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Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

Father's Guidance to Leaders March 28-29, 1998

I PRAY for the great blessing of God and True Parents to be with all of you. Father spoke and gave the following words and directions on the occasion of the 39th True Parents' Day, celebrated March 28, 1998.

Father emphasized, "Before you can hope for dominion over the universe, achieve complete dominion over yourself," and said "You must overcome the desire for food, sleep and sex." Father said that now is the age in which humankind is traversing the wilderness course on the family level providentially. The way to survive is by uniting mind and body, uniting the couple, uniting the children and uniting the family centering on God's true love. This will eventually bring about the settlement of the Completed Testament Age.

Father also emphasized: "As we enter the Completed Testament Age we must know our responsibility and mission as blessed families through the Hoon Dok Hae (gathering to study Father's words), and we must become families who can accomplish these things and blessed families who can settle in the Completed Testament Age."

The following are also excerpts from Father's words: "The Completed Testament Age is the age of the perfection of families. After securing the perfection of the family, all the obstacles in all directions must disappear. It is not a question of whether you are Asian, Japanese, or American. You must go beyond all such things, and then the family can settle on the global level."

"You must absolutely accomplish the content of the Family Pledge on the family level. As a family in the place of True Parents, you must move heavenly fortune, and by bringing the Blessing to the community you can establish the age of the culture of heart. Whether the history of the lineage can remain absolutely unstained for many generations or many thousands of years depends on whether or not there are loyal subjects in God's Kingdom."

"This world is Egypt. If you want to make an exodus from Egypt and settle in Canaan after traversing the wilderness, you need Moses. In the age of the settlement of the family, True Parents' family is in the position equivalent to that of Moses."

"Now there is a final hill to climb: the goal of 360 million couples must be accomplished. This year's motto is 'To Be Proud Of and Love True God Absolutely is to Complete the 360 Million Couples Blessing and Eradicate the Blood Lineage of the Satanic World.' This will surely clean up the sexual liberation and

lewdness that pervade the world in nations such as Japan and America. It is for this purpose that we are carrying out Hoon Dok Hae and distributing the books of Father's words."

"The Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven completely settles the family that has fulfilled the family ideal, globally organizes the individual, family, tribe, society, race and nation, and eradicates the lineage of the satanic realm. On that foundation, these things are connected to the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth."

International Leaders Meeting

At the international leaders meeting on March 29, Father wrote on the blackboard:

The Completion of Restoration. We must pass through:

1. The Way of Rebirth (Ceremony of Rebirth)
2. The Way of Resurrection (Ceremony of Resurrection)
3. The Way of Eternal Life (Ceremony of Eternal Life)."

He said, "There are three stages to the Blessing. Therefore, the era is coming when we must hold the national level Blessing."

Analyzing and emphasizing the significance of this year's motto and the Family Pledge more than on previous occasions, and repeatedly saying to the many leaders and members in attendance "You must eat, sleep, go and come centering on God," True Father urged everyone toward a self-awakening in life, with God at the center.

At the international leaders meeting, Father frequently emphasized that the 120 Million Couples Blessing, to be held on June 13, must be accomplished as the successful first stage of the 360 Million Couples' International Holy Blessing. Following are the goals each continent:

Continent	Couples	Continent	Couples
Korea	6 million	Oceania	1 million
Japan	40 million	Africa	40 million
Asia	30 million	Middle East	1 million
N. America	10 million	Europe	10 million
S. America	25 million	Northeast	20 million

True Father's Directions

1. Settlement of the Completed Testament Age
- a) Donation for living together with True Parents
- b) One hundred percent utilization of the media
- c) Life of attending God and daily reporting
- d) Seminars to educate three contacts centering on

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TRUE PARENTS

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

[*True Parents carried out a sixteen city Hoon Dok Hae Tour of North America from April 1 thru 16, 1998. The following speech, containing excerpts from Father's speeches, was read prior to Mother's speech with much heart and zeal throughout the tour by either Karen Smith or Myra Stanecki.*]

LADIES and gentlemen, brothers and sisters. It is my privilege to share with you some excerpts from the teaching of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, taken from speeches which he gave from the 1950's through the 1990's. We can sense consistent themes which are very important for our lives and our world today. I pray that I may be able to convey them to you with my whole heart.

The term "true parents" is a simple term but has astonishing content. No libraries in the world have contained such content. Please reflect upon why it has taken Christianity 2,000 years to announce the simple fact that since our ancestors fell, they became false and bad parents, and that only parents who are not fallen can be true and good parents. History has waited until this moment for the declaration of this fact.

There may have been some person who thought of the term "true parents," but that person had no way to discover what stands behind that term. By understanding the content of the Divine Principle, we can comprehend why no one could just decide to use the term "true parents." It is magnificent that we have a clear explanation of history through the Divine Principle, through which we can know the root of the original human nature.

What can we understand through knowing the meaning of the term "true parents"? We can understand that the fall of our first ancestors occurred through an illicit love relationship. We can understand that the fall left us with a blood lineage unrelated to God, and with no true parents trying to realize the ideal of creation. This means that we are of a false lineage.

Therefore, we use the term "true parents" centering upon two ideas. One, that we will cleanse the history of our false blood lineage. Two, that we will connect to the new root of the original nature through love, life and lineage centering on God.

THE ORIGIN AND MEANING OF TRUTH

Who in this universe is the original "true" person? He must be absolute. In Korean, we call the absolute being "one and only Lord." When it is shortened, "one (*hana*) and only Lord" becomes *Hananim*--God. God is our one and only Lord.

A true person should love not only one whom he likes, but even his enemy, who tries to kill him. He should be the person whom we can trust fully, with whom we want to share

our problems, and with whom we can dream everything.

"Trueness" is not limited to individuals. "Trueness" must be everywhere because it is something which everyone loves and seeks. We should come together not for our private purpose, but for the sake of the whole. We should exist not for ourselves, but for the family, tribe, nation and world. Before trying to make yourself "true," you should first make your family "true," and the nation and world should also become "true."

The origin of trueness is God. Together with God, trueness can be realized. When God departs, trueness also departs. There comes into existence something not true. This is the origin of evil.

A true result can be realized only when there is an origin in truth. In other words, God's ideal can be realized only together with God. Therefore, words such as "true" or "good" were made not centering upon human beings, but upon God.

From this perspective, too, we can tell that trueness is not something we can conceive based on ourselves. Trueness cannot be controlled by fallen humanity; rather, trueness should control us. Therefore we should always be obedient to the truth. We should prize it and follow it. Observing your physical life and your consciousness, you cannot deny the fact that truth belongs to heaven.

When we pray, we very often pray habitually, "Precious Heavenly Father, our true God." But there has been no absolute trueness before today. Therefore, the origin, to which trueness is to be related, is not within the history of humankind but is located outside of history. Everything starts from there. The



Welcome home, Mother! (East Garden, April 17, 1998)

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Each one of you is also searching for that true person, for the true man and true woman. All the men and women who came into the world throughout the ages of history were destined to strive for this ideal, even at the risk of their lives.

origin should be sought beyond circumstances; religions should not form beliefs centering upon a human being.

The origin of trueness cannot be grasped in relationship to human beings alone. Trueness must be an absolute standard. Questions of God or the Absolute must therefore enter the discussion. Why is it so? It is because there has been no "true" love on this earth. Man cannot find the motive to seek for truth solely within himself. At each turning point of human history, God intervened. The Absolute Being is necessary in such moments.

Therefore, the origin of trueness is not in the hands of man but should be in the hands of the Absolute Being, God. Authentic religions cannot exist without God. Ethics correctly identifying "trueness" cannot deny God.

Where then is the truth established? Of course, heaven, the origin of truth, will try to establish it on earth. This is God's will. The next question, then, is, "Where among humankind will it be established?" It will be established within our ordinary life. Jesus therefore said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is in the midst of you." The Kingdom of Heaven, the "true" country, is within our hearts. It is in a deep valley where there are no evil motives.

Brothers and sisters, if you have something you hold most precious, where do you want to keep it? You may want to keep it in a place no one knows about, where no one can touch it, and where you yourself can absolutely protect it. Where is that place? It is somewhere deep within your heart. Bury it in the deepest recesses of your heart. Place it where you feel it is very safe, as in a drawer for valuables. Trueness should settle in the deepest recesses of your heart.

THE STANDARD OF TRUTH

It is the "true" heart that does not change. This is why without it you cannot set a true standard and you cannot render true judgment. If you do not have a true standard, everything valued according to whatever your standard is will float away.

A measurement, such as the meter, has a primary standard. We can measure any deviation from that standard. We refer to that original standard whenever we need to settle an argument about distance.

There is neither revolution nor change in love. Changeability means imperfection. Diamonds are treasured for their unchanging hardness. Gold is precious for its unchanging color. A pearl is precious for its unchanging, harmonious elegance. Why do we base the standard for physical value upon the constancy of an object? It is because that is the universal standard for evaluation.

On earth there is a standard location for measuring latitude and longitude. Zero longitude is located at the astronomical observatory in Greenwich, England. It is unchanging. The point where longitude and latitude meet at 90 degrees should also be an absolute standard.

We can say that love is created by God; however, He cannot possess love by Himself. Love can be possessed only by two persons. Even God cannot realize love alone. Accordingly, the fundamental standard for evaluating everything in the

universe and in the eternal world is indeed love. True love is not affected by any changes.

Therefore, is there or has there ever been a true man among all humanity, a man whose color did not change for thousands, ten of thousands and hundreds of millions of years? That is the question. Has there been a true woman? What do you think?

Religions understand that humanity fell. Religions have different backgrounds, of course, but all of them are seeking a new person of value in order to find salvation. They have always pursued this, for they could not attain the image of the true, original person. It was the same hundreds of millions of years ago. It is the same now and will be in any future environment. No matter the time, religions are to pursue this.

Each one of you is also searching for that true person, for the true man and true woman. All the men and women who came into the world throughout the ages of history were destined to strive for this ideal, even at the risk of their lives.

THE MESSIAH AND TRUE PARENTS

When God led the people of Israel in the wilderness, did they not follow a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud? (Ex.13: 21-22) The pillar of cloud guided them during the day and the pillar of fire guided them during the night. What do these represent? They symbolize the coming of parents in the Last Days whom the chosen people are to follow. As with Israel in the wilderness, those who do not follow the guidance of these pillars will perish.

God called Moses to Mt. Sinai, to give him two tablets of stone after his forty-day fast because He worried that the people of Israel might die if they lost their direction in the wilderness. You should know that these two tablets of stone symbolize Adam and Eve, the true parents. That is why the tablets were placed in the ark of the covenant. (Ex. 40:20)

What do we desire? We desire to be the beloved sons and daughters in the place where God, the vertical (non-temporal) parent, and Adam and Eve, the horizontal (historical) parents, become one and rejoice. It is our deepest sorrow that we have not been able to do this. Everyone fervently desires to receive such love once and for all. All the religions seek this.

Have there been any parents who could love on the horizontal plane in unity with the vertical God? No, there have not. Because of the fall, all became false parents. Since all became false parents, such parents of perfect love never existed. True Parents need to appear in history.

Who is the being denoted by the term "true parent" who is to carry out such a historic mission? This is the being called the Savior, the being called the Messiah. When we say "save," what is to be saved? He is not coming to save the body, but rather to fulfill our desire for true love.

To do that, what has to be done? For salvation to be accomplished, as what kind of being must the Messiah come? It is without question that the Messiah needs to come as true parents.

