, people were very aware of our Father's love for and substantial investment in China.

During all of our meetings we testified to the work of True Parents and showed literature that explained many of the projects Father has initiated. Our discussions focused on three major areas: 1) inviting Chinese students to the conferences; 2) introducing the scholarship program to the University of Bridgeport; and 3) explaining the "My World & I" school curriculum course, which was produced by Unification Church members in Russia and is being taught in several thousand schools throughout the former Soviet Union.

The response of all the people we met, including students, was surprisingly open and positive. China is going through a very sensitive period in its search for an ideology to replace communism, and therefore the authorities are very concerned about what kinds of influences are being given to their youth.

Our final destination was Shenyang, a very large industrial city in which we



Dr. Joon Ho Seuk (left) with Chinese officials, Mr. Michael Guo and Mr. Zhang Dean.

visited the University of Science and Technology. The university prepared a group of masters and Ph.D. students whom they recommended to attend the conferences. As in all the other cities, the

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university was completely open and willingly supportive of sending students to study with us.

The universities and local ministries of education began applying for visas

for their students to go to Vladivostok. However, they quickly met resistance from the central authorities in Beijing, who do not allow undergraduate students to go abroad to participate in conferences because they fear a repeat of the Tiananmen Square uprising. To accommodate the Chinese students, we then decided to do the programs within mainland China. Heilongjiang Province was selected as the site for the first conference.

An exciting and varied program

On the evening of October 25, participants arrived at Harbin Normal University for the conference that would begin the next morning in the university's newly constructed International Building. The majority of the eighty participants were undergraduates from universities in Heilongjiang University, Harbin Normal University, the Agricultural University, the Forestry University and Harbin Institute of Technology. Students had been selected by their universities based on their academic and English abilities. They represented the top students in academics and leadership abilities.

The conference opened with words of greetings from Dr. Seuk. He pointed out the significance of our conference being held in an area of the world that is the meeting point of several important nations. He also reminded the audience that within six years we will have reached the year 2000 and that it is time to reflect upon and prepare for the future.

Other officials who warmly greeted the participants were the vice-chairman of the Provincial Education Commission, the president of Harbin Normal University, the head of the International Department



Harbin Normal University International Center, the conference site.

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of the Provincial Education Commission, and representatives of the co-sponsoring organizations.

The first lecture, "Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century," was an adjusted version of the Divine Principle introduction and dealt in particular with the challenges facing the Asian and Pacific regions. Jack Corley gave this presentation, as well as the next lecture, "Qualities of Leadership for the Next Century," which focused on the dual characteristics, which are connected with the *yin* and *yang* concept familiar in China. The ideal family as the foundation for world peace was also discussed and included an introduction to the life of Father and an overview of the projects of the CARP.

Guest speakers, Ms. Ruiling Peng of Harbin, China, and Professor Natalia Ketova of Khabarovsk, Russia, both spoke about economic development in North-east Asia. Professor Ketova also emphasized the importance of a good moral

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foundation as a basis for good economic development.

Tony Devine, vice-president of USA CARP, spoke on the "Unification View of Human Sexuality," focusing on AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Thomas Lauritas explained the "Unification View of Business Ethics."

Four subcommittees, each chaired by a representative of a different country, met several times during the conference. The subcommittees were "Traditional Values vs. Modernization," "Peace and Development in Northeast Asia," "The Environment and Mankind's Survival" and "Possible Solutions for Moral Decline, Crime and Family Disintegration."

Discussions were lively and students were excited, wanting to go overtime. It was especially interesting for the Chinese students, as they are normally not so free to discuss these issues openly.

On the first night, an international evening provided an opportunity for participants to display their talents and national cultures. On the second night, a special Chinese cultural evening, organized by the head of the Provincial Education Commission, included an acrobatics performance as well as excerpts from the Beijing Opera performed by the leading actor and actress of Heilongjiang



Participants join together in song to close the conference.

Province. Popular Chinese songs were performed by the Harbin Normal University students and faculty. An outing visited the Harbin Institute of Technology, the Museum of Natural History and an arts and crafts factory.

In the closing ceremony, officials expressed their gratitude and praised the ability of the conference to stimulate students to creatively think about various issues. The ceremony ended with an exchange of gifts and a birthday party.

