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Message from the Publisher

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

Sunday Service

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This morning Father will educate True Children and start the matching. Preparation for the matching took place all night. Newly matched couples will be born from this morning.

Background of the World Culture and Sports Festival and Its Relationship with the October 3 Holy Day

I have worked under Father's guidance for the first, second and now third World Culture and Sports Festivals (WCSF). This event did not come about suddenly. During the 1988 Olympics, Father directed that the World Culture and Sports Festival be announced. He wanted to call it the World Culture and Sports Olympics, but because others own the title we changed the name temporarily to "festival."

At that time I had no clear idea of Father's vision. Father explained that various scholastic, cultural, artistic and also sports events would be held together as part of one greater event, and be attended by eminent international scholars and leading representatives of the world of culture and the arts. Father said that he would solve world conflict through the WCSF, creating a cultural and sports forum to achieve world harmony. Although still I was not completely clear, I guessed that as Father had already made a strong worldwide foundation for peace, his desire was to gather those with whom this foundation had been made together in one place.

Then Father added the Blessing to the program. I was challenged to combine a cultural and sports festival with a marriage ceremony. I questioned Father often, but he was unwavering. The most important element for world peace, he said, is the family ideal. Culture and sports must link with the blessing ideal. So we advertised this in the Seoul newspapers in September of 1988.

I have followed Father for forty years, and in many cases have had a hard time to understand his new projects. After the ad came out, Father proclaimed the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World. He already had that planned. Other holy days were based upon conditions laid within the church, but this

one related with external conditions, specifically with the providential action of the Korean government. But the Korean government has virtually no understanding of Father's will; it was brought about by God.

The unified world will not come about by political power, but through worldwide sports and cultural interaction, centering on one event. The fact that the 1988 Olympics were held in Seoul was itself a miracle. Nagoya, Japan was the competitor and had already made extensive preparations, including the construction of stadiums. Its economy and diplomatic relations were superior to those of Korea. But Korea won. In this way, the Korean government did help Father.

Korea's national foundation day is October 3, and 1988 was the 4,321st year from the founding. All of the numbers included are important: 1 = God, 2 = dual characteristics, 3 = stages of growth, 4 = four position foundation and earth. Added together they total 10.

Also, members of True Parents' family were involved as athletes, participating as part of the Korean team. So God, True Parents and True Children were involved in the games. Father felt these were his Olympic games. He called missionaries from 120 nations and directed them to serve their own countries' teams in every way possible. We brought trucks of McCol to all the athletes in the Olympic Village. We served the diplomatic ambassadors from every country. Father invited all medal winners to the Little Angels Performing Arts Center. We gave them many gifts, especially to the third world and communist world teams. Many athletes had refused to attend the 1980 Olympic games in Moscow because of the war in Afghanistan. In retaliation the communist countries did not send representatives to the 1984 games in Los Angeles. These super powers each had half of an Olympic games. The Seoul games had 160 nations in participation, the largest number in history. Communist countries sent athletes to Seoul despite having no diplomatic relations with Korea. Father pushed the Korean government to invite and help communist teams to come. He did so to fulfill the external form and condition. Why was Father so excited, watching three televisions during the coverage of the games? True Parents watched the games

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THE WAY OF THE MARTIAL ARTS FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
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[Closing remarks at the inaugural meeting of the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace]

I AM grateful that this convention has been very successful thanks to your cooperation. We have a saying in Korea that getting started is half the job done. Therefore, please do not get discouraged but think that the rest will follow naturally. Originally I planned to lecture for three hours; however, time is ticking away so I have less than one hour to talk.

We have to understand what humankind needs and desires most. Throughout history no one has ever known this. In a true man, mind and body become united. What about you? Does this apply to you? Both men and women desire mind-body unity.

When we look at human history, our ancestors, Adam and Eve, separated from one another. Because their mind and body divided, human history has been a history of division. Originally there should have been one nation under Adam and Eve's supervision and rule. However, because of their divi-

sion there have been many different nations. There are hundreds of nations, with differing cultures and traditions.

If God exists, what kind of nation and world would He create? It would be a world of unification, without division or separation. A human body has over 40 billion cells. Wherever we go, whatever we do, these 40 billion cells work together in harmony. God's world is the same. God Himself has absolute mind/body unity. The teachings of major religions all emphasize mind/body unity, because this is how we resemble God. Because we do not have mind/body unity, we cannot achieve peace. The concept of peace entails more than one person; there should be a horizontal alliance between at least two or three people. That is what we call peace.

Then why did division start? Because of the human fall. Why did the fall cause such division? Because of Satan, human history started with false love, not with the true love that comes from God. Our physical body has become the vessel of Satan; it is like Satan's military base. So where does hell begin? With our physical body. This is why our mind and body are fighting.

Why has our body become the vessel of Satan and the starting point of hell? It is because of false love. Because of this false love we inherit false lineage. Because Adam and Eve fell at the growth stage, God never had a chance to build His original true love relationship with human beings; humankind has been dealing with satanic love, which is false love. At the fall, the power of false love was stronger than the power of conscience; that is why the fall took place. Therefore, humankind has been attached to the power of fallen love. That is why even now men and women are driven by bodily desire.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION

Satan is above our mind; in other words, our physical body, which represents satanic power, is above our mind. So there is a gap between mind and body. We must fill the gap. Therefore, when we push this mind to transcend bodi-

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Father delivers the keynote speech, with Mr. Peter Kim translating.

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ly desires, God can come down and dwell with us. In order to achieve that goal we must deny our body. Because of the fall humankind needed the major religions. Those religious doctrines all emphasize pushing down our bodily desire. That was the responsibility of religions. They also emphasize abstinence and celibacy. That is why in Buddhism and Catholicism there are nuns, priests and monks who practice abstinence, although they do not know the original reason.

There are only two ways to secure mind/body unity. One way is to negate and keep pressing down your bodily desires. The second way is to absolutely focus on the connection with God and love God more than your children or your parents. Then you will be connected to God and your bodily desire will be negated. This is the reason that among all the world religions, Christianity is a major power.

Religious doctrines emphasize voluntary service for others. Satan wants to go up, but serving others makes us go down. Religions teach us to be humble and patient and not to resist others. In that sense, resisting is linked to the satanic world. To be humble is the opposite of being arrogant. Religions also emphasize a sacrificial life. By practicing a sacrificial life you will become more humble. Religions teach the value of making offerings, and martyrs offered their blood. That is why Jesus said that those who seek to gain their life will lose it and those who are willing to lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. This statement sounds somewhat contradictory, but it means that if you live your life just for your own sake then you will die spiritually, even though you remain physically alive. But if you give up your life for the sake of others, even if you lose your physical life, you will live with God in eternity.

Religions also emphasize fasting. Have you experienced fasting? Kindness, humility, fasting, sacrifice, and martyrdom hit our body, don't they? You martial artists do not think of such things, do you? You train and then go after food and drink, saying, "I need more; more food, more energy." Our bodily desires, which represent Satan's side, are diminished by things like fasting and making ourselves humble. As our bodily desires keep going down, our mind comes up and we get closer to God and God's love comes upon us. God's love dwells upon the foundations of kindness, humility, fasting, sacrifice, and martyrdom.

Christianity teaches the relationship between parents and children. Since Jesus is described as the bridegroom, Christianity also teaches the relationship between bridegroom and bride. Christianity teaches the relationship among brothers. Jesus called himself our brother, indicating that we are all one family centered on God. Then, what is the purpose of pushing down our bodily desires? It is to unite mind and body and then unite with a spouse who has the same mind/body unity; it is to find our love partner. So first, we have to unite mind and body and second, we have to find our spouse.

EXPERIENCING MIND/BODY UNITY

Do you like love? (Yes!) How much? Is your love greater than the universe? We all seek love, but the love we inherited all the way from Adam and Eve is satanic love. In our blood

lineage there is separation between mind and body. If there is a division of mind and body in our spouse, that means four entities are fighting. That is the reality of the fallen, satanic world. We should solve this problem and eliminate this division. If such elimination had come about a long time ago, the process of restoration would have been much more simple. Suppose there were only two people in this world to be restored; it would have been much easier for God to restore them instead of restoring millions of people.

Do you all feel qualified to enter the Kingdom of God? You cannot enter as long as there is division between your mind and body or between you and your spouse. God does not exist where there is division. God has nothing to do with such division. The first criterion for God to be involved with you is absolute unity between mind and body centering on true love. Our bodily desires, which are on the satanic side, have been higher than our mind. By pressing our body down further, our mind comes up and then we achieve mind/body unity.

When I watched your martial arts demonstrations tonight I saw many of you trying to reach the unification of spirit and body. As you know, the moment of the unification of your spirit and body is the moment of unification of your mind and body. When you perform certain demonstrations, you achieve that goal. Once you reach mind/body unity you can break whatever object you are trying to break, because once you become one you generate great power. Once you reach that moment of unity between mind and body and spirit, then you feel like your breathing has stopped and you can do whatever you want.

In my experience, the moment my five spiritual senses are opened I can see the entire spirit world freely. What enables me to see the spirit world? The power of love. You cannot see the point upon which your mind and body unite. However, you must know that is the place where strength, energy, and power are generated. Once you reach absolute mind/body unity, miracles take place. All kinds of miracles will happen, such as healing. It is not difficult to see miracles.

What kind of love do you need? True love? Can you say what true love is? True love is love which unites you and your love partner absolutely and inseparably for eternity. Have you and your spouse achieved that? Once you reach that goal as husband and wife, God will come down to you and be united with you absolutely and immediately. Once God comes down upon you and is united with you, you can perform many miracles. If you open your arms you can move people to repent. Whatever you wish will happen. Don't you think that would be more interesting and more fun than breaking bricks and boards? If you can perform such miracles you can revive the dead. This is possible only when you can utilize the power of true love. The more you practice true love the greater it becomes. Those who want to possess true love show your hands. But there is a precondition: if you want to obtain true love you have to keep pressing your body down to the zero point. Can you do that? If you cannot do that you will go to hell.

I am a religious leader and somewhat controversial. The world has been criticizing and persecuting me in every possi-

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ble way, but I have not perished. Just as you have been training in how to defend yourself and how to attack your opponent, Satan has been attacking me and persecuting me all these years, but I always defended myself and found my way out. Whenever I close my eyes I can go up to God and God comes down to me. We travel together freely. True love provides that power and ability. Because I possess such true love, there is no boundary when I reach the spirit world. The Kingdom of Heaven is where people of no boundary and no limitation live. Don't you think it will be good?

OVERCOMING BODILY DESIRES

You should know one thing. You are all strong people; your bodies are well built and well trained. But in your daily life, will you follow your bodily desires, or will you make sure that your body follows your mind? Which way? You are a physically strong man, which way will you choose? People are being led by their bodily desire every day. Your body always says, "Well, your beloved wife is waiting for you at home, but she doesn't know where you are going so you can go and buy a drink and spend some time with your girlfriend." You don't care if your infant children are waiting for you at home and crying for you, you just follow your bodily desire. If you really do that, do you think your mind is happy?

Originally, God created humankind so that our mind would lead our bodily desires. But in this world the order is reversed. That is why everyone goes to hell. However, if this becomes right side up, you will all go to the Kingdom of Heaven. You must know this clearly!

You are martial arts specialists, grand masters. Even if you do not have all the logic and reasoning for this at least you must know one thing: our physical body is the most fearful, treacherous vessel of Satan. Unless we rid our bodies of this fallen, satanic nature, God cannot come down to us. Just as God could not interfere in the fall, God cannot enter our physical body. Satan can be described as God's love enemy. No one knew this fact. We inherited Satan's blood lineage. Human beings were supposed to multiply from God's lineage and become God's children, but instead we received Satan's blood lineage and became Satan's children. This is why God cannot interfere.

How did the fall happen? Because of our eyes, nose, ears, mouth, or hands? Through the misuse of the sexual organs, through false love, the human fall took place! Because of false love human beings became false parents, giving false love, life, lineage and conscience. They became one with Satan instead of one with God. No one became absolutely one with God. They all united in opposition to God.

What kind of world are we living in now? It is hell! No one knew that. I have been fighting all my life to eliminate Satan's lineage from humankind. Yet the world's religious leaders and their followers have been opposing and persecuting me



Father poses with VIP participants and staff of the Martial Arts conference.

until now. In particular, Christianity, America and Russia have been opposing me. From the individual level to the family, tribe, society, nation and world, the entire world has been attacking me all these years, but I have not paused. No one supported me. Satan and his children attacked me.

[At this moment, one of the participants presents a medal to Father.] Since you are presenting this to me, I will receive it. You are thinking of me as a champion. Thank you.

