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Report to Heaven at the Unified Blessing Ceremony of the Spiritual and Physical Worlds

DEAR Heavenly Father, origin of all existence and embodiment of true love! Together with True Parents on this day, here in New York's Madison Square Garden linked with 185 nations of the world, one hundred and twenty million couples are now to establish themselves as couples of true love, and true families. Dear Heavenly Father, please be present and oversee this whole event so that You may grant your eternal Blessing of true love.

True Parents are establishing the couples of Heung Jin Nim and Jesus as spiritual representatives, and our couple as the physical representative in this ceremony to bestow a special grace. This will tear down all the existing walls in the spiritual world, including the wall of hell. On this occasion, we representative families now extend the pre-Blessing to all spirits, in the name of True Parents. This pre-Blessing, which includes 16 billion couples in the spiritual world, thus prepares the way for the actual Blessing ceremony which will now follow.

True Parents clearly understand the law and content of the spiritual world, which remained vague and uncertain until now. True Parents have sent and instructed their emissary in the spiritual world to meet saints from the highest level, all the way down to those suffering in the nethermost bowels of hell. In this way all situations will be understood and all will be educated. This may sound unbelievable, but it is true. The content of those meetings already has been published.

Included in this Blessing of numerous spirits are 34 couples, who will receive a special Blessing as the representatives both from God's side and from Satan's side. These include: Jesus, Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed, Mary, Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, John the Baptist, Socrates, Swedenborg, Sundar Singh, Syng Man Rhee,

Hwal Ahn Kim, Maria Pak, Park Chung Hee, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Nobusuke Kishi, Takeo Fukuda, Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Tze Tung, Kim Il Sung, Adolf Hitler, Hideki Tojo, and Benito Mussolini. Among the representatives from God's side, there are also special individuals receiving the Blessing with earthly partners.

There is no corner that the Blessing of true love cannot reach. It is an amazing grace, not just for good spirits but for evil spirits as well, since it opens even the door of hell and allows evil spirits to start their journey toward heaven.

The door of hell and the door of heaven are open. Good spirits and evil spirits can receive the Blessing together and stand as the restored younger brothers who can follow the elder brothers from the side of goodness who are already blessed.

God felt unbearable heartache when He

observed the elder brother Cain murder the younger brother Abel. Now however, God is forgiving His enemies dwelling in hell and blessing them so that they may follow the footsteps of the beloved elder brothers. This is the providence of true love.

Through this historic Blessing ceremony of the spiritual world and the earthly world, officiated by True Parents, all religious spheres can be harmonized to form a unified realm of blessing. The spiritual and the physical worlds can unite into one, thus establishing the realm of liberation. With this, I proclaim that this is the great, pivotal Blessing ceremony, that will launch the era of Heaven on earth and in heaven centered on God and True Parents.

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IN SEARCH OF THE SHIM JUNG THAT COMPLETES THE PROVIDENCE OF RESTORATION

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TODAY is the thirty-first God's Day, thirty years after the first God's Day. From a providential viewpoint, it is very significant that you have come to this beach in Uruguay in South America on a day such as this, and are standing here in the rain. One of the present tasks for Unificationists is to find out how we can quickly establish local foundations at areas centering on water. In the future, people will say that Unificationists had great foresight in preparing such a foundation. In that sense, this rain is like a bridge which connects heaven and earth. It connects the separated heaven and earth and the land and sea, and the universe becomes one with the earth and rotates. This rain allows us to meet nature in an all-harmonizing three dimensional realm of unification. We should thank this rain from the bottom of our hearts, and we should thank God for giving us this natural environment at the dawn of the year 1998.

Today is the first time the contents of this speech will be given. The title is, "In Search of the Shim Jung that Completes (or perfects) the Providence of Restoration." We are in search of the completed providence, of shim jung and of the world of love.

The word restoration came about because of the fall. Restoration means searching for the world of shim jung. The world of shim jung is the unfallen world. We need to understand how tremendous the consequences of the human fall have been, and how much damage it has inflicted upon the universe and upon human history. The word fall is not a term that merely describes what happened in the past and has passed away; it is rather a term that describes an undeniable historical fact that is living in history. The descendants of the

fall have not known this because of their ignorance, which came about as a result of the fall, and because of their fallen lineage. However, those who are in the spirit world know that because of the fall they are not in heaven, but are in a mid-level of the spiritual world half-way between heaven and hell, or in hell itself.

SALVATION IS RESTORATION THROUGH INDEMNITY

The providence of salvation is the providence of restoration because it begins by resolving the sin of the first human ancestors at its root. Restoration cannot be achieved by merely going backward; we have to restore through indemnity.

We must emphasize restoration through indemnity because human beings fell. However, people in general do not know about the fall. Even religious people, including Unificationists, think that eventually they will go to heaven and meet God if they simply follow their way of faith. But this is not true. They do not understand that salvation is achieved by restoration through indemnity.

Human beings cannot just fly or climb back up to the position from which they fell. In order to return to their original position, they need a bridge or a rope long enough to connect them back to it. You must understand that the providence of salvation is the providence of restoration, and the providence of restoration takes place through indemnity.

In human life, committing a crime is like walking the path of the fall. If someone commits a crime, they do not receive a pardon automatically. Without fulfilling some condition such as serving a prison term in order to cancel the crime, that person cannot be liberated from it. This is the law of indemnity. Throughout human life and history, good and evil, happiness and unhappiness, and blessing and judgment are divided centering on indemnification. This is so in God's providence of restoration as well as in the secular world. Because of the fall, human beings have to go through the way of indemnification every day. But you do not think about the necessity of indemnification in your everyday life.

Because of the fall, God became a God of sadness. God also became a God of suffering. God's sorrow and suffering are even deeper because through the fall He lost all He cherished and desired. In order to bring back what was lost, God has had to walk a path of agony and sorrow.

As the parent of humankind, God wanted to achieve the ideal of oneness with humankind centering on love. Yet owing to the fall, God's ideal of unity and love could not be realized. To regain this ideal, indemnity must be offered. However, although indemnity moves towards restoration, just because it is offered does not mean God's ideal of love can be attained. Where ideal love exists, God can come and find you, however you must understand that you cannot find the ideal of love just by following the course of indemnification. God created the universe centering on a blueprint to achieve the perfection of His ideal of love. However, through the fall something went



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True Parents' prayer at midnight on January 1.

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wrong on the way to perfection. To restore this, humanity needs to go through a re-creation process based on the original blueprint and thus achieve the world of perfect shim jung and ideal love. That is why God has been walking the path of suffering and agony.

Who is this God? He is our Father. He is our subject of love. He is to be the Father in our family, our tribe, our nation and our world. The one who could be the Father of heaven and earth is the God who is the subject of all. Because they were created as the object of God's love, when the first human ancestors fell, God lost His partner of love. You should understand that this is why God had no choice but to walk the stormy path of suffering.

From this point of view, how did suffering arise? What is the formula of re-creation, and what form does it have? God created the environment first, the sun, water, air, and land. Without these four, life cannot exist. Therefore, all creatures absolutely need the sun, water, air and land. The land is indispensable. It is like our body, which contains all the elements which can be found in the earth. All the elements of the earth are finely divided and combined to make up the human body.

The body itself was to occupy an objective position to God's internal characteristic, or sung sang. Therefore, God, as the subject of the reciprocal relationship approaching vertically, and the perfected Adam and Eve in the position of object, approaching horizontally, were to meet at the central point where the vertical and horizontal lines form a ninety-degree angle. Because they were to meet at the central line, God could not have a shim jung relationship with Adam and Eve when they were first born. As children of God, they were to go through infancy and childhood receiving God's parental love, and when they were fully grown they were to receive God's Blessing in marriage.

When Adam and Eve reached the point where they could marry, God's sung sang and hyung sang were to enter the minds and hearts of Adam and Eve, through which they were to achieve three-dimensional perfection. When man and woman are perfected three-dimensionally, they cannot separate from one another. From the time of infancy, man and woman are different and they follow different paths of growth. However, they cannot continue endlessly on separate, parallel paths. They necessarily have to meet at some point. That is why when man and woman reach maturity, they do not look away from one another; they look towards each other. Their eyes meet, then their scents and sounds, their hearts, their hands and their mouths; finally they make love. This is a fact which you all know.

When man and woman reach maturity, where would they meet centering on love? Where do they go from the starting point? They should not freely go around horizontally, but should be connected in a perpendicular position in relation to the vertical point where their parents' love started, which is to say the starting point at which they were born. When they reach an age between from seventeen to twenty, they are to have the standard for the second stage where they can inherit their parents' love. If their parents remain in that starting

position, they should make that position their base, and then connect vertically at the second stage where they can inherit their parents' love.

It is the same for the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve. They are vertically connected to the base of their parents. This vertical line should remain straight upright for eternity. When we look at our mind and body, their relationship is like that of Cain and Abel, representing plus and minus. If we look at the creation in terms of the relationships among the sun, water, air and earth, what necessarily exists there? The relationship between subject and object pairs. This is the formula of creation, and likewise the formula of re-creation.

When God first created the environment, everything existed as subject and object, or plus and minus, from the mineral world to the world of human beings. In order to create all things, there needed to be the relationship of subject and object. God's created environment absolutely requires the relationship of plus and minus. In the relationship of subject and object, subject represents plus and object represents minus. Thus, all things can be considered either plus or minus, male or female. Therefore, there are plus characteristics and minus characteristics in the mineral world, which through their interaction make movement. Plants have male stamen and female pistil, the animal kingdom has male and female, and human beings exist as male and female.