Christianity believes in Jesus as the Messiah, as the Savior. Then what does it mean to be a Christian? Christians seek to become the children of God and establish a beloved family.

Our original ancestors, the original man and woman whom God created, should have been true parents. We should have been born from such parents--parents with divine nature. Then we would have inherited God's divine nature and our parents' human nature.

Thus, Jesus said that he was the only begotten son of God.

It would be a serious matter for the only begotten son to live alone. There must be an "only begotten daughter" of God. Therefore, he had to search for the only begotten daughter, and they had to marry in a place of happiness centering on God. They had to marry, becoming the bridegroom and the bride who could rejoice as horizontal parents, with God rejoicing as the vertical parent, and multiply children on earth. Then their tribe would start to expand. Is that not what could have been?

Therefore, there was something Jesus had to find above all, even at the risk of disobeying the nation of Israel and Judaism. What was it? And what is the subjective motivation that enables him to seek it again? It was certainly a woman. There must be a woman to relate to a man.

Jesus referred to himself as the bridegroom, and Christians are the bride, but he died unable to accomplish the Marriage of the Lamb. (Mt 9:15; Eph 5:25-27, Rev 21:2) This is why Christianity has been struggling to become the bride, waiting 2,000 years for Jesus the bridegroom.

What is Christianity's standard? It is the Messiah in the position of true parents. That is the meaning of the Marriage of the Lamb.

THE LOVE OF GOD, MAN AND WOMAN

If there had been no fall, God would have become the Parent in the internal position and Adam and Eve would have been the parents in the external position. Where internal and external parents become one through love, we attend the internal Parent and have external parents. With the cooperative relationship of love between God and human beings, true parents, the perfected man and woman, are to be established. Without that cooperation of love, there can be no perfected person.

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The perfection of Adam and Eve appears externally only when they are connected to the love of God. Without that connection, their love is not good. The point at which God's vertical love and human physical love connect was to have been the root of our ancestral lineage. That point was to have been the beginning point of our ancestors' lineage. All of humanity was to have descended from there.

The fall separated the love of man, woman and God. Because of the fall, the love of man, the love of woman and the love of God were disconnected.

When you review the ages in the providence, you find that the providence for restoration is completed through the Last Days. The closer to the end it comes, the nearer the time when the purpose of religion will be accomplished. The final moment, in which the purpose of religion will be accomplished, is the time when true parents appear.

Where did the fall begin? It began with one pair, Adam and Eve. All the problems came about because Adam and Eve

fell and became false parents. Because of this, the problems of heart, lineage, personality, language, daily life, nations and the world came about. The original lineage begins centering on true parents; original personality begins centering on true parents; language returns to its original position centering on true parents; life can return to its original form centering on true parents; the formation of a nation and world according to the ideal can be established only centering on true parents.

THE REALIZATION OF MATURE INDIVIDUALITY

Is the body or the mind more important? The mind is important and the body is also important. However, much more significant than either of them separately is the unity between them. That is important. Those who cannot accomplish this unity will be in the wrong even if the world is fully unified.

Now, the body is different from the mind, and the mind is also different from the body. So when can they be united? Neither today nor at any time in human history could anyone declare that he had unified his conflicting body and mind.

Where does the conflict between mind and body originate? To describe the kind of person God is, He is the vertical subject of love, which becomes the origin of this universe. If a heavy burden has fallen on the earth, God cannot lift it simply by thinking. Even God, to pour out His love on the horizontal plane, needs a power that can lift it up.

Where does God enter? He must enter through vertical love. For vertical love to have value, a horizontal foundation must be established. This applies to both men and women. Until the appropriate age, you do not understand anything; however, upon growing up, women want to possess the world and men do as well. To have the world, what do we do? When should we meet? We should grow up completely and become mature; then we can meet. To do so, we have to reach the stage at which we can say that the world, through true love, is ours.

What can enable God, as the internal, invisible mind, and a person, as the external, visible body, to live in oneness? It is not power, knowledge or authority. What is it? It is love. The individual is the model for the unification of internal and external characteristics. Therefore, the origin must have the characteristics of a father who is likened to the body and also of a father who is likened to the mind. Then, the internal father's position is the position of God, and the external father's position is the position of the first ancestor of humankind.

Then in what sort of place do the first ancestor and God become one? Where do they unite? They should unite in the core of the sphere of love. This means that man and woman meet each other horizontally, centering on vertical love.

THROUGH TRUE PARENTS WE MEET GOD

The concept of true parents implies the idea of salvation. This means the liberation of hell and the evil, satanic world. Think about this. You are standing in Satan's world, in the place of death, and true parents can become the power which can shield you from death. Because of this, how glorious it

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will be when heaven and earth recognize true parents formally and history recognizes them officially. The true parents are protected by God and history!

You should know how the term "true parent" came about. It does not mean that the Reverend and Mrs. Moon decided to be true parents and then started this work. It means that this work cannot be done without true parents, therefore we are compelled by our consciences to do it.

Even if all our ancestors were to revive and praise the glory of their resurrection, their praise and glory could not rise beyond the realm of the fall. However, we should be proud of the term "true parents." We should also know that by meeting true parents, the way to meet God is opened. Further, the place where you meet the Unification Church connects you to the way on which you can find, in the near future, the Kingdom of God, the homeland for which all humankind is longing.

Who is the Messiah? The Messiah is Adam who has fully substantiated God's love. Therefore, he has the qualification to be the original father. God's original love, centering on father's love and mother's love, is the center of this foundation. Building on this foundation, by centering on true love, the right of true, loving ownership for all individuals, families, peoples and nations is returned to God through the Messiah. Then true, godly ownership will expand for nations, peoples, families and individuals.

Based upon this, please realize how great, among all words in history, are the terms "true love" and "true parents." They are the only basis for breaking through the realm of the fall and the satanic world. Therefore, we all are grateful for the term "true parents."

We lost our original hometown because of the fall. We also lost our original country and world. We even lost God and His love. The one starting point from which we can search for these enormous things which we lost is this amazing term "true parents."

From God's viewpoint, what is the goal of the providence? For what has God longed throughout history? It is the standard of true parents. For what has He been enduring the history of indemnity, from the human fall to this day? It is the search for true parents. Many Christians are waiting for the coming of the Lord at the Second Advent; it is because of this goal. Many religions are longing for this day, because this is the goal of history. From this fact, you must know that the birth of true parents is a formidable event.

TRUE PARENTS DIVIDE GOOD AND EVIL

The term "true parents," which is used in the Unification Church, is an amazing term. False parents had false love, reflecting Satan's love. On the other hand, true parents appear centering on God's love; therefore, they naturally create the world of true love.

Then why do we desire to find this love? It is because love is a great thing, and love is the same eternally. We just hear the word love and we can be immediately lifted up to a higher plane. A woman who does not even know how to spell and a

man who is a world-level scholar are equal in the realm of love.

You should know how amazing it is that we came to this earth with the term "true parents." Those words are the most blessed words in this world. For fallen humankind, seeking the words "true parents" is more important than seeking a nation or the entire world. It is more precious than anything on earth or in heaven.

Why is Satan afraid of the term "true parents"? If people believe in this term and follow it, then they will destroy everything satanic and defeat Satan. That is why these words are very frightening to Satan.

Satan always hinders True Parents' progress, and he hopes that we will fall and become evil. Therefore, you will have difficulties if you follow the way of true love, however much you believe in and are obedient to the True Parents. Once you take a stand going this way, you should do your best for God's will and go forward joyfully. You should know deeply that there is no other way to go.

THE GOSPEL OF GOSPELS

Through studying the providence for restoration, we know that for God's will to be fulfilled, true parents, not fallen parents, must exist and come to the earth. You should understand that the term "true parents" was discovered in a situation far beyond what you can imagine. You will never encounter this term by following this world's traditions. The emergence of this term is more than revolutionary. It is a miraculous event. You are able to learn and speak the words "true parents" because the True Parents have actually emerged, with absolute love which surpasses the love of the billions of parents this world has seen. For the first time, you can receive the love of true parents, which is comparable to God's love. You can stand in an ideal position which Jesus could only imagine.

Where does true love start? It starts from true parents. This is the gospel of gospels. No matter how many good words exist in this world, and no matter how wonderful the term "husband and wife" is, there is nothing better than the words "true parents." After all, if true parents do not emerge in the fallen world, true husband and wife cannot come about.

Historical sorrow and the indemnity which demanded the sacrifice of life are vindicated when the true family is found. Throughout history, miserable conditions for indemnity had to be established. Accordingly, the emergence of the true family made possible by so many sacrifices is the most valuable and happiest event.

There must exist true parents in order to establish a true family. For that, a true couple must emerge. After the true couple is established, true children must be born.

True parents cannot leave any condition by which Satan can accuse them. True couples are not to moan, trapped by a condition which Satan can accuse. Children of a true family cannot be true sons and daughters of this family if they leave any condition of accusation in the satanic world.

You already speak the words "true parents" and know the meaning of the adjective "true." Throughout history, no one was able to call out the word "true parents" or even conceive

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of it. Accordingly, we should understand that we are standing in the happiest and noblest position that has existed in human history. So many sacrifices were made in order to prepare the foundation for true parents. We should know that the most precious gospel for all humankind is that of "true parents."

When you think about the term "true parents," and that the starting point from which we can enter a new world has been established by the True Parents, and that the internal condition through which we can subjugate Satan has been established by True Parents, and that with True Parents we can subjugate Satan, who has dominated the external world, and finally that for the first time ever the center has been founded upon which we can liberate God, you should appreciate the amazing grace of being able to live with the True Parents, and you should learn from what they are doing.

If you stand in the position to serve on behalf of True Parents and your nation, and if you think that your nation and your people can find happiness through your heart, then you will know that it is you, holding the banner of true parental heart, who can revive human history. You can be the vehicle to realize the world for which we are longing.

OUR HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY

God's providence must have a focus. Through that focus, God's ideal can be established. That is the very point at which we meet the True Parents, who were sacrificed. Therefore, that focus is the center of everything. Try to think how important it is. All the saints fought to gain this point as their foundation. God thinks it is significant, as do all the spirit persons in the spirit world. Therefore, all people on this earth will recognize that it is important.

This foundation will be the starting point for the future. From here, the past history will be completed, the present history will be preserved, and the future world will begin. If you can understand this point, this position, you can conquer everything as an individual. Are you such a person?



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Members of True Family and guests read the written text as Mother reads "Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life" at the Manhattan Center on April 9.

Then, how great is the value of this position? How wonderful is it? How much do you love it, admire it, respect it and revere it? This position should be the apex of all history. No matter how great the great people of history may be, they bear no comparison with it. If you come to see it, you will undoubtedly be so moved.

The content which can solve the problem of becoming substantial true parents in heaven and on earth accomplishes many things. It clarifies heaven and earth, liberates all historical entanglements and pulls out the nails which were pounded into God's heart. The liberation of love which God desires is for giving joy to others, dancing and laughing while warmly embracing, and for loving joyous sons and daughters. Do you not think that the creation must be filled with joy, and that its voice must be full, from the level of all things to the level of the entire cosmos, for one thousand and ten thousand years?

The True Parents cannot appear on earth without presenting affirmative alternatives to the limitations of the past. This is so dreadfully serious that Jesus, Confucius and Buddha gathered and gave me an examination. I triumphed in the test and God approved my answers.

