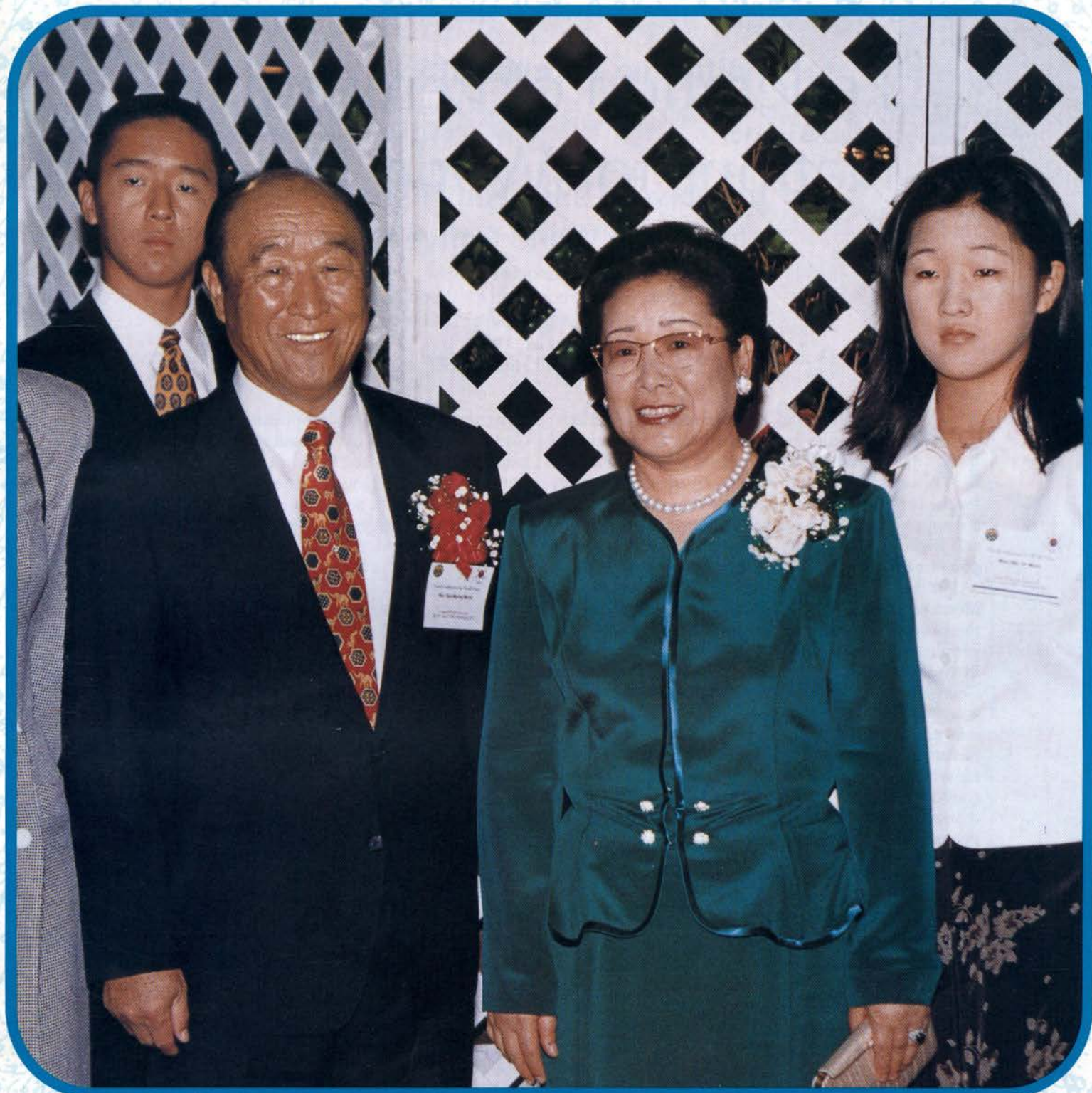


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Farewell Banquet Address

President, Family Federation for World Peace  
Chairman, Conference Organizing Committee

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**R**ESPECTED Chairman, Representatives from Each Nation, Ladies and Gentlemen: As chairman of the organizing committee for this convention, I would first like to express my sincere gratitude for the contributions you have made to its success. We are approaching the conclusion of our time together, and I would like to take a short time to introduce to you our founder, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

For three days beginning from July 30, Reverend Moon conducted the Inaugural World Convention for the Family Federation for World Peace, at which 800 people, representing more than 120 nations gathered in Washington, D.C. Former United States presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford, as well as many top world leaders in the fields of politics, religion, academia, and the media, participated in the convention. Reverend Moon has organized this present conference for world peace just three weeks following that major convention. This is in keeping with how busily he has worked throughout his life for the realization of a peaceful world, which is God's ideal of creation.

### *Reverend Moon's life*

Reverend Moon was born on January 6, 1920, in Jeongju, in the north-western part of what is now North Korea. His family was originally Confucianist. During the time of Japanese occupation, Reverend Moon's family converted to Christianity through the influence of his great uncle who was a leader in the independence movement and a Christian pastor.

From his childhood, he toiled over the fundamental questions of God, life, and the origin of the universe, as well as the suffering and corruption in this world. At the age of 16, while deep in prayer, he was called by Jesus to take on a mission for the salvation of humankind. Thereafter, as he communicated with

Jesus, with the saints in the spiritual world and with God Himself, he discovered and systematized the teaching known as "the Principle." Since God's will is not realized by His power alone but through the fulfillment of a human portion of responsibility, Reverend Moon spent the days of his youth in preparation for his mission.

At the end of the Second World War, Korea was liberated from Japanese colonial rule. Many people from the northern part of the peninsula came to the South seeking their freedom as Korea underwent its suffering course of division into North and South.

Upon receiving the instruction from God that there were many faithful believers in Pyongyang, and that he should now go to North Korea, Reverend Moon went at once to the North. Reverend Moon totally invested himself in his religious life to lead the followers who had waited for him, and who had found and joined him through revelations received.

### *Religious persecution*

Under the communist regime, which prohibited free movement between the North and the South, could such a religious group really have expected to continue its activities unchallenged? Reverend Moon twice had to endure terrible imprisonment. He was falsely accused, sentenced to five years of hard labor and sent to Hungnam

prison camp merely because he was a religious leader. He was liberated from Hungnam prison after two years and eight months, as a result of the October 1950 advance by United Nations forces into that area during the Korean War. Returning to Pyongyang, Reverend Moon met with his followers. Soon afterwards,

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# Where and How Do You Want to Live Your Life?

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**M**EMBERS of the second generation, please raise your hands. What kind of message would you like to hear from me this morning? You have attended Belvedere regularly and heard hundreds of messages from me; however, you never really heard my deepest message before. Are you ready this morning to hear the real message? [YES.] Instead of listening to my message, would you prefer that I listen to your message? [Laughter.]

Where and how do you want to live your life? Regardless of gender, this is one of the most important questions for all humanity. We want to live exciting and joyful lives, however it is not easy to give one standardized answer about how to live such a life.

## STUDYING AMERICA'S PILGRIM ORIGINS

All the various races of the world are proud of their own tradition, but it is important to understand the origin and basis of one's tradition.

Americans might claim that their nation has its roots in the Pilgrim Fathers. America has been spreading Western Christian culture throughout the world. If you claim the Pilgrims for your roots, then it is necessary to understand under what circumstances they left Europe, what values they brought with them, and what direction they took upon arriving in America. Actually in setting out for America they risked their lives, facing danger from the elements during their voyage and upon arriving in America facing danger from the native Americans.

Did the Pilgrim Fathers live in natural harmony with the Indians, or did they exert force in order to reach an agreement with them? In studying American history, we can only conclude that the Pilgrims did in fact use force in order to secure a peace-

ful life in this land. The America in which we dwell is the result of the actions of the Pilgrims.

America includes many different races, but the Anglo-Saxons were the first to come here from Europe. Those Pilgrim Fathers became the original American white race. The other Europeans which came after them became various ethnic groups. Because of this, America today faces the danger of racial disunity. We all face the task of solving racial discrimination.

We who presently live in America must consider how we are living. We always have to remember what our ancestors have done. If you claim to be proud of your tradition, do you imagine the people of the world will blindly follow you? [No.] You can expect to face even more difficult problems. You have to learn how to digest and solve these problems.

The Pilgrims came to North America because of their faith and their religious beliefs. However, the founding fathers who went to South America went for wealth and treasure. This basic difference in purpose and direction existed. Fortunately, the Pilgrim Fathers came because they desired to worship God



Father addresses New York area members at Sunday Service, June 9, 1996.

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freely, and because of that America has been prospering. This has saved America from experiencing a major war that might have eliminated it.

### APPRECIATING NATIVE AMERICAN TRADITIONS

We Unificationists believe in the law of cause and effect, and in particular, the law of indemnity. The American Indians followed natural law. They harmonized with nature, they migrated following the buffalo herds, they relied upon nature and honored God. They were not really centered upon their own race, because they worshipped nature and God. Strictly speaking the American Indians believed in the God within nature and the God within heaven. The Pilgrim Fathers who came from Europe believed in God as well.

What then was the difference between these two groups? While American Indians believed in many different gods, the Pilgrims believed in one absolute God. While American Indians believed in God in order to protect their own tribe and race, the Christians from Europe believed in God in order to save the entire world. We have to wonder why God blessed those Europeans who eliminated the Native Americans.

If the Pilgrims had not harmed the American Indians, imagine how many of them would be living today in America. American history books claim that the Native Americans died from disease. Is that not what your history books teach? [Yes.] But that is not true. The American Indians had lived in America for hundreds of years prior to the arrival of the first Pilgrims. Then why should they suddenly die from various diseases? The truth is that the Native Americans were massacred in great numbers by the new Americans. You young Americans must understand these facts.

Historians claim that Columbus discovered the American continent. In fact, Columbus was shipwrecked and he was saved by American Indians. However, American Indians were not considered human beings, so force was used in order to eliminate them. This same mentality has continued throughout the history of America. Even though America has generally prospered, Americans have become even more narrow, focusing on their own nation and race. Therefore, America really has very little to do with the world.

God is longing to bestow His blessing upon a nation and people who are ready and willing to live for the entire world, not for a nation that is narrow and insular. Even if God has to abandon America in order to bless the nation that is ready and willing to live for the world, He would do so.

### TRANSCENDING NATIONALISM TO BUILD A PEACEFUL WORLD

The question is, where and how should we live our lives? What about all of you? Americans feel so proud of their nation as a melting pot and a superpower. However, America is becoming more selfish and narrow minded. In contrast, a newly emerging nation might be opening its arms wide in order to embrace the world in peace. Should we cut off America and invest in that newly emerging nation, or remain in America

and try to do something? Do you think that the American people as a whole would welcome that?

If we find any movement which transcends and supersedes American nationalism, which tries to build peace for the entire world, such a movement will become the mainstream of America in the future. Do you agree? [Yes.] That is our task.

What will happen to the other developed nations, such as Japan, Great Britain and Germany? They did not become developed overnight. Moreover, their development was accompanied by bloodshed.

### THE FOUR MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD

The four major problems in the world are [*damage to*] the environment, pollution, immorality and famine. Can America solve these world problems by itself? America might be proud of being a major superpower, yet America belongs to the world. The world does not belong to America. If America is to prosper, it must exist for the sake of the entire world. If America continues to exist for its own sake, it will find itself cut off in God's providence. Then God will choose another country to lead the world.

Would God prefer religious or non-religious people? [Religious people.] But which kind of religious people would God be most interested in? Within the religious community, one group believes that we are all brothers and sisters and we are closer than physical family, while the other group believes that the Anglo-Saxon race is superior and that the entire world should follow them. Which group would God prefer? [The first one.] Second one! [First one.] Now I recognize that you are actually hearing my message this morning. [*Laughter.*]

What kind of king would God like to become? [The king of love.] When we look at a bar of gold we cannot distinguish which one is 21 karat and which is 19 karat. It requires certain tests in order to detect which one is pure gold.