Who is the most famous or popular person in this world? It is Reverend Moon. What am I famous for? The world has been crying, "Reverend Moon is the worst devil, the worst person in this world. Let us kill him. Let us chase him out and eliminate him." That has been the cry. Even if I am an aged man, I am still strong. For that reason, no one can conquer me! Do you feel good now that you have finally met me? (Yes!) But in a way, I don't like the fact that I met you tonight. I am standing on top of the cliff and you are standing at the bottom. So I have to use my strength to pull you up. That is why I don't like you. There are over a thousand people here tonight. If I have to pull everyone up, each of you will say, "Me first! Me first!" All five billion people will ask to be pulled up first.

But you are special people. You are grand masters, so shall I give special consideration to you and extend my hand to you first? To whom shall I extend my hand first? Those who are asking to be helped first are destined for hell. So, instead of asking for help you have to prepare yourself by attaching a hook with a rope onto your belt and then hook it onto my belt. That way we cannot be separated. That is how it is meant to be. If you hook onto everything that belongs to me, including the truth that I teach, saying "This is mine, absolutely mine; I will not let it get away from me; I will stick with the truth even to eternity," then there is hope. Only when you take such action will you be liberated.

So you know that no matter what, you must achieve the goal of absolute mind/body unity. This body has been a thief, a historic burglar. Satan, who is an enemy of God, corrupted and murdered countless people; Satan corrupted Christianity and made it shed blood. The body and Satan have murdered, sacrificed, martyred and shed blood throughout human history. This is why we have to capture the body and Satan.

So how did the human fall take place? How did it happen? (Through the sexual organ.) How do you know I am not lying? A person who looks like a swindler has a long nose. How do you prove that I am not lying? You have to ask your mind

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and listen to your mind. When you relate with others don't depend only on your physical senses but use your intuition. If you cannot distinguish the difference, think of yourself as a stream of water in a quiet forest and then, just like radar, your mind will capture the mind of another person, analyze it and let you know. Your mind will play the role of radar.

Suppose you are to go home to take care of your children and meet your wife, but your body is leading you to a bar. Then ask your mind which direction to take, and it will tell you clearly. If there is a beautiful woman right next to you, your body keeps getting closer to her and is attracted to her; then ask your mind if you should go with her or stay away from her; your mind will tell you to stay away from her. No matter who you are, when you do something wrong you always hear the inner voice of your conscience, don't you? Your mind always tells you the truth. Is it true? If you know that your wife is waiting to meet you at 5:00 p.m. but your body goes to a bar, don't you feel guilty? Yes or no? (Yes.)

Who is the owner of one's self? Not the body but the conscience. The conscience is the eternal owner, the eternal subject. You did not know this. You should know how valuable it is. Your conscience protects you more closely than your parents, your teachers, your king or your president. Your conscience is the closest being to you. You must know that. Your mind is in the subject position, and the conscience is closer even than God. However, because of the fall the function of our mind became weaker than our bodily desires. I am not lying to you. I have experienced this and I am telling you this. I have dealt with many people in the spiritual world and I gave the same truth to them. Do you understand? Now you are learning to conquer your bodily desire.

ACHIEVING TRUE LOVE

Once your mind and body become one, God's love will automatically be upon you. True love has magnetic power. God's love is powerful like a magnet. People with mind/body unity always become the subject anywhere they go. Those who are subject have a magnetic power and can create unity wherever they go. Don't you think so? The concept is becoming reality. Once you reach mind/body unity, you don't have to make effort to bring God down to your level and dwell with you. God will automatically become one with you.

[To a Christian minister:] Do you have absolute mind/body unity? (I am trying.) When does the trying end? When will you complete it? Trying means that you are in the middle position. Trying by itself cannot accomplish the purpose. No matter how difficult it may be, we must make unity between mind and body. [To a professor:] No matter how famous you may be, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven until your mind and body are united. (I am trying.) God does not like only trying. If you are trying, that means you still belong to Satan. This is the logical conclusion. Do you understand? Let's think about the second method.

You must love God with your mind and body united. You have to conquer God's vertical love. God is the vertical central figure. There is only one point where God can settle in

you, and that is at a 90 degree angle. However, because of the fall, humankind could not connect with God at a 90 degree angle; the angle has varied. People's minds are not vertically oriented; the problem is that people are horizontally oriented. How can we adjust the mind to the original direction? In order to go toward the original direction, you must prepare for the pain of re-creation. Otherwise, there is no way to be saved. This is very logical.

Unification Church doctrine is very scientific and logical. The role of religion in this world now is diminishing. However, the young people of the Unification Church are alive and working hard. When God's true love comes down and reaches our level, it ignites a spark like lightning. Once that happens all satanic elements will be eliminated from us and we will automatically become one with God and God's true love. Don't you want to invite that kind of true love to come to you? (Yes.) Those who want true love, raise your hands.

American women who have a weight problem restrict their bodies because they want to diet, not because they want to conquer bodily desires in order to make mind/body unity. If anyone does this for the purpose of chasing Satan out from herself, she will receive blessing, but I don't see anyone doing that in America. This is why religious people have healthy bodies even if they don't diet. Because people are eating like pigs, their bodies will be taken by Satan and they will die early. They are punished. If people eat like pigs, their bodies will become large and heavy, and they will die sooner. They will go to hell sooner than others. You must understand this truth clearly.

When you go to the spiritual world, you will meet me. When you see me in the spirit world you will say "Oh, Reverend Moon, I met you on such and such a day in such and such a year at the Martial Arts Convention at the Hilton Hotel. Therefore, no matter what my status, please help me and take me to a good place in the spirit world." What kind of answer should I provide? Even if I am walking side by side with you, you will not be able to follow me. The atmosphere of the spirit world is that of love. Love is like the air in that realm. Therefore, if your love is not really on the same level as my love you cannot relate with me.

I can see no one here who does not long for true love. Am I right? What is true love? What is the essence of true love? [Father picks a few flowers from a vase and throws them to the audience.] True love is giving and forgetting about it, and then giving again. It means giving forever and forgetting forever. True love means giving everything. Even if God disappears because of giving He will still give. Once you give everything of yourself for the sake of your spouse or object, then you are in a vacuum; you belong to the person to whom you have given. When there is absolute low pressure, suddenly the higher pressure comes and fills in the vacuum, making an equilibrium. Isn't it true? (Yes!) God's love works in such a way.

LIVING FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS

For hundreds and millions of years, God has been giving and providing everything, but God never tried to remember

God is the absolute being who gives eternally; that is why He is the eternal center of the cosmos. This is the true conclusion. Do you understand? The one who eternally lives for the sake of others becomes the eternal owner and eternal central figure.

it. If God remembered what He has given to humankind the giving would stop. Therefore, God forgets and keeps giving. This is how motion occurs. There is one absolute law in this world that whoever lives most for the sake of others will become the central person in the family, community, and society. The one who gives most will be the central person because that person resembles God, who has been giving for the sake of humanity all these millions of years. Among your family members, whoever sacrifices and devotes himself or herself most for the other family members will be the central person in the family. Such children are called filial sons and daughters. Such citizens of a nation are called patriots. Saints give everything and sacrifice themselves for the sake of the world. Those who try to save the world even at the cost of their nation are saints. A holy son is one who observes the palace law of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven, as well as the heavenly law of both the spiritual and the physical worlds. The one who practices and lives for the sake of these four laws will be called a holy son.

The universal truth is that the one who lives for the sake of others will become the central figure. For example, you are all martial arts masters. There is a limited time for demonstrations. If everyone tries to go first, can we call them people who live for others? Suppose one grand master who is qualified to give a demonstration yields his turn to other people one time, a second time, and a third time and without complaining or feeling sorry. By the fourth time everyone will come and say, "You go first." Don't you think so? This is the very principle by which I have been living my entire life. Even though the entire world has been criticizing me and opposing me I know this is true. This is absolute truth and this is why I have been following it. In the end, the entire world will turn and give me its support and recognition.

God is the absolute being who gives eternally; that is why He is the eternal center of the cosmos. This is the true conclusion. Do you understand? The one who eternally lives for the sake of others becomes the eternal owner and eternal central figure. On the contrary, what is the definition of the devil? The devil is the being who keeps living for himself, taking from others, and asking others to do things for his own sake. The devil will become smaller and eventually disappear, while those who live for the sake of others, such as God, will become bigger and bigger. This is very logical and principled.

Some black brothers and sisters have been severely persecuted and attacked by white people because of racism. They have animosity and anger within themselves, and they seek revenge. But that is not the right way. The same applies to everyone, people of every color. Orientals, Hispanics, Italians, Blacks and others are continuously entering the United States. If Americans live for the sake of these people, America will be raised up, but if Americans do not live for the sake of others America will decline.

Whoever attacks first will naturally be defeated. As we learned from World Wars I and II, the side which attacked first was defeated at the end. Also in World War III, the side which attacked first will be defeated in the end. This is the truth. This is the formula in the providence of God. Isn't it

true? (Yes.) I don't think so. [Still the audience answers, 'Yes.'] If you are so sure, then you must answer 'yes' with a voice loud enough to awaken God.

CHANGING THE DIRECTION OF YOUR LIFE

Well, I have become so inspired by my own talk that I have forgotten my cold. Isn't it a good thing that I can help you enter the Kingdom of Heaven by sacrificing myself for all of you? The same applies to you. You should not complain about a situation even though everyone else is complaining. You should not despair in a situation in which everyone despairs. Don't waste your energy for nothing. That is the kind of life I am living. If you don't worry, you will live a long life. This is the way to resemble God.

Don't you want to become the true children of God? (Yes!) Have you thought about the difference between your love toward your children to whom you gave birth and your love towards God as you become His true children? Which is greater, the first love or second love?, (Second love.) How many times greater a love do you have for God than for your children? Which is greater: the love between secular parents and children or the love of true children toward God? If the second love is greater than the first love, how many times greater is it? (Infinitely greater.) Good answer. Remember what Jesus said: "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother."

More than anyone or anything, you must love God. Do you understand? This is the fallen world. The love in this secular world is connected to the fall. The love of the original, unfallen world is much more valuable than the love of the fallen world. The love of the original world gradually increases, but the love of the satanic world gradually declines and ends up in hell.

The world in which we are living is the kingdom of hell on earth. You must know this. You must stamp out this world. You have to reverse the course 180 degrees. After listening to my speech, can you reverse your life course 180 degrees? What if I say not to drink anymore? Why do you think I would say not to drink? Alcohol has been used by Satan as a weapon to control humanity and destroy human beings. Smoking also. Of course, give up drug abuse and free sex, for these are clearly Satan's weapons. You have to understand why you should not touch those things. Unless you are given a clear reason for not smoking, drinking, or abusing drugs it is not easy to do that. It is not fair.

Are you thinking and feeling different things after hearing my teaching this evening, or is there no change? Just as Jesus Christ taught us, those who seek to gain their life will lose it and those who are willing to lose their life for his sake will gain it. By the same token, if you truly live for the sake of the entire world, for the sake of others, even if you lose your life God will come down and revive you. If I teach you this truth will you still call me a bad guy? [No!] I am revealing facts based on my personal experience.

Human beings relate with four different directions - north, south, east, and west. Suppose you lose your life three times

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yet are willing to give your life again, because in order to make a circle you need the four points of north, east, south and west. So even if you lose your life three times, God will give you a fourth life. Women throughout the world have attacked Adam and made him fall; women destroyed Jesus' family and destroyed the world of the Lord of the Second Advent. Women in the world killed the first Adam, crucified the second Adam, and almost destroyed the third Adam, the Lord of the Second Advent. Women are in the position of Eve. Eve destroyed three husbands. So we must be careful with women. [The audience laughs.] Don't laugh. There are reasons, but it would take hours to fully explain why I am saying this.

[To a member of the audience:] If you are a true husband, even though your wife attacks you three times, you should be able to say that you cannot abandon her and you will live and die for her sake. If you can do this, you will be able to live. If you can do this, you will become a true husband, guaranteed by God. Even if a man is attacked by his wife three times, if he returns to his wife still smiling we can call him a true man. In this way, you can sit on God's shoulder. Don't you remember that when Jesus Christ was pierced by the Roman soldier's spear, instead of cursing them he prayed to God, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." He forgave the Roman soldiers. Why did Jesus do that? He did it in order to enter the position of God and eliminate Satan.

Don't you think America is in the position of enemy to me? It incarcerated me although I did not commit any wrong. Yes, in that sense America is in the position of enemy to me. I came to America offering everything, sacrificing, providing everything for the sake of this nation. If I keep doing this, eventually the entire nation of America will recognize what I have done for the sake of America and its people; then they will all follow me. Again the universal principle is that the one who loves more than anyone else will become the central person working for the sake of others. Do you understand clearly? (Yes!) Thank you!