God has an indescribable heart with respect to His ideal of creation. As he grows to maturity, Adam must realize God's will and make Satan surrender voluntarily. He must be a sovereign of liberation. The person who is the ruler of all nations, who is the master of salvation, and who is the elder son among all brothers is the true Adam. Since God is the judge, he must receive God's judgment that he is righteous. It was only after receiving this judgment of righteousness that the Reverend Sun Myung Moon began his ministry.

How can you dedicate your appreciation for God, for True Parents, and for your new creation? Human beings inherited the satanic blood lineage through the fall. This is the problem. We inherited the satanic blood lineage, which is not God's, passed down for thousands of years. How can we atone for it? How can we clean up the dirty lineage bequeathed through the fall?

The True Parents appear centered on true love, true life and true lineage, to indemnify the fall. We were brought into this world through the satanic lineage. However, in the era of new resurrection, we will find new life through true love: God's love, life and lineage. From here, God is with us and we can separate from Satan eternally.

No one has thought that God has pain in His heart. Because He appeared in history, and has appeared through us now here, and has clarified the profound responsibility we all have, we can understand it. How amazing this is! Jesus told us that he could not say what was in his heart (John 16:12, 25). No other religious leaders understood the secret of the cosmos, which was suppressed. True Parents appeared in the world and revealed the secret of the cosmos.

Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters, I hope we can all consider and reflect deeply upon what Reverend and Mrs. Moon asked me to share tonight. Thank you for your kind attention, and God bless you.■

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BLESSED MARRIAGE AND ETERNAL LIFE

DR. HAK JA HAN MOON

DISTINGUISHED guests, ladies and gentlemen, colleagues and friends: Thank you for coming tonight. My husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and I are speaking throughout the world. We are sharing our desire to work with each one of you, beyond race, nation and religion, to create a world of peace. Therefore I know that you will consider my message seriously.

Humanity is now facing the challenge of the Last Days. In this era, families the world over are breaking down. Husbands and wives, parents and children are becoming enemies to one another. What is the cause of this tragedy?

The cause is a lack of true love. Equally significant is the fact that we are ignorant of our most important responsibility. That responsibility is to prepare for eternal life. If we are clear about the concept of eternal life, and if we accept its reality in our hearts, then we can lead our children and our families properly. But in truth, most people are unsure if the spirit world even exists.

If we truly understand the reality of the spirit world, we cannot sin, even when temptation presents itself. We cannot live selfishly, even if told to do so. On the other hand, if we do not understand the spirit world, we cannot enter the Kingdom of God, no matter what our religion.

On the larger scale, without knowing the meaning of eternal life, we cannot create a true social revolution. If it is not connected to eternal life, social revolution may make things worse. No one desires that.

To this day, religions have neither embraced nor encompassed the secular world. As a result, secularism now controls culture. Secularism overpowers the influence of religion. This happened because religions were unable to establish a clear concept of eternal life.

Christianity also faces this challenge. Although people have practiced Christianity faithfully for many centuries, many churches today are confused. In the Last Days, they are objective to the changes taking place in the world. Even Christianity does not have a clear and logical understanding of eternal life.

In short, no one has complete confidence concerning eternal life. In fact, people do not even know with certainty whether or not God exists. When faced with the obstacles and temptations of this world, most people waver. They fall away from their faith, and follow the secular way.

THE REASON WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND ETERNAL LIFE

As we reach our forties and fifties, we come closer to the end of our life. We naturally become serious about the concept of eternal life. The older we become, the more serious we are. Ordinarily, the intensity of love declines as people age. But if our perception of eternal life has strong roots, then our love will grow and deepen as we get older.

How often have you been confused by the changes taking



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Mother with VIP guests to whom she presented the Hoon Dok Hae publications following her speech at Bridgeport University on April 2.

place in our world today? If our focus on eternal life is clear and unchanging, we will overcome the insecurities of our changing environment. We will be able to digest all the circumstances of our lives, the joys and sorrows that come our way.

God created Adam and Eve as His partners of true love. Accordingly, we should live as God's true love partners. This should not be a theory. We should allow this dynamic to work in our lives and put it into practice each day.

Once we realize the power of true love, we will strive against adversity to walk the road of true love. In daily life, we will always feel the security which comes from belief in eternal life. When this conviction overflows within us, our lives will be secure.

This has important implications for education of our children. If it is clearly explained to them, young people readily embrace the concept of eternal life. They are uniquely blessed to feel eternal life resonate in their mind and body.

Until reaching age sixteen, boys and girls possess an unfallen purity of character. They reflect the original character of Adam and Eve, who did not fall until they were sixteen. Because of this, it is vital that young people know God deeply.

Through knowledge of God, we can understand our inseparable relationship with Him. But in order to know this, young people must first understand the concept of eternal life.

EARTHLY LIFE AND ETERNAL LIFE

How long do you think you will live? All of us think we will live until we are seventy or eighty years old. It is hard to imagine that we will die before then. In this regard, we can all be considered greedy.

...we should ask ourselves, "How much do I love others? How much do I love my family? How much do I love my clan? What does it mean to love others, to love my family, to love my clan?" This serves as the foundation to love all humanity. It is a wise approach to life. You will not lose if you live this way.

But in truth, even those who seem confident that they will live a long time have no idea when they are going to die. It could be as soon as today or tomorrow. We may even die during a meal or while we are sleeping. Does God guarantee anyone a long life span?

Imagine that you knew you would die within a year. You would have to prepare for your passing in a very short period of time. With this new found urgency, you might actually be happier. After all, you would be able to prepare for death in less time. The less time you use to prepare for death, the less time you will waste in your life. And if you prepare well, you can build a home for your eternal life.

How long do you wish to live? What if God told you that you had to die tonight? What legacy would you leave behind? Would you leave behind something of which God would be proud? While we are living in this world, we should always give our best. We should invest 24 hours a day to bring even one more person to God's love.

The highest standard of dedication to God is to not even want to stop to eat or sleep. We should not be consumed by worry over worldly needs. If you live with such sincerity, you will have eternal life in the next world.

The shorter we expect our physical life to be, the more value we will find in it. In this context, we should ask ourselves, "How much do I love others? How much do I love my family? How much do I love my clan? What does it mean to love others, to love my family, to love my clan?" This serves as the foundation to love all humanity. It is a wise approach to life. You will not lose if you live this way.

THE REASON TO LIVE AN ETERNAL LIFE

The purpose of a life of faith is to seek the world of eternal life and God's eternal love. The way of a life of faith is to discover and rejoice in God's joy as our own. By living this way, we become one with God's eternal love and eternal life.

Accordingly, it is most important for people of faith to invest unceasing energy for God's life and love. The world's religions have expanded through history, against the backdrop of every culture. This is because our human destiny is to live an eternal life.

We are to live not just in our own era, but also in harmony with the entire universe. Once we reach the limit of life on earth, we continue life in an eternal, unlimited world. Such a world exists in reality. Even those who do not believe it exists, or who do not fully comprehend it, have postulated eternal life. They did this in order to help and comfort humanity through their suffering and pain.

But God's existence is a reality beyond time and space. When we internalize the depth of this eternal truth, it becomes our starting point. Then we can find the answers to our questions concerning eternal life and God.

For what purpose and in what position did God create humankind? God created man and woman as His partners of true love. We were to have God's absolute and unique value. This is a startling revelation! In this light, the value of each person's life is infinite. Even the entire universe cannot replace the value

of one person in the eyes of God.

All people are meant to be born in true love, to live and grow in true love, and even to die in true love. God is eternal, unchanging and unique. We stand as the eternal object of God's true love. Therefore, we are created to live eternally. Our eternal life has its roots in our relationship with God, as His partner of true love.

THE ETERNAL LOVE PARTNER OF THE CREATOR

God's love is absolute. Since God's love was lost through the human fall, God has experienced indescribable misery and almost hopeless sorrow throughout history. No one has ever understood this; no one has been able to fully comfort God.

God, in the depth of His heart, wants to recreate His long-awaited love partner. God wants to embrace His children. He will travel any distance to meet them. Only by meeting His sons and daughters can He express His joy to the fullest. In actuality, God created the entire universe for His children.

Consider the earth's atmosphere. When a low pressure system forms, a high pressure system appears automatically. Through this phenomenon, air circulation is self-sustaining.

God has taught us to forget the good that we do for others. This creates a spontaneous and natural circular motion of give and take in our daily lives. It is similar to the natural phenomenon we observe in the atmosphere. This constant cycle of give and take leads to eternal life.

Eternal life can begin with nothing other than eternal commitment. To be specific, as long as one lives for the sake of others, one will never perish. A life of giving will surely grow and progress steadily. The person who lives thus will eventually take a central position as the nucleus of society.

If God were to seek an absolute love partner, who would merit such a position? It is natural to conclude that God's love partner would have to be humankind. That is why human beings are held to be the most precious being among all of God's creation.

When we are able to accept that we are the eternal true love partner of the Creator, we can easily understand that we live for eternity. The concept of eternity naturally follows from this. It takes place right here! The religious world must bear in mind that the foundation of eternal life is the relationship of true love. In its simplest terms, eternal life stems neither from man nor from woman but from God's true love.

ONLY TRUE LOVE PROVIDES SALVATION

Today, Christians proclaim that any individual can possess eternal life just by believing in Jesus. If I ask them how one can secure eternal life, they answer, "Just believe." Of course it is essential that we have absolute faith, but I would like you to consider a further perspective based on the meaning of eternal life.

Consider the aspect of continuity. The functioning of the physical body has continuity. For instance, our blood circulation, nervous system and brain should function continuously and smoothly.

From this perspective, what would you answer if someone

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asked you how you plan to secure eternal life? The life of the spirit also should have continuity. Then are you truly able to claim, "My eternal life is guaranteed through belief alone?" Does salvation come from belief and nothing else? Absolutely not. True salvation requires a continuity of the practice of true love from this physical world to the spirit world.

According to the principles by which God created this world, only a true person can become God's true love partner. Only with true love can one become such a person and obtain eternal life.

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Mother with VIP guests following her speech at the Manhattan Center on April 9, 1998.

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THE IDEA NECESSARY FOR ETERNAL LIFE

We are created to live an eternal life. We are similarly created to practice true love. Furthermore, we are to practice true love here on the earth. We engage ourselves with many things in this world. These things become the material which insures our eternal life. In other words, everything we do in this world is training for eternal life.

We are fully capable of living forever! We desire an eternal life! In our search for eternal life, what does not change? Only true love does not change! Everything in this universe changes, but true love does not change.

This is because true love is the center. The center will remain intact even if everything that surrounds it disappears. True love is the center of the universe. It is one with God's love. Consequently, as long as God is unchanging, true love is unchanging.

What does true love mean? A husband desires that his wife be better than he is. A wife also wants her husband to surpass her. Are there any parents who do not want their children to surpass them? Why do we share this feeling? It is because we all are created in the very image of God. In other words, even God wants His love partner to be better than Himself, in the same sense that parents want their children to surpass them.

God is absolute, but at the same time He is our Parent. Can God impose an absolute standard upon us, and not upon Himself as well? No, He cannot. In light of this, our value is the highest in the universe.

In fact, in the realm of true love, we can have a value even higher than that of God, Himself. This is why our minds have the highest of aspirations. Thus, we truly should feel that nothing is impossible.

God originally intended that His children rule this universe from the position of highest value. We were not to have been sidetracked or manipulated in any way. We were never to have been under the dominance of any force or being.

To confirm this, simply look into your mind. The mind desires complete freedom. No one wants their mind to be controlled. Once we secure the position of true love, we are totally free. We can travel anywhere. We can travel to God's throne and become God's friend.