### STOPPING THE DECLINE OF CHRISTIANITY

Does Christianity desire money, knowledge or power the most? [Money.] Then what? [Power.] Next? [Knowledge.] If that is the true identity of Christianity at this time, and if God's will is to prevail in the end, should this brand of Christianity work for God or be eliminated? Just as the accumulated snow of winter will be melted by the coming of spring, so will this kind of Christianity fade away by natural law. American Christianity looks like muddy water. It is no longer possible to distinguish the color of this water. Therefore, is America prospering or perishing? [Perishing.] Internally or externally? [Internally.] You understand well.

Although Reverend Moon and the Unification Church are in the midst of America's melting pot, we do not melt. Instead, we try to melt the entire America within our Moon pot. [*Laughter and applause.*] When I make this kind of statement American people do not like it. Yet still I speak out.

In what sense are Unificationists better than American people in general? Are Unificationists clean-cut? In the streets of New York young people have five different layers of clothing

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hanging out. [Laughter.] Americans love to wear really tight blue jeans. When I go fishing, Mother buys blue jeans for me to wear. However, when I try to put them on they are too narrow at the ankle. Many times I almost fell over trying to put them on. No one considers why the manufacturers cut jeans so narrow and tight. Actually, the reason may be that the merchants want to save fabric, but Americans in general are fooled and believe that it is a fad. [Laughter.]

These money-making merchants also created short pants and mini skirts. This way they can charge more money for the item and use less material. It is true! But we Unificationists are not fooled. Therefore, we don't wear such items. When God looks down upon the American population who run after all these fads, do you suppose that He will prefer them over Unificationists who are more conservative in their dressing code? [No.]

Immediately following the fall, do you think that Adam and Eve only wanted to cover their genitals or their entire body? [Whole body.] Would God have enjoyed looking at Adam and Eve's fallen bodies? [No.] Who enjoyed watching their fallen bodies? [Satan.] When Adam and Eve first committed sin, do you imagine that God would have preferred to see them completely cover their naked bodies and bow down in an attitude of repentance, or parade themselves in brief clothing? [Cover themselves.] Do Unificationists like the idea of parading on Fifth Avenue wearing only the minimal amount of clothing? [No.] Absolutely no.

We need to understand how precious origin is. It goes together with direction. The origin has to be absolutely one, and the direction must be absolutely one. Did humanity originate from Adam alone, or from both Adam and Eve? [Adam and Eve.] Were they two or one? [Two.] If you claim that the human race resulted from two different people that means two different directions and results. Are you saying that? [No.]

## RESPECTING MAN'S SUBJECTIVE POSITION

Who stands in the position of subject? [Man.] Why should man stand in the position of subject? [Because he contains the seed of life.] Unificationist women do not claim that man is the subject because they like that idea, but rather they have no choice in the matter! You really did not believe it until you joined the Unification Church. Women in this American melting pot society however claim that they should be subject. Who will eventually prevail?

If these American women insist upon women being subject, then eventually we can bring women from Africa and India and through them sow the true seed. Then the American women who insist on maintaining their subjectivity will certainly face some problems. What then is your role as a woman? You are like a field waiting to be planted. Whatever seed the farmer may sow in your field you have to produce. As a field do you have the luxury of telling the farmer what kind of seed to sow? You have absolutely no choice. American women don't like such an idea. In order to respond affirmatively to me, you have had to drastically change your thinking. Once the farmer sows the seed in your field, can you claim the harvest as your own?

American law deals with child custody in a misguided way.

The woman's responsibility is to follow her husband. If your husband represents the bones, you are like the flesh. Therefore, the two of you have to become one. Otherwise, we will end up with two origins, two directions and two effects. When divorce occurs, who usually wants custody of the children? [The mother.] Since we understand the truth, shouldn't such women be considered thieves? You do not consider them thieves, so am I telling you a lie? [No.]

The father stands in the vertical position. Therefore, if you want to climb up the vertical ladder you have to climb up your father. Your mother is in the horizontal position of the field. The head of your family is your father, not your mother. He stands in the position of the family king. In some American families there are various fathers and mothers, and everything is confused and mixed up. This shows that they have completely disregarded this principle. If the law stated that when a couple divorces the children should remain with their father there would be far less divorce in this country. Suppose all of the children desire to follow their father: wouldn't the mother eventually come back because of her love for her children? Don't you think there would be a greater chance of saving the family? No matter how fertile your field might be, if there is no farmer to sow the seeds, then your field will be wasted.

## WOMEN'S DEVOTION TO HUSBAND AND CHILDREN

The well-developed breasts of women exist for the sake of their children. Their hips also exist for their children. The beauty of a woman's face is for the sake of her husband. If you follow this line all the way down through the center point of your body you discover a living spring. Does that belong to you or your husband? [Husband.] That means you do not possess anything at all. Every part of yourself belongs either to your husband or your children. No one can argue this fact. Certainly members of the women's liberation movement would oppose these words.

How can you claim equality as women when not even in the Olympic Games is there any woman who has competed with men and won? Men are bigger and stronger than women. Even if a woman became a champion wrestler, do you think she would have the chance to win over a male champion wrestler? [No.]

How can you claim equality? Only because of love. Centering upon love you can claim equality. When the concave and convex shapes become totally united centered on true love, then equality exists. There is no equalization within the realm of secular love.

We Unificationists may appear to be beggars. However, one can travel the route of true love at any speed one desires. We could travel to God in the flick of a second, and even penetrate God's throne and sit on top of God. That is the power of true love. God will welcome and embrace true love any time, regardless of season, time or place. Whenever I am not in America, very few American members attend Belvedere services. However, as soon as you hear that I am coming, you all try to attend and learn something. All of you come with the hope that I will speak for a short time only, but usually I speak for over six hours.

*The husband and wife who become absolutely one have a value that is as great as God Himself. This is the very key which God is seeking. There is true equality there. Don't you think that your parents and grandparents sought the life of total oneness between husband and wife? This is an eternal process.*

If you want to give the kiss of true love to True Parents and True Children, would you like that to be a short kiss or one that lasts for several hours? [Longer.] With that same mentality you can sit in front of me for many hours. Children who truly appreciate the heart of their father who works hard to support that family cry together with him. They would support their father's work and try to help him. That is the heart of a true family. Therefore, since my message is one of true love, if it continues for ten thousand years you would still be happy to receive it. Isn't it true? [Yes.] True love is so precious.

### VALUING FIRST LOVE

In the spirit world you will not need to eat anything or work in order to live. Then what will you do with yourselves in the spirit world? Of course, if you want to taste a particularly delicious food which you never experienced in the physical world, then you can do so. However, there should be someone or something that you can look forward to spending ten thousand years with and never becoming bored. There should be someone whom you want to embrace for ten thousand years without getting bored. That kind of object should exist there. Only the power of true love can create that environment and atmosphere.

When I leave America you feel as if the entire country is empty don't you? [YES.] Let us imagine a father and mother with six children. In the morning the father goes to work and returns in the evening. When he returns home, if only his children are there and his wife is out, he may say that there is no one at home. Then his six children may protest to him, "Father, the six of us are here. How can you say there is no one home?" If children truly come to understand why their father feels that the home is empty when their mother is not there, then they will feel the great joy of knowing how much their father loves their mother.

Also, your parents and grandparents will be so filled with happiness if you come home and find your new wife not home and accidentally say, "No one is home." Then your parents and grandparents will smile at you. They feel so happy because of the oneness of the husband/wife relationship. No one else can interfere in that process. Not your brothers and sisters, not your parents, and not your grandparents. As grandparents, you must help your children and grandchildren find their spouse and fulfill their destiny to form a oneness between concave and convex.

Since universal law seeks that union and protects it, if anyone in your family, tribe or nation opposes that union they will eventually be destroyed. The unifying process between husband and wife should be supported by the entire universe, including your own family as well. Whenever a couple is out walking hand in hand, they would be welcomed by everyone. This kind of joyful and peaceful world would be the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven.

The husband and wife who become absolutely one have a value that is as great as God Himself. This is the very key which God is seeking. There is true equality there. Don't you think that your parents and grandparents sought the life of total oneness between husband and wife? [Yes.] Also your own chil-

dren will seek that life. This is an eternal process. No matter how rich and knowledgeable you may become, without total oneness between husband and wife there can be no peace, no happiness, no unification and no ideal.

Considering today's topic, do you want to live in the bosom of your spouse or in America? [Bosom of spouse.] Is that true? [Yes.] Do any of your parents or grandparents want to see the breakup of your couple? There are no families, nations or world that desire the breakup of the couple. Instead, they desire to protect the family. Is there anyone who opposes the ideal total oneness between husband and wife? Those who support this ideal and want to become such couples raise your hands. Since you understand my message, you are qualified to follow the path leading to the Kingdom of God.

Once you grab your ideal spouse centering upon true love, should you ever let him or her go? [No.] Should you stick with your spouse throughout eternity? [Yes.] Why? Because this is the way of eternal true love. After a couple join together in sexual intercourse they can never separate. Love partners belong to a limitless world of true love and desire to dwell in the bosom of their true love partner. Those who claim not to agree with this idea are like leaves that will fall to the ground and disappear. They will never become branches or the trunk.

How then are you going to live? Since the first love given you by God is so precious, you must grab onto it and never let it go. No matter how much you may pursue free sex, you will never experience the degree of excitement and joy that you will experience from your God-given first spouse. In American society people do not cherish and value their first love; such a nation is doomed to perish. Do we Unificationists value and cherish first love? [YES.]

We may not possess great wealth, but because of our dreams and our life of faith, we are kings and queens dwelling in the palace of the eternal ideal world. We believe in the existence of that ideal kingdom and constantly seek to connect with that ideal world.

### PROMOTING THE SUPERIOR IDEOLOGY OF UNIFICATIONISM

Is any ideology superior to the teaching of Unificationism? [No.] Why do you say no? With Unificationism, people are able to liberate and perfect themselves; a man can become the king of the world and even liberate and perfect God Himself. That kind of power lies within the teaching of Unificationism. Until that ideal is fulfilled, the Unification Church will never perish.

The American people are proud of the spirit and teaching of the Pilgrim Fathers, but their teaching and spirit was nothing compared to Unificationism. Do you regret having become Unificationists, or do you feel fortunate? [Fortunate.]

[Father writes on the board.] Can you detect the difference between these two characters? One character represents Moon and the other father. Therefore, Moonism means parentism. The Chinese character for father and moon both mean two people on earth serving God with dual characteristics. Also the Chinese character for heaven means two people.

The individual letters of the English language do not have

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any meaning. They simply represent a sound. However, each Chinese character has significance. People who speak Oriental languages are able to stand high above and look down at the overall situation. The structure of an Oriental language such as Korean and an Occidental language such as English are so different. The English language has just one word to describe shaking, for example, but the Korean language has deeper descriptions of that motion. Thus, because of the structure of its languages, Asia stands in a position closer to God, prepared to receive the Lord of the Second Advent.

### RECOGNIZING TRUE LOVE AS THE POINT OF ORIGIN

Where should we live? In the bosom of the true love couple. You have to return to your wife eternally. Do you agree? What will you do if some beautiful woman tries to seduce you? Answer me clearly. [I would refuse her.]

I am now close to eighty years of age. However, when I was younger I was more handsome. So many women tried to seduce me. They were all drawn to me and fell in love with me.