Support from the government

The conference was successful, especially in that it was held in mainland China with the support of central and local

The government is afraid of the potential negative impact of Christian ideas on their students. This conference was possible only with the approval of the authorities in Beijing, since it involved foreigners.

There is a great concern in China at this time about morality and ethical education, especially sex education. The Chinese are aware of the dangers of an educational system that does not teach values and the effect that such a system would have on youth, especially as the country develops a free market economy and material prosperity increases. They are researching the possibility of basing their curriculum on Confucian ethics, but this may not be so effective in the long run.

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ships with the local and central authorities who are connected to the educational system. This was achieved. ■■

levels of government. The co-sponsors were very pleased with the response of the students, remarking how bright they were by the end of the program.

Many students approached our staff members to inquire about joining CARP. However, more time is needed for the authorities to become more open, as it is not possible at this time to establish a foreign organization within mainland China.

All foreign missionary activity is strictly forbidden by law. The Chinese constitution provides for religious freedom, but this does not extend to missionary work.

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World Scripture and the Establishment of Godism

Andrew Wilson

THE publication of the Korean translation of *World Scripture* in time for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Unification Church on May 1, 1994, was a welcome development in the providence of God. The Korean edition is leather-bound with 1,100 pages, in the manner of a Bible.

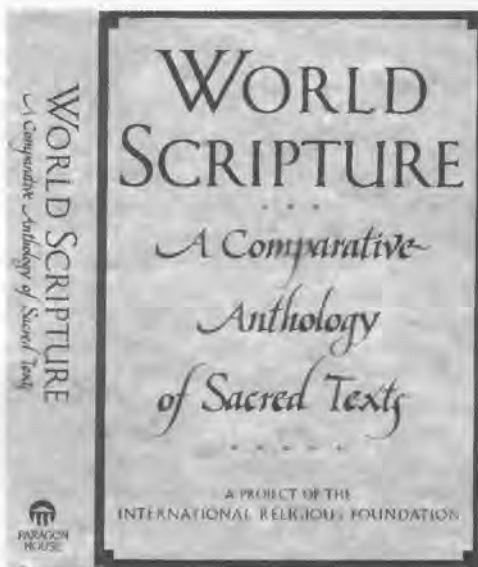
World Scripture was prepared under the personal direction of Father, founder of the International Religious Foundation (IRF). He asked that scholars and religious leaders from every religion work together to gather the universal wisdom of their religions for the sake of world peace and harmony. More than forty scholars labored in its preparation. The first edition, in English, was presented at the inaugural assembly of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace in September 1991. On receiving the first copy of *World Scripture*, Father declared: "*World Scripture* will become a shining light, a volume of holy scripture that puts together the universally valuable contents of the world's religions. In particular, it will become a precious textbook for educating the younger generations who are to live together as one global family. It will teach them to overcome barriers between religions, between races and between cultures."

World Scripture has been appreciated by scholars and religious leaders all over the world. Though Paragon House, its publisher, was going through its own travails and had no resources to mount a proper advertising campaign, the book sold out of its first printing in only eighteen months. It has since been reprinted and is available either through IRF or Paragon House. We have received many testimonies praising the book. Translations into Russian and French are being prepared. One scholar is even putting the text on line through the Internet.

Religious conflict or cooperation?

World Scripture is designed to help religions contribute to world peace. All the great religions speak about peace, but all too often religion has been a cause of

wars. We understand that religion ought to be a force for reconciliation and the mediation of disputes; religion's exclusivistic claims create walls of mistrust and division, and too often they take sides in tribalistic or nationalistic conflicts. Today



that list of religious wars has grown depressingly long: Yugoslavia, the Middle East, India, Sri Lanka, Armenia, Northern Ireland. Religion can be a force for good or evil. Today's world is urgently demanding that religions join and cooperate for the sake of world peace. *World Scripture* shows a vision and a way.

The evils done in the name of God and religion are painful enough to God's heart. What is worse, they have led many thoughtful people to disbelieve in God and religion and even to regard religion as an evil. The division and disunity among religions have led many to embrace secularism as providing the only neutral ground where there could be tolerance and religious freedom. We are all aware of secularism's shortcomings. We should remind ourselves that religious intolerance and violence in the name of religion have long been the best arguments in favor of secular society. It is inescapable that any attempt to restore religious values to the center of society must first deal

with the problem of religious conflict.