God is eternal and absolute. Therefore, since God created us as His partners of true love, it is natural to conclude that we can enjoy eternal life. Clearly then, in order for a man to live an eternal life, he must dwell in the realm of true love. Only through true love is abundant eternal life possible.

The origin, motive and process of God's creation center on true love. No result can come without a process taking place, and the process of perfection is based upon the practice of true love. The perfection of mind and body is possible only when they both belong to the realm of true love.

Only true love can bring about the ideal. This is because God Himself exists for eternity upon the foundation of true love. Upon what, do you think, does God center His own eternal existence? Without question, God's eternal life is centered on true love.

Therefore, we also live with true love as our center. In this

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way we create the realm of eternal life. In order to find this realm, we practice true love in daily life.

I would like you to know that Reverend Moon has poured his life, his heart, and the resources of his church into America. Through this practice, true love was actualized. Without actualizing true love, there is no eternal life.

TO KNOW GOD, ETERNAL LIFE AND TRUE LOVE

Even though we are not sure where in the spirit world God dwells, we should at least clearly understand that God is the center of true love. The power of true love is the fastest and the most direct. True love travels in a straight line. Why do you think I emphasize true love so fervently? It is because of my direct experience of this truth. Once you experience God and the eternal world, you too will never be able to have an indifferent attitude toward life.

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How should you prepare for the world of the future? First, be altruistic. Second, practice true love. Third, seek eternal life. With the sincere practice of these virtues, we can manage the world in the coming age. The opposite way is the self-centered way of life. That is the ideology of Satan. In contrast to satanic love, what is true love? True love is to invest yourself beyond the point of life and death. It is only through this intensity of life that we can find true love.

The fundamental root of evil life is the satanic lineage. Our lineage belongs to Satan. Our love belongs to Satan. But God's love transcends satanic love. And so the Bible teaches, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment." (Mt. 22:37-38)

What does this really mean? Loving God with all your soul and with all your mind means to give your life completely to God. This is the first great commandment.

The second commandment is, "Love your neighbor as yourself." What does this mean? It tells us to love others even at the cost of our lives. We have to invest ourselves in this way of life.

Then why should we commit ourselves with total intensity? Unless we commit ourselves to this degree, first, we cannot make Satan surrender. Second, we cannot free ourselves from the satanic environment in which we live. Third, we cannot eradicate our satanic lineage.

Even if we were able to separate from the satanic environment, we cannot eradicate the satanic lineage by ourselves. We need the power of true love, which is greater than our life.

THE WORLD AFTER DEATH RELATED TO LOVE

There is no concept of time for God. This means that the beginning and the end are the same in eternity. Likewise, the past, the present and the future are the same. Then what

within God harmonizes everything and enables God to dwell in peace? This is a serious question. It is not God's almighty power. It is not His omniscience. It is nothing other than the power of love. Even God Himself responds unconditionally to true love. This is because God does not need anything other than true love.

Most people agree that we will enter the spirit world upon our death. But the spirit world is not just the dwelling place of the departed. The spirit world is connected to true love. The starting point of God's creation is true love. Therefore, once we secure true love in the physical world, this too will become the spirit world. This alone tells us how powerful true love is.

Through the perfect relationship of vertical and horizontal, harmonious movement in all directions "up and down, right and left, forward and back" can take place. But when vertical and horizontal are disconnected, there is no harmony. In that case, there can be no unification.

True love alone can connect vertical and horizontal. This brings about unification and harmony. The central thought of the Unification Church, based on the perspective of the Divine Principle, is that the ideal world is centered on true love.

Ladies and gentlemen, God wants to guide humankind. God breathes through true love. Since the rhythm of the universe is in harmony with God, the universe exists for eternity. In God's true love, we can find eternal life.

That is why when husband and wife connect with true love, they find complete joy. When the rhythm of true love is in balance, we can love one another. In this atmosphere there is only one direction in our life. That direction is centered on God.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE GATE OF THE BLESSING

Both the spirit world and the physical world move in conjunction with true love. The universe maintains a natural balance, centering on the vertical axis of true love. What is the common denominator of the universe? What is the universal norm, by which people of the past and the present can live together for eternity? What is the origin of human desire? The answer to all these questions is the same. The answer is true love. The norm is not selfish love; it is true love. Only the practice of true love can embrace people of all races, all nations and all religions.

There are over five billion people living in this world at present. Yet there are not many among the world's population who understand the meaning of the Blessing. My husband and I have been the first to adopt the word "blessing" in the context of marriage. Many such marriage Blessings have now been conducted.

Where will humanity head in the future? Humanity can enter the Kingdom of God by passing through the gate of this Blessing. There are millions of Christians in our world today, and Christianity itself can enter the Kingdom of God through the gate of the Blessing.

Some Christians may complain that Reverend Moon's teaching is self-righteous. Of course, nothing can be done

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about this point of view since it is their own. Nonetheless, I am here to convey the message that the Unification marriage Blessing is the true road for all fallen people to take.

No matter how much persecution it may cause, we are to connect the spirit world and the physical world through this Blessing, and enter the Kingdom of God.

Other religious people think of salvation in terms of the individual. They believe that as long as their faith is strong, they can enter the Kingdom of Heaven as individuals. But from the viewpoint of God's original ideal, we were never intended to enter the Kingdom of Heaven as single people. We enter only with our loving spouse and family.

SPIRITUAL LIFE AS COUPLES

The real purpose of life is to walk forward on the road of true love. We are to grow through harmonious relationships of true love. We should carefully maintain the ideal of true love in our hearts. We are actually the representatives of the spirit world. Let us constantly strive to spread true love. Let us sow the seeds of true love throughout our lives.

When we bear the fruit of true love and enter the eternal spirit world as a loving couple, we will be embraced by God's eternal love. We then truly become one with God.

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Our spirit is our internal self. At the proper time we simply will shed the physical body. Our physical body may feel that it does not want to retire. But with the coming of old age, it even-

tually must surrender its life. On the other hand, our spiritual body, like a chestnut in autumn, becomes more solid and more handsome as it becomes our physical body's successor.

WHY IS MARRIAGE NECESSARY?

We must love the things of the material world, which includes our physical body and the food which nourishes it. We love what is close to us before loving God directly.

By loving all things, we absorb the essence of the creation. By doing this, we love and nourish the physical body. Your first parents, of course, are your physical parents. Your second parent is the earth. From the earth we receive essential elements which the body needs in order to grow. In this way the earth is the second parent.

After being nurtured and cared for by our second parent, we prepare to meet our third parent. There is a process through which we pass in order to realize this. That process is our physical death. We do not meet our third parent free of charge. To be able to return to our third parent, we must resemble our original parent, God.

Why then do we get married? Very simply, we marry in order to resemble God. God exists as a being of dual characteristics. In God, the dual characteristics are completely harmonized as one. When God's dual characteristics manifest in our world, they do so as man and woman. Accordingly, at the proper time, a man and a woman are like a seed. They unite to become one. Thus, husband and wife return to God. Together, we are a reflection of His original nature.

We need marriage because it is the true way to develop our love. In marriage, we ripen as a seed of God. Our entire life should be centered on true love. We should be born in true love; we should grow in true love; we should live centered on true love, and we should return to true love when we die.

The way of true love is life for the sake of others. This is the purpose of a holy marriage. If we take any other path, we are taking the wrong direction for eternal life.

The marriage Blessing and eternal life stem from God working through True Parents' love. Through our union with the True Parents, we can fulfill God's original hope for the individual, the family, the nation, the world and the entire cosmos. Ultimately, we can complete God's ideal of creation. Through True Parents we can find our original homeland, the starting place for the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven.

With this foundation in place, we can welcome an era in which God is our sovereign. The society which does so will never perish. It will continuously prosper and reach its fullest strength.

I sincerely ask that you contemplate deeply about the meaning of this sermon. If you practice it, you will find the way to receive God's abundant blessing and eternal life.

May God truly bless you. Thank you very much. ■■■



Mother receives congratulatory flowers after her speech at Bridgeport University on April 2, 1998.

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Father reads the written text as Mother speaks in Richmond, Virginia on April 6, East Garden.



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Father cuts the celebration cake after Mother finishes her speech in Richmond.



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Mother speaks at the Manhattan Center's Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City on April 9.



Bridgeport University, April 2.



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Mother meets Father at East Garden on April 17 at the end of the tour.

Manhattan Center's Hammerstein Ballroom.



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Hoon Sook Nim performs the role of Shim Chung in the ballet "Shim Chung, the Blind Man's Daughter"



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Dr. Sang Hun Lee

New Revelations about Life in the Spirit World

Part I

[Editor's note: The following is a series of messages to True Parents and Unification Church members which were sent from the spirit world through a medium by Dr. Sang Hun Lee. Dr. Lee ascended to the spiritual world on March 22, 1997 at the age of 84. He was a medical doctor and pioneered the systematization of Unification Thought and VOC (Victory Over Communism) theory as an application to Father's thought. He was the president of the Unification Thought Institute for many years. He and his wife participated in the 36 Couples Blessing in 1961. They had three children.]

[In a message received August 21, 1997, Dr. Lee sent a letter to True Parents as well as a letter to Unification Church members. Before beginning his letter to True Parents, he prayed that True Parents could be consoled by his letter.]

Letter of Offering to True Parents

I would like to give my best regards to you. I wish that I could receive your love and forgiveness because of the impiety of my earthly life. I cannot but feel very sorry because, prior to True Parents, I entered the spiritual world.

I know very well the continuous desperate efforts of True Parents to fulfill the 3.6 million couple international Blessing successfully. In the spiritual world, our members are also working very hard to witness to people. However, even though we make very hard efforts to restore the spiritual world, there are fundamental things which can only be resolved when True Parents come. I feel very sorry for that, because it will be troublesome for True Parents.

Since the Blessing in the spiritual world will be conducted by True Father, many people are waiting for you. Now we are giving lectures so that the door of hell will be opened and the people in hell can be liberated. However, even though we try to do our best, it cannot be compared with True Father's efforts. We hope that our small effort can reduce your burden.

True Parents, when I lived in the physical world, intellectuals often

asked me about the spiritual world, but I could not answer them. Whenever academic seminars were held, there were people who asked about the spiritual world, but I could not give a clear answer. The problem regarding the spiritual world was like a riddle which could not be solved by myself. Accordingly, without having systematized the doctrine of the spiritual world, I came here. Therefore, the reasons why I try to tell about the spiritual world in detail are: first, because I want to solve all the questions of earthly people; second, I want to help the lives of members on earth; third, even though it is by a very small portion, I want to reduce True Parents' trouble; fourth, I have a guilty conscience because I came to the spiritual world prior to True Father.

True Father, so far your humble son, Sang Hun, has looked around in various areas of the spiritual world. As long as it is possible, I want to search all around the this world. Now I am going to explain what I have surveyed here in the spiritual world. If there are some mistakes, please blame me and please correct them. It is my sincere heart that I want to help members by revealing the secrets of the spiritual world. This is because I hope that by knowing the spiritual world, people living in the physical world will not commit sin and will instead come to the spiritual world without sin. Through this, I wish to reduce True Father's burden when he comes to this world. Moreover, it is also because God is suffering.

True Father, I would like to express my deep appreciation to you for sending me to this blessed place and giving me the name of "blessed man." After finishing my earthly life with your grace and blessing I came to the spiritual world, so I will desperately devote myself to liberate hell in this eternal world.