Therefore, the secular world spread rumors that if you go to Reverend Moon you will never escape from him. Do you all love me? [YES.] Your response is too loud. If you truly love me you have to respond quietly. [Laughter.] Do you truly love me? [Yes.] It is better to indicate quietly that you love me rather than shouting. When you signal quietly you can communicate secretly without words. But if you shout out there is nothing, no connection. Between a loving husband and wife it takes just a subtle gesture to communicate deeply.

Neither Adam nor Eve were the origin. The point of origin is the place where true love dwells. Once a husband and wife become totally one so they can never become separated, they become an ideal couple centered upon true love. Where is the origin of true love? The place where the ideal man and woman unite in true love. Unless you connect through your sexual organs, there is no way for husband and wife to be eternally bonded. Do you understand just how precious and valuable the sexual organs of man and woman are? Nothing can replace their value. Only the partnership of true love can control that place forever. Therefore, the ideal marriage between man and woman and their first night of sexual love is the most precious thing in the entire universe. There is no other place to find the universal truth and ideal.

When I discovered that this truth and ideal dwells within our own body, I was so surprised. Therefore, we should dwell

in the bosom of the true love couple. Without holding onto your partner's sexual organ, how can you continue married life? This is the ideal way of married couples. Do you understand? [Yes.] Do you all have sexual organs? [Yes.] Is God male or female? What is the difference between the original sexual organ of God, which is the origin of true love, and the human sexual organs, which are the result of God's true love? They possess equal value.

Our sexual organ has the desire to conquer the king of kings of the universe. The husband stands in the position of king, and God is in the position of king of kings. This is the palace of true love, life and lineage. Without this organ we are not able to create the ideal world. The secular world has considered the sexual organ to be the worst possible thing, because through this sexual organ all humanity was destroyed. That is why God desired people to be chaste and follow an ascetic path through the various religions. Grandparents, parents, husband and wife all hang onto the sexual organ of their spouse. That is why there is equality. If this balance is broken, the entire



Father explains about true love as the point of origin. (Right) The title of the speech in Korean.

family will be unbalanced. Once the ideal sexual life of husband and wife is broken the entire family will be shaken.

### FINDING HEAVEN OR HELL THROUGH YOUR SPOUSE

Once you American women receive your spouse, will you cling to him for eternity or try to change him. [Cling to him for eternity.] As the founder of the Unification Church I revealed the importance and value of the sexual organ, the very organ which the secular world considers the absolute worst. That is why I have been labeled a heretic. The human fall took place because of false love-making through the misuse of the original sexual organs. Instead of being the ideal



*God created the earth out of love and compassion  
so that He could eventually create His love  
partner. As God's love partners, we have the task  
of loving this earth as much as God does.*

center, Adam and Eve deviated and created a false center. The dividing line between heaven and hell is your sexual organ. Is this the truth? [Yes.] Absolutely yes.

If you misuse your sexual organ you are condemned to hell. If you use it correctly you are destined for heaven. This is a clear dividing line. Therefore, the Unification Church teaches the process of re-creation. Because the original position was lost, we have to re-create it in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. No one has appreciated the value of the human sexual organ until now. You and your spouse become an ideal couple and produce children who will be true children in eternity. However, if one of those children deviates and falls, they will be doomed to hell.

As blessed couples, you know yourselves better than anyone else. At this moment your conscience clearly tells you whether you belong to heaven or hell. Your path towards heaven is long. If your course wavers, you will never be able to go over the boundary of Satan's realm. Consider my life: I am constantly marching on without eating and resting properly.

Those of you who are hearing me speak for the first time, please remember that the dividing line between heaven and hell is in your relationship with your spouse. If you follow the way of Divine Principle you will eventually belong to heaven. However, if you misuse your sexual organ you will end up in hell. Therefore, please remember this teaching. Once you are bound together through true love you can never be separated from your spouse.

### EXPERIENCING HAPPINESS AND REST WITH YOUR SPOUSE

When you are really tired, instead of sleeping for eight hours alone, place your head on your wife's lap and sleep for only 30 minutes and you will be more refreshed than after eight hours sleep all alone. When your husband returns after a long day working invite him to rest on your lap for 30 minutes or one hour. Then when he is totally recovered you can gently lead him into the bathroom to have him take a shower.

Are blessed Unification Church couples happy or unhappy? [Happy.] So many Korean elders have left their wife and family in Korea and followed me to America. They have spent five, ten or twelve years without their spouse. However, they don't worry about them. They have faith that their family will live in Korea peacefully. Since they live separately without having to worry about their spouse they gain more weight and look even brighter. After five or seven years of separation, their love grows as big as a mountain. When these two mountains meet they make a big noise like thunder. How wonderful this is! This is our love dream. Have you actually experienced this?

American society doesn't cherish this kind of dream because they are running after free sex. If you truly live close to your wife's true love, don't you think that she would welcome you? Husbands should offer their true love to their wives and wives to their husbands. If you have enough money to live without working and you chain yourself to your wife so that you can never be separated from one another, no one will ever blame

you. If you find yourself in this position, you can practice every level of love-making. Go and practice every level of love-making. You are the center of the entire universe. Even if you spend your entire life practicing all the varieties of love-making, you will never be able to practice them all. There are just too many.

Now we know where and how we should live. Those who clearly understand and are ready to lead this kind of life raise your hands. If you truly practice this, you will go straight to heaven. This way of life is not centered on your family alone but it includes the entire world. Remember that your couple is the center of your family, your clan, your tribe, your nation, the world and even the center of God Himself. That is the kind of pride we should have. Just as God consists of dual characteristics of plus and minus, as husband and wife we manifest God and follow this principle. The origin, direction, and effect must be one through unity between husband and wife. We practice a life of investing and forgetting. Shall we do that? [Yes.] We live for the sake of others.

### APPRECIATING NATURAL LIFE IN THE COUNTRY

We can divide the world into two categories: urban life and rural life. Which would you prefer? [Rural life.] Mr. Joo reported to me that scholars from throughout the world recently concluded that human beings generally desire to return to the state of nakedness. Why do we have such a desire? When you make love as husband and wife, you do so naked, don't you? [Yes.]

It is the custom in America to greet each other with a hug or a kiss. When I first came to America there were many women who tried to greet me in this way. Even in South America that kind of phenomenon occurred. I placed a boundary around me so that no one can come closer than one meter. It is very difficult, actually. Is this the original custom which God gave to Adam and Eve? [It came after the fall.] Therefore, I want to spit it out.

Do you think that God prefers city or country life? [Country life.] Why? God began by creating the environment: the sun, air, water, and earth. If any of these four elements is missing, nothing else can exist. Therefore, God is the king of scientists. Don't you think that God was happy after He created the earth? He created His love partner using elements of the soil. God created the earth out of love and compassion so that He could eventually create His love partner. As God's love partners, we have the task of loving this earth as much as God does.

### LOVING THE EARTH EVEN MORE THAN GOD DOES

When God created the universe do you think that He was naked or had clothes on? [Naked.] You have to think deeply about these things. Was He happy enough to roll in the dirt, intoxicated with happiness? He created this earth and He loved every aspect of this creation, so He wanted to absorb every element of this earth within Himself. Just as when you and your spouse truly love one another, you not only touch each other's hands but every part of your spouse's body.

When little children play naked in the sand, they don't mind

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getting dirt or water on their bodies. They play in the dirt happily. When God created this planet earth, don't you think that He also rolled in the dirt and played as well? Even if God didn't do that, do you imagine that He would be upset at me for saying so? No, God would not mind. He would be proud of it.

Have you seen innocent little children trying to eat dirt? [Yes.] It happens. If we eat a small piece of clay once a month, it would probably provide perfect health. Some scientist in the future will study this and report on it. We absorb nutrition from food. All the various foods are products of the earth. The dirt in which they grew provided the nutrition for the plants.

Since we understand that God loves the planet earth more than anyone else, then as God's sons and daughters we will love the planet more than God does. If you challenge God by saying that you will love the earth more than He does, God will not hate you. Have you ever heard the planet earth complaining about being loved more? Whatever you do to the earth, either good or bad, it is always silent. When you wash your face with water and throw the water onto the ground, the earth does not complain. Even when you bury dead bodies in the earth, still it welcomes them.

## RESPECTING THE UNIQUENESS OF KOREA

Korea has more than 7,000 years of history. Actually Korean history goes back further than Chinese history. A theory exists that Chinese characters were created by the original ancestors of the Koreans. The Korean language itself consists of dual characteristics of subject and object, and Chinese characters consist of subject and object as well. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that Koreans created Chinese characters. Even Confucius desired to travel to the east, where Korea is situated.

Koreans were champion archers, but they did not like killing. From Manchuria they retreated to the Korean peninsula where they settled as farmers. Because they loved peace, they never attacked other countries first. Because of the invasion of foreign forces they had to fight, but otherwise they did not attack.

God's strategy is to be hit first and then claim everything back. He never attacks first. The Korean people are characterized by patience and the worship of their ancestors. They raise their children as God. Even if Korean mothers have to skip their meals, they always support their children to provide better education. I predict that more and more Korean students will enter Ivy League schools.

Some of the True Children have graduated from Harvard, while others are presently studying there. Hyun Jin Nim has been accepted by Harvard Business School. Also In Jin Nim is studying at Harvard. There are very few students who are able to make it to Harvard. However, within the True Family we may have a dozen Harvard graduates soon.

Do you think that I am a smart man? [Yes.] I don't like "smart". Being smart always brings some trouble. If I hear someone say that it took them three years to accomplish something, I immediately respond that I could do it in three days.

Recently I opened a ten-day exhibition in Sao Paulo of my life work. People from all over Brazil came to view this exhi-

bition. They were so shocked that they were speechless. Even I was surprised when I saw the exhibition. In reality, however, what we exhibited in Sao Paulo is only one-fifth of what I have accomplished.

## LOVING THE PLANET EARTH

Let us love the planet earth. Is that a good campaign? [Yes.] Have you been loving the planet earth? That is the question. The planet earth is the masterpiece of God's creation, so we must love the earth just as God does. There are so many colors of clay, and it is so soft to the touch. Actually women's cosmetics could be manufactured from the soil. It would be very healthy. I was considering using pure clay to make a bath preparation; by soaking in such a preparation you could become much healthier. In a business sense I might promote this idea. The soil contains all the elements of nutrition that we absorb through our food. If we use the original source in our bathtub we can absorb it that way also.

Let us love the earth. Whenever you walk in the city you have to claim the concrete and asphalt streets and sidewalks are your enemy. Seek the pure soil. So-called civilized cultures created this asphalt culture. Is it urban or rural dwellers who have destroyed the environment the most? The cities of the world are like evil castles surrounded by walls. If I say that the so-called civilized city dwellers have caused the destruction of the environment, is it true? [Yes.] Pollution is mainly caused by city dwellers. Immorality and the destruction of moral standards is also the result of urban life. Within cities every individual cell is divided by concrete walls. No matter what happens out in the world, city dwellers stay distant from it and pursue their selfish desires. Therefore, cities are Satan's palaces.

## LEARNING ABOUT GOD THROUGH NATURE

The children who grow up within these cities, play with plastic toys and animals; there is no animated communication between these children and their toys. In contrast, children who grow up in the countryside experience animated give and take with the actual creation. They learn about the various types of creatures, all the various colors of birds and animals. If you feed birds regularly every morning, then hundreds of different kinds of birds will come and expect to be fed by you. I experienced this in South America. In a rural environment everything is available to us, because God is the master of that world.

When I was growing up I felt I had to conquer every aspect of the creation. Once I caught a mother bird and three baby birds and kept them in my house, not realizing that there was a father bird. All of a sudden the father bird appeared and began to cry in a sad voice. When this father bird looked at me, he cried even more sadly because I had destroyed this bird's family. Then I began to release the birds one by one, and the sad tone of the father bird's song lessened. Finally, when all three baby birds were released this father bird seemed content. But when the mother bird was released, the whole fami-

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ly of birds greeted me and then flew away. How did I know that they greeted me? Because they circled my house and then flew away. [Ooh.] Ooh! [Laughter.]