Why is the formula like this? What do these subject and object pairs center on to become united? In the mineral world, plus and minus become united centering on love. We heard a peal of thunder a little while ago. A peal of thunder is like the kissing sound of positive electricity and negative electricity. When plus electricity and minus electricity become intoxicated with each other, lightning arises. Thunder and lightning arise when plus and minus electricity fall in love, and they light the whole world. We can think of this as the marriage of nature. Do you see?

We are standing now in the midst of nature's wedding ceremony, receiving the water of love. Are you happy? (Yes!) Maybe it will rain heavily like a waterfall, with thunder and lightning, creating rivers of water which drench you to the skin. I would not want to be left out then, so I would run down into the middle of the rain and talk to you. It seems that heaven knows and thus is giving us this grace.

THE SECRET OF THE UNIVERSE

Please listen carefully from now on. Then what was God's purpose in starting the providence of restoration? We know that God could not bless Adam and Eve in marriage because of the fall. Before God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden, did He marry them or not? God could not. When God drove them out of the Garden of Eden, did they have children with them, or not? Then how did they come to have children? Was it God who wed Adam and Eve for them to have sons and daughters, or were they dragged into the realm of Satan and wed there. Because Adam and Eve married centering on Satan, they inherited the blood lineage of Satan.

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time of their marriage; God's sung sang into Adam and God's hyung sang into Eve. If that had happened, the wedding of Adam and Eve would have been the wedding of God. No one in history has known this. It is the secret of the universe. When we search for the origin of the universe, its original starting point is the marriage of Adam and Eve centering on God's love, through which God and man become one. The very place where God was to become united both internally and externally with human beings centering on God's love was the place where Adam and Eve could marry each other. But because Adam and Eve were driven out, they could not have such a marriage. Did Adam and Eve have such a marriage? (No.) This is very important. It is certain that they did not. Therefore, God's ideal of love was not realized.

If Adam and Eve had had such a marriage, God could have entered into the mind and heart of Adam and become one with him. It is the same for you. We all have a heart and mind, do we not? A person's mind consists of two aspects, internal character and external character, or internal personality and external personality. If God could have possessed such love, His mind and heart would have entered the mind and heart of Adam. Adam's mind and heart would have become the mind and heart of God. Adam's mind and body were to become united, and his body was to become the body of God.

Love is one. Love is to realize oneness. This is why we say parents and children are one body, and also husband and wife. Parents and children and husband and wife become one centering on love. However, even oriental philosophy does not recognize that elder and younger brothers are one body. The relationship between parent and child represents the relationship of top and bottom, the relationship between husband and wife represents the relationship of left and right, and the relationship between elder and younger siblings represents the relationship of front and rear.

Why are elder and younger siblings one body? There were only Adam and Eve at first. Could Adam and Eve, who were born as brother and sister, separate from one another? For eternity they could not part from one another. They were born as infants and grew together as brother and sister. What was the purpose of their growth? The purpose was to become one centering on love. What were Adam and Eve to do after they grew up? They were to marry.

Adam was the elder brother, Eve was his younger sister. They were tied by one bloodline. A branch cannot separate itself from the tree. When a branch separates from the tree, it becomes a dead branch. Therefore, Adam and Eve, when they were driven out, became like dead branches. They were separated from God because they were divided within themselves and from one another.

After adolescence, Adam and Eve should have become perfect and walked the path where man and woman meet and cannot help but long for one another. They should have created a bond of love that made them feel they would die without it, and that they would protect it at the risk of their lives. Love has the power to govern everything, even life and death.

When two lovers are drenched in the rain of love, if the path of their love is blocked, no one could prevent them from

jumping from a bridge to commit suicide with one another. If even fallen love has a power like this, if human beings had the power of a love connected with God's love, the world would not be as it is. This world is the way it is as a result of our first ancestors having united with the archangel, who is a servant. The archangel is a servant eternally, while God is the master. God is the master of the household, of the nation, and of heaven and earth.

If Adam and Eve had united their minds and bodies and married one another, their blood lineage would have been the blood lineage of God. In that position, Adam and Eve could have called God their father. Christians and other religious people do not know that this is the original sense in which we can call God Father. The relationship of parents and children is realized through a connection of blood lineage. Then, was Adam and Eve's bloodline connected to God or not? Because it was not, as a condition to make such a connection, human beings as their descendants need to be engrafted.

If a branch is cut from a rotten olive tree, the branch has no other way to become a true olive tree than by engrafting itself to the original true olive tree. The first ancestors cannot love again. Therefore, human beings need to engraft themselves into the original olive tree. The one who comes as the original olive tree into which human beings can engraft themselves is the Messiah, whom God promised to send in the period of the Old Testament. The Messiah is the one who comes as a model of the original true olive tree.

This is why Jesus spoke often about "blood" while on earth. Christians say that they want to become the bride of Jesus. If Jesus is a bridegroom, what kind of bridegroom is he? A bridegroom and bride are the people who connect a blood lineage. Centering on woman or centering on man? Centering on true love. There are many women here. Have you all become people who connect blood lineage centering on true love? Whose blood lineage did human beings inherit? The blood lineage of Satan. Did the first human ancestors fall by eating fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil? People do not know the cause, therefore they do not know the result. They do not know whether they are going to go to heaven or hell. In the Last Days, they will be so confused, not knowing where their home is, where their parents and siblings are, where their nation is, or where their God is.

GOD'S HAN

What is God's han? What is God's sorrow and pain? Imagine you were engaged and were waiting for your wedding day. Imagine that only two or three days before the wedding, or even the night before, you lost your beloved to an enemy. How would you feel? Happy or sad? Would the pain be serious? You would go through a great bewailing. You would be so distressed, you would feel worse than if you had lost your father or mother, your brother or sister.

You must know that throughout the providence of restoration God has been walking a path of persecution and suffering in order to restore love. Do you think then that God has room to be the glorious judge who checks people's lives and

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sends them to heaven or hell? Amidst great agitation, God is looking for His children. God moves forward in search of His ideal of creation of a true husband and wife. He cannot think of anything else but that journey.

The final conclusion we can draw centering on Christianity is the ideal of bridegroom and bride, or husband and wife. The coming Lord is the bridegroom and every person on earth is in the position of bride. This means all people are to become the bride of the Lord who has become one with true love, in order to connect to the true blood lineage. The Lord of the Second Advent is the one who comes in the Last Days as the bridegroom to restore the blood lineage. He is the long awaited one who stands as the central being in the Last Days.

Why does he come? He is coming for the marriage supper of the lamb. What is the marriage supper of the lamb? The first human ancestors were to establish a family centered on God in the Garden of Eden, inheriting the blood lineage of God. They were to have the name of the children of God based on their blood relationship with Him. However, they lost all this. Because there were no true parents, there were no true children. There was no true family, tribe, nation or world. Instead the world became evil. This is the fallen world.

The human ancestors inherited the blood lineage of Satan. Originally, centering on heaven's love, the mind is the center, in the plus position. Your body is to become one with your mind automatically.

In America today women claim that they are the subject. Who is the subject here? You women here, are Korean men your subjects? Are Japanese members your subjects? Is man or woman in the subject position? (Man.) Why is man the subject? Do all men have a concave or convex organ? (Convex.) People think that the founder of a religion who talks about concave and convex has no class. However, this is where the fundamental problem lies, and unless you understand about concave and convex, you cannot understand the harmony of the Kingdom of Heaven.

What do the concave and convex organs represent? Man symbolizes heaven and woman symbolizes earth. Because a man symbolizes concave, he represents heaven and because a woman symbolizes concave, she represents the earth. When a man and woman become one, heaven and earth are united. The day you become united with your spouse centering on true love, you will be able to establish the Four Position Foundation. Love is the center.

Is man subject, or woman? (Man!) Are you sure? You men said yes, and you women said yes, too. This is something inevitable. Why is man subject? It is because man resembles God. Therefore, if God is the axis, the relationship between God and man is the relationship between top and bottom. Because man comes with love, man is the subject. Man comes to bring love and to sow the seed. Do you understand?

When a woman marries, we say that she goes to get married. Why would a woman get married? She marries to receive love. What love? Love is God's place; a woman marries to receive God's love. Therefore, a woman always thinks about her partner as someone who is a hundred, thousand or million times greater than she is. Is this true or not? Then is man a

million times greater than woman? (Yes!) Do you know why? This is because the partner of love is God. It is God who is the partner. Human beings are born to become the partner of God, who operates the whole universe, which is thousands and thousands of times greater than human beings. This is why both man and woman want their love partner to be greater than they are.

What about God? Does God want His love partner to be better than He is? Just as human beings do, God wants His love partner to be better than Himself; that was His motivation, and we are the result. Then, who could become as great as God wishes? Communists today say that it is the monkey. What do you think? It is human beings—Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve are the love partners of God. Because God is the master of vertical relationship, He cannot move along the horizontal line. You need to understand this. When you move along the vertical line, you move only from top to bottom and bottom to top.

The horizontal line divides the vertical line. When the vertical line is pushed down, it spreads to the sides. That is how the relationship connects. The absolute God created Adam to widen His relationship on the earth. God selected His original characteristics and He manifested through Adam. Do you understand?