BRINGING PEOPLE TO THE BLESSING

In order to find God's love, you should live for the sake of others. Then, what do you want to have today? You want to have God's love. In order to receive God's love, you should bring yourselves into the position of God's sons and daughters. Wouldn't it be nice if the son and daughter become a couple? If you are truly determined and united and are willing to offer more love to God, then God will offer love to you. When a couple lives for the sake of each other more than for the sake of God, God will instantly come down to their position and become one with that couple. Is this the correct answer or the wrong one? (Correct.) That is the way we can conquer God.

Those who do not want God to dwell within you, show me your hands. Then, anyone who desires this, show me your hands.

This means you will take my advice tonight? (Yes!) If you truly do that you can register in the Kingdom of

Heaven. You will be registered fairly in the Kingdom of Heaven. Then God will have me marry you and make you His sons and daughters. How would you like that? (Applause.) Do you want to participate in that and become a good couple?

I am told that there are about 200 million people in the world being trained in various martial arts. If you bring all those 200 million people for this marriage blessing to Washington DC, we will have a big problem, because we have the capacity for only 3.6 million couples. Therefore, I am allocating for you only 1.2 million people. Isn't it true that they will all listen to you? They will follow you. Can you do it or not? [No one answers.] If you can't do it, then there is a big chasm between you and me. The problem is that you are not totally one with me yet. When will you become one with me?

You cannot meet me in person any time you wish. I am in a higher position than you in many different respects. Why don't you promise me that you will receive the blessing. Also, why don't you promise me that you will bring others to the blessing. My most precious gift to you tonight is this advice: to come to the marriage blessing in Washington DC, this November. If you do not take my advice, when you come to the spiritual world you will all wail with regret: "If we had listened to Reverend Moon, we would not be in this situation." Because I know that you would be in grief, I am giving this advice to you. ■■

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Father receives a plaque of recognition from Mr. Marion Barry, the mayor of Washington DC.

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WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL

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SOME of you probably are seeing me for the first time, and perhaps had heard that I am a monster with horns. But as you look at me, you see I am a handsome man. You may not think I am handsome, but God thinks I am. Therefore He gives me a mission to deal with the world's problems. As you remember, our goal was 39.6 million couples, but we reached 70 million. This was accomplished by God.

In reality, there is no difference between you and me. The only difference may be that I have a direct connection to God. There have been many historians and leaders, none of whom have been successful. But if we connect to God, we can solve all the world's problems. And yet, have you seen God?

We all have love, life, conscience, and sperm or egg within us to bequeath our lineage. Have you seen any of these things? We have them, but do not see them. Where is God? How can we ask that, if we cannot see these other things but know they exist? What is God? He is the origin of love, of life and of lineage. The origin of the conscience is also God. To find God, we must pour out every ounce of our life, love, and conscience for others. Then we find God.

THIS IS GODISM

The purpose of religion is to find God, so religious people should be sacrificial, living for others. Why? It is because you cannot feel your own life, love, lineage and conscience, and if you enjoy these by yourself, people consider you crazy. It is only in relation to your partner that you encounter these hidden essences. In fact, they will emerge and explode with you both together. Then you become one, uniting together. You can explode and become one with your partner. You need all of these mobilized in order to become one with your partner.

Will your love, life, lineage and conscience demand that your partner give their love, life, lineage and conscience to you, or will they leap out to your partner, rushing forward head first? Have you experienced that? They rush forward all together and your partner cannot resist. Amen. Once you experience these things in God, then you will always be hanging around God, glued to Him. You will have no choice in this.

The root of love, life, lineage and conscience is our parents, and our ultimate parent is God. On that point, we can be united. Even Adam and Eve will be totally united with us. I am the fruit of all the unification of my parents and ancestors. If I unite with God, then they all and the universe will follow me. Beginning with God and Adam and Eve, all the saints and sages are here. This is Godism. Godism teaches us how to unify man and woman as such. Through what can we unite them? Through Godism. That is the teaching of Godism.

Do husband and wife want to be united, not separated? [Yes.] It is the same for parents and children. Once we are truly

united with God, nothing can separate us as husband and wife, parents and children. Such an ideal couple goes to the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven. Godism is the way of the Garden of Eden with no fall.

WE ARE CREATED FOR OUR PARTNER

The worst disease is not to know God. The symptoms of this disease are communism, humanism, and the common liberal thinking. What is the medicine to cure this? Knowledge? Money? Power? God does not need these. What does God need? God has life, love, lineage and conscience which He cannot activate by Himself. He needs the love partner to help Him activate this force. Is the partner a monkey? Is it material?

Why are we born? Man is born for woman, and woman for man. No one disagrees with this, because this is God's teaching. Universal law takes away those who disagree. Homosexuality is a problem bigger than war because its universal practice would destroy humankind in a generation.

Man and woman have nothing belonging to themselves. To whom do the woman's breasts belong? To the children. Women usually have well-developed hips and they shake them. These hips exist for the sake of their children and future generations, so that your baby in the womb will have a comfortable life there. Your womb belongs to your children.

Your face's soft skin is liked by your husband, not yourself. Also the unique organ that man doesn't have is for your husband. What is your own? Everything is there for your husband, vertically, and looked at horizontally everything is for your children. Do you menstruate for yourself, because you enjoy doing that once a month? It is so you can change your blood, and replace it with new blood. So, a woman who tries to live cut off from others will perish.

You all need your nation. A nation is born not on the basis of individuals but of families. Without Americans understanding that their nation was born on the foundation of families, this great nation will perish.

Then who owns your sexual organ? Your spouse. If anyone disagrees, show your hands and I will ask you a question. No hands. It means you all are brainwashed by Rev. Moon. Do you feel bad or good? There is only one key to your sexual organ. It is owned by your absolute, unchanging and eternal spouse.

THE HUMAN CONDITION

We are all broken machines, no matter how handsome we may be. God never found an ideal man, therefore, no ideal family or nation exists yet. The fall resulted in the loss of God's family and nation. If there is Satan, will he want what God and human beings want most? He will go after the treasure most valuable to God and human beings. What is it? It is God's love and human love. The origin of God's absolute love and

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human love should be one point. Absolute and absolute meet at one point. The Bible calls Satan the father of fallen man and king of the fallen world. He took everything from God. God has no possessions. What did God lose? Love.

Human beings lose love because we have two fathers. We have the wrong lineage. Lineage is the line which comes through life and love. We inherited false life and love, hence we inherited false lineage. If Adam and Eve had committed some crime other than the misuse of love, God could have married them first, then sent them out.

God lost His beloved son and daughter. The fruit is a symbol. They fell as youths. Therefore, immorality has spread all over the world among young people. This is the family of Adam all over the world, full of free sex and homosexuality. If you follow this, your country will be doomed to perish. If the first love is lost, all kinds of social crimes result.

All of us desire to reach the top. It has never been fulfilled. Have you seen free sex or homosexuals animals? This is a warning. Man's love organ belongs to his wife. If you misuse it, you are a thief. God is absolute love, absolute sex. This is Godism; it is the eternal reality. If you really understand this, then your trip here was well worth it. Without this, all the conferences are not worth anything.

HEADWING UNITES LEFT AND RIGHT

The second thought is Headwing ideology, which unites left and right. God should have been on the right, but the fall pushed Him to the left hand side. Adam and Eve went left instead of right. Cain was left and Abel right. So God hated Cain, although He originally wanted to work through the first son. God fell to the bottom and worked through the second son.

The division of left and right in the modern world started from Jesus' crucifixion. The right hand thief was the first to go into paradise. Rev. Moon has fought communism, not to destroy them but to unite them. Also he is working to uplift America, so that America can overcome communism and its residue. Communism influenced Christianity. Christianity should be in the bride's position. Democracy is to show humankind the right way, centering on God through the Messiah. The right way is through good parenting, through all people having a parental heart toward others.

Developed countries must embrace the undeveloped countries. If Rev. Moon had been received favorably after World War II, then the human race would be in good shape now. But Christianity rejected Rev. Moon.

Headwing will unite and lead the world. The base is our families. To take back what we lost and restore the youth, centering on Godism and Headwing, Rev. Moon has been working his entire life to restore the true family and change the blood lineage from Satan to God. We have to reverse it. To practice Godism, invest and forget about yourself, just as God did when He created humankind. If you lose your life, you will be saved. Invest everything to recreate yourself. This is greater than parents' love for their children.

To sacrifice for your family is filial piety. To sacrifice for your nation is to be a patriot. To sacrifice for the world is to be a saint. To sacrifice for heaven and earth is to be a divine son and daughter. This is the same message Jesus taught. I do not give in order to gain recognition. Those who practice extreme selfishness will benefit if they understand all that I have been saying. I am giving a warning. I want to liberate the young people.

THE PURPOSE OF THE WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL

You can grow to become like God. God wants to bequeath to someone on His level. Living for others is Godism and headwing. Why did Rev. Moon spend so much money on the WCSF? To educate you about this. If this succeeds, it is worth it. These meetings are set up in order to create true families and a true nation. The purpose of the Blessing is to cut off Satan's lineage. There will be no trace of hatred and immorality, and we will live with each other in peace and freedom through God's true love lineage in True Parents. The lineage was switched before the fall, so God could not intervene. It was as if a bride was on her way to meet her husband but ran away to meet Satan.

The Blessing solves problems of right and left, race, economy, culture, and so forth. This is because of God, not Rev. Moon. When you return home, inspire your nation. I am establishing many organizations for world peace, including for the martial arts and literature. As communism followed democracy, democracy will follow Godism and headwing.

Please apply these ideas fully. Please work hard to build the true family, country and world. May God be with you. ■

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True Parents at the WCSF III Professors World Peace Academy conference, Washington DC.

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The Four Great Realms of Heart and the Three Great Kingships

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[This is one of twelve lectures given by the late Dr. Sang Hun Lee, while serving as president of UTI-Korea, under the theme of the Subject Thought of the Completed Testament Age.]

REV. Sun Myung Moon clarified the concepts of “the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships” to actualize ideal families in the Completed Testament Age. An ideal family is the most fundamental unit in the actualization of ideal society. Accordingly, in order to actualize the ideal family, it is necessary to fully understand the concepts of the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships. First, let us look into the four great realms of heart.

The Four Great Realms of Heart

1. The Concept of Heart

In order to know the concept of the four great realms of heart, it is necessary to know the concept of heart. Heart means the emotional impulse to seek joy through love. In other words, heart is the emotional impulse through which one cannot but love one's object. Because of this emotional impulse through which one cannot but love one's object, God created human beings as His object, and created all things as objects for human beings.

2. The Realm of Heart

Here, heart-realm means the sphere of the object of one's heart. For example, a cultural sphere means the sphere of a specific culture, and the realm of influence means the sphere which one's influence reaches. Accordingly, heart-realm means the sphere of the object of one's heart, that is, the sphere of the object of one's love. Since heart is the emotional impulse to wish to love, that impulse appears into action without fail. That action is love. Heart and love are two sides of a coin. Hence, the sphere of the object of one's heart means the sphere of the object of one's love.

The four great realms of heart means the four hearts: parental heart, conjugal heart, brother and sister's heart, and children's heart. Since heart and love are two sides of a coin, the four great hearts are none other than the four great loves, namely, parental love, conjugal love, brother and sister's love, and children's love.

3. Vertical Love, Horizontal Love, and Family Love

In order to accurately understand the four great hearts of four great loves, it is necessary to understand the direction of love, namely, vertical love and horizontal love. Vertical love means downward love. Downward love means the love that flows from above to below, such as God's love for man and parents' love for children. Horizontal love means the one that flows horizontally, such as brother and sister's love and husband and wife's love. Here brother and sister's love covers all of the loves between brothers, loves between sisters, and loves between brothers and sisters. Parental love, conjugal love, brother and sister's love, and children's love are the various types of love practiced in the family, therefore, all of these kinds of love are family love.

The three kinds of love, namely, parental love, conjugal love, and children's love, are called the three objective loves in the Principle. When God is seen as the subject, the position of parents, husband and wife, and children are the three objects of God. Therefore, parental love, conjugal love and children's love are called the “three objective loves.” Accordingly, the four great loves, which are based on four great hearts, are the three objective loves plus brother and sister's love.

4. The Four Great Realms of Heart and the Growth of Love

Rev. Sun Myung Moon says that love also grows. That is to say, as a human being grows from childhood, love grows as well. When a child is born, the child is in such a state that he or she does not know what love is like, but as the child grows with the love of the parents, the child's love for the parents will gradual-

ly begin to grow. That is children's love.

A child here does not refer to son or daughter specifically but rather to children in the sense of two infants or twins: children in the sense of mere infants, children who do not have any concept of sexual differentiation as boy or girl; that is, children in the sense that transcends sex. Such children grow gradually, feeling love (children's love) for their parents little by little.