True Father and True Mother! My wife and I as a blessed couple are asking for your forgiveness because we are living comfortable lives in the spiritual world. We would like to offer a full bow

in front of True Parents. May True Parents live long lives!

To beloved members of the Unification Church

Dear members: What shall I write first? No one can escape the spiritual world. It is the way of heavenly law which everyone has to go. Since I came to this spiritual world, I miss our Unification Church members very much. I am really concerned about all members—that they do not violate heavenly law in the physical world so that they will be able to pass the spiritual world.

Once you violate the law of the spiritual world, you cannot solve it easily, and you have to pay the price of indemnity through a suffering life in the spiritual world. Beloved members of the Unification Church! How hard a time have you had so far? I hope that when you come to this eternal world you can have happy lives. I hope that you will not try to escape the momentary hard times. If you do not, you will gain eternal life.

However, if you violate heavenly law, your descendants will have to pay indemnity instead of you. When True Parents put the spiritual world in order, your wrong behavior will make True Parents' heart painful.

Dear members of the Unification Church! My name is Sang Hun Lee. I wrote Unification Thought. I am going to send information to you about what I have surveyed in the spiritual world. Please read it carefully and make your earthly lives successful. Through doing so, let's console the painful heart of True Parents. Let's also pray that True Parents may have long lives.

Please read my message very carefully. You should check your daily lives every day based on True Parents' words. This is my advice as your senior member to help you fulfill your responsibility successfully on earth. May God bless all of you!

Meeting at the Seung Hwa Ceremony of Sang Hun Lee, March 24, 1997

My name is Sang Hun Lee. Please do not try to test who I am. I feel bad about

that. I had wanted to meet you more often during my earthly life. However, it was not easy to meet each other so often.

Dear Mrs. Kim! Through you I am going to complete what I did not complete during my earthly life. Please do not say that you have no qualification to do that.

Unification Thought is the fundamental thought

Unification Thought is the fundamental thought which True Father has given us, but many people just try to understand it intellectually. Therefore throughout my life in the physical world, I tried to write many books to help people understand Unification Thought more easily. However I could not fulfill that work completely. Therefore I am going to send you from the spiritual world what I did not complete in the physical world, and you should give it to all people.

Mrs. Kim! From my earthly life, I know that you have worked very hard. Therefore, from now on, I am going to help you centering on Rev. Ho Woong Chung's family in the spiritual world. Please wait for this. Even though God said that I do not need to stay on earth for forty days, I will go around the earth as well as the spiritual world as far as I can, in order to systematize my thought and send it to you. My wife also has many things to convey to you.

Mrs. Kim! Although for a while you may feel trouble because of me, please forgive me. After putting my thought in order for forty days, I will come back again. If you go to Australia I can go there. Then, I will visit you again. Thank you.

Memorial service at Dr. Lee's home with family members; March 28, 1997

The spiritual world which you cannot see can be described briefly like this: "What a useless life the physical world was! It was nothing. It was nothing. Oh, God! Oh, God!" I do not know well how I can describe this infinite spiritual world. God is invisible. Even though I am in the Kingdom of Heaven, I cannot see God. However, there is brilliant and fascinating light which cannot be explained by the human brain, intellect, or reason. Before such a bright light, all the contents of our lives are disclosed completely. In this brilliant light, we can have the same feeling of relief, safety, and happiness that a baby feels when receiving its mother's milk. In this light, everything seems to be melted like a blast furnace. We can call it the blast furnace of love.

Oh, God! How could such a won-

derful world be ahead! Sweet scent, beautiful melody, which we have not before experienced.

My children! Even though your father tries to write all night about the spiritual world, he would not be able to express it completely. Let me ask you a question: how much longer are you going to live on earth? And what is the purpose of your lives? As your parent, I want to ask you to thoroughly read Unification Thought, which I wrote, and Divine Principle, which True Father wrote. After reading them, you should decide your way. If there is a greater teaching than is contained in those books, you may follow it. However, if you think that there is no such greater thought, you should work with your whole energy and life for the sake of God's will. You should not listen to local news, such as various bad rumors or negative things about the Unification Church, but rather must listen to the central news.

At my Seung Hwa Ceremony, many people overpraised me. I want you as my children to receive those expressions humbly. In the near future I will explain about this huge spiritual world through Mrs. Kim, after putting my thinking in order systematically and logically. I will also speak to the group of professors about the spiritual world. You also have to help Mrs. Kim. You should study how to live. Please keep in mind that the physical world in which you are living is a valueless and momentary world.

After examining my life, please study Unification Thought. Please follow me.

Questions from his family and Dr. Lee's answers

Q: What do you think of impiety?

A: Since I did not fulfill filial piety to God completely, how can I desire filial piety from my sons? When you come to think that your father's life was very valuable, please follow True Parents if you want to show filial piety.

Q: Why did you go outside the window?

A: No one would go through the window knowing that it is a window. But I went through the window because it looked like a way. Please, do not ask any more about that. I have no regret about my past life. I do not even repent. If there is something for which I need to repent, it is that I did not have greater intellectual enlightenment.

Instruction to his sons

You should live for the sake of God's will. If you think that Unification Thought

and Divine Principle are true, you should follow them with all your mind, heart, and life. What do you have to do? After judging what is helpful to God's will, practice it. In the spiritual world, I will prepare educational materials which can provide vital elements to people in the physical world.

God's words

(1) "Sang Hun Lee! Congratulations on your coming into God's bosom!"

(2) God called me "heavenly man."

(3) God said that Sang Hun is trying to go around everywhere in the spiritual world and physical world. He is working very hard.

Private conversation; March 29, 1997

Mrs. Kim, I pray that you will come here after your life on earth reaches the same age as mine at the time of my passing. It is because through you I want to disclose everything about the spiritual world as much as I can. We are now in a new marriage. (Mrs. Kim saw a vision in which family members were gathered around the dining table in a house filled with brilliant and fascinating light.)

May 23, 1997

Mrs. Kim! My name is Sang Hun Lee. When you test me to see if I am a satanic spirit, my pride is broken very much. I would appreciate very much if you would believe me when God concedes me.

The spiritual world and its life

Even though the spiritual world seems to be the same as the visible, phenomenal world, the scale of the spiritual world cannot be compared with that of the physical world. For instance, in the phenomenal world a car is limited in space, but in the spiritual world a car can be changed to various types. Its direction is also free. It can pass through a mountain in a moment and can move according to its driver's thinking. It can move freely, as do vehicles in mysterious fantasy movies or stories about the universe, which children like very much. [A reporter asks if there are ever car accidents:] "Even though they look disordered, because they are keeping the law thoroughly, there are no car accidents at all."

Just as earthly people wake up in the morning and sleep at night, spiritual people do the same. However, in the spiritual world, morning and night are not in the same order. According to one's thinking, morning and night can be changed. I do not know who distinguished the spiritual world as hell, paradise, and the Kingdom

of Heaven respectively, but it is a very proper expression. There are big gaps between these levels of life.

For example, hell is a world which we can never see in the physical world. In hell, one woman is standing nude, and beside her a man touches the lower part of her body; beside them another woman fights, arguing that the man's lower part is her own. However, they do not feel shameful.

When a Japanese woman wearing wooden shoes runs and falls down, another woman comes and hides the shoes as if they were her own. The woman who lost her shoes tries to find them, but the woman who hid the shoes says that she does not know where they are. At that time, observers shout out that that woman is a bad person, a thief, and come to her, striking and kicking her. That kind of thing happens very often.

When an old man cannot eat food because his finger is hurt, a young man comes and takes that food and eats it all. Such things are always happening in hell.

A woman who was forced to have her hair cut completely off feels ashamed and hides her head in a towel. But every person passing by takes that towel and cleans their hands and face with it. When the woman takes it back from the people and covers her head with it, people take it again forcibly, cutting it in half with a scissors and returning the other half to her. Then because she cannot hide her shameful part, she tries to go to a dark place.

June 1, 1997 (Spoken not with excitement, but quietly and calmly)

Original heaven and hell in the spirit world

Heaven is the place where thought and action become one. What kind of

name is heaven? I do not know, but these sentences are written either in heaven or in Eden. Either way, it is the place where words and deeds are one. For example, if I think, "What kind of meat will I eat today," or "what do I want to eat?" simultaneously a huge feast will appear before me. Also, if I think, "Where do I want to go today, and whom do I want to see?" I am already there. Even if I think, "What if that person isn't dressed when I arrive?" and he happens to be stark naked, then we will have a good laugh. I was wondering, "When both people who were blind on earth and people with good eyesight come to heaven, what is the difference between them?" A grandfather and a midget were standing in front of me. The midget had been blind but the grandfather had had good eyesight, so I asked, "In heaven are there blind people?" The midget answered, "We came because you asked a question. While on earth I was blind, but here in heaven there is not even the expression of blindness; there is no blindness. I can see everything." I asked, "Grandfather, you can see, so why did you come?" He said, "You didn't ask about the point of difference between seeing or not. You just asked what is the difference. You can see both with your eyes and with your mind. With your eyes you can visibly see an object, but the thing you can see with your mind you can see better than with your eyes."

Heaven is the place where you are surrounded by many bright jewels. Because of the great brightness and luster, people cannot hide any difficulty they have with others. Everything is seen and known with both eyes and mind. If I express with light, golden hair which dazzles, it is golden light which

is filled with an ecstasy of luster and radiance. This is the place where your mind is always filled with peace and serenity, where there is no difficulty, no discomfort, and no hunger. Heaven is a place where you will have no difficulty

expressing or explaining anything.

Hell is the place where one cannot imagine heaven. In hell people are hungry and suffering, and there is too much jealousy and discomfort. Due to such suffering, there cannot but be much fighting. Everyone is uncomfortable. In heaven you have freedom to follow your mind, but in hell you cannot do even one thing according to your own will. There people take other people's things by force and eat by stealth. People on earth cannot imagine how bad hell really is.

Sang Hun! It's love!

On earth, if Father introduces a story of love, he always speaks in reference to convex and concave. If you come to the point of love you think about convex and concave, but this kind of word, you realize, is too magnanimous. Calling out, "Sang Hun-ah," that sound has such a feeling of love that it is like melting down everything. Having such sensitivity that one must forgive even a brutal crime or be comfortable when near a person who stinks like a fish, it is just not adequate to call the passive feeling of ease and comfort "love." It is just a little better; it is having a feeling without another envious word. When you take a step, or speak a word, or wear clothes, using just the word "love" is unsatisfactory. God's word is that there is no phrase beautiful or deep enough which can express or encompass the thought of love. God calls out, "Sang Hun-ah!" That is love!

If you flawlessly embrace the will of love there will be no fighting or suffering on earth. There is no adequate way to elucidate perfectly the word "love." This is love.

The concept of heaven and hell

In heaven there is no reason to worry or have any anxiety at all, because you are living and acting as one perfectly fitted mass of love. Hell is the place where you spin around on the edge of discomfort, worry, anxiety, and conflict, because you live in a world where you cannot know anything about love. In summation, hell is the place alienated from love, and heaven is the holy, perfect sincerity of love. Simply speaking, heaven is the place where there is nothing that does not have love, and hell is the place where there is not one iota of love. So it is possible for the fruit of love to bud and sprout and bring about the liberation of hell.