Originally, there exists plus and minus. Everything manifests as plus and minus. Minus itself is not enough. Plus and minus should become united into one. When plus and minus unite, they become a nucleus. A nucleus is a concentrated body of vertical and horizontal. The blood and flesh of the mother and father centering on love bear the seed, forming a nucleus. The seed of life in the nucleus emerges as a child.

THE MAIN PROBLEM OF LIFE

This content is all part of the principle of creation. Do you understand it? It is enough to understand this much. All of you want your horizontal love partner to be someone who is greater than yourself. All people from all over the world pass through adolescence looking for a man or a woman to love. When two people come to like one another, they first see him or her with their eyes, then their eyes meet. Our eyes resemble God. People do not know that God is the owner of love and He is the one through whom the eyes meet.

You have heard the expression, "the eyes meet," haven't you? Therefore, it is good to look nice. What do people do after their eyes meet? Next sounds, then words, then their hands meet. They become fond of one another. Have you had this experience? When you love someone, do you want him or her to hold your hand, or not? This is what human beings desire.

Therefore, your five senses exist not for your own sake. Your eyes are not created to look at yourself, your nose to smell yourself, your mouth to talk to yourself, your ears to listen to yourself, or your hands to hold yourself. Everything is for your partner. Because man and woman stand in the position to form a reciprocal relationship, man comes into the world to be the partner of woman and woman comes into the world to be the partner of man.

Originally, man was born for the sake of woman and woman

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for the sake of man. You were not born for your own sake. The fundamental problem in life is the relationship of man and woman. Why do you regret being born as a woman? You grieve over being a woman because woman was the cause of the fall. Therefore, women will go through a path of suffering until the whole of mankind is liberated.

You should know all this so that anywhere you go you can go with confidence. If you can harmonize and stand at the center of the relationships between top and bottom, front and rear, and left and right, all the people included in these relationships will like you. The number seven, which signifies completion, signifies all these relationships.

Does a handsome husband want his wife to be beautiful or ugly? [Beautiful.] When you say beautiful, what is your viewpoint? You should look from the viewpoint of love. Sometimes we see a couple with a good looking husband and an ugly wife, or vice versa, living well together. You wonder how such a handsome man can live with such an ugly woman. But the husband and wife are happy together. If you were to ask the husband why when there are many women in the world such a handsome man as he lives with such a wife, his answer would surprise you.

If a man you meet resembles your father, an uncle who loves you or your younger or elder brother, you do not feel strange when you meet him for the first time. How long does it take a person to get to know and like someone? Some people marry one another ten years after they first meet. Between your father and mother, your father is in the higher position. That is why you like to follow the man and even want to have lunch with him. Isn't that right?

You like and feel closer to a person if he resembles your favorite relative who loves you the most. You are drawn to that person and could even marry him. You might think such a marriage is not suitable. But a man and a woman can marry like that, can't they? [Yes.]

Because God lost the world of shum jung, He could not marry. He created this world for marriage. He created the world to get married. Adam and Eve were to grow and establish a vertical relationship centering on God. A vertical relationship means a relationship between top and bottom. Adam and Eve were to establish a horizontal relationship between them, and they were to establish a vertical relationship with God; that is, they were to establish the Four Position Foundation.

When people go through the period of adolescence, man is not satisfied with only male friends, and woman is not satisfied with only female friends. Woman wants man, and man wants woman. Woman longs for man, and man longs for woman. How does this work? Look at animals and insects. Insects have male and female. There are male and female rabbits, deer, cattle and horses. These males and females unite and give birth to their offspring. All babies are adorable. Everything in the Garden of Eden was to live as a pair. That is the law of nature. For man, there is also male and female. Adam who is male looks for a female. When he sees Eve, he says, "Ah! There is Eve." Then, they give birth to a baby.

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GOD WANTS TO DANCE WITH MAN AND WOMAN

Watching all living things sing and dance centering on the human beings they love, God would want to sing and dance with them. Like a butterfly and a bee flying around feeling joyful, when He watches Adam and Eve dance, God would want to dance with them.

In ballet we see that ballerinas desire to dance higher and higher. That is why it is marvelous to watch. It is always the female ballerinas who are picked up and held up high by the male dancers. Why? Because women desire to meet heaven. They want to go up high vertically and meet the subject of high love.

No matter how ugly a woman is or how short she may be, she is not afraid of men. Even small women think that they could be partners of the best man in the whole world. Look at women's eyes. They are not afraid of men. What about men? Are they afraid of women? There are street women, fallen women with glittering eyes and thick lipstick tempting men. Men should be afraid of women like that.

How can women fall in love with a man they see for the first time? How can they behave in such a revolutionary way? It is amazing. Women just do not fear men. If there is a king of a country, women want to get next to that king. Is it true or not? Similarly, when there is a queen, men wish to be next to her. What do women and men want to do when they are next to a king or queen? They want to shake hands with them, then to look into their eyes, and then they want to kiss. As a woman wants to kiss a man when she becomes fond of him, a man wants to kiss a woman when he becomes fond of her.

Whether a man and woman like each other or not, if they do not become united completely, they cannot establish harmony. There is no need to talk about trivial things. If a man and woman do not become united centering on love, there is not going to be any harmony, happiness, freedom, dream or ideal. Can you become happy by yourself alone? When people locate a happy place, they want to bring their husband, wife, sons and daughters there.

God, who has a dream of love and who wanted to live with His ideal love, lost His love partner. Do you think such a God is a happy or sad God? How sad is He? Suppose there is a family in which each generation has had only one son for seven generations. Imagine if at the seventh generation they lost the only son. Think how sad his parents would be. No matter how great a king or queen might be, if they are in that situation they will cry. Even if we have never seen anyone in that situation, we know that it would be natural for them to cry. It is like a formula.

Then to God, is Adam the only son? Is Eve the only daughter? They are the only son and only daughter for many tens of thousands of generations. Adam is the only son and Eve is the only daughter, and God lost this only son and daughter.

When a plus and minus in a lower dimension become united, they are absorbed into a higher dimension to form a larger value of love. If they are not absorbed into the higher dimension, a larger love cannot appear.

Do you think God would be in a condition to lose His mind or to enjoy Himself, dance and rejoice. There is no one who could become sadder or more stunned than God has become. However, there are Christians and other religious people who have been asking God, "Please give us some blessing." How can they pray in such a way? If people lose their son or daughter, they suffer throughout their lives. It is too hard for them to bear the pain. Thus they pray, saying, "Oh! God, please bless us. Give us some good fortune."

Do you think God who is totally stunned and has tremendous pain can help them or not? It is rather human beings who should help God. Before you ask for fortune, you should feel God's pain and sadness and be able to say, "Father, I know Your pain and sadness. I want to shed tears for Your pain and Your sadness, which other human beings are unaware of." Do you think God would be impressed when He hears this, or not? Would God come to you, or not? However, there never was a single person who could do that.

How does the Unification Church differ from other religions in the world? It teaches, "Let's become filial sons and daughters to rescue God who is in pain and despair. Let's become royal subjects of God who could be kings of a nation. Let's become a woman of virtue, a man of honor, or a son of God." You should become sons and daughters of the son of God. Then you should marry and liberate God. Which religious organization has that kind of will? [The Unification Church.]

Is the Unification Church a superior religion or an inferior one? Some people think that the world of Rev. Moon is inferior. They think that Rev. Moon is the worst kind of person. Why? Do you think God likes or dislikes Rev. Moon? [God likes him.] How do you know? Although at times our church has looked as if it could have perished in no time, we have always come out successfully. Because it is not human beings who help us, it must be a being outside the human world who helps us. Who is that? The world of human beings is the world of Satan. The one whom Satan dislikes is God. Thus, God is the one who helps us and loves us. Although the whole world dislikes Rev. Moon, God likes Rev. Moon the most. This is the Principle.

From now on, the problem becomes serious. Is the restoration of the entire universe supposed to happen at once, or gradually? Please, raise your hand if you want restoration to happen at once. The re-creation of history is the course of indemnification, in order to resolve the history of restoration.

HOW SUBJECT AND OBJECT RELATE

This course of re-creation must have the relationship of subject and object. When a small subject and object become united, they do not stop at that level. When the subject and object in the mineral world become united, they are to be absorbed into the plant world. We must understand this principle. When a plus and minus in a lower dimension become united, they are absorbed into a higher dimension to form a larger value of love. If they are not absorbed into the higher dimension, a larger love cannot appear. We should understand this cyclical law of heaven and earth.

When plus and minus of a lower dimension become united, they should think about the way to become united with the plus of a higher dimension.

Thus all living things have to be absorbed into larger beings. Therefore, man, who is the lord of all creation, consumes them all. But it is not enough that the larger eat the smaller and live well by themselves. The larger ones, after absorbing the smaller ones, have to be absorbed into a being of a higher dimension. They have to sacrifice themselves. The being of the highest dimension is God. Ultimately, all beings have to be absorbed into God.

Why do you search for love? What is love for? Love is a bridge with which to find a bigger love. It is like a ladder which is to be climbed.

The final place minerals want to go is the place they originally came from, the alpha and omega. They want to go back to God because they came from God. Where do human beings want to go? Because human beings started from love, they want to search for God's love. To find God's love, they have to sacrifice themselves. Do you understand this principle?