I am sharing one small experience with you here. Please remember this when you are thinking of giving plastic toys to your children. They cannot experience something like I have shared with you through plastic toys. During my youth in Korea I touched every kind of creature you can think of. If I get involved in telling stories such as these there will be no end to it. But I will share one more experience. One day I saw a big perch swimming in a small deep pond. I realized that this was the biggest perch I had seen and determined to catch it. It took me forty days, day and night, to finally catch that fish.

I have caught almost every species of fish in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. In South America I was told about one area which contains over 3,600 species of fish. Now my challenge is to catch all of them. You have to be grateful that I am doing this, because eventually I will build fish farms for over 360 different species. Then your children will benefit from this. This will be material for many different Ph.D.'s for your children. Therefore, would you like to see me stop fishing in

South America or continue for the sake of our future generations? [Continue.] Why do I do this? Because I want to know how much love God has put into the creation of all things.

Have you considered the various thousands and thousands of shades of colors within the creation? There is no fish which cannot sing in South America. That is the reality. Do you want to go there? [Yes.] If you want to go to South America with me, you have to fish every single day for three years. Will you still say you want to come? [Yes.] You are crazy! Do you think we should like fishing? [Yes.] We must not kill fish for the sake of killing. That is why I want to create fish farms. We have to love the fish. Since I preach true love, I want to create fish farms all over the world. The rest of the world is destroying the environment without a thought for the future. However, I am marching forward to create a new world, new nature, and new environment.

The way of restoration is the way of re-creation. The original father lost everything. Therefore I am re-creating everything. (We are inspired when we hear the New York City Symphony perform. However, when you go to South America and sit in the midst of the orchestra of nature in the early morning as the sun rises, there is no comparison.) All the farmers are able to imitate the sounds of nature. Sometimes I thought someone was singing, but when I looked it was a frog. [Laughter.] Being in the middle of nature your five senses are stimulated to blend and mingle with everything.

### CONNECTING TO GOD VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY

Subject/object relationships always exist within the creation. This is an absolute formula. All created beings exist as part of a pair system. The five organs of created beings also exist in pair systems. The dynamic of subject and object is also at work in our relationships with others. Centering upon myself, there is my spouse, my children and my parents. Centering upon ideal relationships we can build an ideal family: father and son, husband and wife, brothers and sisters. This is the three objective purpose. No one wants to become an orphan. We all need brothers and sisters, parents, spouse and children. This is the model for the family.

Parents and children should become one at this point. [Father draws on the board.] Husband and wife should become one at this point. Brothers and sisters should be united at this point. Children grow up to the level of bride and bridegroom and then they marry. Once we reach this level, God will come down from the invisible world and dwell with us. God Himself consists of plus and minus, sung sang and hyung sang. Adam and Eve are in the position of plus and minus, sung sang and hyung sang. This center point represents plus and minus combined at the physical level. Then God, who has plus and minus within Himself, will come down vertically and join them at this point. God can be in the position of ancestor to the children, the couples, and the parents. God is vertically connected to all these levels of the horizontal world. No matter what level we refer to, God is always in the subject position.

God is the seed of your parents, tribe, nation, world and



*Father joins the closing prayer following the speech at Belvedere.*

*The father is responsible for the mother and the children. Once your family is totally united, then the nation should become responsible for the family. Once such nations exist all throughout the world, the king of kings should be responsible for all of these nations.*

universe. Vertically, there are eight different levels. Once we reach this level centered upon God [indicating the diagram] we can travel back and forth in complete freedom. In Adam's family the father figure was God. The center remains always one; no matter how many levels there are, the axis is unchanging.

### RECOGNIZING THE FATHER'S CENTRAL POSITION IN THE FAMILY

The children should revolve 180 degrees around their mother in unity. The father's central position cannot be replaced; however, the position of mother can be replaced. The mother revolves around the father. Do you American women understand? All of you have to climb up your husband's ladder in order to reach God. The father is responsible for the mother and the children. Once your family is totally united, then the nation should become responsible for the family. Once such nations exist all throughout the world, the king of kings should be responsible for all of these nations.

When this world system is transferred to heaven's side then it will become the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven. Once we have experienced this life in this physical world, when we enter the spiritual world we will share God's blood and flesh.

No matter how difficult it might be, do not just follow your mother. In the Western world we don't see the kind of tradition I am describing; however, in Korea such a tradition exists. Once the family tree is set up following the elder son's lineage, no matter how young the elder son of your family might be, all of the uncles from the second son's lineage will have to respect this elder son's lineage. There is only one axis.

The mother and children all have to climb up the father's ladder to reach a higher dimension. If the entire family becomes united then together they will climb up the ladder of the national king, and then climb up the ladder of the worldwide king of kings. Finally, they will climb up to God. The only thing that we have to care about is the seed of life following this vertical line. The seed is important, but the mother floats around through 360 degrees. Therefore, the wife has to absolutely follow the husband.

If you are abandoned by your father and mother you can turn to your grandparents or your uncles and aunts. We need this hierarchy.

### UNDERSTANDING THE MOTHER'S ROLE AS A RECEIVING BASKET

American women may feel that my explanation of life gives them no value whatsoever. Women are like an empty receiving basket. Your value will be determined by the contents you hold within your basket. I suggest that you utilize your beautiful face, well-developed bosom and hips and produce as many precious children as possible. That is your value. Do you want to have only one child? [More.] Would you exchange your children for tons of gold? [No.] Would you like to possess only one or two gold bars? [More.]

Suppose you are in the position of a prince with twelve different nations under your leadership. Would you like to send

your own sons to rule those nations or send your slaves? [Sons.] If you have plenty of sons to send to those twelve nations then those nations will prosper and have good relations with you. The kings of history usually had more than one wife in order to have many princes to rule their nations. In that sense which way should we go? Should we have more sons or more daughters? Sons are able to produce the seed of life.

If you have only daughters it takes only a few toys to keep them content. Also a daughter will stay in a room all day long if you place her there. However, boys are never content with toys; they will go out and chase after all kinds of animals. They are trouble-makers!

Wives who raise many sons will naturally possess the right and power to control their husbands. That is true. This is a revolutionary philosophy. Then shall we follow this path? [Yes.]

If you produce twelve princes and hold them in your basket, your king will greet you every morning with a bow saying, "My dear queen, good morning." You can conquer even the king, because when you offer some room in your basket for the king to come in, he will immediately jump inside. In this way you grow to maturity and reach the most valuable position. You will be even better than your grandmother and mother. You will become the best mother and wife. You will be able to offer your lap to all twelve of your sons, and even your king will sleep in your lap. How happy you would feel!

That is why God created women's bodies with many cushions. He wants to see His children embraced in the comfortable cushioned areas of a woman's body. Also God Himself wanted to be embraced by women. That is why God created woman, His final and most beautiful creation. Amen. [Amen.]

### DEMONSTRATING YOUR LOVE FOR THE EARTH

We have all declared that we will love the earth from today on. Are you all ready to love the air? [Yes.] This is the way in which you show your appreciation to the air. [Father demonstrates by making a kissing sound, and everyone laughs.] Without air you are not able to live for even five minutes. Imagine our fate if all the air in the universe went on strike for 30 minutes because human beings did not show appreciation. How powerful air is! Have you truly loved and praised the air? [No.] Imagine the degree of happiness and joy God felt when He created air. He knew this was the substance that His love partners would need to live. If you wake up before sunrise in a high mountain and try to breathe as much air as you can, you will feel sustained even without eating breakfast.

Let us love the air. What shall we do in order to love air? We have to plant trees. Unification Church members have a duty to plant twelve trees every year; its comparable to having twelve children. If we plant twelve trees a year, in ten years that is 120 trees. If we live for 100 years, we will have planted 1,200 trees before we die. If you cannot do such a simple task, then your life is not worth living. Will you do this? [Yes.] Let us love the fresh air.

Trees produce oxygen and take in carbon dioxide, whereas human beings take in oxygen and expel carbon dioxide. Big animals all live in the midst of trees. Human beings should be

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able to maintain a higher quality of life than animals, fish and other species of the creation.

### LEARNING SACRIFICIAL LOVE BY OBSERVING THE CREATION

In the world of fish, the salmon practice the best love relationship. Therefore I pay attention to salmon. I want to label Unification Church couples as salmon families. Once the salmon eggs hatch, they grow and travel about 5,000 miles out into the open ocean. In four to six years they all return to the original place they were hatched. They return to their home love site. It is amazing!

They return to the cold waters of Alaska during August, September and October, when there are not even insects available for the hatched baby salmon. Therefore, the parent fish sacrifice themselves and die there so that the newly hatched babies can feed on their own flesh. That is the life of the salmon. Human beings as the highest created being should maintain a higher quality of life than the salmon.

In some species of birds, when the female dies the male bird dies with her. The power of love is that great. How about human beings? Man is the true love owner. We should become superior to the rest of the creation. Don't you agree? [Yes.]

By observing nature we can learn such a precious lifestyle. I did not discover the truth through the Bible, but rather through observing nature. The origin of the creation of the universe is the male/female relationship. The entire universe is derived from this male/female relationship. Before the male/female concept came into being, there existed the concept of love. The sexual organs exist for the sake of love. Only by becoming one through the sexual organs can man and woman conquer God. The universe originated from vertical and horizontal love. That means up, down, front, rear, right, and left centered upon the family. This is the center of love, the place where God desires to dwell.

Centering upon the parents, all members of the family desire to become one. Upon this unifying point the family exists. Such a happy home is the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is not a concept; this is reality.

Do you want to live in the countryside or the city? [Countryside.] Everything flows harmoniously in the countryside. Air, water and love flow in the same way. There are no obstacles which love cannot penetrate. Nothing can stop it. It has no boundaries. You all love me no matter what race you may belong to. If I call you to go to Africa with me you will follow. Is that true? [Yes.]

Those of you who were matched by picture raise your hands. You are all crazy people! [Laughter.] In the secular world people live with one another for six months or one year and are still uncertain as to whether they should marry or not. But you marry just by picture. How pure and genuine you are! You are like innocent children who take anything that the mother gives without even thinking. What beautiful children you are! You are the love race.

Throughout the past forty years I have been working without realizing fully what has been happening. My conclusion

this morning is that city life is the cause of pollution, environmental destruction, neglect and famine. The cities of the world are Satan's hell palace. Until now, people have thought that it was more beneficial and convenient to dwell in cities. However, the time has come when we can secure the same comforts and benefits of city life by living in the countryside. There fresh air is available, clean water flows and nature surrounds us. The wilderness welcomes us.

### SHARING WITH POORER PEOPLE

Compared to South Americans you are all much better off. Therefore you are responsible to feed your African and South American brothers and sisters.

I believe that if America can share one-third of its national wealth with the rest of the world, then the entire world will prosper. If Americans don't do so, then Unificationists will be mobilized to do so. Will you do this? [Yes!] Why? In order to restore and save your tribe and nation. Will you do it? [Yes!] Those who do not wish to participate in my campaign show your hands. Those of you who are willing to do so, show your hands. Since I put both questions to you, those of you who have shown your hands to me cannot complain in the future.

You have no excuse now because I gave you a choice. When I look at your raised hands, I see a tumultuous and difficult path ahead of you. You and your spouse might have worked hard for eight physical years for God and humanity, with not even enough money to buy a nice chest of drawers. However, when God looks at you He sees you as patriots, saints, and holy sons and daughters of God. Therefore, that is all that you need. If you devote your entire family for the sake of God you will become qualified to be called holy sons and daughters.