Then, love arises and grows also among brothers and sisters. While receiving the downward love of the parents, love begins to grow among brothers, love begins to grow among sisters, and love begins to grow among brothers and sisters, love grows along with the growth of their physical bodies. This is the inductive effect of love. When brothers and sisters grow in this way, brothers will get engaged with sisters of other families, and sisters with the brothers of other families, then they will get married, and become couples. The love between husband and wife that grows from those unions is conjugal love.

When children are grown and become mature, they become fathers and mothers. The concept of father and mother at this time is not a sexual concept but simply a concept meaning parents to children. Parents will give birth to children and will practice parental love to children. This is the explanation of children's love, brother and sister's love, conjugal love, and parental love.

It should be emphasized that conjugal love does not arise all of a sudden after brothers and sisters become mature and get married; rather as brothers and sisters grow, their love for the opposite sex, which corresponds to a prior stage to conjugal love, grows little by little. That brothers and sisters grow means that they pick up their qualification to become husbands and wives little by little. Therefore, with the growth of their physical body, unconsciously their love for the opposite sex (love in the prior stage to conjugal love) arises, though vaguely, and grows.

The same thing can be said about parental love. It is not that children

grow to be parents and then all of sudden parental love arises, but that children grow while feeling parental love in their heart, unconsciously. Since children grow within parental love, they grow while feeling (learning) what the love of father and mother, who have raised them, is like. For this reason, we will know that the growth of love is taking place not only in children's love and brothers and sisters' love but also in conjugal love and parental love.

5. The Inclusiveness of Love

Inclusiveness of love means that one kind of love includes another kind of love. The loves that include another kind of love are brothers and sisters' love, conjugal love and parental love.

Brothers and sisters' love includes children's love within itself. For brothers and sisters enter into the relationship of brothers and sisters while they grow as children. And conjugal love includes brothers and sisters' love in addition to children's love within itself. For brothers and sisters become husbands and wives by growing. Of course, brothers and sisters within a single family do not enter into the relationship of husband and wife. A brother in one family enters into the relationship of husband and wife with a sister in another family, and a sister in one family enters into the relationship of husband and wife with a brother in another family. Brothers/sisters after completing their growth, become husbands/wives; therefore, conjugal love comes to include children's love

and brothers and sisters' love within itself. And parental love includes all the other kinds of love, as mentioned above namely, children's love, brothers and sisters' love and conjugal love.

When we see from the aspect of heart, we realize that the heart of brothers and sisters includes children's heart, that conjugal love includes children's love and the love of brothers and sisters, and that parental heart includes all the other kinds of heart. Hence, when we see from the aspect of heart-realm, namely, the sphere of the object of heart, we can see that the children's heart-realm is the smallest one, that the heart-realm of brothers and sisters is broader than the children's realms of heart, that the conjugal heart-realm is even broader and that the parental heart-realm is the broadest one of all.

If this is concretely dealt with, the object of children's love (heart) is only the parents. That is, it has only one object. The love of brothers and sisters has at least two objects. Here it is easy to feel that conjugal love has only one object, but it is not so. According to the Unification Principle's view of husband and wife, the husband represents all the men in the family, and the wife represents all the women in the family. That is to say, the husband is a male and at the same time he is in the position to represent the grandfather, the father, other brothers, and the son; the wife is a female and at the same time she is in the position of grandmother, mother, elder sister, and daughter. Accordingly, there

come to be five objects for each of husband and wife. In this way, there appears to be only one object for conjugal love, but in reality there are five objects.

Next, the sphere of parental love is even broader and includes all of the above mentioned objects; that is, children, brothers and sisters, husband and wife are all the objects of parental love. One thing to be

added here is the fact that since these four kinds of love (children's love, brothers and sisters' love, conjugal love, and parental love) are each practiced under God's love, the agents of love feel gratitude to God, and at the same time they attend God as the object of their love consciously or unconsciously.

When we see in terms of the largeness of the sphere of the object of love, one can express children's love, brothers and sisters' love, conjugal love, and parental love, in four concentric circles.

6. Conjugal Love as the Representative Love

Among the four kinds of love as mentioned above, namely, children's love, brothers and sisters' love, conjugal love and parental love, the love that becomes the representative of all of them is conjugal love. This is so because as already mentioned the husband represents all the males within a family, and the wife represents all the females within a family; moreover, each represents one of God's dual characteristics. Another reason is that the husband is in the position to represent all men, who constitute half of humankind, and the wife is the position to represent all women, who constitute the other half of humankind; moreover, husband represents the yang aspect of the whole universe and wife represents the yin aspect of the whole universe.

7. The Center of the Cosmos and the Fruit of Love

Through the above explanation it has become clear that conjugal love is not only the love of one man and one woman but a synthetic love that synthesizes God's love, family love, and the love of the created world (all things). When love is synthesized, it causes synergism and appears as a bursting force, an initiating force that is hard to repress. The position of such conjugal union is the position that represents the cosmos, namely, the position of the center of the cosmos, and at the same time the position that has perfected the ideal of creation and the position of the second creator. The Messiah, or the True Parents of mankind, are the ones who have come as the standard type of the second creator. That is the extent to which this position is a precious, holy position that resembles God.

The root of all kinds of love outside the family (love for the nation, love for humankind, love for all things, love for fellow men, love for the fatherland) is

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Kwon Jin Nim and Hwa Yun Nim during the Holy Wedding Ceremony on September 6, 1997.

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World Culture and Sports Festival III



(l.) True Parents pose after the Inter-Religious Federation opening conference. (r.) Father and Mother, Jin Sung Nim, Rev. Kwak and Mr. Joo take a portrait with VIPs of the Youth Federation for World Peace. Conference sessions were held from November 25 thru November 28, 1997 in Washington DC.

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Amazonian portraits



True Parents make a trail of the places they visited in Paraguay. (Photo: Courtesy of Prof. Taek Yong Oh)

A PROCLAMATION TO HEAVEN

BLESSING '97 - RFK STADIUM
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TRUE PARENTS' BENEDICTION

OUR most beloved Heavenly Father!
Today, on November 29, 1997, we are truly grateful to officiate the wedding of 39.6 million couples, combining 3.6 million couples and 36 million couples, at RFK Stadium in Washington DC.

Father! We are grateful that You have allowed us to gather these couples, who have been bonded as your pure-hearted men and women by True Parents, to hold the Blessing Ceremony which establishes the new historical origin through bequeathing the blood lineage of true love through True Parents.

This place is the focus of the entire world, of the many nations where all these chosen men and women are from, and of the entire spirit world. We are truly, truly, truly grateful for Your permission for this Blessing Marriage to be held at this site where heaven and earth are in harmony and where through True Parents true children can inherit God's traditional family.

When we recall history of humankind, we know that the first ancestors left billions of years filled with sorrowful shimjung in front of You, the Parent of Heaven due to their mistake of one moment. We also know that to indemnify this mistake many saints and sages have walked the path of suffering, sacrifice and offering, leaving behind a sorrowful history.

Father, you indemnified the world established beginning with the family which violated the Will. You unfolded the providence of salvation, and promised within the Old Testament that You would send the Messiah on earth. The Messiah must come in the position of second Adam to indemnify what the first Adam's family could not fulfill in the original Garden of Eden. The second Adam must become True Parents by establishing the true love, true family and true couple which can connect God's blood lineage to the descendants of Adam's family by establishing the bond of blood lineage which the Parents representing Heaven and the Parents representing Earth unite centering on true love.

Jesus Christ, the Messiah, came as the second Adam and fulfilled the mission to become the True Parents. However, because the Israelite people did not unite with and attend him, the mission was left unfulfilled. Although Jesus came with the mission of the Messiah, because he could not complete his responsibility to fulfill the True Parents' mission and establish a family to extend this mission to the nation and the world, he had to carry the cross and left behind the reason for him to return.

God has promised to send the third Adam, the Second Coming of the Lord, to indemnify the 2,000 years of history which failed to accomplish the perfection of the family and nation on the worldwide level. Beginning from the position of perfected third Adam standing in the position of the True Parents, in order to re-inherit the tradition of heavenly blood lineage, I have formed the history of blessed families centering on God and True Parents. Today 39.6 million couples have gathered to receive the Blessing. This is a time of glory for

heaven, pride for earth, and liberation for humankind. We are grateful for all this.

Through the Blessing Marriage, the blessing of heaven and earth is able to dwell on this earth. Through the Blessing Marriage, God is able to personally establish the realm of the Sabbath on this earth as if You are working directly by dwelling on earth. Through this Blessing Marriage, God, the world of angels, and the world of saints and sages are able to dwell on this earth. Through this all families of the world are able to become Your tribe through weaving one family and another. Through this, they are able to establish the family and return joy to heaven by cutting off from Satan's blood lineage. We are truly grateful for Your permission for such an eternal moment.

Now, by completing 39.6 million couples on this earth, by receiving liberation through the grace of the Blessing, we have come to the point where we have left behind the final battle line where God wants to allow the bond of blessing which Adam's family failed to bestow to be given to all humankind.

Please God, have direct dominion over everything from this moment on of our marching forward towards the final purpose. I entreat You to establish Your kingship of goodness and of victorious supremacy through which You can reign in the position of both right and left, centering on the dominion and the realm of victory which Heaven established, by mobilizing the entire cosmos for the completion of the purpose.

We are grateful to carry out your Will by holding the 39.6 million couple Blessing today. We have come over the watershed of the perfection stage of the 3.6 million couples through the formation stage(30,000 couples) and the growth stage (360,000 couples), and now we have arrived at the midpoint of the course to the level ground of 360 million by accomplishing 36 million couples. Since this is the Blessing giving at the halfway point of the final course, please bless this Blessing.

Please allow Your endless love and Your heavenly tradition of blood lineage to be linked to all of the grooms and brides gathered here. Please bless them to become the ancestors who can be proud for eternity.

Father, I bless these couples and offer You this sacred marriage ceremony. Please receive this offering.

Thank you very much. I bless these couples in the name of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen!

THE BLESSING PROCLAMATION

God our Father! You are the origin of all things in the universe and the source of true love. Today, together with True Parents, You are connected from this RFK stadium to the entire world. Through the Holy Blessing these 3.6 million and 36 million couples want to create true God-centered families who can live eternally as models of true love. Heavenly Father! Please come and personally direct this ceremony and bestow Your eternal Blessing of true love.■■■

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Ghana in the Next Century

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GHANA is generally considered as the center of the earth because of its geographical location. The Equator, which is Latitude 0, at Longitude 0 is in Ghanaian waters. Ghana has a population of about 18 million. It was originally known as the Gold Coast and was colonized by the British. The nation gained its independence on March 6, 1957. As Ghana celebrates its 40th anniversary of independence, it is also time for us in line with God's providence to deeply reflect as Unificationists and as a nation and people, on where we have come from, where we are now, where we are going and how we can get there.

The legacy of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah

As Ghana was the first nation to gain independence from its colonial master, the first president, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, declared to the world on Independence Day, "The independence of Ghana is meaningless unless it is connected to the total liberation of Africa."

With this vision in mind, Dr. Nkrumah was able to help many African countries which were under colonial domination to gain independence by 1960. Despite having been trained and educated in the West, he aligned himself with the eastern block. Dr. Nkrumah adopted socialism from the East and encouraged other African nations to emulate this. Dr. Nkrumah dramatically improved the educational system in Ghana, information and communications, infrastructures such as highways, the Akosombo Hydroelectric Dam, and hospitals. However, the introduction of socialism in Ghana, coupled with the Alien Compliance Order—the expulsion of illegal aliens, namely Nigerians—which was adopted by succeeding governments brought a double curse to the nation. As a mother nation and land of freedom (as many call her), Ghana had the responsibility to embrace all people and show the way to continental peace centered on God. However, Ghana could not share God's word with other nations; rather, it propagated socialism, the younger brother to communism, which denies God. Ghana was unable to embrace the oppressed

ones who sought refuge, the Nigerians who escaped from the Biafra War.

The nation went through a wilderness course. It became a land of oppression, corruption, bloodshed, coup, death and famine. Most educated people, including university professors, medical doctors, engineers and the young elite sought refuge outside Ghana. In 1975, after years of suffering, God sent Unificationist missionaries to save the nation, but that did not work. They even had to escape for ten years to Nigeria. Internally, Ghana Unificationists and externally, ordinary Ghanaians in Nigeria went through terrible difficulties. The situation finally changed as a result of the price of indemnity paid by True Parents through Father's imprisonment at Danbury, the participation of 7,000 Christian leaders in workshops in Korea and the success of CAUSA activities worldwide. The decline of communism opened the way for the introduction of democracy and the salvation of Ghana and the world.

New hope

The suffering and difficulties the nation went through from independence to the fall of the Soviet Empire revived religious people, especially Christians, who turned to God and Jesus for a solution. This ignited the establishment of many denominations throughout the nation. The Unification missionaries returned from Nigeria in the late 1980's to prepare for the harvest. As you know, True Parents' forty year course ended in 1992. In the same year True Parents started the globalization of the Blessing. By God's grace, over thirty Ghanaians received the blessing on August 25, 1992. The introduction of democracy and general elections brought greater freedom of assembly and worship in the country.