This is an important issue. To go to a better place, to have a greater purpose and to possess a greater character we have to conquer hardships. We have to follow the way of sacrifice and invest ourselves. South Americans like to eat and have fun. But if you only have fun, you cannot eat. If you only like to eat and have fun, you surely will go backward. The values which individualism insists upon are bound to perish. America and all the developed countries today have become the paradise of individualism, and they have no interest in the issues relating to heaven and earth. American citizens show no interest in their country or their society. People do not care about the company in which they work. They do not care about their grandparents or even about their own mothers and fathers. There are men who have no interest in women, and women who deny men and say that they have no interest in them.

In this kind of confused world, many people cannot find ideal partners. They are left all by themselves, feeling sorry for their situation. They do not have any place to go and think that suicide is the only way out. Becoming like a hopeless falling leaf, they may end up in a pile of manure on an autumn day.

Every individual has to be absorbed by a higher level. They have to sacrifice themselves in order to climb a bigger ladder. You and your partner as plus and minus should become united. Then in order for you to connect and unite with the higher subject, you need to invest yourselves.

In God's creation, in order to unite with the larger world, one has to totally invest oneself. Whoever wants to regain oneself has to go down to the lowest place. There is a cycle of investing and multiplying.

Should Unificationists have many children or not? [Yes]. For what reason? We should have many children so that we may be able to sacrifice and serve together to a greater degree for the sake of the world. Then the whole world would have a reciprocal relationship with us, protecting us and our descendants. In order to protect our descendants and also the descendants who have been sacrificed, we should fulfill our responsibilities for heaven

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an earth. Do you think we are doing a right thing or not? [Yes!]

We should rejoice. We are not sitting here on this early morning just to shiver with cold. We should shout "mansei" together and rejoice. Then we can be excited and the earth will be happy. Rain has been coming down and is then flowing toward the ocean. When this flowing water arrives at the ocean, it will boast, "Oh! I flowed underneath the group of Unificationists who were celebrating the 31st God's Day." We should praise this day! Amen. [Amen!] Do you feel good or bad? [Good.] Although some of you may be feeling bad and though the world might feel bad, I feel great and God also feels great. What do you think? [Amen.] The world is bad. The world has made God suffer. Therefore, our Unificationists have to bear a lot of hardship and run around a lot. This is why God likes us.

Whenever I speak I can be flexible, because I do not speak from a prepared manuscript. When you speak from a prepared text, you cannot enjoy such flexibility. I can look at things as I speak, and return to my speech. You should learn how to do this. I can speak for ten or twenty hours or even all day. Therefore you should learn to compose and reserve yourselves. Thus you can teach people and even give advice to people who try to argue with you.

When a man and woman take a journey to find their love, are they happy or unhappy? [Happy.] So, you think that people are happy when they search for their lost counterpart. It is the same for God. God lost His love partner. Do you think that God is in pain? Do you think that He is happy or unhappy? How is God doing? God is in pain. He is suffering.

There are people who think that they will find their only love in the world while they enjoy eating and living comfortably. Those are foolish people. In order to find your only love, you should go to the ideal place where all people in the world desire to go but which is difficult to reach. Then people would not oppose you when you find your only love. Thus, you can be together with your love. This is a universal principle.

From the viewpoint of the providence of restoration, what does the Old Testament Age mean? The Old Testament signifies that God wants to have a wedding ceremony, but He could not have one. God was to wed Adam and Eve and make them the True Parents of all humankind. God was to enter into them, uniting spiritual father and substantial father. However, God could not do that. God could not wed Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, centering on true love. As the master of true love, He could not unite with the body and mind of Adam to realize love.

MIND AND BODY SHOULD NOT STRUGGLE

When you look at yourself, do your mind and body fight? [Yes.] Do you think that God created your mind and body that way, or that they naturally became that way? This is the problem. In the relationship between God and human beings, God is the cause and human beings are the result. However, people's minds and bodies constantly fight. Human beings, who are the resultant beings, have become their own enemy. To the things your body wants to do, your mind says no; and

to the things your mind wishes to do, your body says no. They are against each other.

You cannot go to heaven if you live with your mind and body disunited. You cannot go in front of God. Because of the fall, the mind and body have diverged. That is why you have to walk the path of indemnity. Because mankind has diverged, the world has diverged also, and all human beings have come into the same situation. In the Last Days, men and women will be separated, mind and body, mother and father, grandfather and grandmother and king and queen will all be separated. God's ideal is not in this kind of situation. God's ideal does not exist where there is conflict. God's ideal exists where there is unity. God's ideal, happiness, freedom, and dream exist where there is harmony and unity. Everything perishes where there is conflict. Isn't this right?

Then can God enter into your mind and live there? This is a real problem. Why do you lead a religious life? Why do you believe in religion? Religion teaches you to attend God. You are all fallen people, thinking that you can attend God, when you cannot even unite your own minds and bodies. You cannot attend God that way. If you could attend God with separated mind and body, then God would also become the God of separated mind and body. If God can enter into the person whose mind and body are in conflict, then God must be a God with conflicting mind and body.

Do you think that God's mind and body are united, or do they fight against each other? God's mind and body do not fight. If a person is united with God, do you think his love is a united love or not? [Yes.] God is the subject and He is an eternally united being. The love which God desires is eternally one, not two.

However, when we see today's men and women living in this crazy world, they are not close to the ideal. This world is like a place in which fallen worms live. Such kind of people will become like manure and will end up in hell. You might think that I should not talk like this in a public place, that I should talk about only holy things. It is better for a holy person to talk about unholy things as unholy things than to talk about unholy things as holy things. It is good that people hear the truth. They will realize that they did not know the truth before and they will repent. They may become so indignant, but they will realize the truth. Then hopefully they will repent and come back. When I state a fact as it is, it flows away.

The Old Testament age signifies the plan of God that He could not marry with Adam and Eve. The reason God sends a messiah is to search for the wedding day through which God can be married with Adam and Eve. If I explain to you about re-creation, all the nations of the world consist of subjects and objects, as God has true subject and object. If we look at the nation of Israel in Jesus' time, the people of Israel had religion and a nation. However, the problem was the conflict between subject and object.

Is it the action of nations or individuals to oppress and kill religious people? [Nations.] Nations have seized their foundations through the history of war. They have fought against people who have established sovereign foundations, seeking to seize those foundations. Do you know where this inherited



Father gives leaders training in surf fishing at the beach in Punta del Este on January 3, 1998.

not know that they are descendants of fallen ancestors. Therefore, they do not know how to grieve over this fact. This is han. People sigh when they listen to the Principle, saying, "We did not know the truth because the world became this way."

WHO IS REV. MOON?

Therefore, it is a fact that anyone in the satanic world who hears the teachings of Reverend Moon wants to follow him. That is why some people say, "Do not go to see Rev. Moon. If you meet Rev. Moon, you will be brainwashed." Who am I? Some people have claimed that I am a champion in brainwashing people. The satanic world hates me the most. I am the representative who is hated by the individual, family, tribe, race and nation, by the world of communism, the world of democracy, and

even by religions. The evil forces throughout the world know that I am very close to God, whom they hate the most. They know that I have been teaching and guiding people along the way to heaven. Rev. Moon is the only person in history who has become successful and who has advanced while receiving humiliation. [Amen!]

What do you think; have I achieved success or failure? [Victory.] What kind of victory do you mean? Was it a victory in a wrestling match? The conclusion is that God, who is the great king, has to love me, because I have been working as His representative searching for the lost true love. I have been searching for the lost true love of the individual, family, tribe, nation, and world. I have been searching for the true love of heaven and earth and the true love of God which were lost.

What about you? Do you love me? [Yes.] You are all thieves. You say that you love me, but you just want to snatch everything from me. All of you try to use me. You come to me when you are in trouble, saying, "Father, please save me. Because all of you are descendants of the fallen Adam and Eve, you want to take things away from me. You say that you love me. Raise your hands, if you really do love me. (Everyone raises their hands.) Do you want to give or to receive? [To give.] No. You always have preferred to receive until now.

What was needed in the Old Testament Age? The Messiah. God sent Jesus after 4,000 years of waiting. Was it difficult to send the Messiah or easy? God could not send just anyone. God could not send a Messiah at any time. Because God lost Adam and the family, God cannot recover His dignity by winning over Satan at the family level. God has to win over Satan at the level of the nation and recover Satan's entire nation. God has to recover the nation and invest everything centering on that nation to recover the bigger whole. A small nation is to invest itself for the world. This is the principle of re-creation. Israel was to become united with the Messiah. Judaism was in the position of Abel and subject, while Israel was in the position of object. Judaism should have united with the Messiah and should have recovered Israel with love. If Israel had united with Jesus, they would have recovered Rome. The nation and people of Israel should have invested

battlefield is located? This crazy world is the battlefield which we have inherited. It is a ruined world. You should understand clearly that we are living in a ruined world.

Again, the significant thing about the Old Testament Age is that God could not wed Adam and Eve. Rather, God became separated from Adam and Eve. God could not become united with Adam and Eve and love them at the place where Adam and Eve's minds and bodies could become one centering on love. That is why God and Adam and Eve have diverged. When God's love departs from the center, separation arises.

It was Eve who made Adam fall. Therefore, Adam holds a grudge against Eve, saying, "That Eve; she made me fall." They have become enemies to one another. Eve also dislikes Adam, saying, "You fell with me." Even then, she ganged up with the archangel and tried to use Adam. You should know that human beings have inherited the blood lineage of Satan, and human society is a society of the descendants who inherited Satan's blood lineage. Their blood lineage did not originate from God's blessing. This is something which people are unaware of.