Do all of you like me? [Yes.] Do you wish to resemble your True Father? [Yes.] Then you have to know that I am the one who has paid the most indemnity. My life course was the most difficult, and I received the most persecution. I was imprisoned many times. I know life inside prison very well. Each time that I was imprisoned, within a week the inmates became like my disciples. They all tried to give food they received from their relatives to me first. When I was in Danbury, within one year almost all of the inmates respected me. When each inmate was about to be discharged from the prison, he would bring all of the precious things he had accumulated and politely offer them to me.

When it was time for me to be released, all of the other prisoners prepared themselves for one week to see me off. Finally when the day came, all 200 inmates lined up in front of Danbury prison to try to see me off. However, the prison officials were afraid of a commotion and so at dawn they opened the back door and quietly led me out.

Wherever I go I am always surrounded by some degree of controversy. Am I a good trouble maker or a bad trouble maker? [Good trouble maker.] Very good. I am the most persecuted individual. However, I never got tired and gave up. I continue to march forward no matter what.

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## Spiritual Experience

*Perry Cordill*

U.S.A.

**D**URING a singing session I was transported to a gigantic mansion. As I walked in there was a huge stairwell and many (20-30) servants, all of whom were solemn. They asked me "where are your wife and child?" I said, "my wife has not gone through the 40-day workshop yet." I asked who owns this house, and immediately I found myself in a large darkened bedroom. Standing in front of open french doors was God. He was looking out at a moonlit scene of an ocean and mountains.

I asked, "Where is everyone?" And He said "Come with me!" We flew out the window and dove to the bottom of the sea. At the bottom, God said "These are the tears I shed for Adam and Eve." As we went upward through several layers, He said, "These are the tears I shed for Noah." "These are the tears I shed for Abraham." "These are the tears I shed for Moses." "These are the tears I shed for Jesus." At the top layer and definitely the largest of God's ocean of tears, He said, "These are the tears I shed for True Parents."

We were suddenly back in God's bedroom. There He asked me to sleep in His bed with Him. I was then in the form of a baby and we slept all night.

By the next night, there were so many babies that I could not get to the bed. Brothers and sisters were all over the bed and the floor. I also slept on the floor.

In the morning I remarked, "You must be happy with all of these brothers and sisters.

His response was: "Yes, but there are 3.5 billion children who are not here with Me," and He began to cry.

I realized God will never be satisfied with anything less than the whole human race. It was so tragic to see that the view from His window was the ocean of tears He has shed for humanity and that he has shed for the patriarchs of history. It seems He is constantly faced with the setbacks, failures and lack of seriousness of all humanity, but especially those of us more directly involved in His providence. Right then and there, I made the de-

termination never to let God down again, but to renew my dedication to actually bring an offering of hundreds of spiritual children who could know and love God and do His will forever.■

## Childhood Vision Substantiated

*Sandra Lowen*

U.S.A.

**W**HEN I was five years old, I had a vision of Jesus with the characters of my favorite books. I was walking along a road with them when Jesus asked me if I wanted to go to the Kingdom of Heaven and I said, 'yes.' So Jesus took my hand and walked with me. I climbed a long flight of white stairs where I saw shining people ascending and descending. At the top of the stairs was a beautiful white palace, "shining with golden light."

Forty-five years later, I went to Chung Pyung Lake. As soon as I saw the stairway from the Water of Life leading to the Tree of Blessing, I recognized the scene of my dream. The palace is not there yet. But it was so amazing to me to realize that in 1951, when Father was still in Hungnam, God was already planning the site for True Parents' glorification and revealing it to a small child on the other side of the world.■

## Spirit Liberated

*Lucinene Ferrario*

Italy

**D**URING the first liberation I saw many white feathers flying up all together. I felt that my good ancestors had gone to Heung Jin Nim.

One day while thinking of my father, who went to the spirit world in 1977, I felt a deep pain in my heart that he had not gone together with my good ancestors to Heung Jin Nim. Two days later during the singing and clapping session

my spirit travelled to the place where Heung Jin Nim is teaching many people. I could not recognize anyone except for one whose face I saw very clearly in the first row; my father! I was so proud and happy that I jumped for joy.

However, two days later in the singing and clapping session I saw a black ditch full of mud and full of people, and my father was in it. They were all begging to be forgiven by me. I was struck by their deep suffering. They could not move on. I told my father I had forgiven him a long time ago and that he could go in peace. One by one they came out of the mud and were lifted up.

I realized that by studying Divine Principle my father realized he should ask for forgiveness. I also realized that until his repentance I still had a deep pain and grudge in my heart toward him. Now when I think of my father, everything is melted and I am only happy and proud that my father is with Heung Jin Nim and that he is growing.■

## Compassion

*Beatrice Clyburn*

U.S.A.

**D**URING the singing, the drums made me think of black slaves being beaten. With no air conditioning, and sweating so much, I imagined being packed into a slave ship. I felt their fear, agony, hatred, hopelessness.

As the singing intensified, I felt this cloud of black spirits leaving from many places around the room— those coming from me were being escorted by my angel with so much love. My eyes were closed but I saw that cloud.

I became very emotional, sobbing and sobbing, as they left me. These spirits had been with me many years; I had loved them, comforted them, seen many situations through their eyes. Though they were leaving, what comforted me was the assurance that they would become my spiritual children and be blessed in the spiritual world.

On the second day of fasting, when everyone was falling asleep during the reading of Divine Principle, I felt as angry

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# CHUNG PYUNG LAKE PROVIDENCE

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*Heung Jin Nim.*



*True Parents' Day prayer, April 18, 1996.  
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*Daemo-nim.*

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*The 'Tree of Blessing' at Chung Pyung Lake.*



*A view of Chung Pyung Lake [the restored Garden of Eden].*

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*Participants in the 40-day National Messiah Candidates Workshop at Chung Pyung Lake, August 1 - September 9, 1996.*

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# The Role of Peninsular Nations in the 21st Century

The Right Honorable Brian Mulroney  
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*This is the text of one of the main presentations given at the Federation of Peninsula Nations for World Peace held on August 20-22 in Seoul, Korea. Academics and political leaders representing 27 nations attended the conference.*

It is difficult for a Canadian—whose country is the second largest in the world—to have both the sensitivity and the knowledge required for an in-depth discussion of all peninsula states, their particular challenges and hopes, as we prepare for a new millennium.

As prime minister of Canada for nine years, however, I have had considerable personal opportunity, through the Commonwealth, the Sommet de la Francophonie and bilaterally to know and appreciate the truly remarkable achievements of many of these nations and their leaders.

From Korea to Greece, from Denmark to Malaysia, from Finland to Thailand—and so many others, the successes have been genuinely impressive in spite of some unique problems.

Many peninsular nations were seafaring and thus sent out explorers who discovered and settled new lands. Peninsular nations became centers of trade and crossroads of cultures, but also centers of conflict, stimulating new thought and science. Many of the great cultural spheres of the world grew out of peninsula nations: Greek philosophy, Roman law and the Renaissance from Italy, Islam from Mecca (the Saudi Arabian Peninsula), Hinduism in India, and Buddhism on the Southeast Asian peninsula. Of course, the Norwegians and Swedes are known for exploration and scientific learning, they have also been leaders in international peace efforts in this century. Thus peninsula nations seem to have exercised some significant and impressive leadership in the development of our inherited civilizations. The present conference in Korea, a present-day crossroads as we enter what some call “the Pacific Era” seems a reflection of

the same phenomenon in the same day.

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*One need look no further than to the peninsular states in this general area of the world to understand the magnitude of human accomplishment possible when countries make a national commitment to prosperity for all their citizens and to peace in this region and around the world.*

So great has this region's economic growth been since the war, that the locus of international and economic decision making is moving to this region, gradually turning away from the historic hegemony in this field that was carefully guarded for centuries by North Americans and Europeans.

This trend will only accelerate with the evolution of APEC—the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum—founded in 1989 by some eighteen nations including Canada. Meeting in Osaka in 1995, APEC leaders agreed on a wide agenda, and the following year in Bogor, Indonesia, they took a historic step forward in making a commitment to achieve free and open trade and investment in the region by 2010, only thirteen years from now.

Look at the transformation of peninsular states like Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece, already touched by the magic of historic new European economic achievement.

Soon that productivity enhancement, deregulation, privatization and powerful new commercial trading impetus shall spread to Albania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Romania and other coun-

tries and their citizens shall enjoy a share of prosperity and well-being they have never, ever known.

Or examine the results after only seven years of the free trade agreement I negotiated for Canada with President Reagan and then NAFTA, which includes Mexico, Canada and the United States.

Our combined exports of goods and

services to each other since the FTA was signed have grown by 100 percent—in spite of the fact that both our economies were heavily impacted by a serious and long-lasting recession.

As a result, Canada and the United States are by far one another's largest trading partners, with the largest two-way trade between any two countries in world history.

In fact, in 1995, the value of two-way trade of merchandise, services and investment income between Canada and the United States rose 12.7 percent to \$454.1 billion—largely in excess of \$1 billion per day. More than two million jobs in each country depend directly on trade with the other. Trade creates jobs—good jobs, high paying jobs, durable jobs. Every \$1 billion in trade abroad means between 15,000 - 20,000 new jobs at home, and that is precisely what will happen in dramatic fashion in APEC countries—some of them peninsular nations—which will attract jobs, create economic opportunities and attain greater social justice.

Consider further the extraordinary impact this will have on geo-strategic considerations in this region and elsewhere as China, whose economy has



quadrupled in twenty years, emerges as the largest economy in the world around the year 2025, approximately twenty years from today.

As you know, the population of China in the period 1990-2010 will increase by the equivalent of the total present population of the United States to 1.4 billion. In fact, Premier Li Peng told me in Beijing a few months ago that China was adding to its population base the equivalent of one Australia per year! China then will have the world's largest population, largest economy, largest standing army - and an extremely significant capacity to produce nuclear weapons. It is obvious that Japan and the other APEC nations must engage China firmly on a course based on mutual advantage.

### Need for social policies

We must have framework policies established not on military might but on a prospect of genuine social advancement for all people—especially the most disadvantaged—that comes from transparent and effective engagements in all areas of international endeavor, particularly trade, commerce and investment. Without such policies, excessive nationalism emerges, economies atrophy, tensions rise, military threats abound and the people suffer. Compare the achievements over the last fifty years of South Korea and North Korea and you will see the difference between sunlight and darkness.

One country has emerged as a vigorous democracy with a booming economy. The other has a quite strange autarchy with a pathetic, shriveled economy that can no longer feed its own people.

Surely, it is obvious that societies

devoted to collectivism or communism; that repudiate the existence of a Higher Being and abjure the private enterprise system; that glorify the political leader and establish a coterie around him, at the expense of a vibrant democracy; societies which then renounce totalitarian measures to keep themselves in power; surely it is obvious, as history readily demonstrates, that such societies have neither moral sustenance nor impressive staying power. You count democracies' blessings in centuries while the future of most dictators and their systems, if fortunate, is limited to months, a few years, a few decades—and then they disappear forever in the dustbin of an unforgiving history, while others must rebuild their brother nations.

### Post-Cold War challenge

I would like to turn now to some fundamental realities in our world that affect us all wherever we reside, in peninsula states or not.

For forty years, the United States and the Soviet Union were the world's two superpowers, the leaders of the West and East, of NATO and the Warsaw Pact, the keepers, in President Kennedy's words, of "a hard and bitter peace." And then in 1985, there came to power in the Kremlin a man named Mikhail Gorbachev, who questioned the assumptions of the Soviet system, ended the arms race and ultimately the Cold War, disbanded the East bloc, the Warsaw Pact, and, finally, the tyranny of the Soviet federation itself.