The sacred writings of the world's religions are treasure-houses of the profoundest wisdom. Every generation turns to their scriptures to learn the standard of truth, ethics and ideals. Yet they have also promoted exclusiveness and religious intolerance. Within each particular community of faith, to encourage serious commitment in the midst of a godless society, certain statements in scripture are lifted up to the effect that there is only one legitimate truth. Passages like "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6) "Muhammad is the messenger of God and the seal of the prophets" (Qur'an 33:40), and "Outside the Buddha's teaching there is no saint" (Dhammapada 254) suggest to believers that their religion is the only way and all other religions are false.

It is time to place these verses into a new context. As long as the world remained divided into discrete cultural spheres with little interchange among them, it was fitting that within each cultural sphere one religion be affirmed as absolute and unparalleled. Today, however, progress in transportation and communication has brought all the peoples of the world into close contact as members of one global village. Each religion can no longer remain exclusively focused on itself; it must consider the legitimacy and sanctity of other religions.

It is not enough merely to be "tolerant" of other religions. We must expect that conscientious people of various religions will begin to cooperate to solve the serious problems facing our world. In so doing, each cannot but recognize the divine wisdom and righteousness embodied in other faiths. In fact, the process of mutual discovery and inter-religious cooperation has been building throughout the twentieth century. Its fruits have been showcased in the conferences of the International Religious Foundation, as well as by the assemblage of groups at the Chicago Parliament of the World's Religions

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TRUE FAMILY PORTRAIT TREASURES



Top: True Family celebrate Hyung Jin Nim's 15th birthday (9/11/94) and Soon Ju Nim's 22nd birthday (9/20/94). Front row (left to right): Shin Yeon Nim, Shin Sun Nim, Shin Ok Nim, Shin Eh Nim, Shin Young Nim, Shin Kwon Nim, Shin Won Nim, boy, Shin Myung Nim, Jeung Jin Nim, Shin Jung Nim. Back row (left to right): Jin Sung Nim holding Shin Yul Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, Un Jin Nim, In Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, Jin Hun Nim, Mother, Kwon Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Soon Ju Nim, Kook Jin



Nim, Hyun Jin Nim holding Shin Joong Nim, Sun Jin Nim, Nan Sook Nim, Jun Sook Nim. **Far left:** Mother poses with Shin Ji Nim on her lap along with Shin Yeon Nim (seated left), Jin Hun Nim (kneeling left) and Un Jin Nim (kneeling right). Shin Ji Nim was born at 9:40 a.m., weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. **Left:** Shin Ji Nim. (Photos: Ken Owens/NFP)

CONGRATULATIONS
to Un Jin Nim and Jin Hun Nim
on the Birth of
Their New Heavenly Daughter
Shin Ji Nim
on September 5, 1994
(July 30, 1994—lunar calendar)

World Scripture and the Establishment of Godism

and the surprisingly broad coalition comprising the religious right that helped to elect President Reagan in the 1980s.

The middle way between relativism and dogmatism

World Scripture emphasizes the universality within each religion and shows that there is an immense area of common spiritual ground. This is not to deny the unique character and beauty of each individual faith nor to promote the merging of all religions into one. Rather, it aims to promote a broad consensus on many ethical and social values which religions

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can affirm in a pluralistic world. In so doing, it is presenting a new vision of the family of humankind that affirms both unity and diversity. It avoids two unpleasant extremes: on the one hand valueless relativism by which every point of view is morally equivalent, and on the other hand dogmatic conformity to the one true faith.

The relativistic extreme is represented by many academics, who regard any attempt to arrive at a common ground among religions as ill-conceived. They view religions as cultural phenomena and carriers of culture-bound values. Textbooks on world religions often treat them as separate, independent entities, thereby inevitably emphasizing each religion's uniqueness. Sometimes this viewpoint goes under the name of multiculturalism, celebrating the distinctiveness of every minority; but to value diversity above all else robs one of the possibilities of community, which requires a unifying vision.

Western education is pervaded by a habitual reluctance to move beyond the minute examination of isolated facts to discern universal patterns. This tendency is only reinforced by the positivist fixation on language as the carrier of ideas, discounting the existence of truths that transcend their linguistic descriptions. If one insists on linguistic precision and attends to details of doctrinal expression, then indeed every religion is different, and

even every sect and denomination has its own unique version of truth.