OVERCOME SATAN THROUGH SELF-DENIAL

Look at the religions in the world. When a certain religion appears with a mission to wipe out the satanic world, that religion faces opposition from the whole world. You have to go down and down. You should become humble and gentle. You should deny yourself until you reach the point of nothingness. Do you understand? You should sacrifice yourself and serve. Then you should fast. Do you know why you should fast? When you fast, your body becomes weak. This body, which is Satan's playground, has become the base of Satan's navy. Just as it is necessary to destroy all of an enemy's fleet to conquer that enemy, your body should become the weakest base of Satan through fasting.

The world is not your enemy. Your own body, which is a captain of evil, is your enemy. You did not know this. Unless you conquer your own body, you will remain far from God and the ideal world eternally. Human beings do not understand what the world is or what history is. Similarly, they do

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themselves for Rome. The saying "love your enemy" emerged because Rome became the enemy nation. Satan runs away from people who love their enemy. Individualism teaches you to put yourself ahead of everything. "Love me!" is the motto of individualism, which is Satanism.

PROVIDENTIAL PURPOSE OF THE SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

In the Old Testament era, according to the law of indemnity, God built a road for His son to come by sacrificing all things. Because fallen human beings cannot come to the son unconditionally, they should find the way to be absorbed into the son according to the law of indemnity. The Israelites cut their sacrificial offerings into halves. One half was for Satan's side and the other for God's side. This is like the love partner whose mind and body have been separated. You should unite your mind and body and offer these separated offerings to God. In that way, the sacrificial offering becomes atonement for your sin.

In the Old Testament era, God recreated the messiah through all things. Through sacrificing the offerings, the foundation was built for the messiah to come. In order to set up that foundation, people needed to sacrifice and invest everything. They needed to make blood offerings. They were not to invest with regretful feelings centering on themselves. Every precious thing had to be invested. You should not feel sorry for the offerings because they bled. The priest was supposed to kill the offering without a horizontal feeling of mercy. The reason the priest killed the offerings was that, through the blood, people could cross over from Satan's side to God's side of the offering table. Through the history of sacrificial offerings, the road was built upon which to search for the son. Do you understand? In the Old Testament Age, God was raising the son by sacrificing all things. The son was to be raised up to become king.

What was the significance of the New Testament Age? In the New Testament Age, if Judaism had united with Israel centering on Jesus, Jesus would not have been killed. He could have become the king. If Jesus became the king, he would not have had to die on the cross. Because there was no relationship between the subject and object, Jesus was sacrificed to Rome. Jesus who came as a king had to die in front of Rome, which was on Cain's side, because Judaism and the people of Israel rejected him.

This is the reason Christianity has been shedding blood. Judaism and Israel were to establish the country in which their sons and daughters could live and all things could become offerings. However, Judaism and Israel, in the relationship of Cain and Abel and subject and object, could not unite as one and could not become absorbed into Jesus. Jesus was the larger whole. They should have invested themselves into the larger whole. But the environment was not established, and Jesus was sacrificed in front of Rome. Because Jesus shed blood, Christianity had to follow the path of Jesus and enter Rome. Christianity was to start in the East; however, it went in the other direction. Thus, Christianity shed blood for 400 years.

Christianity is the only religion in history that has shed the blood of martyrdom. There has been no other religion like Christianity. Other religions were in the realm of the archangel. Thus, there was no ground for a confrontation between the son and the archangel. Christianity has been walking the path of human offering and of shedding blood, waiting for the coming of the messiah, the savior.

It is the parents who are coming. When the Lord of the Second Advent comes, he is to hold the wedding feast of the lamb and become a parent to unite the whole world, which has been the battleground for Cain and Abel in the New Testament Age. Throughout the New Testament Age, Christians, in the position of children, have shed blood to prepare for the time when the parents would come.

How would the Lord of the Second Advent come? He would not come riding on the clouds. What was lost on earth should be found on earth. If you lost something gold or silver, you would have to find it on the ground where you lost it, not in the air. You have to find something you lost where you lost it. Adam and Eve were lost on earth; thus, they should be found on earth. For this reason Christianity has shed blood until the time of the second advent.

Over the course of the past 2,000 years, Christianity split into Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. These two groups have to be unified. Unless they are, the world will not be unified. The body and mind of human beings have become separated. Likewise the body of Jesus, which is Christianity, has become divided. This separated body of Jesus should become united.

Let's look at England, America, and France. Centering on Eve, Cain and Abel diverged from Adam's family. Because Satan was the cause, the way of restoration is the way of reversal. The younger should become the elder and the elder should become the younger. The blood lineage has to be converted. You have to walk in the opposite direction. Therefore, religious people have had to renounce the world. Religious people should deny their nation, their blood relatives, their parents, their siblings, their spouse, their sons and daughters, and even their own body. Unless they do so, they cannot walk in the opposite direction. Because a religion becomes complete only when it can insist on denial, religion, which is the closest to heaven, has had to command people to leave their homes and to remain celibate.

FINDING THE ORIGINAL HOMELAND

Celibacy, however, is in fact opposite to God's original purpose for human beings. Religious people have never really understood why they should remain celibate. The reason was that the True Parents who are to reconnect humankind to God's blood lineage had not yet come and themselves been blessed in marriage. However, religious people who have fulfilled this sacrificial condition in the past did not know this principle of heaven.

What about the Unification Church? What have Unificationists been asked to do? You have been asked to go back to your hometowns. Because you left your homes, you are now being asked to return to them. What land does Family Pledge #1 refer to? [The original homeland.] What is the original homeland?

Because human beings were driven out, they lost the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. Therefore, they have to re-establish the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. Because human beings have sinned, they should restore what was lost by their sin. They broke something; thus, they have to fix it.

What are we going to do when we find it? Because human beings were driven out, they lost the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. Therefore, they have to re-establish the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. Because human beings have sinned, they should restore what was lost by their sin. They broke something; thus, they have to fix it. They must do it even if they have to sacrifice for thousands of years in order to do so.

The Unification Church is the only church which can talk about returning to homeland. The Unification Church, then, talks about marriage and the Blessing. According to God's original ideal of creation, what does God dislike most? God dislikes for people to leave their homes and to remain celibate. There are Buddhist monks and nuns and Roman Catholic priests and nuns who practice celibacy. However, the time for celibacy has passed. The time has come to return to one's homeland and to marry. You must return to your homeland. The time for people to renounce the world has passed. If you do not return to your homeland and do not marry, everything will perish.

THE UNIFIED WORLD

The reason God sacrificed all things in the Old Testament Age was to search for the son. The reason Christianity sacrificed the son was to attend the parents. After World War II, three countries, England, America, and France, were united. England is the country representing Eve. It is a mother country. America is the country representing Abel and France is the country representing Cain.

Adam's family was like this. They separated in three ways. Adam's family included the mother, an elder son, and sons and daughters. England as the Eve nation is the fruit, representing the family on earth centering on God. It represents the restoration of God's will through the course of indemnity. Eve gave birth to Abel, America. Is this correct? France fought with England and with America. Thus, France was the enemy to both England and America. However, these enemies became one during World War II. Therefore they became the principal nations and the allied powers, centering on Christianity.

After World War II, for the first time since the dawn of history, the unified world centering on Christian culture was established. The unified world with the Eve, Abel and Cain countries was established. On the other hand, there was Japan in the East. However, Japan is a country with many mixed spirits. One interesting thing is that Japan was called an axis country. Japan was at the center, as a sovereign power on the side of Satan. Something lost in the East had to be recovered in the East. In order to recover what was lost in the East, Japan occupied Korea. Through a 40-year indemnity period, Korea indemnified 4,000 years of history, while Japan itself was to perish.

For whom did all things shed blood as the sacrificial offerings in the Old Testament Age? It was for Jesus Christ. God sent Jesus to marry as a perfected son, but Jesus was killed. That is why Jesus has to return. Because he was killed, Jesus was unable to complete his mission on the family level and on the national level. God's authority, which failed at the national level, has to be recovered at the worldwide level. Therefore,

the Lord of the Second Advent has to come to unify the world. God's authority will then be recovered.

Accordingly, England, America, and France were to become unified, establishing the unified world. The reason Christian culture was to unify the world was to receive the Lord of the Second Advent and to establish his royal authority. The Second Advent comes to establish the Kingdom of God for humankind. People say that they expected the Second Advent to come on the clouds of heaven. They say they did not know Reverend Moon was the Lord of the Second Advent. Do you think that Reverend Moon is in the capacity of the Lord of the Second Advent or not? [Yes.] But you also heard that the lord is coming on the clouds. Then, how is it possible that Reverend Moon is the Lord of the Second Advent?

Before now, no one was able to logically explain about the True Parents, including Jesus, the First Advent, or Adam. God did not even say anything. After the ideals of all the religions have been explained and God has given His approval, the unification of the whole world will be possible.