At the end of the 1992 Blessing ceremony, True Parents declared 360,000 couples to be the goal of the 1995 bless-



Rev. Kwak greets a religious leader during his visit to Ghana.

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ing. Ghana was asked to bring 10,000 couples for blessing in 1995. Members were mobilized inside and outside Ghana, of course with the support of Women's Federation for World Peace volunteers, to achieve the goal. True Mother's speech, "The Appearance of True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" was read in all the regional capitals and millions of copies were given out to participants. It was also published in one of our newspapers. The speech was well received in many circles. At the same time it generated a great deal of controversy. We prepared and supported the campaign internally by offering one-day chain fasting and by offering forty and even sometimes eighty full bows (kyungbae) until the blessing day.

Interfaith activities with other denominations

Mother's speech which was read publicly and published in the newspaper opened the way for open-minded as well as controversial pastors who wanted to know more about True Parents and the Blessing to do so.

Workshops and seminars were conducted in various churches around the country. Most of the participants accepted the conclusion with mixed feelings, thinking that our motivation was to take away their members. Others rejected it while a few whole-heartedly accepted.

By the middle of August 1995, we had hope that over 7,000 couples would participate. However, the above skepticism coupled with other factors such as transportation, and financial constraint

resulted in a low turnout. Out of those who received the Blessing only twenty percent were educated beforehand in Divine Principle and Unification Church tradition. We promised to educate them after the Blessing.

The secret of our success

In Ghana, over 10,000 couples from different denominations participated in the 1995 Blessing. The majority of them were from made-in-Ghana churches. The news about the blessing reached most of the churches after August 25, 1995. After the single persons Blessing on October 2, 1995, brothers and sisters were mobilized to continue giving the Blessing. From that moment, 30 to 45 minutes was enough to convince a church leader for the members of his church to receive the Blessing. By the end of the extended period, we were able to achieve the goal of 10,000 couples. How did we do it?

First of all, True Parents' visit to Ghana was a major factor. True Parents were well received by the Ghanaian government and even exchanged gifts. As the Bible says: "He who receives my son receives me and he will receive my reward." The Christian community from Nigeria and Ghana also received True Parents with enthusiasm. In addition, only forty percent of those who came to see and listen to True Parents at the conference center could enter. The rest, over 5,000, could not enter. They were ambassadors, government officials, religious leaders, and the like. The hall with a capacity of 3,200 was jam-packed two hours before the time Father was to speak. Instead of ushering people in, they were being ushered out.

The audience was so inspired by the contents of the speech. After the conference the church leaders read the speech several times in their churches. This also served as another foundation for the spirit world to work. With this foundation they were ready to receive the Blessing.

Secondly, at first the churches felt our motivation was to take their members. Of course, all blessed couples are God and True Parents' children and are therefore "unificationist" automatically. However, the Unification Church was not founded for Unification Church members alone. It was created for God, True Parents and world peace. After the Blessing we were free with them. We invited them to our conferences, for example on fish powder, and on AIDS, also to RYS and IRFWP conferences, and still we did not impose any laws or regulations on them.

Is the Unificationist Blessing beneficial

to the churches or not? Beneficial! The church leaders now feel comfortable and they are proud to work with us. Miracles are now happening in their churches. Most of their problems have disappeared.

Thirdly, Ghana brought the highest result during the single persons blessing in 1995 for matching to someone in the spirit world. If they were truly matched, what sort of spirit persons were they? Were they good, great saints and sages? Maybe True Parents would be in the best position to answer that. If those spirits have the opportunity to support True Parents activities, which country would they support the most? "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." The answer is obvious, they would assist the Ghanaian providence.

Finally, Ghanaians by nature are religious and they have cool, submissive and subservient characters. Many people consider Ghana as the mother of Africa and Nigeria as the father. Others say they are twins or sister and brother respectively. Nigerians are more aggressive, subjective and masculine in nature. Ghanaians have learned a lot by mistakenly promoting socialism in Africa and enforcing the Aliens Compliance Order. As a mother nation and land of freedom Ghana has become more open to her neighbors and foreigners than ever. It is a place where no one worries about foreigners when they enter. Ghana is now considered by foreigners as the most hospitable country in Africa. This nature has created the foundation for people to be more humble, tolerant and willing to follow. This is also another major factor of our success in working with the churches. However, in many situations and circumstances, it has been misconstrued as weakness and abused by many foreigners who have come to Ghana.

The victory of the August 1995 Blessing, the single persons Blessing and the spiritual foundation have laid the foundation for Ghana to stand together with the advanced nations to lead the world into the 21st Century. Our national goal for the 1997 Blessing is 400,000 couples, which is also very significant. It symbolizes separating the nation from Satan after 40 years of independence.

The way to achieve our goal

As commented by one Nigerian member, "Ghanaian members are slow but sure." We have few staff but we have "can do

spirit." How are we going to achieve our goal of 400,000 couples?

As stated earlier, the good spirit world is with us, the churches are more prepared, they have full confidence in Unificationism and they are willing to work with us. Above all, the people are ready to listen and receive the Blessing of God and True Parents.

So far, we are reaching out in three ways. First, Unification members, candidates and blessed members have been assigned to work with church leaders who received the Blessing in 1995. Some of the churches have mobilized brass bands and they are campaigning from town to town and city to city blessing members of their churches as well as non-members. Initially the results were not encouraging—an average of seventy couples per day. Nowadays, some are blessing 2,000 couples per day. What do you think, if this trend continues? Can we meet the goal of 400,000 couples?

Secondly, Unification members are working day and night in towns and villages conducting the Blessing. Some are going house to house, explaining about sanitation, the dangers of AIDS and the need to maintain marital fidelity. Those who pledge to maintain one spouse before God, Jesus and True Parents, and for the sake of their own future generations (lineage), are given the Blessing.■

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Japanese missionaries with local Ghanaian women.

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Blessing '97 in the United States

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SINCE returning to New Jersey from Washington DC, my heart still dwells in the realm of joy, awe and awareness of the reality of God within our lives.

The Blessing '97 campaign began last year, but it really came alive last July for my husband Don and I when we decided to attend the Chung Pyung workshop in preparation for the campaign. We both felt that if we got rid of many evil spirits, we would feel more desperate, more optimistic and filled with energy to fulfill what Father was asking us to do.

Unfortunately, it did not happen that way. After coming back from our ten-day workshop at Chung Pyung we felt renewed, but not enough to be desperate and go out of our way to go and pre-bless people. We went out at night and on weekends, and sometimes I went by myself because the people in the areas we worked in only spoke Spanish. Although we experienced God on many occasions while praying with our pre-blessed couples, still something was missing. I wanted to recapture the Washington Monument spirit of 1976, when God was so close, so real that we had no fear, no hesitation and no barriers. At that time I had also worked by myself with Spanish-speaking people and was able to bring three buses to Washington. Time, circumstances, money and persecution all came against us, but nothing made a difference. God was with us. I wanted so badly to renew that feeling, yet as much as I tried, I could not bring it back. Perhaps, now it is more difficult because I have a lot more responsibilities to deal with than twenty years ago.

Reaching out to the Spanish-speaking couples

Over seventy percent of the pre-blessed couples in the United States were of Hispanic origin. That meant we had to translate a lot of Spanish promotional material to reach them. All of a sudden, I was receiving calls from all over to help with the Spanish-speaking couples. The demand was so overwhelming that my husband and I decided to invest whatever energy and time we had into the public purpose, and therefore stop-

ped going out to bless our own couples.

Relatively speaking it was easy to pre-bless Spanish couples, but to get them to come to Washington DC was a nightmare. Our church leader, Rev. Kil Hwan Kim from New Jersey asked me to form a team of Spanish people to call every night and recontact these couples. The results were so pitiful! We all worked very hard. Several of us suggested to Rev. Kim that we advertise on Spanish TV and he agreed. However, the costs were astronomical and we could not afford it. Rev. Kim received in prayer that we should still educate the couples through videos and bring them to their homes. Since my husband works in the video field, Rev. Kim asked him to create a Spanish video promoting the Blessing. We began to work immediately. We picked out the best parts of the FFWP Inauguration video and then my husband videotaped Luis Patiño, president of *Tiempos del Mundo* in Latin America, and I explaining what the Festival was all about. Within three days, we had the video, which was reproduced by the thousands. Our interview covered all the possible questions people might ask about the sponsorship to the details of the tour package. This approach began to bring results and some hope for those tribal messiahs who had reserved buses for Washington, DC. Even our phone calling improved and we began to have confidence. Rev. Kim then decided to do a video in English in which Brian Saborin and Carol Pobanz were interviewed and which provided an even better approach to ministers. This was reproduced in large quantities as well.

This aggressive video educational campaign brought over one thousand people, including 26 ministers to Washington. Most of these couples said they will never forget the experience, and those who could not come to Washington developed an educated opinion about True Parents and the Family Federation for World Peace.

The challenge of living for the sake of others

I was now looking forward to being a bus captain for Washington DC, but once again God intervened. My central figure asked me to go to Washington one week

prior to the Festival to help with the International Blessing Division. I really struggled, because I very much wanted to welcome our two beautiful, newly matched spiritual daughters who were coming from South America to meet their American spouses for the first time. Once again, I had to prayerfully decide what was the more public path, to choose what was more public. Somehow I managed to arrange help for my spiritual daughters, and also child care for the week because Don was also going to DC, to video tape several conferences.

Somehow, in the middle of all these events God allowed me to spend time with my spiritual daughters. That was the best part of all. The bridegrooms were two brothers who had been a long time in the church. The sisters however, were very new in the church. During a previous trip to America, they watched Divine Principle videotapes of seven day workshop content and I gave them a one day seminar about the Blessing. They both decided to apply for the matching. I felt a lot of hesitation because they were so new in the church and physically older, but something inside me said, "It's okay, just let them do it." When they found out they were matched, they shed tears and thanked God. Their faith is so pure and innocent that they just melted the hearts of the brothers, who had been in the church for almost twenty years. When I called each of the brothers to inform them that they had been matched, I told them, "God went out of His way, all the way to the Andes mountains of South America to find a woman for you, so please never forget His love for you." That is what I felt very strongly. Although their communication is limited due to the difference of their languages, their eyes, facial expressions and body language conveyed a lot more than words could ever say. During the Holy Wine ceremony at RFK Stadium, they all cried and said to each other, "I waited for you all my life." To me those were God's words, those were God's tears of joy, that was His heart, His aching heart for us to come back home. The faith of these sisters humbles me, because they have not been twenty years in the Unification Church, they have not gone the formula course, yet their hearts and

lives have been as pure as many of those who have followed this way of life. Heavenly Father was so happy on that day. I was experiencing such joy for these two couples, especially because I had to translate every single word and commitment they made to each other. One of the brothers told his spouse, "I love God and True Parents very, very much, that is my first priority, then I love you." and she answered, "You are exactly what I asked God for. I had asked him for someone who would help me have more faith and show me His way of life. I will never disappoint you."

The long-awaited "Day of the Blessing"

On the day of the Blessing, it was so inspiring to see almost 7,000 newly matched couples in their white dresses and blue suits looking so pure and innocent. The stage was beautifully decorated and 36 elder couples representing the three stages of growth stood posed on a magnificent red carpeted stairway that looked as if it were descending from Heaven down to Earth. It was from this staircase that True Parents would later make their entrance to officiate the ceremony.

The formal ceremony began with Pastor T.L. Barrett from the United States giving the invocation followed by the announcement of the live worldwide satellite broadcast taking place in 185 nations around the world. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak presented the formal ceremony address and was followed by the six religious leaders who represented the major world religions. They were: Sri Swami Satchidinanda of India, a Hindu; Sul Jung Jeon of Korea, a Buddhist; the Rev. Francis Xavier D'Sa of India, a Jesuit priest who offered a beautiful prayer based on God's dual system. He said, "Heavenly Father, You are the reason these couples are here today"; Archbishop Ioan of Russia, head of the Orthodox Church of Mother Mary; the High Bhai Kirpal Singh of Malaysia, a

Sikh; and Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam. They all gave wonderful blessings and congratulations to the newly blessed couples. I was particularly moved by Minister Louis Farrakhan who acknowledged and defended Father's efforts to re-build families. "Marriage is the cornerstone of the family, and family is the cornerstone of the nation. If God is the cornerstone of your marriage, your marriage will never fail," he concluded.