Yet what religion would consider such a literal interpretation of truth adequate to the multiple levels of reality? The revealing of universal patterns and laws at work behind the hurly-burly of ordinary existence has been one of the hallmarks of most religious ways of thinking. When religious knowledge is viewed from a spiritual perspective, one can see convergence and common values.

The dogmatic extreme is represented by those Christians (or Muslims or Jews) who believe that the encounter with other religions will undermine their faith. When they meet the text of another religion, they are compelled to defend their own teachings as the only truth. Conditioned by a secular atmosphere that is suspicious of

religious faith, they are constantly defending the fortress of their narrow churches, which are the only places where they can feel comfortable to live and raise their families in God's grace.

Does *World Scripture* really present something

for traditional believers to fear? It would be if it were to present a standpoint that denied the essentials of traditional religion. It would be if it were promoting some syncretistic philosophy or esoteric wisdom held superior to conventional religion. To a Christian that would be blasphemy. However, *World Scripture* makes no such claims. It sets forth comparisons between various texts without drawing any conclusions. Thus, the Christian reader is left to bring his or her own Christian faith as the standard by which

Buddhists would believe similarly about their prophet or guide: "For the Christian, it is the saving work of Christ alone that saves, notwithstanding the accomplishments of other founders, no matter how great they may be. Similarly, the Muslim's faith is defined uniquely by the message of Muhammad, and the Buddhist's by the enlightenment and teachings of Siddhartha. The committed believer is confronted with one individual as the standard of truth and love who defines the true way... Then, on that foundation, he may ... find that the founders of other faiths have also been given insight into divine truth and have lived out that truth in an exemplary manner. He may regard them worthy of respect, if he finds their faith to be comparable to the standard of faith set by his own tradition."

To promote a vision that can be shared by all religions, it is essential that such devout believers open their minds to the treasures of wisdom in this anthology. There is nothing here that would violate orthodox religion. The times challenge us all to open our minds to a wider vision of global unity, however averse we may be to doing so by habit.

The habit of mind that abides in dogmatism and fundamentalism is encouraged by the hostile secular atmosphere of modern society. Yet paradoxically, it is religious groups themselves, divided into warring factions of liberalism and fundamentalism, Christian and Muslim, pro-life and pro-choice, which are largely responsible for this situation. As long as religions assert the incompatibility of their truth-claims, society will search for another basis for social consensus, such as provided by secularism and materialistic science. It is remarkable that many

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to evaluate the texts from other religions. In doing so, he or she will probably recognize where other religions have caught some glimmer of the truth as he knows it.

For example, if one were to level all religious founders—Moses, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha—to figures of equal significance, that would deny the special uniqueness and divinity of Christ. For the Christian reader, it is only on the standard of Jesus Christ's life, works and teachings that statements about other founders derive any meaning. Devout Muslims or

contemporary causes which generate moral passion—such as campaigns to curb smoking, alcoholism and sexual promiscuity—are now couched in medical rather than in religious or ethical terms.

Shared religious values can become common values

Present-day secular society is trapped in a Catch-22 that frustrates the revival of religious values as public values. Those who most long for a return to Judeo-Christian values in the public square live

within the narrow perspective of their own religious fortresses. The more tightly they hold to their tenets of faith, the more they divide into contending faith communities. This behavior confirms the widespread perception that religious truth claims are incompatible with each other. They must be repressed to the private sphere.

The only way, in my opinion, for religious values to return to the center of public life is for the individual religions to transcend themselves and lift up values that they share in common. The harmony among religions fostered by *World Scripture* can be a pre-condition for the return of religious values to our spiritually impoverished secular society. Only religious values that are commonly shared can have any hope of becoming public values in our pluralistic society. To solve the legion of social problems, our nation and world desperately need a renewal of religious values.

In Unification terminology, the way that exalts the universal spiritual truths of all religions, honors their diversity, and brings them into one harmonious family, is called Godism. Godism recognizes that although we come to knowledge

of God through a particular religion, we are responsible to apply our knowledge in cooperation with believers of other religions for the sake of the larger society. Godism is broader than Unificationism, recognizing that we cannot build the Kingdom of God without enlisting the cooperation of believers and conscientious people of every faith.