The middle realms of the spirit world - June 1-July 28, 1997

The middle realm of spirit world is



True Parents' Hoon Dok Hae Tour victory celebration at Belvedere on April 17.

actually somewhat different from what we thought it to be like while on earth. Amidst the many communities of the world, people worked to establish nations which are far away from service to God. People work to elevate themselves without concern for religion; they gather in places without a relationship of faith. In this middle level it is difficult to see something which resembles heaven or hell. There are many similarities to the earth. As an example, during mealtime people are working in the kitchen, cleaning dishes, preparing food, serving food—everyone is working together. In heaven people are very bright and in hell people are always uneasy and restless; but in this realm people are always very busy and working hard, never resting. At some special event people are alive with energy and they live well, but there is no concern whatsoever for God or religion. In this place people hear a Unification Thought lecture and ask foolish questions like, "Isn't there a world where only similar people live together?" They ask questions that make no sense or are extremely simplistic. There you feel that witnessing will take a very long time. The middle realm of spirit world, which is neither heaven nor hell, has many different levels. It's a place where it is very difficult to get across to people any idea of God or Principle or Unification Thought. The middle realms are vast, so it is difficult to explain. In this realm the common people are easily distinguishable from Unification members. Unification members are full of life. No difficulty can be observed among them. They are filled with peace and enthusiasm. If they have a workshop there is a lot of fun and games, laughter and enjoyment.

Compared to our members, the appearance of others is very different. They have no pulse, no life. Their activities are very passive and lazy. They carry weary and tired faces. Why do the common people, as opposed to Unification members, have such a sad demeanor? It is because they have no hope and no desire. But Unification members in the middle realms have hope and desire because they expect and wait for God's special privilege to come to them, and they know God's basic will. The common people do not know God's will. They are not in a place of hope.

The common people and Unification members stay in different regions. However, sadly there are many members who cannot stay in the Unification realm of the spirit world. There are many reasons for this. First, even though they

received the Blessing, they may have deviated from the path and could not accomplish making a family. Second, they received the Blessing but lived without caring about God's will. Third, they received the Blessing but their life went out of the central orbit. There are many such cases. They have the form and name of member, they are called members, and so they came to the middle region of the spirit world. What do they do in this place? This group of members is always in a place where they can receive special blessings and favor from God, Heung Jin Nim, and True Parents. They can enjoy time together, hear Divine Principle lectures, and receive life of faith guidance. Therefore, they all have hope. This area receives a lot of attention from God and Heung Jin Nim.

People of the world can enter this middle region of the spirit world, but only Unification Church members can enter the special classroom to receive the education regarding the direction of righteousness and justice. This is really amazing. You do not really understand the meaning of the Blessing while on earth, because you cannot see it. But from heaven there is an exorbitant condition which can be received.

Now the question arises concerning receiving the Blessing; in other words, True Parents are giving the Blessing without price. The reason is because of True Parents. While True Parents are living on the earth they are giving a great Blessing to us. So we must go out to give the Blessing to many people in our area. That is the way of giving blessing to others.

What is paradise?

On earth, paradise was thought to be somewhere between heaven and hell, but that is not accurate. In paradise people form groups which they naturally belong to. For example, Koreans go to Korea Town, Chinese go to China Town, and Japanese go to Japan Town.

Life on earth viewed from the spirit world *June 9, 1997*

How are works done by people on earth recorded in the spirit world? How people live on earth determines what is recorded in the spirit world. For example, how the president of a country lived his life is recorded in the spirit world. Whether or not he lived for himself or for the sake of his country is officially recorded. If your life was just spent on petty things or irrationally materialistic, or if you were simply an evil person and not a true person, it is

all recorded, just as if you wrote your own autobiography. As you arrange the final moments of your life, consider how you established your life's path.

God appears unconditionally. How wonderful if in your life you worked hard! Even the president of a country comes to the spirit world without a guard. The foundation of your life will appear in front of you. You become a complete spirit person forty days after your life ends. During those forty days you travel back and forth between the physical and spiritual worlds, and your place of residence is prepared. During that time God does not intervene.

Although your ancestors will cooperate with you, they cannot help you 100 percent. Just as when the wind blows it does so without caring in which direction, so you yourself have to work to establish your residence.

No one judges you. Each person's seat of judgment is different. After you go to your home, if you get set up in the place you desire as far as geography and topography are concerned, no one will force something upon you. Your guide will appear and guide you naturally. According to the way of the spirit world, the atmosphere of guidance or judgment is different.

You may receive some benefit as a result of having spent time as president of a country, although there were conditions which allowed you to be a large contributor to a nation. There is no room for not keeping a position of goodness; if you do not keep your existence of value then you will receive punishment up to, but not more than, your just deserts. This is the spirit world. In this country in the spirit world, whether you are called a president or you are at the opposite end of the social spectrum, class distinction holds no sway over the spiritual foundation. The value of people is estimated from a moral basis and they are asked to what extent they lived a righteous life.

(A reporter asks: "In the spirit world, isn't there some awareness of inferiority among the lowest level workers compared to those with much scholarly achievement? In the physical world there is a distinction between the learned and the unlearned.") In the spirit world the field of your work is different from your scholarly major on earth.

Your greatest embarrassment is not your status, but whether you made some mistake in your life and were ignorant of the value of your life. How the distinction of academic achievement appears in the spirit world is very different

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Blessings in Peru

Fritz Piepenburg
Lima, Peru

[Editor's note: The following are reports about South America taken from the internet.]

ONE of our Japanese sisters became friends with a highly spiritual group of actors, who every year on Good Friday plays the "Via Crucis", the Way of the Cross Passion play. A couple of days earlier they played the baptism of Jesus, in a real scene at the Rimac River. On Good Friday, these artists, fully dressed in long robes, were each playing a distinct personality according to the Biblical story. In front of the church they staged the trial of Jesus; all very realistic, very touching and with a profound sense of spirituality. They then embarked upon a 15 km walk, with the actor portraying Jesus carrying the cross, until finally climbing up to the top of Mount San Cristobal, which takes about one hour. There on the top, watched by thousands of spectators, the actor portraying Jesus was tied to the cross and left hanging there until he spoke his final words.

What did we have to do with these

actors? When they encountered our Federation, we discovered that we had a lot in common; both of us being the instruments of God and doing His work. Thus we determined to cooperate with them. Along the five km road and especially on the mountain we were to prepare some refreshments for the artists and those accompanying them. And how thirsty they were! We positioned ourselves halfway up the mountain, where we blessed many families who were moving in seemingly endless stream up the mountain. When the main players arrived, they stopped the whole train and we served some lukewarm orange juice, which they gratefully accepted. On that day, before and after the arrival of the artists we could bless some 2700 families on this mountain. As one brother said as we drove home late that night: "Jesus must be happy today. Maybe he is dancing in the spirit world!"

The Blessing of 5,000 Israelites

For years we have been dreaming of giving the blessing to a religious group of people, called Los Israelitas, (the Israelites.) This religious denomination, founded by the Peruvian Ezequiel, Ataucusi Gamonal some 40 years ago, has

attracted some three million followers all over Peru, and even spread to neighboring countries. They advocate a highly spiritual mixture of the Old and New Testament. From the Old Testament they borrowed long hair and beards, and the beautiful long dresses they wear. Women also wear long dresses and cover their hair with long shawls. From the New Testament they obtained their strong faith in Jesus, the Bible and, what is most important, a clear understanding of a monogamous and permanent husband-wife relationship. On this last point, our two organizations could find a powerful common base for cooperating and supporting each other.

The Israelites invited us as their guests of honor during the last day of their Easter celebrations. We were led up in full honors, flanked by clapping and cheering women in long, colorful dresses: Finally we reached the front of their sanctuary, which consists of a huge seven-armed candelabra and a large incense burner, which covered the entire crowd of the faithful with the sweet scent of sandalwood. Men and women were strictly divided, men to the right and women to the left. Most of the people were fasting that day, as one could easily tell from their strained faces, especially during the late afternoon hours. Along with other dignitaries, we were invited to give our message in front of all the people assembled, and we used this opportunity to introduce the Family Federation and the Blessing campaign. We invited everybody to participate in the "brindis", renewing their marriage vows and strengthening their family ties. Then, when evening came and thousands lined up to receive their meal for breaking the fast, each one also received a cup of juice containing the Holy Wine. In that way, an estimated 5,000 families of the Israelites attending the important final day of Easter received the blessing, including the founder and grand master Ezequiel himself. ■■

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True Parents after one hour prayer to liberate Inca spirits at Machu Picchu in Peru. 1995.

Breakthroughs in Cameroon through IRFF

Michael Lamson
Cameroon

HERE in Cameroon, we are doing our best as is everyone else to find ways to make our True Parents proud. We face so many problems here and getting things done will often take ten times longer and require fifty times more explanation and effort—that is another story however. At the end of 1997 we evaluated, repented and prayed about how to break through in our blessing work and our VIP outreach. We made a new plan, and then struggled along in our normal slow start.

FFWPU was very difficult to introduce to the masses. We have blessed around 14,000 couples but contacted around 80,000 so the reception was not up to par. Of these couples we can contact around 12,000, and have started establishing family associations in all areas where there are more than fifty couples. Education is carried out through these associations and through a monthly newsletter called the *Family Drummer*.

Due to the social acceptance of polygamy and sex outside of marriage, the elite and most men did not want to hear our message about value of the family and the responsibilities of a parent so we were unable to reach the population that really moves the nation. In January we decided to build up IRFF and work through it as a door opener for all our activities in Cameroon. Since that time we have made all our appointments with government and community leaders in the name of IRFF,

and the response has been amazing.

We discuss the issue of poverty—the results of it and the causes. When discussing the causes, the root always comes down to the family. Poverty here is caused by tribalism, selfishness, corruption and dishonesty, to name a few reasons. We ask people where these things are learned and the answer is always the family. At this point we introduce FFWPU and IRFF and the various projects sponsored by them. We explain that FFWPU focuses on the protection and the development of the family as the key to all sustainable development. The response is very positive and now people are inviting FFWPU to come and work in their villages, starting with its marriage rededication ceremonies.

As Cameroonians are never happy with mere words, we wanted to show them something that has real substance, so we sat down and looked at all the organizations our True Parents have started and all the conferences as well as projects completed. It was a surprise even to us when we looked at what has been accomplished. We tied all these projects together under the umbrella of IRFF, which provided the substance we were looking for. Each organization by itself is perhaps not enough, but together the picture is wonderful and powerful. IRFF is the best organization to center the other projects around, as its mission does not force anyone to look at themselves. We explain how IRFF is working with WFWP, IRF, YFWP, FWP, WIDP, SCWP and FFWPU in order to build a stronger nation. IRFF can take credit for bringing the good



FFWPU staff members at their headquarters in Limbe, Cameroon in June 1997.

PHOTO: GEORGE TEGHIA

things these other organizations have to offer, and these organizations can also be introduced and to many.

This past January elections were held, and we sent out letters of congratulations from IRFF to all those elected. After this we sent an information packet to each new minister explaining IRFF, and also a letter requesting inviting them to join IRFF in cooperative efforts. This month we were called by four ministers to meet with them and discuss the possibilities. We have met with the Minister of Public Service, who afterwards gave IRFF a contribution of \$2,000. We also met with the Minister of the Environment who offered a donation of \$5,000. Establishing these relationships constituted a major breakthrough for us, and these were just the first two.

God is working here. Through our experiences we are learning that all these different organizations Father has started are tools for building the Kingdom of Heaven. True Parents gave us the tools we need, but we have been sitting, waiting for them to do all the work. Now we will put more grease on our elbows and see how we can use all these tools. ■■■

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Blessing in July for a community in Cameroon.