In the Old Testament Age, all things were sacrificed to prepare a foundation for the messiah to come. But because people did not fulfill their responsibilities, Jesus became the sacrificial offering and died on the cross, establishing a foundation for the True Parents to come. There was an opportunity to receive the Lord of the Second Advent, who came as a king of the unified world centering on England, America, and France. However, people failed to recognize him because he did not come on the clouds. Would they have recognized him if he had come on the clouds? People thought Jesus was just a spiritual being. In fact, there were not many who even saw him. Do you think he would be recognized if he came to the Vatican today? Do they expect to see someone who is young, or someone who shines or looks like gold? They would not be able to recognize the Second Advent even if Jesus himself came. Who would believe?

WHY DO TRUE PARENTS BEAR THE CROSS?

It is useless to talk of the coming of the lord on literal clouds. Do not believe those irresponsible stories. I have been opposed until now because of such stories. Jesus could have said that he would come as a man, but because he said that he would come on the clouds, I have suffered. Jesus has become my disciple and greets me, calling me Father. Jesus himself does not know what it is to become a father, or what it is to be married, does he? How could Jesus become a father when he never married? I married and have a beautiful wife who loves and supports me all the time. I have many sons and daughters. Also, millions of people in 185 nations follow me, centering on a relationship of Cain and Abel. They follow me even when they are told not to.

The Lord of the Second Advent has come and he has been suffering. He became a sacrificial offering, didn't he? His family also became a sacrificial offering. Korea became divided. The True Parents are suffering; they are bearing the cross. Why do they bear the cross? Why do True Parents bear hardship? They do it for true and absolute love. They want to set-

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36th True Day of All Things



True Parents receive flowers prior to the morning speech at Belvedere



Father bids farewell to the audience attending the evening performance held at the Manhattan Center's Hammerstein Ballroom.



(Above) Hyo Jin Nim offers songs from his new album entitled, "Hold On To Your Love."
 (l.) Unification Theological Seminary Choir performs songs from "Musical Testimony" composed by Mrs. Yasuko Tashiro.



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120 Million Couples Blessing

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Madison Square Garden



(Above, center) True Parents prayer of blessing for all couples; (above) members of True Family; (r.) view of Madison Square Garden main ceremony being transmitted simultaneously via satellite worldwide.



(Above, l.) Brides with pictures of bridegrooms; (above, r.) 2,000-voice choir performs one of five hymns that accompanied the Blessing ceremony. (Photos: Top & bottom r. by Ken Owens/NFP; Ctr. by Neptaly Nitro/NY; others by Alberto Faccon/TW)



Dr. Sang Hun Lee

New Revelations about Life in the Spirit World

Part II

[Editor's note: This is the second installment in a series of revelations received from Dr. Sang Hun Lee who passed into the spirit world on March 22, 1997. Dr. Lee pioneered the systematization of Unification Thought and Victory Over Communism (VOC) theory as an application to Father's thought. He served as 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. Dr. Lee was 84 years old when he ascended to the spiritual world.]

Religious agape love

LIKE the unconditional love parents have toward their children, when God created human beings He bestowed endless elements upon us. This is agape love. However, due to the human fall, the original standard of love God gave to us was lost. Therefore, because of the existence of hell, God and human beings have held much pain in their hearts. By acknowledging the value of fundamental love, hell can be destroyed and the path to the liberation of hell can be opened up.

Physical love and spiritual love can be shared only between husband and wife. However, through the destruction of this kind of relationship of love, humanity was shaken from its original foundation. The endless element God wanted to bestow upon us is absolute love. It is the desire to want to give and give, and it becomes even bigger and bigger after being given. However, since this foundation was destroyed, the difficult road to salvation became necessary. In re-establishing the original standard in the relationship between husband and wife, we must love, have a conciliatory attitude toward and trust one another. Sometimes we need to forgive and reconcile with each other.

By becoming one with the love God bestowed upon us, the road to the liberation of all human beings will be opened up and hell in the eternal world will disappear. Accordingly, if we trust and love one another there will be no more so-called hell nor war among humankind.

Because we lead our lives without knowing this principle well, the heavenly world became instead a complicated and hellish world, and groaning punishment came into being. We have to cultivate and keep the love between husband and wife, as well as the fundamental inborn love which God bestowed upon us.

THE ACTIVITY OF SPIRITS THROUGH PEOPLE ON EARTH

The spirits in the spirit world cannot improve their positions without the cooperation of people on earth. Spirits are to live forever in the spirit world upon the basis of their life on earth. Therefore, if people in the spirit world cannot rid themselves of the sins they committed on earth, they are destined to receive punishment for those sins forever.

For example, when someone who murdered another comes to the spirit world, a horrible, cruel punishment will be with him forever. Whoever has killed another with a knife, his spirit self will be stabbed with a knife; the spirit of someone who shot a man to death will have a bullet stuck in its heart. Also, someone who beat a person to death with a stone has to exist all bloody and bruised with his spiritual eyes pulled out. He who killed a person by kicking and stepping on that person with his feet will remain prostrated with his face down being stepped on by his own feet. Whoever killed someone with poison will exist collapsed, spitting blood, and if someone killed another with an ax or sickle, the instrument will be stuck in the chest of the murderer's spirit self.

Among such spirit persons, some are trying to hide their lives on earth, yet despite their efforts they cannot be hidden. Those spirits are trying to liquidate their lives on earth, yet this also cannot be done as they wish. Myriad spirit selves are trying hard to lead a better life than they presently live, but again, it cannot be accomplished as they wish.

These spirits miss life on earth and are willing to do any kind of odd or peculiar thing to rid themselves of their sins. However, whatever is once record-

ed cannot be erased. It is common to all spirits that they wish to hide and erase the sinful behavior of their lives on earth, and feel shameful of their behavior being shown to others, yet the situation becomes more tragic since their efforts to hide and erase are also shown to others so vividly.

How do persons in the spirit world help persons on earth?

Spirit persons cannot be liberated from their position and escape their pain and suffering without the help of people on earth. Also, since they cannot rid themselves of the sins they committed, the spirits must return to the place where they lived on earth. They descend to their own flesh and blood or to someone they are somehow related with and keep sending signals to them. However, because those on earth are not aware of it, unusual disasters happen, such as sickness, financial difficulties or auto accidents. Finally, if the descendant can find out the reason and therefore prays and offers conditions for the sake of that spirit, then the spirit can advance to a little bit better position in recognition of his descendant's services. However, if they do not know the reason, then there will be continuous accidents, mishaps and even death. As a result, there will be more troubled ancestors.

Therefore, if a family cannot find any problems in its life of faith yet has continuous accidents, big or small, it can be concluded that this family has ancestors who have complicated problems. The fastest way to solve these problems is to resolve the issues through prayer, with faith.

Now, a fortune teller, whose spiritual level is rather low, can try to solve the issue, but those spirits can be consoled only temporarily and their suffering and pain cannot be solved completely. This is the big difference between those who know God and those who do not. The spirits can stay quiet for a while, yet as time goes on, they will return to the same state as before. Spirits do not have any solution from where they are placed. The more they struggle and are restless in

their position, the more severe the situation of those spirits becomes and the more difficult and complicated the lives of their descendants on earth. In order to receive the cooperation of those on earth, those in the spirit world descend to their descendants, mobilizing all sorts of methods. However, if the descendants do not know how to solve the problem, the family's fortune wanes and their painful lives repeat themselves.

Since spirit selves who have been promoted to a better position with the help of people on earth can lead more comfortable lives, the lives of their descendants can also be more peaceful.

The relationship between people in the spirit world and those on earth

Let us examine the relationship between the people on earth and the people in the spirit world. The relationship between them can be compared to that between a needle and thread. The relationship between the people on earth and those in the spirit world is like the relationship between the body and spirit. It is like the relationship between a husband and wife who cannot be separated because they have become one. Therefore, it goes without saying that people on earth should lead good lives while they are in their physical bodies. However, it is when they no longer have bodies, having already entered the spirit world, that they come to the realization that they did not lead good lives. I

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would like to conclude that while you live on earth within your physical body you have to prepare for eternal life, analyse your life, and lead everyday life sincerely and faithfully.

What can their descendants do for the sake of those spirits who have already lost their physical bodies? Their position can become more comfortable when the descendant on earth prays for them. The position that our True Parents bestowed upon us with the right to become a tribal messiah is an immensely special grace. It is a very special grace that we can save our ancestors through

prayer. Therefore, because our lives on earth can be made comfortable by praying for our ancestors, thereby having them stay in comfortable places, it is so natural that we ourselves should save our ancestors. Keeping in mind that this is the path by which we can be of a little help to our True Parents, by lightening True Parents' pain in the spirit world, we all have to complete our life in our physical body on earth well. It is so natural that we have to fulfill our duties as tribal messiahs for the sake of our ancestors. This can also become the path to a special grace for those spirits who observe our actions.

[An observer asks: "In the relationship between the people on earth and the spirit persons in the spirit world, do spirits who are placed in good positions without any difficulties still need cooperation, favor, or prayer from people on earth?"]

Since a human being is composed of spirit and body, a dual structure, the principle is that those who have lost their bodies should live in the spirit world and those who have bodies are supposed to live on earth. It should be assumed then that there must be reasons why the spirit persons send signals to the people on earth. Based on the tie of blood lineage they are sending these signals which are sometimes good and sometimes bad. The person on earth should be able to discriminate between these based on the laws of the Principle, and the spirit person should not confuse the person on earth. Since God does not

intervene in the matter of blood lineage, we human beings need to be reborn with the spirit of God in order to live truthful lives.