Sitting across a conference table from him in a private meeting in the Kremlin, just hours after he assumed office in March 1985, I would never have thought

it possible. Flanked by Andrei Gromyko, this new leader of the Soviet Union spoke to me with confidence of the future, but gave precious few indications of the convulsive changes he was about to unleash—so profound, as it turned out, that he and his administration and his federation would be consumed by them.

The post-Cold War world offers unique opportunities and daunting challenges, provided we respect fundamental values of liberty, freedom, and democracy. Because we have remained true to those values and had the courage and the strength to defend them, within the last few years, the Berlin Wall fell and Germany was reunited; a trade unionist from Gdansk became president of Poland, a dissident poet sat in the castle in Prague, as communist regimes tumbled like dominoes across Central and Eastern Europe; and, in the second Russian revolution, the people of Moscow made a human wall around their parliament, and tanks that had crushed each stirring of liberty for seven decades in the past, now dared not cross.

### Threat of war remains

The emergence of Japan over the last fifty years as the world's second most powerful economy and the principal influence for peace and stability in the entire region has been key to these developments throughout the world.

The relationship between the United States and Japan is the foundation for peace, security and prosperity throughout East Asia. There should be no higher priority for both nations than to maintain their treaties, alliances, trading arrangements, and cultural agreements in excellent condition at all times. Such cooperation between two great G-7 nations provides the world with an important degree of the stability and predictability it requires in order to ensure the economic well-being of its citizens.

In fact, now that the Soviet empire has fallen and communism has significantly diminished as a military threat, the reaction is one of relief and growing unconcern. Many assume that because Presidents Yeltsin and Clinton now appear to be on friendly terms, the challenge of war has disappeared and the world can permanently relax. Nothing could be further from the truth. War and the threat of war are everywhere.

In recent years Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Burundi, Somalia, Chechnya and countless other areas have become theaters of violence and destruction.

And why? Because of racism, ethnic hatreds, religious bigotry, anti-Semi-



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tism, extreme nationalism, and grave social injustice.

Eventually, the skirmishes became battles and the battles became blood baths, because human beings allowed it to happen or, worse still, encouraged such a result.

And why? Because of a breakdown in values and morality, conduct that hitherto would have been abjured came to be tolerated. In some areas, this has meant the rejection of the concept of pluralism in religion and it has clearly implied that sins are permissible in the name of God.

Why else would Catholics shoot Protestants in Northern Ireland, or vice versa? Why else would Serbs kill Croats in Bosnia, or vice versa? Why else would Muslims assassinate Orthodox Russians in Chechnya, or vice versa?

In his second inaugural at the height of the American Civil War, President Lincoln dealt with the basic immorality of most wars: "Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other."

So, tell me, 130 years later, in the heart of modern Europe, who won what in Bosnia? Tell me, what prize justified such slaughter and desecration? People of different religions who were neighbors, became enemies. People of different religions who were friends, became assassins. People of different religions who had married, were divorced.

### The rejected children

Children of such mixed marriages who thought themselves blessed found that others considered them cursed.

And there the children of Bosnia stood, rejected by some family members, sustained by others, not knowing

why they were hated, not understanding why bombs exploded in hospitals, not realizing that they would be the next to fall from a sniper's bullet, as they walked home from school. Recently a leading daily newspaper carried a dispatch from Bosnia that described two brother from a mixed marriage, Serb and Croat. One was a member of the Yugoslav Army at the outbreak of hostilities and the other subsequently joined the Croatian military. When full war broke out, the brothers became enemies and when one was killed, the other was joyful. Only last Christmas, when the war ended and the surviving brother surveyed the enormity of his loss and his country's carnage, did he say: "My God, what have we done?"

Well, in these cases we forgot the fundamentals of civilized life. We forgot the inherent truths taught by all of the world's great religions. We forgot the values that promote successful family life. We forgot the strength of fraternity and the importance of dialogue amongst human beings of different backgrounds. We forgot, as Winston Churchill once said, that: "jaw, jaw, jaw is better than war, war, war."

### International cooperation

Little can be accomplished these days without international cooperation because of the very nature of the problems. No nation can solve its problems alone. And what are these problems?

Well, consider the devastation being inflicted on the world by the flow of narcotics. Young people who will die today on the streets of New York City will have been attracted to narcotics from Colombia or Southeast Asia that entered the United States, say, via Italy or Canada.

Clearly, the American interest in eradicating such a threat to its society can only be achieved through international cooperation.

Deficient nuclear reactors in Chernobyl spewed poison into the atmosphere that soft winds then carried to other nations to fall like a lethal morning dew upon unsuspecting mothers, fathers and children hundreds of thousand of miles away.

Children who die of malnutrition in Africa can be saved by the financial resources of industrial nations like France, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Japan, along with the efficiency of UNICEF.

The great loss and human anguish inflicted worldwide by AIDS can only be countered by intensive international research, medical cooperation and complete information exchange.

The ready availability of armaments that sustain bellicose behavior in Iraq or provide the land mines that continue to maim children in Angola can only be controlled and eliminated by strong international leadership and cooperation.

And obviously the international sex trade that degrades and destroys young children and women can only be wiped out through dramatically enhanced international law enforcement collaboration.

So, why is it that one hears—most often during election campaigns—the siren call of some politicians to have great nations withdraw from world organizations and retreat behind national borders into a stance that is isolationist, protectionist, or both?

The simple reality of world affairs now is this: without U.S. leadership and the support of her allies, combined with an effective United Nations' influence, there would have been no peace in the Middle East, no hope for peace in Northern Ireland, no restoration of peace in Haiti, and no promise of peace in the Balkans.

### Leadership of women

At this point, I cannot resist quoting Canada's first practicing woman doctor, Augusta Stone, who said: "When women have a voice in national and international affairs, wars will cease forever." Fortunately, the role and influence of women in shaping national and international policy grows daily.

It is not only the tremendous personal achievements and impressive quali-

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ties of prime ministers such as Gandhi of India, Thatcher of the United Kingdom, Bhutto of Pakistan, Ciller of Turkey, Presidents Robinson of Ireland and Chamorro of Nicaragua—it is the presence of women throughout the decision making process. But the fact is often women in public life have to be twice as good as men to get half the recognition and reward. Women can achieve all of this and still play a leadership role in the most important area of all, the family.

In 300 B.C., Mencius wrote that: "The root of the kingdom is in the state. The root of the state is in the family. The root of the family is in the person at its head."

### Family—the core of existence

Governments are defeated, political systems change, countries are re-configured. Many things in life are ephemeral but the notion and the reality of the family are at the core of our very existence. Today, however, traditional values are under strong attack in our societies. Our children are assaulted daily by a communications culture that glorifies youth and sex and trivializes tradition and virtue and modesty. On the streets and elsewhere these same children see the blandishments of "recreational" drug and alcohol. They see the tragedy of the homeless, the shame of child abuse, the pain of stalking and family violence.

There are no instant solutions, but a vital element is that of example at home. The relationship between husband and wife, the loving care and education of children, the values imparted and the lessons learned, the admiration for our elders, and the respect for the opinions and religions of others are at the very heart of family life and of a tolerant and progressive society that will sustain its citizens and contribute to the enrichment of a better world.

As Reinhold Niebuhr wrote with great insight: "Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing fine or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore, we must be saved by faith...."

I have attempted to be realistic in assessing some of our problems. I also want to convey to you my sense of optimism about our future.

If it is true that we live in an imperfect world beset by serious social challenges, it is also true that, compared with fifty years ago, we have made enormous strides. In that time there have been no world wars and no use of atomic weapons. There has been an extension of democ-



*The Right Honorable Brian Mulroney exchanges few words with Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak and Mr. Niel Salonen, Sheraton Walker Hill, Seoul, Korea.*

racy throughout much of Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, Russia and Latin America to an extent unimaginable. There has been a resurgence of economic strength and humanistic moral leadership in Japan and Germany, both of which are economic superpowers and the anchors of peace and stability in their respective regions.

There have been dramatic improvements in world health, social justice, and human rights around the world and the powerful effects from a worldwide sweep towards free trade have raised prosperity and the prospects of economic fairness

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and opportunity for all people higher than at any time in history.

I believe the next fifty years offer even greater opportunities for good in this world. The impulse towards aggression, the instinct towards self-destruction, and the effects of evil shall still be with us. But these will be vastly outweighed by a qualitative improvement in our cultures, the spread of religion, the acceptance of universal family values, a significantly strengthened leadership role for women,

the growth of internationalism, and the emphasis on multilateral solutions to problems that range from terrorism to trade. It is the building blocks put in place by groups such as yours that will complete the patient and demanding task of constructing the cathedral of world peace.

### The beginning of solutions

One day your efforts of people-to-people cooperation shall come to fruition and the mere hint of war will bring down instant and universal opprobrium on the head of any potential aggressor. It seems to me that what moves you and your association is a desire for liberty, freedom, and personal fulfillment.

The words of that great American, Judge Learned Hand, fifty years ago, apply not only to Americans but to peoples around the world. In welcoming immigrants to the United States, he talked of the "spirit of liberty" as the driving force of a successful society in the following words; "The spirit of liberty is the spirit that is not too sure it is right. The spirit of liberty seeks to understand the minds of other men and other women. The spirit of liberty weighs their interests against its own without bias. The spirit of liberty knows that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded. The spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, near 2000 years ago, taught mankind a lesson that it has never quite learned and never quite forgotten—that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side-by-side with the greatest." ■■■

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however, they had to flee south to Pusan due to the invasion of Chinese forces from the north.

Despite the suffering of the world and his own people, Reverend Moon never gave up in the midst of this difficult path, continuing to spread the message of salvation for all people. Several times he mentioned that he would never have survived without God's special guidance and protection.

### *Founding of HSA-UWC*

In 1954, Reverend Moon founded the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, the official name for what is now commonly known as the Unification Church. Through his deep communication with God, Reverend Moon realized that God is the True Parent of humankind and the owner of true love. According to his teaching, all of humanity, as God's children, is one family, and the fundamental purpose of God's creation is the realization of a peaceful world of true love on earth and in the hereafter. God created the natural world and the spiritual world for all humankind, according to clear principles.

### *Christian teaching*

Reverend Moon's teaching is rooted in the monotheistic, Christian tradition which upholds belief in God. He firmly believes that God's will is to resolve the divisions among the various denominations. He also teaches that the philosophies and religions of East and West should converge harmoniously and bring about a one world family of peace. Moreover, he is convinced that the day will come when the spiritual world, which we sometimes refer to as to the supernatural world, will ultimately be explained scientifically. The long name "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity" contains these meanings.

As with many religions in the past, the Unification Church also developed in the midst of misunderstanding and hardship. The Unification Church's concrete work of testifying to God's will has now expanded to missions throughout the world in 184 nations.

### *Developing organizations*

Respected representatives, Reverend Moon has not focused exclusively on the development of the Unification Church. He has taught that all religions were founded under God's great purpose of saving all humanity. Conflict between the various religions and denominations causes the greatest suffering to God's heart, and is also a significant threat to world peace. Reverend Moon founded the International Religious Foundation (IRF) many years ago in order to resolve this problem, and IRF has held numerous confer-

ences fostering dialogue and reconciliation among the different faiths.

Moreover, Reverend Moon has invited young people representing the world's religions to participate in a global pilgrimage to the holy lands of each faith for the purpose of learning about and coming to respect their traditions and rituals. This project is called the Youth Seminar on World Religions and Reverend Moon supported it for many years with investments of several million dollars.

He also actively supports Religious Youth Service (RYS) activities. These voluntary service projects foster the cultivation of exemplary character in young people through the practice of love and service rather than through the discussion of doctrine. RYS activities are preparing a future of harmony among the various religions. Many young people from diverse religious backgrounds enthusiastically participate in this project, and its programs have expanded into many nations each year.