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Hoon Dok Hae Tour in Togo

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It is often the case that in mission countries it is difficult to find out immediately about a new providence of True Parents. Especially my mission country of Togo, which is a French speaking African country, is always getting new information a little late.

However, we are now carrying out the practice of Hoon Dok Hae in correspondence with True Parents' 17-city Hoon Dok Hae tour in Korea. Our condition is to read "Blessing and Eternal Life," which is the title and content of Father's speech this time, and to offer our prayer for True Parents at the same time as the speech is taking place in each city.

We heard that Father's speech starts at 2 p.m. by Korean time, so we decided to have prayer and Hoon Dok Hae at the same time, which is 5 a.m. by West African time. Also, we knew the name, location and date of all seventeen cities very clearly and prayed for Father's victory from the land of Africa at the very same moment.

For this reason, we would like to say that we were spiritually connected to Father's new providence. Actually, as we carried out Hoon Dok Hae in Togo at the same time as True Parents, we could feel True Parents in substance. As if we could welcome True Parents in our prayer room and hear them read "Blessing and Eternal Life" directly, we did

hear intensively the words of the speech being read.

The preparation for the reading was also so meaningful for us. In a French-speaking African country like ours, very few brothers and sisters can understand English. Therefore, absolutely we needed French translation of the reading to make sure of the content of Father's speech. Fortunately we could get the original "Blessing and Eternal Life" from New York on February 7. Also we received the addition of Family Pledge No. 8 at the same time, which we immediately translated into French for Sunday pledge service the next day. Therefore we did not miss the first Sunday pledge February 8 with the new pledge Number 8.

At that moment however there was no English translation yet for Father's "Blessing and Eternal Life." So we decided to just translate it directly from Korean into French. That was very challenging for us, but on the last day of working on the translation, we Togolians received tremendous joy. It was the unexpected victory of Togo's victory in the African Cup '98 soccer game against Ghana. Ghana has always been a very strong team, so every Togolian thought that we would lose the game. But there was a very dramatic goal made at the last moment and Togo won an unexpected victory. So through the night people were excited. Full of joyful shouting, we could also finish the translation with deep appreciation to God.

There is one more story.

The day which the text of the speech arrived in Togo was Saturday. Then this writer attended Sunday service at our headquarters church without saying anything about the content of "Blessing and Eternal Life." However, surprisingly enough, the content of the sermon was the same as Father's reading. The preacher mentioned that only love can save our eternal life. I really felt as if Father himself gave the message for saving our eternal life.

Beginning February 14 we

started the prayer and Hoon Dok Hae condition with the same speech and at the same time as Father. In that sense, we could join True Parents' providence spiritually. We could pray for Father's last five cities, especially the last three cities, Kwangju, Cheju and Seoul Olympic Hall. We prayed and shouted cheers of mansei for God and True Parents.

During the time of True Mother's Japanese tour from February 23 to March 6, we also had one more victory in our nation. That was our first conference of Hoon Dok Hae before the public.

On March 1, Mother gave the Hoon Dok Hae speech in Kanazawa, Japan. On the same day at our Sunday service we had our first practice of Hoon Dok Hae in public. Our headquarters church in Lomé had more than fifty members and guests in attendance receiving the message "Blessing and Eternal Life." The brothers and sisters of Togo church could feel Mother's presence in our chapel. Also, the guests who attended our Sunday service for the first time were very much inspired by the message. In this way, March 1 became the first day of a Hoon Dok Hae conference in Togo.

Like our Mother, our Togolese sisters have more initiative in the practice of Hoon Dok Hae. As Father said to Nagoya members on February 27, "sisters are very easy to be moved by Father's word and shed a lot of tears. So sisters can be the leaders of the Hoon Dok Hoi Movement." We received Father's message through the Internet from Japan. Then our Togolese sisters decided to have their own condition.

In this way, even though there is a long distance between Korea and Togo and also a language barrier, Togo church members could receive True Parents' love so deeply through their own language. Everyone realized that Father chose this message "Blessing and Eternal Life" for our life of faith. Through this deep and very spiritual nurturing given by Father, we Togo members again could realize the importance of living our daily life with the concept of eternal life and practicing True Love on a family and community level.

As Father himself explained in the
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Togo's first public Hoon Dok Hae; March 1, 1998.

The True Parents Are Truly True Parents

[A congratulatory poem written on the occasion of True Parents' Birthday, 1998]

Rev. Kwang Yul Yoo
National Messiah to Romania

How could the True Parents come and be responsible for such an amazing work of heaven.

And with such a powerful, mighty strength separate and reclaim, fight with and have victory over all the wrongs of heaven and earth? Truly we are not able to look up into their eyes.

With God's mighty nature and benevolent heart, True Father faces, fights, and wins over every kind of evil.

How can he have such a pure will to fight Satan, and at the same time subjugate it and have such a heavenly heart to build the Kingdom of Heaven? We can not even begin to fathom his situation. As True Mother has been sacrificing her entire life on the front line of God's will, through her daily life

she has been a symbol of beauty; the very model of highest beauty.

In this way she inspired us to try to look our best in front of her, like the whole world washing its face and straightening itself up.

And we know that neither of them is interested in anything other than the work of completing heaven's will.

We see and learn. It would be good if we at least gave the appearance of Unification family members by joining the fight in obedience and winning, but we do not even accomplish that. Our pitiful faces, empty of filial piety, must tear your heart to pieces.

Still, with the determined will of subjects, we want to be enthusiastic workers to build the Kingdom of Heaven. Even now we are making that determination. Don't cast us away because we are so unworthy. Please remain as the benevolent heaven which values our tiny strengths to the end. The True Parents' Birthday!

May this amazing historical day become the pride of mankind! We sincerely congratulate True Parents on their work to realize the will of heaven.

May your health and well-being last forever, eternally, eternally, allowing the future of mankind to blossom.

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True Parents' Birthday pledge service in Korea.

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h) Establishment of newspaper in 185 countries

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...“You must eat, sleep, go and come centering on God,” ...

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compared with on earth.

The difference between religious and non-religious people

The difference between a person of faith and a person of no faith is enormous. This difference also results in a considerable class structure, or several levels. While living a life of faith, a sincere person is really able to get close to God's favor; however, if you live according to faith but have no conscientiousness, whether or not you have faith does not matter. People who are ignorant of God come to reside in a place where God has nothing to do with them. Regarding both religious and non-religious people, God's grace comes later to the non-religious people. Even in heaven, when a favor is bestowed there are apprehensions. God gives His blessing to humankind through the Holy Spirit, and through loving humankind heaven also receives benefit. The time will come when you will move to a place that you desire, and in whatever class position you are in your body will achieve freedom. (There is caring when people on earth pray together.) At that time, based on God's command, there will be movement.

Different position of UC members in comparison with position of people of other religions

There is a huge difference between the position of Unification Church members and the position of people of other religions. I can explain this in a word. There are different religions in the spirit world. Here the position is based on each person's form of life, each of which is a little different from that of another, but all realms in the spirit world are different. Here the thing which is hugely different is the position of God. There are limits to which people of other religions can hear, or feel, or talk to God. But Unification members are by all means in a position to be able to breathe along with God.

Here there are also several layers within a group. There are distinguishable revered positions. I am sorry, but it is for the sake of our members that I am speaking, so as to enable and help you to adjust your lives not only here on earth but also when you go to the spirit world. This is because of my thinking about going the way of True Parents. The 36 Couples' position is intense.

Regarding the class of families, theirs is the highest, but from this highest position I truly cannot express the difficulty and hardship connected with it, and of having all of our own mistakes disclosed. For example, the problems of immorality, of misuse of public money and all the other problems which higher families get caught in while on earth do not place them in hell, but they go to live in God's house where everything about them is exposed.

They experience the high level without being able to speak a word. For example, all the times sex is carried out with a different woman, or money is used for one's self or someone goes to a bar and falls with a woman can be seen; we see everything. That place is scarier than even one word of hell, whether one is of a low-level family or any other type of family. There are many levels according to the nature of the crime or sin committed, however we are mostly in the realm of the spirit world closest to God.

There is also a prison where such people who committed grave sins are kept. How wonderful if you are able to go the way of indemnifying your sin by gathering in such a place among those criminals! There is no place here where you can indemnify and solve your sin by yourself.

God's grace

Through prayer, tithing, service and other such public efforts for the sake of their descendants on earth, spirit persons can indemnify their sins so that the door to the prison will be opened and they will be able to leave. When such people come out they will receive guidance according to their position. After paying all their indemnity, at what point will they be able to live peacefully? Not until their descendants have indemnified their sin. So if their descendants pray for them offering their whole hearts, the spirits who benefit from that will escape their misery. However, their position is to escape only to come back again. If people on earth pray and invest their hearts for their ancestors, it inevitably shortens the ancestors' indemnity period. However, they mostly do not know their ancestors' situations. So those spirit persons must undergo such a course of mental suffering for quite a long time. If their path of hardship in the spirit world is long, then whether their descendants on earth are aware of it or not those descendants are incessantly hindered.

Thus, if ancestors are miserable, then their descendants are also in an uncomfortable position. More simply put, when ancestors commit a crime, their descen-

dants will receive the punishment.

There is no way but to remember the way of heaven. We must go the way of righteousness.

Life in the spirit world

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Mrs. Kim, this is Sang Hun Lee. If you record my words your health will gradually improve.

Spirit people decide their position by how they lived on earth. If you live to take one place for yourself, then you will live in a position praying for a thousand years without special grace. In other words, people in the spirit world who live in peace, whose position in the spirit world was decided by the lives they lived on earth, also enable their descendants to live peacefully. But if people lived evil lives, then when they come to the spirit world they will live in hell and their descendants will always be oppressed with problems. For example, if we look at a person who undergoes life in hell in the spirit world, that person is really in pain. The environment is dark and without freedom, as in a prison. There is nothing to eat or wear.

The descendants of spirit persons can do nothing on earth to undo and disentangle all their ancestors' evil deeds. They do not know how to carry their burdens nor how to pray for them. But if their ancestors' wrongdoings become known, and they serve with utmost sincerity and prayer, then the spirit persons can receive some grace. Such spirit people can move to a different place where they are treated hospitably and undergo a change. Who will make that happen? That is the subject of my talk today. Whether you spend money on earth or not, there is some support for you, but it is not the same in the spirit world. The wind blows, flowers bloom, and birds sing, but you cannot change just because someone commands you to.

There is no one who could command you to change and you would change. It can only happen within yourself. You must come to the point of recognition of yourself. If descendants sincerely offer their hearts for the sinners in the spirit world then such spirit people can come to the point of understanding themselves and how to change. Fortunately, there are a lot of people who share this kind of thinking. On earth while shamans dance and delve into the situation of a person's ancestors, they can only comfort the ancestors. They cannot solve their position. But if they receive grace by praying for the sake of the higher dimension of spirit world, then

they may be able to search out heaven's messenger and God's commandment.

Life of people on earth

Therefore, the lives of people on earth are so important. It takes too much time to change the position of spirit people so they can receive special grace. It takes a long time to get beyond ignorance. Because of that, adjust your focus to the eternal world and live that way. By adjusting their earthly lives in such a way, humankind would live much more wisely. We are hoping that people will not be foolish in their faith and make eternal mistakes, because the natural outcome is a nation full of such people here, who cannot solve anything. On the other hand, although I cannot explain everything about life in that world, to summarize it in a few words, your life should be fruitful--you should bear fruit; you should harvest the land. If I speak more plainly, committing sin leads only to hell. Live a life of goodness; that is the action of heaven. Please live well for the sake of eternity.