In the CAUSA lecture manual, Godism was likened to the founding spirit of America. The religious foundation of America differed from that in traditional societies, because the Constitution prohibited the establishment of a state church. This has prevented many abuses in the name of religion, but it left open the problem of securing common values. America had no shortage of churches and fervent believers, but, lacking a state church, America needed another means to define and authorize which values were to be public values.

Here the English Deist tradition bequeathed to America a way to harmonize sectarian differences through the notion of "self-evident" or "general" truths. The general truths of religion were distinguished from the doctrines of particular sects: the former is arrived at by reason, while the latter stem from particular

revelations and codifies particular rites. Benjamin Franklin enumerated several of these general truths: a belief in God, in a person's responsibility for his or her actions, in heavenly rewards and punishments, and in the requirements of morality. The language of self-evident truths, including belief in God, was used in such founding documents as the Declaration of Independence. These general truths grounded public discourse about values in America. As they did not appear to favor one church over another, they became the public values that could support a pluralism of denominations.

America's founding fathers were dimly aware of exotic religions in other lands, and believed that they too could be embraced within the self-evident truths of Christian morality. Thomas Jefferson prepared his own private edition of a "world scripture" based on the texts available to him. Practically speaking, the spiritual foundation of America was Protestantism. In the early twentieth century, the American universe of common values was ex-

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panded from its Protestant base to embrace Catholics and Jews. But in today's America, with its cacophony of religious, racial and ethnic groups, the Deist notion of common ground has been burst asunder. Certain relativists and multiculturalists, with anti-religious animus, celebrate its demise.

Let us use *World Scripture* to restore people's confidence that there is a convergence among all the great religions of the world. Instead of setting forth a lowest common denominator in terms of a set of philosophical propositions—words, like "God," which inevitably cause offense to someone's religion—*World Scripture* allows the common ground to grow out of an empirical comparison of the sacred teachings of the world's religions. The comparisons are based on the shared experience of a growing international community of religionists involved in interfaith dialogue and working for peace across religious divides.

Promoting Godism with *World Scripture*

The vision of Godism is a world whose ideals are grounded in such universal spiritual teachings that lead people to fulfill the purpose of life as individuals,

families and communities. Such teachings are found in diverse religions, but now they must be shared. As communities of Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Confucianists, Hindus and conscientious people of no religion recognize that they also belong to a wider family of humankind, they cannot but dialogue with each other. The people of God then recognize their counterparts in other religious communities and share with them from the depths of their experience. The result is a sharing of common values and common principles. There arises a commitment to the welfare of the world and a vision of world peace in which all religions contribute their special wisdom.

As the parents of the world, Father and Mother have taken responsibility to guide the world's religions into this vision of Godism through the publication of *World Scripture*. They have directed that people of each religion use it as a companion volume to their own scriptures. By comparing the precious wisdom of their own unique tradition with the wider traditions collected in *World Scripture*, they can learn where are the meeting points with other faiths.

We can join with our Parents and spread the use of *World Scripture*, thereby furthering several good aims. First, we promote mutual understanding among religions, overcoming prejudice and religious conflict. Religious leaders themselves, by understanding this vision, should take the lead in transforming their communities so that they can participate in cooperative activities. Second, we can exalt the common ground among religions as a basis for Godism. That is, we must replace secularism with the common spiritual values that ought to guide people in today's pluralistic society. Third, we can use *World Scripture* to witness to the broad scope of our Parents' vision. Dispelling the false notion that the Unification Church is narrowly aimed at converting everyone to the one true faith, we can demonstrate Father's unqualified respect for all genuine religious traditions. Finally, we can educate ourselves to the meeting points of Unificationism with other faiths. (*World Scripture* is not shy about including texts from *Divine Principle* and Father's words to show these meeting points.) We can only profit by inheriting the wisdom of all religions and improving mutual relations with all. ■

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We must unite as mind and body, as husband and wife, and as parents and children. When all these elements are united, we become the representative and the center. We become the family seed. From the small family seed comes the family king, tribal king, national king, worldwide king and cosmic king, representing God's position. God wanted to become the family king, the tribal king, national king, worldwide king and cosmic king. We need to pass on that tradition to the next generation and expand the family base, tribal base, national base and worldwide base. The center is the family. To establish the representative and central family is the direction of history. Every family needs to head in this direction. Your family and your descendants need to follow the pattern of the true Adam's family.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

July 31, 1994