Reverend Moon is well-known for playing a leading role in the struggle against global communism. He clarified the falsity of the communist ideology that denies the existence of God, and he systematized Unification Thought as a God-centered, ideological counter-proposal to communist ideology. Rather than simply being anti-communist, therefore, Reverend Moon has prevailed over communism through the medium of education.

Though Reverend Moon is very critical of the errors of the communist ideology, he has been working for several decades to liberate those suffering under communist regimes. It was for this reason that he went to Moscow and met with then President Mikhail Gorbachev, and why he visited North Korea, the most tightly closed society in the world, to meet with the late Premier Kim Il Sung.

### *Academic projects*

Reverend Moon founded the International Cultural Foundation (ICF), and for 24 years has supported it to enable eminent scholars to contribute substantially to world peace and the promising future of humankind. The Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) is active in over 120 nations of the world due to his support. The International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS) has convened on twenty occasions. Through these conferences, Reverend Moon has encouraged cooperation and harmony among the academic fields through stimulating a common pursuit of absolute values. He has striven to open a way for academics and their research to contribute to a bright future for humankind. I believe these successes are due to his outstanding ability to see into the future.

### *Media-related activities*

Reverend Moon is also working hard to promote healthy development in the media. He has held conferences annually on the theme of the

responsibility and mission of the media. In America's capital he founded the Washington Times and through it he is guiding the United States towards a righteous viewpoint. In New York, he publishes the Spanish-language newspaper, Noticias del Mundo. In fact, he maintains a number of media-related organizations: in Korea, a general daily newspaper, the Segye Times; in Japan, the Sekai Nippo; in Uruguay, Ultimas Noticias; and in the Middle East, the Middle East Times.

### *Educational and relief projects*

Reverend Moon has devoted himself to an unusual degree to the field of education. In the United States, he established the Unification Theological Seminary, which is raising capable future leaders. He is supporting the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. In Korea, he has established Kyong Bok Elementary School, Sun Hwa Middle and High Schools, and Sun Jung Middle and High Schools. He has also founded Sun Moon University and is actively supporting its programs. Through these educational projects, guided by the motto "Love heaven, love humankind, love your nation," Reverend Moon is providing valuable ideological leadership.

Stressing the need for proper guidance for youth, Reverend Moon supports students in their work with the High School Association for the Research of Principles (HARP) in junior high and high schools, and with a similar collegiate association (CARP) in colleges and universities. With God's true love, and lives of purity, truth and service, these students represent the hopeful future of humankind.

Through the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF), Reverend Moon has been involved with both short and long term relief projects worldwide for over two decades. IRFF carries out emergency relief and medical service, plus agricultural and technological training in underdeveloped countries. In particular, he has initiated a long range plan for the efficient use of the ocean's resources with a view to ending the problem of world hunger. This large scale project has bases in Alaska and South America.

### *Cultural programs*

I would like to also mention Reverend Moon's support for cultural programs and the arts. He has been developing a variety of such projects among which are the New York City Symphony orchestra, the Little Angels Performing Arts Troupe, the New Hope Singers International, the Universal Ballet Company and the Kirov Ballet Academy.

Distinguished representatives from many nations, the projects I have mentioned represent a small portion of Reverend Moon's overall activities. They constitute his effort to bring human beings into touch with their original God-given nature, and to realize God's purpose of goodness on earth.

The Federation for World Peace (FWP), the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) and the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWP), among others, all of which Rev-

erend Moon founded in the 1990s, are organizations established to contribute to the realization of the peaceful world of God's desire, and are the fruit of Reverend Moon's faith and dedication to that cause. It will never happen that a peaceful world suddenly descends to us from Heaven. If a nation and society are not at peace, the world cannot be at peace. If the family is not at peace, how can it be possible for a society and nation to be at peace? The importance of marriage and the family is clearly expressed through two people, who, united in mind and body, have joined together as a couple.

### *The holy weddings*

The holy weddings officiated by Reverend and Mrs. Moon over the past 36 years are now having a significant impact on society. Beginning from the joint wedding of 36 couples, through 72 couples, 124 couples, 430 couples, 777 couples, 1,800 couples, 6,000 couples, and 6,500 couples, these holy weddings have been periodically held. In 1992, there was a holy wedding of 30,000 couples and in 1995, 360,000 couples were blessed in marriage by Reverend and Mrs. Moon.

In November next year, 3.6 million couples will participate in the holy wedding. The main ceremony will be held in Washington, D.C., but it will be broadcast by satellite to some 180 nations of the world where simultaneous wedding ceremonies will be held. Preparatory wedding ceremonies are already being organized in many countries. The sheer number and diversity of participants is a surprising aspect of these international holy weddings. Far more significant, however, is that the participants are pledging before God to realize true families through pure relationships of love. Despite the decline of today's youth and the crisis of families in modern society, no one else has come to the forefront with a solution to these problems. In view of this, the holy wedding ceremonies are not simply the marriage rites of the Unification Church, but are ceremonies that offer salvation to the whole world. I would like to ask you: If these couples who come together as husband and wife under the ideal of true love, and who transcend the barriers of religion and race, are not the seeds of a world peace, then who can be those seeds?

Respected leaders, true love is the kind of love that is given to others, love that gives and gives again, forgetting that it has given. Reverend Moon has not only taught but has also manifested in practice that the realization of the true ideal of peace can only come about through true love. Movements for purity based on true love and for the realization of true families are spreading throughout the world today. I conclude my address by expressing the hope that all of you, as representatives of the Federation of Peninsular Nations for World Peace, will participate in this movement for purity and the realization of true love.■

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# Tampa WFWP Hosts First Women's Interracial Friendship Conference

*Donna Fusco Howell*

**O**N April 13, 1996, the Tampa, Florida, chapter of the WFWP sponsored the first Women's Interracial Friendship Conference in the nation. For us it was an idea whose time had come, and we felt strongly that it was the right thing to do. It wasn't until we were two weeks into the planning stage that we learned from Nora Spurgin that we would be the first city to

My heart sunk, and we scrambled to find a new speaker. It was then that we realized that Murphy's Law ("If anything can go wrong, it will") might take over this conference, and our only defense was prayer. We started a prayer condition for both the internal and external success of the conference, with a special emphasis on trying to achieve the quality of heart we had each felt at the Japanese/American conferences.

Miraculously, Rev. Beck called me

who would also speak because their enthusiasm for the project, since the money for this conference was coming out of our own pockets.

We were grateful that both speakers conveyed the essence of the WFWP message in their addresses at the conference. We even had them participate in the conference as the first pair to cross the bridge and as the representative pair leading the sisterhood pledge. This helped both the speakers and the participants feel more connected to each other and to the spirit of the sisterhood ceremony.

Another adaptation we made was to shorten the whole program to four hours and have only one meal. We decided the best way to present the program was to start in the morning, conclude the regular program by lunch, and serve a banquet lunch that would last for an hour and a half to give the participants time to get to know each other.

We scheduled the conference for a Saturday morning beginning at 10:00 and concluding at 2:00 p.m. This schedule worked very well, and we were able to keep to it even though we had all participants cross the bridge. By having lunch instead of dinner we were also able to lower the cost but not the quality of the meal. By sheer luck and persever-

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As our white speaker we asked Rev. Tanya Beck, one of the first women in the world ordained as an Episcopal minister. She's a local priest with a very outgoing, bright spirit, and she had given the invocation at a WFWP event last year. She likes our WFWP members and is not concerned about the connection with Rev. Moon. We knew she would be a great speaker, and our excitement about the conference escalated when she said she would be happy to speak for us, gratis.

However, one week later she called to say that her bishop was sending her out of town on the day of the conference and she wouldn't be able to participate.

back a few days later saying that her bishop had postponed her trip for two weeks, so she would once again be available as a speaker for our conference.

As our black speaker, we contacted Dr. Babs Phillips, a black minister who used to work with Martin Luther King, Jr., and has done considerable work with the WFWP in Atlanta. She was thrilled at the thought of a black/white

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conference and agreed to speak without a fee, provided we paid her expenses to come to Tampa. We readily agreed to that arrangement.

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ance, I was able to find a hotel that was very nice but also low cost, owing to the fact that the hotel had recently switched management and was eager for new business.

Because of the relatively low cost of the meeting room and meals (about \$10 per person), we decided to charge only

\$15 per participant. We thought, naively, that we would break even at that price. As it turned out, the conference really cost about \$25 per person, and without donations from the members we would have been in a financial hole if we relied solely on registrations to pay for the event.

What we did not fully realize going into this project was all of the little things that had to be done so that it would be both beautiful and tasteful. The first hurdle to get over was designing an invitation which would adequately explain the concept of the Sisterhood Conference.

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Fortunately for us, we didn't have to reinvent the wheel. Only a few days after I told Nora Spurgin about the project, I got a call from the Boston WFWP telling me that Nora had conveyed to them our plans and that they, too, were planning a similar conference for the week after ours. They had already designed an invitational pamphlet and chosen a name for their conference: Beyond the Dream. We thought the name was terrific, and with Boston's permission we used the same name and duplicated most of the material in their pamphlet. This saved us a lot of time and energy, so we were able to begin sending invitations a good six weeks prior to the conference.

My computer was not idle for a moment during the preparation for this event. There were cover letters and press releases to write, public service announcement to put on the radio and TV, my emcee remarks to coordinate, a WFWP pamphlet to design, and all of the program flyers, brochures and name tags to create. Fortunately, my husband runs his engineering business out of our house, so I had a fully equipped home office at my disposal, saving us a lot of time and money.

While I was busy taking care of much of the external conference coordination, our sisters Robin Debacker, Jan Breslin and Evelynne Drake were busy on the phone contacting and recontacting people who had been sent invitations. We were especially lucky that Robin loved

the phone and kept thinking of new people to contact and new ways to contact them. While phoning she even found two singers to entertain at the conference. This phoning effort was very helpful in getting the pre-registrations to come in and reminding people of the event.

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showed up just before lunch and shared the meal with another pair and had a great time).

The Monday before the event, only 21 people had registered, and I was beginning to panic. That day, however, something significant happened. The Tampa Tribune, which is the largest daily paper in the area, printed an article about the conference on the front page of its "Tampa Bay Life" section. Since the paper printed both Robin's and my phone number, we resolved that one of us would always be by the phone to take the calls which were coming in regularly as a result of the article. That

article generated a lot of interest, and I estimate at least 30 participants came as a result of it. The article also prompted several radio stations to announce the event and one television network station to inquire about it. We never did learn the full extent of the media coverage, since news organizations don't tell you when they print a press release or make an announcement. We do know that besides the Tribune article, both minority newspapers in the area printed the press release, some smaller locals printed announcements, and at least one radio station made public service announcements.

On the day of the event, we were well-prepared, having eaten, drunk and slept this conference for six weeks. We added as many special touches to the conference as we could: young blessed children acted as usherettes, providing every participant with a rose to exchange with her sister, put a flowered arch on the bridge for the pairs to walk through, placed roses on each lunch table, and scattered corsages and flower arrangements everywhere. We even had a display of Robin's hand-made ceramics which were on sale as a WFWP fund-raiser.

Nora had given me the idea to provide a photographer with a Polaroid camera to take pictures of the pairs. (Fifty people took advantage of the Polaroid snapshots, even though we charged for the snapshots, and Robin sold several of her pottery pieces.) These little touches gave everyone the feeling that they were being treated as a special guest at a special event.

To further set the tone, we showed

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*Participants review program booklets during orientation, Tampa, Florida. April 13, 1996.*

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I am now almost eighty years of age. This morning alone I have been standing here many hours, even though I just recently returned from a long flight from South America. I have strong spiritual power.