While these religious leaders were giving their benediction to the couples, tears were running down my cheeks. "This is truly the Messiah's mission," I kept saying to myself. Who else would dare to be confident enough to allow leaders from other faiths to stand in front of his children and bless them? Only the heart of a parent, only the True Parents who look at each one of us as their children could accomplish such a task. Father was so happy that day and he expressed it during the meal that followed the ceremony. In front of him there were all types of fruit and bread, which he unexpectedly began to toss to the brides and bridegrooms on the field. (This is the custom at a Korean wedding.) When we suddenly realized what was happening, we all rushed to where Father was and jumped all over trying to catch something; there were fruit, bread, flowers and even baskets flying in the air. After everything was gone, the security guards began to urge us back; but still, we could not move; we all said, "Kamsahamnida, Abogi." (Thank you, Father.) Father smiled and waved at us. We began to sing the Tongil song holding hands in the middle of the field. We felt God's joy; we felt Father's joy. This was the most historical day of our lives.

It was then time for entertainment and we went back to our seats. I had the wonderful privilege to go around the field taking pictures and congratulating many of the young Spanish-speaking members. I recognized many among them who I had personally counseled, taught the Divine Principle and felt like as mother to them. They were now blessed couples and looked so radiant, so happy. They and their partners looked like they had been made for each other. What a joy! Some of these members only had pictures of their spouses who were unable to come due to visa problems. Still these members were happy.

They knew the meaning of the Blessing, they knew that they were changing their blood lineage, they knew this was the beginning of true love. The atmosphere was so high that I finally stopped and thanked Heavenly Father for these couples, because I had seen so many of them grow and struggle to make it to this point. But then, I realized how much more happy Heavenly Father must be. These were His children. His feeling for these couples must be a thousand times stronger than mine. These couples were the fruit of His tears, sweat and blood through True Parents. We had no idea how special, important and historical this moment was. During the entertainment, several former heads of state, members of Congress, governors and mayors praised the purpose of the festival, either in person or via a representative.

When Jon Secada performed, I just let go of myself and thought, "Yes, Heavenly Father, let's celebrate. This is your day to rejoice." I grabbed my spiritual daughters, their husbands, and some people around me and ran to the field to join the dance with the brides and bridegrooms. What a sight! This is what the media should have captured. Pure brides and bridegrooms dancing for heaven in the name of true love, true life and the true ideal of marriage.

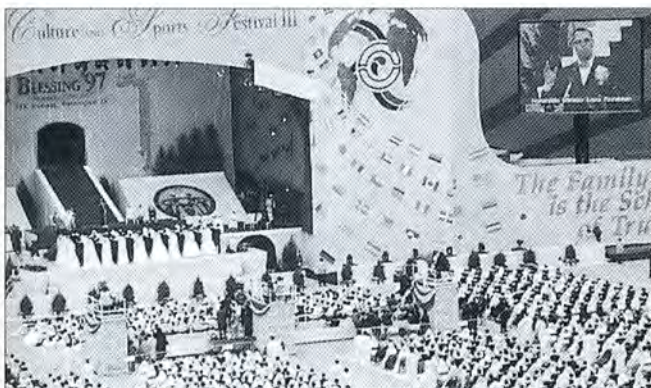
Overall, the media coverage was fair. Even the report in the *Washington Post*, which had published a series of negative articles about Father earlier in the week, was neutral. One of the newspaper headlines in Philadelphia read, "The True Parents Bless 56,000 People at RFK." That became the official number, based on the reported figure of 28,000 couples made by the AP wire service.

The Blessing '97 was a great success thanks to everyone who worked so hard to bring about this victory. But most of all, thank you Heavenly Father and True Parents for showing us what is possible in the midst of hell.

This to me is a real testimony of how God is so close to us, so alive in every effort, every thought, every desire, every action we make for His sake. He works in spite of us. If we hesitate and think according to our own concepts, we become a block to Him. I can truly say, this was my Blessing '97 and I will never forget it because I was part of it. Mansei!!!

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A picture taken during Minister Louis Farrakhan's speech.

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Grandmother's Love on Earth

Part 1

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I really had no idea of what to expect from the Chung Pyung Lake workshop. However, I was prepared to listen to some new lectures and learn more about the history of our movement. I was hoping to hear testimonies of experiences the early members had. I was also curious about a possible new direction concerning the providence leading into the 21st Century.

We arrived in Seoul at 6:00 a.m. on August 1, 1996 after a 16-hour flight. Buses were waiting to take us to Chung Pyung Lake. The weather and scenery were just beautiful. We traveled the last few miles along a narrow, winding valley road. Spotted along that road we could see small farm buildings surrounded by beautifully laid out rice fields. I felt I was getting in touch with the traditional Korean lifestyle that had not changed much in the last few hundred years. When we arrived at the training center at around 2:00 p.m. everyone was in pretty good spirits.

We had been asked not to take so much luggage to Chung Pyung Lake and Ayako and I packed as little as we thought would get us by for forty days. With one small suitcase each and carry-on luggage we soon realized that we had taken too much.

There were 327 members representing the Western world (or the Abel and Cain nations). We were all put in the big hall closest to the top. Here we spent our first three days, participating in a three day workshop with members who had come from Japan. Our first lecture was about the "Chung Pyung Lake Providence," which was taught in a series of several lectures and I would like to explain briefly its meaning.

Grandmother Hong, True Mother's Mother had always been concerned with the well-being of the blessed couples. She worried much about their struggles. While Grandmother Hong was still alive on earth, she traveled many times to the spirit world. During these trips she realized that the blessed couples who had gone to the spirit world

could not go to the place that had been prepared for them there. For instance, we had been taught, and had been teaching our spiritual children, that when we died we would go, based on our own efforts, at least to the formation stage level of the completion stage; a higher level than the Christian world could attain. However, we learned that this no longer applies to our situation.

The reason is that evil spirits, or resentful spirits as Daemo-nim calls them, had invaded these blessed couples while they lived on earth. At the time of physical death, these resentful spirits that possessed them did not allow the blessed couples to go to their designated realm in the spirit world because each one had some serious condition against the blessed couples. Thus, when the blessed members died, they had to go and live with the person on earth (in a sense possesses the person), that they loved the most, may it be husband or wife, father, mother, sister, brother or child (or other). Of course, all the other spirits that had possessed the blessed person during his/her life on earth also tagged along to live in the "body of the new host."

Thus the spirit world was empty and all the blessed couples who had died physically had to live, (with some exceptions I assume) together with all those resentful spirits that had possessed them,

in the person they loved the most here on earth. Apparently this whole thing was somewhat of a surprise to Grandmother Hong. She asked True Father if she could go to the spirit world earlier than her "scheduled time."

Father agreed and thus Grandmother Hong went to the spirit world three years sooner than she was supposed to go. At that time Father gave her a new name or even somewhat of a title, "Daemo-nim" meaning "Great and exalted Mother". Learning all about this brought up a question in my mind. "If this had been the situation all along, what was the meaning and value of the Blessing we received?" I always understood that through the Blessing our original sin was forgiven and we would be totally cut off from Satan, only having to resolve the problem of our fallen nature.

I tabled this question and the answer I received was clear. Yes, original sin was forgiven, and yes we still had fallen nature and needed to deal with that. But even after the Blessing we also had to take responsibility for our hereditary or ancestral sin, collective sin, and personal sin.

Hereditary sin is the sin we inherited from our ancestors. This means that we are held responsible for the sins of our ancestors. The spirits of these evil ancestors have been living with us, many of them even since our birth, waiting for



The Tree of Love at the Chung Pyung Lake training center.

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us to resolve their sin and be liberated. On top of that, any spirit who had resentments against our ancestors are also "possessing us." Because they were mistreated in whatever way, shape or form by our ancestors, they also have a condition against us and want to "get even." Thus they are waiting for the opportune moment to harm us in a similar way to that in which they were harmed by our ancestors while they were still alive on earth in order to release their resentment.

The same is true for the collective sin. And with me, coming from Germany and being white, it is not difficult to imagine what type of spirits might be hanging around me to get "even." But we were all in the same boat, we all had tens of thousands of spirits with us, hanging on to every part of our body, even being present in our bone marrow and blood stream. Spirits have the ability to take on the size of an atom.

Daemo-nim was very serious and she was actually quite concerned about how we would receive this "new providence." She constantly urged us to have faith and believe in what she was teaching us. She told us to be absolutely serious, or it would be impossible to clear up all those evil and resentful spirits that were possessing us.

Based on Father's accomplishments worldwide and his investment of time spent in prayer, meditation and study since the mid-1960's, Chung Pyung Lake has the status of being the restored Garden of Eden.

I think for most of us, it took some time to fully understand and unite with the program. But soon we realized that something incredible was taking place here. I myself was not functioning so well the first two weeks at Chung Pyung.

Before we had left for Korea, I went to the dentist to get a cavity, so I thought, fixed. However, I had to have a root canal done. This was four days before my departure to Chung Pyung Lake. I went twice but the dentist could not complete the job in that short a time.

For the first two weeks at Chung Pyung Lake my tooth hurt like crazy and the pain limited me somewhat. But nevertheless, I realized very soon the incredible changes that were taking place within me, my wife and everyone else around me. Another experience

totally convinced me of how strongly the power of Heavenly Father was working through Daemo-nim and Mrs. Kim (she is an 1800 Couple), the Korean sister, whose body Daemo-nim is working through.

After about three days I was asked to help look after one blessed sister who lived with her husband in Europe. She had been sent out as a German missionary to Africa in 1975 and had many difficulties there. I tried to communicate with her, but there was no way for me to reach her. I took care of her for only a couple of days. Daemo-nim held several private sessions for her during the next two weeks, after which the sister was totally healed, normal and sane. It was amazing to see her and talk to her. Daemo-nim explained later that the sister's body had been totally covered with black spirits. There was no other place in the world where this sister could have been healed. Only at Chung Pyung Lake was this possible. Witnessing the healing of this sister was truly miraculous. It helped me to be more serious about how I would spend my time here.

And that was another important point that was brought across to us many times. Based on Father's accomplishments worldwide and his investment of time spent in prayer, meditation and study since the mid-1960's, Chung Pyung Lake has the status of being the restored Garden of Eden. For this reason the new providence could only be carried out here. It could not be undertaken at any other place. By the year 2000 Father wants to have every member go through this program. Daemo-nim told us that Father has asked her to build a lecture hall that could accommodate 10,000 people.

Father actually wanted every member to have this cleansing process done before the blessing. However, there was no one who could have led such a providence at the time of the earlier blessings. And even now it is not possible to do that. Thus our blessing is a blessing of promise, or a conditional blessing. It is a blessing on the church level; we still need to go through the blessing on the national level. This blessing will most likely take place after attending the Chung Pyung Lake providence. ■■

To be continued in the next issue.

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POEM

The New Children of True Parents

[On the Occasion of the 38th True Parents' Day]

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National Chairman Romania*

Couldn't we start again
as though we had been born anew?
Cutting off and throwing away
our bragging and the haughty "ahems"
we've watched all along.

Couldn't we be born anew and grow
receiving the joyful and expectant
love of True Parents,
rather than their worried concern and pity?

Couldn't we grow like pure white light
Our hearts and bodies growing together
in health,
Looking far ahead to the future with our
hearts overflowing
like children, always filled with hope,
not worrying whether we be large or
small vessels,
that I must win,
pushing aside others to be in the front?

Growing up,
growing tall like a pine tree reaching
straight for heaven;
Couldn't we grow like that as children?

How wonderful it would be if we could be
sons and daughters
who, after we've grown and lived our
whole lives,
could hear from True Parents
"You grew and lived your life well to
the end."
Or, if at the end, we could hear them say,
"Hurry and come to us!"

And how wonderful it would be if we
could be sons and daughters
like our strong Father, who is pure inside
and out,
and like our beautiful Mother.

From such a starting point,
please make us into new parents
who can be the central pillars of such
new families.

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Sunday Service

in their entirety and really enjoyed them. More than any other Korean, Father welcomed all the participants. He made the unified world foundation, and proclaimed the one nation of the unified world. Only Father understood and laid all the conditions before the proclamation. Father said the WCSF will soon be the most important world event.

Blessing Testimonies

1992 was the first WCSF, and it marked a new level of the blessing. The conditions had been very difficult, but this was the formation stage of the globalization of the blessing ceremony. It was the tenth blessing ceremony since 1960, with 30,000 couples. Until then we had to fulfill the conditions of three spiritual children, a seven day fast and three years dedication to the church in order to receive the blessing. But that year, Father decided to invite members of all churches. So we found Muslim, Sikh and Christian leaders to receive the blessing: a small number, but Father was happy.

The growth stage was 360,000 couples in 1995. As the growth stage it was so hard to gain those members. I asked Father to push leaders, but he never would. I could not understand why, but later I realized it was because Father could not intervene in the growth stage. Therefore, the day after WCSF II, Father started pushing for 3.6 million couples.