The fundamental meaning of love

Mrs. Kim! Isn't it amazing to think that those who are living in heaven can come to those on earth? Since you have also had experiences communicating with my wife, Han Sook Kim, please do not worry. If I describe the scene here for a moment, the present time is very precious in that many people who have received orders from God are praying and are about to begin. Now let's begin.

Love, as the letter itself explains, is the state of mind where you are doing things with all your heart, sincerely and with devotion for others. Within love, there is physical love, spiritual love and religious agape love.

Physical love

Physical love is the love through which men and women are connected physically. On earth, we can feel emotion when our bodies meet in love. But, it would be hard to understand that in heaven a man and woman without a physical body can share love. The spiritual love between those of higher realms (those who are close to God) is like a beautiful picture. Since the bodies of the two become totally one when they love, they can feel stronger emotion through body and mind than the feeling of love they can feel on earth. It is like creating existence from the state of complete absence of ego. It can be compared to the kind of feeling you can have when

in a magic world. You can also actually see the scene of love-making with your own eyes.

Couples on earth make love in their bedrooms most of the time, but here in heaven absolutely not. It is not a hidden love which you can only carry out in your bedroom. In heaven you can love among the wild flowers in a field, on beautiful land or on the waves. You can even share love on a mountain where birds are singing and the scene is so beautiful that those who see it become intoxicated.

Rather than feeling shame or disgrace as you would on earth, you can behold the scene with a peaceful mind, feeling beautiful. However, if I describe a scene in hell it is just the opposite. They make love in hiding, and those who see the scene curse them. They point their fingers at them saying they are ugly. The love scenes in hell are very similar to those on earth.

Spiritual love

Since spiritual love does not have body, it looks as if it is not really related to those alive on the earth, yet it is a love which is absolutely needed by those on earth. Whether you have a body or not, since everyone has his or her own inner self, if you do not cultivate your inner self well, in heaven you

are going to run into lots of problems in sharing a complete love (becoming one between husband and wife). For example, suppose there is one couple where the husband's inner self is well cultivated while the inner self of the wife is not, then there will not be complete love in that family. Then what happens? They cannot share an elegant and beautiful love, yet since they have the desire to love, they make love with physical manifestations (they can feel in heaven.)

Therefore they can only share limited love in limited places, like in the bedroom. Then, how can these couples come to share a complete love? When the husband's heart to respect his wife and the wife's heart to love her husband become one, their love can become matured to a complete love. Since this cannot happen in a short time in heaven, when you are on the earth in your own physical body, you have to try to cultivate and bear the fruit of complete love. In conclusion, the short life on earth should be blessed for the complete love which will be kept in eternal storage. While alive on earth, couples should bear the fruit of complete love by cultivating each other to accomplish a complete love.■

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True Parents are happily re-united at East Garden after the completion of the North American Hoon Dok Hae tour.

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Father's 43rd Visit to South America

Mr. Koo Bae Park
Paraguay

[Editor's note: The following are reports about South America taken from the internet.]

THE Paraguay River was the first place Father checked after July 8, 1997, when he stated that all remaining for True Parents to do is to check every place in the world. We prepared for two days in Casseres, and boarded a boat bound for Pantanao, a famous place. That region is swampy, with many small rivers, 700 km by 600 km. It took six days to traverse by boat. Every 50 kms, we set a sign numbered on a stick. The first two, Father pounded with a hammer. It is not easy to do that, because it is swampy ground covered with growth, and we had to clear the area; walking through the water and getting bitten by bees and ants. We set 63 signposts along the Paraguay River down to Buenos Aires. There are billions of large ants. They climb trees and build condominium-like homes. When it is dry, they work on the ground. When it rains, it floods, and their homes are built right above the water level. Father checked every type of life and landscape. Yet whenever he found time, he had us reading his speeches.

After those six days, Father spent a few days in Uruguay, and then went to Jardim, and from there to Bulto Bulchini, where Father fished and researched the future of fishing there. Our base was the Americana Hotel for several days. Then we moved on to the Amazon. Father had instructed the Korean national messiahs in South America to each catch 40 of four different types of fish, and he did so himself at that location.

The Paraguay River divides South America into east and west. The Amazon divides it north and south. Brazil looks like a brain with a lot of rivers as blood vessels, the biggest of which is the Amazon. It ranges from one mile to 60 kms wide. We stopped in six cities. Each day we followed this schedule: arrived

by plane in a city at 7:00 a.m., prepared one and a half hours, explored in a boat some 100 miles circumference, then in the evening read Father's speech book. At 7:00 a.m. he flew to the next city.

The Amazon is vast, deep and wide. It is impossible to explain unless you see it. This untouched, fertile, unpolluted land, Father wants to give humanity as a gift. The headwaters of the Amazon and Paraguay rivers are four kms apart. By connecting them, South America can be united.

Father taught us that the Garden of Eden was untouched, as is this South American land. It has unlimited resources. Father wants to protect it until later, when he can give it to humanity. We will create a new civilization in the 21st century, and South America will be the Garden of Eden for the true family-centered community to be built in. He will bring all of the scholars, UN representatives, university professors, etc. there; he will do whatever is necessary. By this, as a side benefit, we will have plenty of natural resources and be able to mobilize neighboring countries, and develop transportation and media, including newspapers.

We saw many small villages containing 10 to 20 houses. True Parents would love to stay in such villages rather than go to urban areas. Father wants to bring them medical services, so that they can remain pristine Adamic families. Eventually we can join them. They live very naturally and have plenty of land, so they don't fight over land. But there are seven men per three women, so they steal other men's wives, and daughters, and fight over that. We can solve this by bringing in brides for the matching.

The boat captain told me that I look like an Indian. I heard the same in Alaska. I am proud to be their cousin, and to be able to save them as well as the westerners.

It was so hot and steamy. We all got blisters on our mouths, but Father never changed the schedule. Father was exhausted and the heat was unbearable, but he continued to push us, saying this is where we can build the Garden of Eden. No matter how desolate and rugged your environment, if you work harder and offer more love than the people who live there, you can always win victory. Father had a purpose for this visit. God has lamented over the fall, as have all the things of creation. True Parents are to liberate God's heart and human beings' hearts. Father set such conditions this time, to liberate *han*.

The following morning, Father said

at the breakfast table that True Parents must offer all things, their children and themselves. To offer all things means that True Parents are loving the creation. That is one purpose of the work in South America. ■■

Family Federation for World Peace in Brazil

Christian Lepelletier
Brazil

THE "Movement for True Family Values" is making progress under the direction of Rev. Oyamada. Recently the members started to concentrate on distributing the holy wine first, and then informing the people by giving them a leaflet introducing the Family Association for Unification and World Peace (the name under which the FFWPU is officially registered in Brazil), as well as explaining the four pledges of the blessed couples. People also receive an invitation to participate in the June 13 Blessing Ceremony at the Palmeira Hall in Sao Paulo, including a response coupon.

Members work in small teams. They prepare large supplies of small plastic cups (in Brazil we have mini plastic cups of 50 cc, used everywhere here to drink coffee), containers of holy wine or juice, and then they visit a soccer event. The members then hand out the holy wine at the gates where people are queuing before entering the stadium. In a short time many people receive the holy wine, and the members report the number of cups distributed. In a few hours one team can distribute a few thousand cups.

The June 13 event will be broadcast simultaneously with 11 other events around the world for the World Culture and Sports Festival, Blessing 98. The Palmeira Hall in Sao Paulo has a 5000-seat capacity. We are planning to bring the people there in 50 buses. The ticket to the event includes lunch and a raffle. Beside the teams distributing holy wine directly, two evangelical pastors are working for a "National Campaign for a Blessed Brazil" with a network of evan-

gical churches. They are offering a more traditional ceremony for couples gathered among their congregations, where they fill out registration forms and share the holy wine cup. These pastors reported already 183,000 couples pre-blessed in the churches of the Northeast region of Brazil bringing the total number of couples who received the holy wine in Brazil since last December to about 350,000.■

Bridge Inauguration at New Hope Farm

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WHEN we arrived yesterday May 8, after a 14-hour trip from Sao Paulo by van, we found a lot of activity going on at the new bridge connecting the project to the main building, over the Miranda river. Trucks were moving back and forth to level the dirt road to the bridge until late at night. In the morning members were finishing the preparation for the ceremony and hung the banner just in time for True Parents and their groups at 9:00 am. Together with True Parents and Hyo Jin Nim came a small group including Rev. Kamiyama, Mr. Joo from the Washington Times, and Peter Kim, to Campo Grande airport. There they changed to two small airplanes to fly to Jardim Airport. One delegation of leaders went to welcome them at the airport, including President Kim

(NHF leader), Rev. Oyamada, Rev. Heung Tae Kim, and Mr. Koo Bae Pak.

A group of local people were waiting at the entrance near the bridge; about 30 leaders and officials were present for the ceremony. True Parents arrived and walked directly to the ribbon to form a line with the main leaders and guests. Father prayed briefly and cut the ribbon. Then he walked over and spread some holy salt and inspected the construction. True Parents' delegation then went by car to the main house and continued the ceremony by cutting the victory cake. True Parents and the main leaders shared breakfast outside in front of the farmhouse in nature with parrots, song birds, and emus (ostrich-like birds) passing by. They heard some reports

from Mr. Koo Bae Pak, President Kim of New Hope Farm, and Rev. Oyamada. Then, Father stood up and decided to take a walk to inspect the buildings together with the leaders and Hyo Jin Nim. He went from place to place to comment and give advice to Pres. Kim. In the main restaurant on the second floor Father sat down and asked Mr. Kamiyama and Mr. Kajimori to evaluate the buildings. Then Father listened and spoke for a short time. After that he continued the walk back to the main house where lunch was served. At 3:00 p.m., True Parents and the group departed to Porto Murinho on the Paraguay River to go fishing.■

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Father fishes in a river near the New Hope Farm in Brazil.

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Hoon Dok Hae Tour in Togo.

reading, we have to give lectures to save the people. Actually, our lecturers got tremendous inspiration from the French text of Blessing and Eternal Life, so now their lectures on the Principle of Creation are becoming really brilliant and sparkling.

As Father said, we need to read Father's words again and again and gain deep understanding. Then finally we can "give" Father's words to the people.

Now we are starting, as Father said, to do Hoon Dok Hae in Korean by using the Korean text of Blessing and Eternal Life. Already we have read the reading in French so many times, so we are ready to teach it to the people of Togo.

Through our experience this time, we have realized that even though tremendous difficulties exist in the our country, the most important thing is how to connect directly the life of our spirits, that is Father's words.

If you look at our nation of Togo on the world map, it is very small. But please remember, there are brothers and sisters

there who really pray for True Parents.

As you read this article, our Togo church members are sure to be keeping our new tradition from True Parents, Hoon Dok Hae, and to be praying for the victory of True Parents' USA and world tours of Hoon Dok Hae.■

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FATHER INVITES MOTHER TO SING AT A BANQUET HELD AT EAST GARDEN FOR THE UNIVERSAL BALLET TO CELEBRATE THE COMPANY'S FIRST U.S. TOUR. (PHOTO: KEN OWENS/NFP)

“God has taught us to forget the good that we do for others. This creates a spontaneous and natural circular motion of give and take in our daily lives. It is similar to the natural phenomenon we observe in the atmosphere. This constant cycle of give and take leads to eternal life.”

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