### APPRECIATING THE PURPOSE OF ALL THINGS

Lazy people like to sit in shady places and take a nap. Therefore, God provided all kinds of insects to come and wake them up. They are all necessary. Some people question why God created poisonous snakes. Without them, animals would move around freely to eat frogs and other creatures, creating a disturbance in the natural order. This enables various species to survive. If there were no poisonous snakes in the woods, then the boys from the surrounding villages might overrun and kill all the small creatures in the woods. Therefore, I conclude that even snakes are necessary for the balance of nature.

In the twenty-first century, an unknown disease for which there is no cure might erupt among humanity, and the venom of poisonous snakes might be the only cure. Koreans, for example, eat snake meat. Traditionally they have learned that poisonous snakes contain certain elements which can cure various diseases and enhance health. Also I want you to remember that snakes mate with one another for 71 hours at one time, whereas dogs mate for 45 minutes at one time. One of the reasons why Korean men favor eating snake and dog meat is to gain power when making love to their wives.

All created beings can be used for medicinal purposes. Within the creation there is always plus and minus. The small plus and minus will be encompassed by a larger plus and minus. As individuals we have within us plus and minus, but our nation is in the position of plus and we are in the position of minus. Therefore, we have to assimilate and support this Amer-

ican system. By the same token, if we go to Germany we have to mingle with the German environment. The environment always contains the elements of plus and minus. Because of reciprocal relationship there is always plus and minus.

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### PRODUCING ABUNDANT PURE FOOD

I go where there is original soil, clean sunshine, unpolluted water and fresh air. Centering around the four nations of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay I am planning to establish 400 resort cities along the Paraguay River. Eventually I will expand this system to the Amazon River. Plenty of water exists there for agriculture and fish farms. This is where we can solve the four major problems that the world is now facing. We have to clean the water. Through planting many trees we can clean the air. Unpolluted vegetables and foods can be produced from such clean, pure soil. By following the will and expectation of God, we who live in that kind of environment will create a moral society. There will be no problem of immorality.

Also I plan to establish an educational system from elementary school all the way through to the level of universities. High school graduates will come there to be trained how to earn money to support themselves as well as continue their studies. Then eventually they can pursue various degrees. They will all then devote themselves to solving the four major problems that the world is now facing. I have secured enough manpower throughout the world to be able to bring experts in various fields there. I also plan to establish the best research center covering the following four major fields:

- The development of an ideal environment through the study of agriculture
- The production of pure foods on unpolluted soil.
- The creation of an ideal society, free of immorality and thus resembling God.
- The provision of adequate food and technology to rescue the people of the world who are dying of starvation.

The countries of the Far East are able to produce a rice crop only once a year. However, in Brazil we are able to harvest rice three times a year. We can constantly rotate crops and harvest them year round. The sweet potatoes grow bigger than a man's head. There is no winter, so crops just keep on growing. One root plant tastes like potato, and it grows so easily in that region. Even so, there are people in Brazil who are dying of starvation. They are in need of leadership. Therefore America has a big responsibility.

### DEVELOPING AN ECONOMIC FOUNDATION THROUGH FISHING

Finally, True Parents have appeared and they have been training people over the past 20 years to fish. I want to redevelop fishing ports and expand them to include facilities for sports fishing as well as fish farms. I would like to see these



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fishing ports develop the surrounding land, plant trees and also grow food.

Around the Amazon and Paraguay Rivers, there is plenty of land which could be used to save humanity awaiting the people who can develop it properly. This is the reason why I have been focusing on South America. It is my desire to offer help to people living in the remote countryside who have nowhere else to turn to. By establishing research centers, model farms, and other facilities, we will be able to help people become more educated and have dominion over their environment. At the same time we will be able to help the city dwellers by bringing them to the countryside where they can enjoy a purer life. Thus, I have been focusing attention upon South America in order to build the ideal global village where we can train people to work to enhance the quality of life of humankind.

#### **BEGINNING AND ENDING LIFE CLOSE TO NATURE**

Would you all like to go to a place where there is plenty of fresh air, unpolluted water, unpolluted soil and sunshine, or would you rather live in the cities with all the garbage and pollution? The second and third generation Unification Church children should live in the countryside, from kindergarten through high school levels. After they complete high school they may go anyplace to complete their college degree, and after completing college they may go anyplace they choose. They have to be able to travel freely the rest of their lives.

God's purpose of creation is for the entire world to become an ideal place that can receive anyone, anywhere, anytime who can contribute to that place and then move on. In this way we don't have to be confined within the inner cities.

The time has come when we no longer need a big Ivy League campus in order to be well educated. Rich cultural activities will no longer be limited to New York City. You simply need one computer in the remote countryside where you can click onto the Internet and be connected to the entire world. Through this system you will be able to obtain all the cultural and educational benefits that you need. Everything is at your fingertips.

Whatever piece of art or cultural performance that you wish to see, you can do so through the Internet and enjoy it as much as those sitting in the theater. Why bother with the frustrations of rush-hour commutes to cities like New York? We can do whatever work we desire anywhere in the countryside. So many young people waste their lives within the inner cities and get involved in so many evil things. Therefore, I intend to create many places to hunt and fish around these inner cities. I have established a place close to Washington, D.C., where young people from the city can go to hunting and fishing grounds in the countryside. Once they enjoy this kind of life, we can convince them to leave the city completely. Then we can go to the wilderness, climb mountains, and fish in the Amazon River. This is how we can draw

young people out from the cities and send them to the farmlands.

Once I establish this formula, then even after I join the spiritual world, young Unification Church leaders should take up this mission and build an ideal world based upon my formula. However, this course will be tough. All Unification women must learn how to operate a boat, how to repair a boat, how to water ski and master water sports so that you can train the young people when they come. You all need to stand in the position of mothers to these young people.

Isn't my face sun-tanned? [Yes.] In the tropical regions a dark, tanned face is your pride. If your face is white you have to go away.

Where do you want to live? When you reach your fifties and sixties and you retire, if you remain in the city you will suffocate. Eventually you will have to travel to the ideal village which I have established and spend the rest of your life with nature and contribute as much as possible, breathing fresh air and mingling with nature.

End your life with nature, and go and join God in the spiritual world. That will become the course of your life. God likes this hobby lifestyle. You never become tired. This is the highest human lifestyle. Those who want to pursue such a lifestyle raise your hands. What beautiful fingers and hands! [Laughter.] God bless all of you. Let us pray.■

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*Father leads an enthusiastic cheer of "mansei."*

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the film "Bridges of Peace" right after the orientation. We felt strongly that the film would open people's hearts and prepare the way for everything that was to follow. We were right. After the film several people were wiping their eyes. By the time we started the sisterhood ceremony, the women were ready for it. One woman remarked that we should

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have provided kleenex boxes around the room, for all the tears that were flowing.

At first we only had the first two rows participate in the bridge crossing. We then said the pledge and had the sisters exchange pictures and information sheets. While this was going on, several women approached me and requested that everyone be allowed to cross the bridge. Since we were ahead of schedule and were a small enough group, I immediately responded and announced that we would have a second bridge crossing. Those had not crossed previously jumped out of their seats and began lining up on the appropriate sides of the bridge, without any further direction from us. Each participant counted the number of people in front of her so she would come up to the bridge oppo-

site her sister. This second crossing was even more moving than the first, since each woman had been anxiously awaiting her turn.

After the second crossing, our keynote speakers addressed the group. Both moved the hearts of the audience. I looked around the room and saw many people again wiping their eyes. What struck me, too, was that every speaker that day mentioned God at least once, and people united with that spirit. Dr. Phillips had even mentioned that God had pre-ordained this day and that this was a historical

event that we should never forget. Many participants remarked that they felt the historicity of that day.

Over lunch the atmosphere was further heightened when our two singers, one black and one white, gave their rendition of "Love Can Build a Bridge." As they were finishing the song our keynote speakers pulled everyone at our table to their feet, and soon the entire room was linked arm in arm singing that love can build a bridge. It was a



*Keynote speaker Rev. Tanya Beck and Dr. Babs Phillips are the first pair of sisters crossing the Bridge of Peace.*

spontaneous action which left everyone feeling connected to each other.

The one question that almost everyone posed to me during lunch was, "Where do you go from here? What's next?" I realized that we would have to do this again. Our goal now is to do two more conferences before the end of the year. Now that we have a group of people who have experienced the sisterhood ceremony, we can turn to them to help us plan the next two.

Two of the attendees are administrators at the University of South Florida, and they offered the university as a staging ground for another conference. Both pledged to bring hundreds of participants from the university. One woman said that this conference was so significant we should have filled the largest ballroom in Hillsborough County, and if we did it again, by God, she would help us fill it. With that kind of enthusiasm, we are sure that this is only the beginning. ■



*Robin Debacker dialogues with the participants after the program.*

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### Compassion

at everyone as Moses did the first time he came down the mountain. My anger eventually gave way to a heavy feeling of desperation. "What can I do?" What should Moses have done when he came down? While walking to the Water of Life, suddenly a hand came into mine. It was my favorite Korean sister from the Korean workshop. We walked there and back together holding hands all the time, so that I felt totally embraced by God, and sure of His desire to help.

Later, during a tearful prayer at the Tree of Love, this inspiration came: "When a brother or sister is struggling, hold their hand like the Korean sister did to me, or show them love in some way. Don't judge."

Since that time, I have focused on doing that, and what a liberating feeling, since I became God's channel.■

### Engrafting

*Roddy Portlance*  
U.S.A.

I wanted to understand what engrafting to the Holy Trees means. So I told Heavenly Father that I wouldn't leave a tree until I shed tears, even if I missed breakfast.

On the 3rd. day, when I started at the tree of love, I could feel Father's love for us in giving us this 40-day workshop, and I cried deeply.

At the Shin-gyung Tree, I could feel the love of the True Family, the great depth of their love, and I cried so much. Then, at the Tree of All thing, something happened. The tree started talking to me, and said, "Roddy, I want to give you everything." I said, "I know, and I cried, feeling that love."

The Tree of Loyalty also talked, and said, "Roddy, don't leave me. So many people have left Father." I said, "I won't; I understand." and I cried and cried.

I climbed to the blessing Tree bare-foot like True Father, and I could feel all creation responding to me. The view on top the mountain was spectacular, and the tree said, "This is for you," as I said, "Thank you." I cried.■

### Healing

*Joseph Sheftick*  
U.S.A.

I had done a lot of walking to obtain my passport, airline ticket, and other items in preparation to go to Korea and my foot developed a blister and became badly swollen. The day before my scheduled departure, my doctor upon examining my foot referred me to a surgeon. The surgeon examined it and said it was infected, the circulation was bad due to an underlying diabetes condition, and that it was becoming gangrenous. He said it may have to be amputated.

I told the surgeon I was scheduled to go to Korea that night and he was against it. When I said I had to go, he insisted my condition was too risky. Since I would not relent, the surgeon had me sign a letter to release him from medical responsibility.

My flight was delayed a day and I visited the doctor again for another examination. My foot had not improved, in fact, the lab technician called later to confirm that the toe was indeed gangrenous.

However, I felt I had to go to Korea and left for the airport anyway, despite the

great reluctance of my family

Two days later in Korea, Daemo-nim gave a healing treatment for my foot and said it would be better within forty days. On the 36th day, my foot had no swelling or gangrene; it had been healed! Halleluya!■

### Repentance

*Robert Bentele*  
Germany

I could not stop the tears of repentance, but about points I had not before realized. Heavenly Father told me: "In your local and national church meetings and group leaders meetings you left me out. You prayed for one or two minutes and then you conducted your meeting discussing, arguing and making decisions but you left Me at the door. You did not ask my advice or turn to Me. You kicked Me out. You did not really pray for or attend your central figures."

I could feel the pain of Heavenly Father. It was so painful. I could not stop crying.■

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Some of the participants of the 40 Day Training pose for a group picture.

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