Now God and the spirit world are assisting so much. As of last Wednesday, the total is 24,596,000 couples. Many miracles and spiritual phenomena are occurring. One example is of one non-mainstream Christian archbishop from the former Soviet Union who was tortured so much for his faith, in jail, and who fifteen years ago had been told spiritually to live a celibate life, even though he and his wife live together. Recently he met our movement, and since then has testified that True Father is the Second Coming, the seed of God's new life and True Parents. He received this understanding through revelation. Ultimately he had a chance to meet True Parents. When our national messiah met this archbishop she led a Chung Pyung type song session with him and other members, singing and clapping strongly. He joined in and danced with complete unity, more than our own members, more excited than them. He received the blessing, and took holy wine to share with his followers. He understood without explanation.

In Africa, one minister was blessed but the next day he was visited by his denomination's European leaders. He was shocked that he had joined what his elders portrayed to him at that meeting as being such a terrible sect. He then went back and reneged the blessing. That night, Jesus came to him in a dream and told the minister to follow him. Jesus took him to a room, and there the minister bowed before Jesus. Then Jesus

took him to a higher place, and told him to bow. After bowing he looked up and saw True Parents standing before him. The minister became ashamed, and sent his wife back to the church. The church leader gave them a condition of fasting and prayer which they fulfilled and afterwards they received back the blessing certificate.

From the Ukraine there is the testimony of a secular leader who met one of our young sisters and attacked and persecuted her. When this 22 year old sister stood up to this man and challenged his sources, his conscience was struck, and later he could not get her out of his mind. He invited her to his home, and she visited there with her church leader. Then later, when his father was sick and being cared for by his mother, she had a dream of these two members nursing her husband, and she told her son about the dream.

The next day, this man dreamed of falling down a cliff, holding onto the missionary's left hand. In her right hand was a cup of holy wine. He drank the holy wine and then found himself in a safe place. Following this sequence of events, this man started to pre-bless large groups of couples systematically. The country now has 2.5 million pre-blessed couples.

Even though you work hard, please do not think you did it. Think of the blessing history from the 36 Couples Blessing on. It always had a miserable environment, receiving persecution for no reason. But now, Father said until November 29 he is focusing on one point, the Blessing ceremony. He wants to embrace all humankind, to give the blessing. So do not be arrogant, thinking that you did it.

We pledged to True Parents that worldwide we will reach 39.6 million couples by November 29. You will experience this miracle, if you take part in it. National leaders and national messiahs are working hard every day.

RFK Providence and "I"

At the October 29 press conference, the media representatives gave no negative reaction. They asked how much budget was involved and its source, and a *Washington Post* reporter asked what we are doing about all the other problems besides families. I responded that we do not deny all the problems, but the most important area of concern is the family, because it is related with human destiny. We have the IRFF, agricultural and technological programs, and hunger solutions. But the most fundamental problems are those of the family.

Mayor Marion Barry publicly welcomed WCSF III and Rev. and Mrs. Moon at his press conference. The first two WCSFs had received no official welcome, but this one even had an official invitation. Now we have received an official invitation from Thailand also. When Rev. Byung Wooh Kim announced WCSF III, the announcement received extensive positive press coverage. The next day the government issued an official invitation. Big festivals will be celebrated in many cities at the same time. It is a forum for a peaceful world.

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A *Washington Times* reporter told Mayor Barry, "I heard many ministers are against this because it is connected with Rev. Moon." Mr. Barry called Pastor T.L. Barrett to answer, who asked Rev. Schanker also to come to the microphone. Pastor Barrett answered, "If we want to argue doctrine, ten years would not be enough. I work with them because they never deny the value of others, and promote sexual purity for youth. For these reasons I joyfully support and welcome this movement." So, officially we are already a success. Then what is your difficulty? You must be proud and with dignity adopt this event. But what is your relationship with this event? How many of your spiritual children will be mobilized to RFK Stadium? In your lifetime, True Parents directly mobilized the WCSF in the United States. Practically speaking, it will be the last experience of your lifetime. It is for your family's record. How important is this event?

Years ago we received so much persecution, so our physical families could not understand and our relationships with them became strained. But gradually Father's victorious foundation has been built, so after fifteen or twenty years, I began to be concerned about my family, my parents. If their son was serving the True Parents they must at least give thanks to True Parents and offer a kyung-bae, as a minimum. So I visited them and invited them to greet Rev. and Mrs. Moon. They refused, but I explained how much they had guided me. They responded that I had already learned in school. Again I tried, a year later saying, "You love me, please, I beg you to meet them, because they are so good to me." They said okay. I did not tell them again they should bow, but later at the moment I said, "He is a historical teacher, so we should kyung-bae" and I initiated, so they followed. Later, in 1988, my parents received the blessing.

Buying gifts for your parents is not important. The blessing is important. Send a letter, call them on the phone and visit. Especially now it is easy to give them this best gift. They will give thanks later. How will they feel in spirit world if they are not blessed?

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Is there a more important event in your life? I

said to the worldwide leaders, we failed many times, so why don't we fulfill this time? This will cover everything in the past. Father is praying everyday for RFK Stadium. Do we focus on it, or on something else? Please become more serious; do not look to others. You may think Africa is easy and America difficult, but the conditions in Africa are so difficult: sweltering heat, no food, no transportation, no money. Do not compare. Father asked all leaders to double their results. So everyone became strongly determined. Not by our effort, but because everything is prepared in the spirit world. It is not just for the ceremony, but for yourself.

Father's Instructions

True Parents returned to New York on October 28 from South America. They traveled to the Paraguay River and the Amazon River for a period of 43 days on an exploratory trip. National messiahs and world leaders attended the 38th True Children's Day celebration in New York on October 31. The main pledge service was held at East Garden at 7:00 a.m., then True Father gave the holy day address at Belvedere International Training Center. An evening performance was held at the Manhattan Center.

On November 1, True Father held an international leaders meeting at East Garden. I would like to announce True Father's instructions.

1. Heavenly Father and True Parents' ultimate desire is to cut off Satan's lineage and to establish the realm of the fourth Adam. The realm of the fourth Adam is the realm of the original Adam.

2. The November 29 Blessing ceremony is not only the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing; it is also the 36 million couples Blessing. Heavenly Father and True Parents' heart is to shorten even by a single day the giving of the blessing to all mankind. Until that day we need to put in our whole effort with heart and determination of fasting and going without sleep to give the blessing. We should achieve 39.6 million pre-blessed couples by then.

3. Every nation should quickly translate the book, *Blessed Family and Ideal Kingdom*, into their native language and publish it. (The Korean edition has already been published in Korea.)

4. Every morning from 6:00-7:00 a.m. hold a meeting to read and study from the *Blessed Family and Ideal Kingdom*.

5. Assign and be responsible for the "Green Area." Each nation should pick a few persons to

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True Parents during the matching on November 3, 1997.

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Island Friendship Ceremony

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“WHO is blameless, no not one,” this is a reminder that the Bible gives to all of us. No citizen or nation is blameless in its relationship with another. What is needed in healing a broken relationship is an offering, an indemnity condition. Something that says; “I share a responsibility for our broken relationship and I want to make it up to you.”

Indemnity comes in three forms: equal indemnity, lesser or greater. If each nation demands equal indemnity the healing between nations will be a long and drawn out process. If nations will be satisfied with sincere conditions of lesser indemnity then the process of healing and restoration can move very quickly. If people fail in making a sincere offering through their tears and sweat then often a more costly blood sacrifice will need to be made; war is often the result.

If we examine the issue of slavery, it is hard or impossible to restore the sin of slavery if an equal amount is demanded by those who represent the lineage of slaves. Yet if some condition of reversing the sin of slavery is performed (white people serving with love the black race is an example) and it is received then the process of healing and restoration can move forward.

Haiti and the Dominican Republic are nations that need to forgive each other and work together for their mutual benefit and for the benefit of the greater society. Mutual transgressions require steps that can remove fear, distrust and hatred.

Service with love is a powerful antidote to hatred. For over a decade the RYS has been a model of the healing power and friendship that can be unleashed through bringing religious representatives together for the sake of rendering a service to community. In an age where religion is often perceived as being delegated to the background the RYS shows that the religious spirit can make significant physical impact on communities while providing a model for a change in attitude.

The sisterhood ceremonies conducted by the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP) in the USA and elsewhere have served as a model of how indemnity can be paid through the heart and have lasting impact and true power. During the RYS project in the Dominican Republic a special Island Friendship Ceremony was inaugurated to help join fourteen teams of three representatives from Haiti, Japan and the Dominican Republic in mutual bonds of trust and friendship.

The forty two participants in the RYS Island Friendship ceremony created an atmosphere of mutual sharing and cooperation in hopes to bridge over past mistrust that burdens the island. Japanese representatives who came from both the WFWP and the University of Bridgeport seemed to naturally assume a position similar to a mother and acted as agents of reconciliation between the representatives of each nation. Community observers who had gathered for the ceremony could sense the spirit of friendship that these trinities were generating.

Joy, largely a state of mind, can manifest itself physically through smiles, conversation, dance and personal exchanges. Joy

took hold of the participants and permeated the environment during the friendship ceremony on May 24. For many of the Japanese women who took part, the occasion provided a way to come to know more deeply people from another part of the island. For the participants who were from neighboring nations, it provided a way to pull down the stereotyped images that exist between their countries.

In a sense, each participant could feel that they were pioneers in building a bridge through the process of heartistic restoration. The friendship ceremony provided an atmosphere that blended well with the RYS participants schedule for they were busy each day laboring in the hot sun on the restoration of a village school. The substantial efforts of the WFWP and the RYS at building peace and friendship could be symbolically and ritually recognized in the new bonds of friendship that were formed.

In reading the evaluations of the RYS project written by participants and listening to the testimonies of WFWP members it was clear that many participants felt that the Island Friendship Ceremony had a deep spiritual meaning to it. The ceremony was a condition by the people of Japan and the island of Hispaniola to build a more cooperative, peaceful and prosperous future. ■■

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prepare and build a foundation in and develop South America’s Green Area, which True Parents have explored.

6. Each national messiah and national leader should catch a total of 160 fish: 40 dorado, 40 paku, 40 pintado and 40 boga. Until the end of 1998, you should experience True Parents’ heart and tradition and experience the substantial result of their hard work.

7. You should re-educate historical national members (blessed family re-education) at the Jardim Training Village in Brazil.

8. We will open a middle school and a high school in Jardim.

9. True Father will carry out university education and satellite education worldwide.

10. True Father will establish newspaper and airline companies to connect worldwide activities.

True Father gave the following special instructions: Cutting off Satan’s lineage is the most important and urgent work. Accomplish 36 million pre-Blessing couples by November 29. The beginning of the settlement of the fourth Adam’s realm and establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven and Earth on earth and in heaven will start from the 360 million couples’ blessing.

Each Korean national messiah should come to Washington DC during the World Culture and Sports Festival. The other national messiahs or the national leader should carry out the Blessing event in each nation.

May God guide and protect each of you in the days remaining until November 29. ■■

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The Four Great Heart-Realms and the Three Great Kingdoms

this conjugal love. For conjugal love is not only the love between yang and yin (between positivity and negativity), but represents the love between all kinds of subjects and objects. That is to say, conjugal love represents not only the love between Sung Sang and Hyung Sang, but also principal element (or individual) and subordinate element (or individual).

For example, husband (man) represents heaven, and wife (woman) represents earth. In other words, husband and wife are in the relationship between God as the subject and the created world as the object. Accordingly, conjugal love becomes representative of the love between God and man as the created being.

Also the husband instructs the wife with his mind (Sung Sang), and wife acts with the body (Hyung Sang); therefore, the relationship between husband and wife is that of subject and object, as Sung Sang and Hyung Sang. In that sense, conjugal love represents even the love between invisible beings and visible beings in the universe. Also man is the master, and woman is the one who follows. In such a sense, the relationship between husband and wife is that of subject and subordinate, namely, that of subject and object. Accordingly, in that sense, conjugal love represents the love between all types of centers (masters) and followers, such as teacher and disciples (students), government and the people, the sun and the earth, the nucleus and cytoplasm, and so on.

Furthermore the husband is the representative being of all men who constitute half of humankind, and the wife is the representative being of all women, who constitute the other half of humankind. Accordingly, the union of man and woman indicates the unification of humankind in a representative way and conjugal love is the representative form of all the types of love for humankind. The husband represents the yang aspect in the whole universe and spirit world, and the wife represents the yin aspect of the whole universe and spirit world. Hence the conjugal union is the center representing the entire cosmos including the spirit world.

When we see it this way, conjugal love represents all types of love in the whole created world. Those kinds of love are all ramifications of God's love. Therefore, conjugal love as the representative love and synthetical is indeed

God's love itself. Accordingly, the position of husband and wife that manifests the synthetical love is the position of the center of the cosmos including the spirit world.