Points in common between people in the spirit world and those on earth

Since people on earth have bodies, there are times when they cannot act at their convenience. Spirits, although they do not have bodies, are free to move within their position (though differently based on their position). Although the people on earth have

physical bodies, they lead limited lives and they cannot have an eternal place. However, those in the spirit world, though without bodies, can lead active lives in the eternal world and can have an eternal place. If I were to list the differences between these two, they would be endless.

Now, let us examine the points they have in common. Both life on earth and life in the spirit world are only half of a whole, therefore each can accomplish only half. Then how can the successful resolution of the struggle between body and mind lead to the bearing of complete fruit? Before the body and spirit are separated on earth, human beings have to fulfill the purpose of their lives on earth, through which they become a matured fruit. However, when spirits come to the spirit world not fully ripened, problems arise. In order to solve the problems, the relationship between the ancestors and the descendants becomes complicated. Again, we have to keep in mind how important life on earth is. In order to live forever in the beautiful house God prepared for us, we should not live with a half-life as our goal. I hope your life on earth is one which can bear a complete fruit of spirit and body. Therefore, greet the harvest season with joy.

THE IMAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

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I, Sang Hun Lee, came to the spirit world from earth, yet I do not have any interest other than to engraft the ideology of True Parents to others. This is because I came to realize that there is no higher ideology than that of True Parents.

True love and false love

Love is the most precious element human beings receive from God when they are born. However, the heartbreaking reality is that, as a result of the misdirection of original love which occurred at the time of the fall, all humanity is placed in the position to serve two owners from birth. This is the root of our misfortune. Human beings cannot live upon the basis of only the physical love between husband and wife. Although love is the most precious quality of personality human beings are born with, due to the human fall, we lost the essence of love. It is as if new paint is being applied to the surface of fallen and ugly love. Our love turned into an artificial love. Love is like the yolk of an egg. We cannot analyze or examine God's love

anymore than we can an egg yolk within its shell.

God's love

Now, I am going to relate to you the fundamental love that exists in this spirit world.

God's love cannot be touched or expressed, nor can we verify God's love with our own eyes. This is because God's love is hard for human beings to understand. God's love cannot be analyzed by our human brains.

God's love, though given to us endlessly, is still the same; its quantity never diminishes. Just as when a water tap is left open, water continues to flow from it, likewise, God's love springs forth continuously. Although we receive God's love continuously, we never grow tired of it. No one can ever feel too full of love. On the contrary, those who have received the most have the greatest desire to receive more. God's love cannot be measured; it is an infinitely valuable gift to us.

I would like to say the following about God's love. Suppose the whole world received God's love all at once and then returned all their love to God; still God's love would be bigger in size. Then how can God's love toward human beings be expressed? God cannot be seen or touched. God is neither limited material nor solid mass. Then how can human beings express God's love, and how can they realize God's love?

I am going to analyze "God who loves Sang Hun Lee." When God calls, "Sang Hun," I hear the voice clearly with my own ears. Then a brilliance and brightness radiate and reflect in front, in back, of, and above my head. In the midst of the brilliance, a streak of indescribable light captures my heart. The experience is beyond my ability to describe it. Perhaps I could say it is similar to the experience of the peacefulness of a baby being held in its mother's arms, meeting the mother's eyes while listening to her heartbeat. However, even this description does not fully convey the experience.

Also, the quality of God's voice calling me changes, and the brightness of the beautiful light changes. I enter into an ecstatic state, as if my whole body is melting. Then suddenly I am standing by myself; I cannot see God. How does such an enrapturing light come to visit a human being, instantaneously and continuously? God's love expressed to us as light feels different from moment to moment. Brilliant lights of various sizes and shapes like a fireworks display come to us from God as the light of love mani-

festing in all kinds of splendor. According to the shape of the radiating light, the sentiment we can feel from it is different. In addition to the love I myself experienced, I also saw God's love shown to other people. God is the essence of love.

The image of God is of fire and light

Upon what basis can we say that light is the shape of love? Because the image of God is fire and light, the elements of love within the human mind interact immediately when they perceive God's light. Just as the light comes on when we press the switch, when we see God's light, love can start operating and turn our heart into love itself.

The reason the gateway of the Blessing is wide open

God's original will for human beings is that they remain as they were originally created. However, due to the fall, the descendants of the first man and woman could not be born with natural love. Since human beings with dual structure are born as a result of the fall with their hearts pulled in two different directions, from the beginning this wrongly structured humanity has broken God's heart.

Therefore, in order to solve the problems of the human heart, which has two directions and has fallen away from God's original authority, as is described in the history of restoration, we have to go through the course of rebirth. By being born again without original sin we can receive the essence of the love God originally desired to give us, and we can experience the complete love of God.

In order to proceed along the course of rebirth we need to be reborn through True Parents through receiving the Blessing. This explains why recently True Parents have widened the gateway for the Blessing, granting us such an immeasurable grace. Though they do not understand it completely, once people receive this grace through the Blessing, they become blessed people. In addition, while True Parents are alive, they are granting a way of special benefit to myriads of people. Those who receive this special benefit are the heavenly people. Since those who receive the Blessing go through the course of rebirth, this is the period when their descendants and ancestors can receive fortune and blessing without merit.

Love is God's greatest gift

Love is like the most essential yolk of the egg. Human beings receive God's

image when they are born. Originally, they were to inherit love as it is. However, since things went wrong, the relationship with God was disconnected. To re-establish this relationship, human beings must come to resemble God. The best way to resemble God is to go back to the original image of love as sons and daughters.

Love! Love! Love! It is the fundamental power with which we can overcome and melt down every difficulty and therefore accomplish everything. Love is the greatest gift we received from God and a seal of proof that we are His children. Love! We have to strive and exert ourselves to find the love we lost.

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Subject and Object

During the earthly life of human beings, force or energy is generated when a subject and an object interact with each other with the desire to give love and return beauty. In the Divine Principle, this force which is reciprocated between a subject and an object is called Universal Prime Force. God is the subject and the origin of the Universal Prime Force. This force endowed by God operates as the fundamental force that is used by a subject to give energy to its object or for an object to return energy to its subject. It does not work independently, but originates from God, and it is the force which sustains our lives and enables us to continue to exist.

Therefore, all of the fundamental forces of the universe exist through the force of action that forms a reciprocal relationship between a subject and an object. There is nothing that can independently exist by itself. Existence itself can be possible only through the force generated from give and take action between a subject and an object. Therefore, whether in the spirit world or on earth, the force of all existing beings is manifested in the process of reciprocal relationship between a subject and an object.

At this point, I would like to relate actions of subject and object that I witnessed in the spirit world. In the spirit world, when God in the position of subject gives to a spirit person in the position of His object, His force or energy is immediately reflected in the spirit person and they become one.

For example, if God calls my name, "Sang Hun!" in a non-verbal way, I, His object with an original mind, am automatically drawn to His order. I would not question Him or express my

own views such as, "God, what is it?" "I don't know" or "I do not understand." The way I would be drawn to Him can be compared with a northern magnetic force being drawn to a southern magnetic force.

Therefore, in front of God, a human being or spirit is attracted to Him like a shadow in the relationship of subject and object. This is the original reciprocal principle that is the fundamental force of existence.

The question is not which is stronger between the force that a subject gives to an object and the force that an object returns to a subject. The important question is how they can have give and take between each other at the same level of force. Having been given the Universal Prime Force by God, human beings are to live according to the original will of God at the time of His creation. Therefore, the fundamental force of the Universal Prime Force can generate smooth give and take action only when a subject

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and an object establish a reciprocal base or standard between them.

When any subject and object pair—for example, a human couple, a male and female animal or a plant stamen and pistil—form a reciprocal base, the force of multiplication comes into being. However, if there is conflict or friction at this point, an action of force does not result. Therefore, since God is the original subject or standard of the fundamental force that is required for human beings to exist, if we have an attitude by which we live attending God in our minds, we can immediately receive the force of God as the subject and reflect the same force as His object.

The force of an object should be like that of a beam generator, immediately returning force at the same time as receiving the fundamental force. This means that when a subject appears as the subject of fundamental force that is received from God, its object can also receive the same force. Therefore, a subject and an object should not be in the position of relating to each other independently, in that one must give first

and the other next in a certain order; rather, they should have a reciprocal relationship on the same level. The reciprocal standard should be such that there be no dispute over whose position or level is higher or lower.

For instance, the conflict that arises out of the disunity between a husband and wife who cannot become one as subject and object is not a fundamental force originating from God. Since this comes from fallen nature, it is a case in which both the subject and object are derailed from the track, having lost the original force from God and deviated from the realm of God's dominion. Accordingly, since an object is reflected in the action of its subject's original fundamental force, it should not deviate from the original force that strives to respond to its subject from the position of object. If an object has deviated from receiving force from its subject, that object should strive through its own object force to re-establish a reciprocal circuit.

Let me give you another example. In terms of the relationship between husband and wife, the husband is in the position of subject. Yet if something goes wrong with the husband, the wife comes into the position of subject, in which case since the original position is reversed. It will take time for the husband to return to his original position. However, only when the wife as object does not deviate from her position will both the subject and the object stand in the right position.

The main point

When a subject and an object have a good reciprocal relationship, the force of original value can be manifested. However, if something goes wrong with one party, and thus their positions are reversed, until the one party returns to the original state, the other remaining party should keep his or her position. Otherwise, the fundamental force given by God will leave them and be lost.