In this way the original conjugal love is indeed extensively broad and profound. Therefore, the children born through conjugal love are the fruit of holy, synthetical love. Since conjugal love is the love that synthesizes God's love and the love of the whole created world in this way, the children who are born anew through that love, namely, the body of new birth (newly born children), are God's children and at the same time the substantial image synthesizing the universe, and come to have the value of the microcosm.

One thing to be added here is that the phenomena that take place on earth are secondary phenomena, which take place, first of all, in the heavenly world, that is, the spirit world. Hence, the phenomena that children are born on earth and grow to form couples of husband and wife and become parents, namely, the phenomena that human beings (Adam and Eve) are born and grow as children and brothers and sisters while feeling love little by little, take place, first of all, in heaven or more accurately speaking, within God's mind. That is to say, such things as the growth of children, growth of brothers and sisters, becoming husband and wife, becoming parents and so forth take place first in the ideal image in God's mind before these things emerge on earth.

If the author repeats what has been said above, before creating Adam and Eve, God envisioned such a content in His mind. And later, just in accordance with that vision or plan, Adam and Eve were created as His children and in accordance with that plan, they were to grow as brother and sister, become a couple as husband and wife, and in accordance with that plan, they were to become parents.

Here, the author terms Adam and Eve, children, a brother and sister, husband and wife, and parents within God's plan as spiritual Adam and Eve, spiritual children, a spiritual brother and sister, spiritual husband and wife, and spiritual parents.

8. The Global Level of the Realms of Heart as the Extended Forms of the Four Great Realms of Heart

a) The Basic Forms of the Four Great Realms of Heart are the Family-Level Four Great Realms of Heart

The four great loves are the family loves, and the four great hearts are also the family hearts. The children's heart-

realm is their heart-realm in the family. The brothers and sisters' heart-realm is also the brothers and sisters' heart-realm in the family. The husband and wife' heart-realm is also the heart-realm between husband and wife in the family. And the father and mother's heart-realm is also the father and mother's heart-realm in the family. Accordingly, the basic forms of the four great realms of heart are the family-level four great realms of heart.

b) The Global-Level Four Great Realms of Heart as the Basic Forms of the Family-Level Four Great Realms of Heart

According to the Principle the original image of society is that all human beings attend the True Parents of humankind as the model and form one great family society. That is to say, the original image is that the whole of humankind in the world is to form one great family centering on the True Parents. To put it in other words, in the world of the ideal of creation, the society of humankind can be expressed as one great family society, as an extended form of a family, and an individual family is a contracted form of the great family society of humankind, or a small family society.

Therefore, the family-level children's heart-realm can be magnified into a global-level children's heart-realm, and the brother/sister's heart-realm, can be expanded into the world-level brother/sister's heart-realm, and the conjugal heart-realm into the global-level conjugal heart-realm, and the parental heart-realm into the global-level parental heart-realm. Therefore, the great human family society will be four great realms of heart on the world-level.

c) The Global Four Great Realms of Heart

As mentioned above, heart-realm is the extent of the object of heart, and the extent of the object of love. Thus, when we say the global heart-realm, we see the whole humankind as the object of the four great heart-realms and refer to the extent of that object. The heart-realm of children in the family is the love-realm of children, and refers to the object to which children offer their love, namely, father and mother. Then, what is the heart-realm of children in the global four realms of heart? It is the adults in the similar age level. That is, when see from the position of children, the adults in the global level are those whom children should respect and attend like their own father and mother.

The same thing can be said about the

heart-realm of brothers and sisters. The heart-realm of brothers and the heart-realm of sisters in the family are brothers and sisters themselves, but the global heart-realm of brothers and sisters includes all men and women of the similar age level as their brothers and sisters. That is, the global heart-realm of brothers and sisters includes all men and women in the age of brothers and sisters. In other words, this age class is included in the heart-realm, love-realm of brothers and sisters. Accordingly, wherever you may go and meet the men and women in the age of brothers and sisters, you are to give and receive love with those people like your real brothers and sisters.

Is it the same realm of heart of husband and wife? No, it is not. The realm of heart of husband and wife is different in nature. Wherever you may go and meet a man with the similar age as your husband, or a woman in the similar age as your wife, should you give the similar love to that man or woman as you give to your wife or husband? No, you should not. For husband and wife is a relationship of opposite sexes established on the basis of the monogamous system. That is to say, conjugal love is the love involving the conjugal life or sexual life. Conjugal love is not allowed outside the conjugal relationship. Instead, you should only practice love toward men or women in the similar age as your husband or wife in the same way as you practice love to your brothers and sisters.

The same thing can be said about the realm of heart of father and mother as the realm of heart of brothers and sisters. Wherever you may go and meet children of the similar age as your sons or daughters, you should only deal with them with parental heart or parental love totally in the same way as you do with your own children.

The Three Great Kingships

1. The Significance of the Three Great Kingships

In what relationship are the three great kingships the three great subjects? As the author explained in "the thought of the three great subjects," the three great subjects are the center of the family, the center of the school, and the center of the workplace, and these centers are the subjects. The king of a country is the center of the country, and therefore, is the subject of the country. The three great kings are three in number; there-

fore, they may seem to be three great subjects, but "king" in the three great kingships here does not mean the king of a country like a king in the mundane world. "King" in the three great kingships means the center of the family, namely, the head of a family. The head of a family, who is the center of the family is none other than the parents. Accordingly, the three great kings in the three great kingships are the parents in three generations. Concretely speaking, they refer to the three generations of grandparents, parents and children.

Kingship indeed endows the authority of a king. In the secular sense, the king is the being like the summit who governs all the people with kingship, namely, the being in the highest position. In the Kingdom of Heaven, as mentioned above, the king is the head as the center of the family, namely, the parents. In the family, the parents are the king and queen, and in the country the king is the parent of the country. Since an enterprise is an extended form of the family, the head of an enterprise is in the position of parents with regard to the enterprise, and also in the position of king.

Then, why are there three kings in the family? Since there is one pair of parents in the family, it seems that there should be one king, so why are there three kings? The reason is that there come to be three kings in the time line over the past, the present, and the future. That is to say, there are in the family the parents of the past, the parents of the present, and the parents of the future, and the three kings refer to the grandparents, parents, and children. The grandparents are the king and queen of the past, the parents are the king and queen of the present, and children are the king(s) and queen(s) of the future. Since the grandparents, parents, and children are all kings and queens, the authority of a king is given to all of the grandparents, parents and children. Accordingly, they are the three great kingships. Yet these three kingships are not the same in nature.

2. The Nature of the Three Great Kingships

The grandparents belong to the past and are the king and queen of the past. That they are king and queen of the past means that they were the king and queen representing this world in the past. And then are nothing now? No, they are still the king and queen. But now they are not the king and queen of this world, but the king and queen representing the

spirit world. Not only that, they are the king and queen even representing God. That is to say, the grandparents' positions represent the spirit world.

Accordingly, the four-position foundation centered on God, which is dealt with in the Divine Principle, is, in the original world, the four-position foundation centered on the grandparents. Originally, the center of the family-level four position foundation is God, or the True Parents of humankind, but the grandparents become the center of the four position foundation in His or their place. In this way, in the future the position of the grandparents becomes that of God, and in the family the grandparents become the highest.

Therefore, children and parents both have to attend the grandparents in the most respectful manner. And parents are the king and queen representing the present world. The grandparents are the king and queen of the spirit world, and parents are the king and queen of this world. Also since they represent the family, the parents are the king and queen in the family.

And children are the future head of the family. At present they are not in the position of king(s) and queen(s) but they will be the king(s) and queen(s) in the future. In the position representing the descendants, grandchildren and great grandchildren are also future kings and queens. In that way, children are in the position representing the future.

3. Why the Expression of the Three Great Kingships Is Necessary

Here may arise the following question. Generally one would only need to say grandparents, parents and children, but why do we need to say king? It is because the position of the king is the most respectable position.

Traditionally we have had the concepts of grandparents, parents and children, but these traditional concepts are quite different compared with those in the originally created world. Through the Unification Principle, we have learned the preciousness of the family and of parents, husband and wife and children. However, there is still quite a great difference between parents, husband and wife, and children when seen from God's viewpoint and also the difference from what we know in Principle.

The terms of king and prince express supreme preciousness. All human beings are supremely precious beings, like kings. Only hearing what the Unification Principle says, we still do not realize how valuable a human being is. That precious-

ness can be compared to a prince who wears shabby clothes hiding himself among humble people. Suppose that he is apart from his father the king, who lost his throne due to the betrayal of rebellious followers. When the elders of the village come to realize that fact, they apologize to him saying, "How has such a precious prince like you become a shabby person like that? We did not know that you were such a precious person, and we have committed a great crime. Please forgive our disloyalty." After that, with the highest sincerity, they would put him in the highest position and would attend him. The highest sincerity, the highest position and the best attendance that the prince receives at that time represent the preciousness of the prince. The value of a human being seen from God's viewpoint is like that rather more precious than that.

So are the grandparents, and so are the parents. They are never the grandparents, the parents and children of such concepts as we have understood. In order to express that they are so precious, important and glorious, one could not but use the concept of king. For the king is supreme in position and social ranking. Nothing in the ideal world can be so precious as human beings. Thus, the three generations of grandparents, parents, and children are expressed through the concepts of the three great kingships.

Therefore, even though they may be your children, you as parents should not deal with them freely as you wish. The parents should deal with the children just as a king deals with a prince. Once he has decided his successor, no matter how young the secular king may be, he would not listen to the prince's words. No matter how unreasonable their children's words may be, they should not be disregarded as useless. In that way, children would attend their parents as the king and queen, and attend their grandparents as the great king and great queen (the king and queen of the spirit world.)

4. The Concept of Kingship

The king is given the authority that a king should have, namely, kingship, and the kingships of grandparents, parents and children are called the three great kingships. They mean the authorities given to the three great kingships. In this viewpoint, we should realize again your family members and other family members. Family members are so precious, as kings and queens. Therefore, a home is indeed a palace, and a royal palace.

In the royal palace, the king, after succeeding his throne to his child,

becomes a grandparent and stays in the position as the center of the family while representing the spirit world as the great king. In that way, a home is a precious place like a royal palace. Therefore, the family constitution becomes the constitution of the royal palace. The family of the True Parents becomes indeed the model for it.

When the ideal world arrives, the families of the whole world will come to resemble the True Parents' family.

Lastly, the concept of power in kingship is going to be explained. Power is something that gives a kind of fear to the object of dominion, and the power to make the object obey the subject. Secular power (sovereignty) refers to a physical binding force. It refers to the authority to make the people absolutely obey the sovereignty by using police or military force. However, the power in the kingdom of heaven is the power that makes the object obey the subject with a grateful heart, and such power is indeed that of God's true love. The power in the kingdom of heaven, namely, true love, has also the authority to give the object fear. That is the kind of fear that comes from anticipation of the death of life, when one goes against God's true love. Since love is the source of life, and the loss of love connects to the loss of life (death of life), if one disregards or goes against the love of the subject, one feels fear as one's subconsciousness perceives its result (death of life). This is why one feels fear while one is boundlessly happy with God's love.

Right there is the difference between the obedience of the people to the subject (dictator) in the communist world and the obedience of the people to the subject in the Kingdom of Heaven. The dictators in the communist world have made the people obey compulsorily while threatening their lives by means of fear. But in the kingdom of God, the people are willing to obey voluntarily



Hyung Jin Nim and Yun Ah Nim offer a song during the Banquet held following their Holy Wedding, Manhattan Center Hammerstein Ballroom; September 6, 1997.

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due to true love. This is the radical difference between the two parties.

However, it is the same in both parties in that one suffers disadvantage to one's life if one does not obey. In the communist world, if one does not obey the dictator, one will face a risk of one's life on earth at once, but in the kingdom of heaven, if one disobeys the order of love by the subject, one comes to feel a shrinkage of one's life or a threat lightly or heavily, depending on the degree, all at once or after a certain period of time. In this way love accompanies itself with authority. Let us look at one passage in the Bible which indicates the authority of God. When Abraham was going to offer his only begotten son, Isaac, in order to indemnify Abraham's failures in offering, God said, "I know now that you fear God" (Genesis 22:12). This passage shows that God's love is accompanied with authority (fear).

In this way secular power is a compulsory power of restriction, but the power in the kingdom of God is the power of true love which urges one to voluntary obedience. Kingship is something that is put into practice. To put the three great kingships into practice means that the grandparents, parents, and children give such power of true love to their objects respectively.■

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PROCLAMATION TO HEAVEN

God, our Father! You are the origin of all things in the universe and the source of true love. Today, together with True Parents, You are connected from this RFK Stadium to the entire world. Through the Holy Blessing these 3.6 million and 36 million couples want to create true God-centered families who can live eternally as models of true love. Heavenly Father! Please come and personally direct this ceremony and bestow Your eternal blessing of true love.

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