Therefore, in order for a subject and object to have proper give and take action, they should serve and attend

God, the original source of the force. Since all beings sustain their lives by the force generated between subject and object, unless the subject and object become one, both of them will walk a path of destruction and death.

Both subject and object must make effort to become one, always examining themselves as to whether they love with the force of original love or with a love accustomed to fallen nature. As if they are crossing a bridge made of stone, they should take each step toward the world of eternity with care. Then they will be able to lead lives of wisdom.

There are no exceptions to spiritual law

Many people understand that the fundamental force of God is the Universal Prime Force. Yet people do not think about how they themselves can possess the force. During their earthly lives, they must realize the value of the original force. The rays of the original force can be reflected only when one is on the original rail; not off the rail. Even when you are on the rail, you need to be careful not to be derailed. In the spirit world, no exceptions or forgiveness are allowed.

While on earth, we can be forgiven based on the circumstances or heartistic relations, but in the spirit world it is not possible, even in the parent-child relationship. This is not because the spiritual laws are fussy, but because everything is done in accordance with the Principle. You might wonder why a God of love cannot be more understanding, but because God is the subject of the original love, if He were to allow exceptions the fundamental order would be destroyed. He cannot allow exceptions in order to keep the right order in the world of eternity. In other words, because He loves us, He cannot forgive us. Therefore, we should live each moment fully in preparation for life in eternity. The reason I am saying this is to fulfill my obligation of helping True Parents as their son when they reorganize the spirit world. If we are truly their children, should we not live lives of filial piety, helping our Parents when they are in difficulty?

Three Objects Purpose

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The three objects purpose is God's precious blessing and gift to human beings that is given to them at the time of His creation of them. This principle came into being as a condition for human beings to come before God. However, due to the fall, the principle of the love and beauty

that should have been reciprocated between husband and wife was invaded. In order to restore this to the original state centered on God, the three objects purpose that has been improperly directed since the time of Adam and Eve must be corrected.

Adam and Eve especially should have had a reciprocal relationship of love and beauty centered on God, but because their relationship came to be centered on Satan, the circuit of the original reciprocal relationship was destroyed. Therefore, God's desire is to build the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven based on love by restoring human beings to the original standard of value of the three objects purpose.

The perfection of a couple

One of God's blessings to us human beings is the multiplication of children. The love between parent and child is agape-type love that gives and gives without any conditions attached. This type of love is not often experienced in our lifetime. However, like a spring of water that never dries up, the love of God, who desires to infinitely give as the king of love, never dries up.

Likewise, as husbands and wives we should also resemble God's love and become one with His love that constantly desires to give and give, through which our love and beauty will be returned to

God as precious offerings. How many couples exist on earth today who are actually practicing and living God's love according to His desire?

The Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world is a beautiful place where couples live returning love and beauty to God and reaching the standard of the three objects purpose. There can be no deception or falsity within such love. Since conjugal love is given and returned centered on God, it should have the standard of supreme value. Furthermore, during earthly life a couple should live lives that are totally united with God's

stand as well as go through the process of rebirth. Our defiled lineage should be completely sanctified and we should inherit the love of God. This is rebirth. In order to be reborn, our body needs to return to the womb from which it came. This may sound like a fantasy, but the Principle teaches us that we can go back to God through the process of rebirth by fulfilling an indemnity condition of lesser value. However, for this we need a mediator, which is True Parents. Human beings cannot go to God without True Parents, since original sin and fallen nature can be removed only through

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true love which fulfills the three objects purpose. Otherwise, after they go to the spirit world, they cannot possess the love of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fallen nature

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Fallen nature refers to a mentality that is derailed from the original track of the Principle that God originally desired. How can human beings return to the original track of the Principle, overcoming their fallen nature? God loves us without any condition simply because we are His children. All human beings, who are derailed from the original track, should return to their original position as God's children. However, to do this is impossible without establishing the proper condition.

Then what is that condition? When human beings who were created as the children of God fell, in being derailed from the original track, they came to serve another master, condemning themselves to attend two masters. However, they should clearly realize that God is the true master. Only when they return to God, having solved the problem of dealing with two masters, can they be fully and completely restored.

Rebirth

Complete restoration is not easy. Fallen blood is flowing within human beings, who deviated from the original track of the principle and left their original position of being God's children. We must stop all fallen activities. However, in order to be reborn, we need to under-

stand as well as go through the process of rebirth. Our defiled lineage should be completely sanctified and we should inherit the love of God. This is rebirth. In order to be reborn, our body needs to return to the womb from which it came. This may sound like a fantasy, but the Principle teaches us that we can go back to God through the process of rebirth by fulfilling an indemnity condition of lesser value. However, for this we need a mediator, which is True Parents. Human beings cannot go to God without True Parents, since original sin and fallen nature can be removed only through

True Parents, and only through them can fallen human beings come forward to God as His original children with God-like value. Since we inherited original sin and fallen nature from Satan we must be separated from them. It is wrong to think that we can do this on our own. Separation from original sin and fallen nature is possible only when we realize the value of the Blessing given by True Parents. From this perspective, we can learn that the Blessing contains much meaning. After coming to the spirit world, I could realize the amazing value and greatness of our True Parents even more deeply

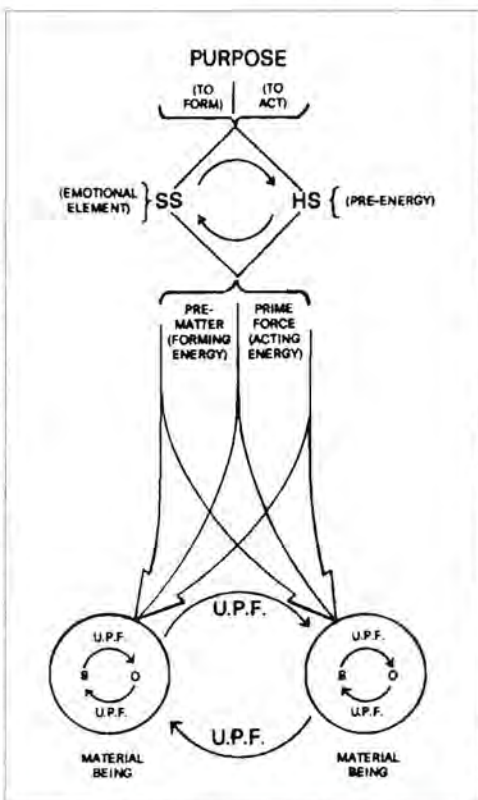
The Four Position Foundation

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The Four Position Foundation is the foundation upon which a man as subject and a woman as object are united and multiply children centering on God. Human beings, who are created as children of God based upon His purpose of creation, and who are supposed to follow His ideal of subject and object, should grow up within the sphere of God's love and fulfill the ideal of creation God originally intended.

However, Satan became the dominator of this world. Therefore, the ideal world can only be built when the world under Satan's dominion is restored and completely returns to the dominion of God. Through His providence of restoration, God has been searching for the human beings who can build heaven on earth. When the people on earth come

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Universal Prime Force performs give and take action for existence, multiplication and action.

back to God's bosom, the eternal Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world centering on God will be established.

True Parents of heaven and earth

The ideal world God wanted to build became an evil world due to the human fall, and the entangled process of the history of restoration emerged. The purpose of the history of restoration is to untie the knots of resentment and sorrow in history one by one; and by so doing bring the world under the dominion of God. A master who can bring an end to this providence of restoration should come to this world, and from then on the building of heaven can begin. That person is the True Parent.

The history of salvation for humankind initiated by True Parents has greatly contributed to the development of human history. Through this fundamental providence, an eternal ideal world can be established here in the spiritual world. Since True Parents, who are now in the physical world, are True Parents not only for the physical world but also for the spiritual world, they are the masters of the eternal sabbath of the spiritual world and the masters of the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, spirit men and women at all different levels have lived in hope of the day when True Parents will come to the spiritual world and build the ideal world. The spirits on high levels know about the coming world of hope, but spirits on lower levels do not know how their frightening

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world of punishment will change. For them, there is no hope and no waiting, only continuous pain and suffering.

Therefore, the more people there are on earth who will go to hell, the more complicated the spiritual world will become, and the True Parents will have to make more efforts and their suffering will be longer after they come to the spirit world. Even if the external blessing looks like it is being given freely, the destiny of earthly men and women bound for hell will change. So let's become pioneers who can build the eternal world. That is the way to fulfill our filial piety.

Completion of the Four Position Foun-

datation is the completion of the Kingdom of Heaven. Through establishing the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven we show our filial devotion to True Parents.

THE IDEAL OF HEAVEN

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Heaven is the place where people who have received recognition as God's children gather. They are the owners of heaven. The ideal of heaven is realized by those who live for the sake of others, not thinking of or acting on behalf of themselves. What is the proper behavior in heaven? In heaven, people's behavior is motivated by their own humble attitude, not by someone else.

Is there any fence in heaven? It is not a place where someone asks you to come in or go out. It is not a place where someone gives orders. Rather, it is the place where people act by knowing and feeling the breathing of God. There are no class distinctions in heaven. There are no levels according to which people are positioned higher or lower than others. There is no concern here about social position. The one at the highest position and the one at the lowest position are united into one by their love of each other. Therefore, the one who accomplishes the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven is the one who knows God's ideal, and who realizes God's fundamental will and lives according to it. The laws of the spirit world are very strict and examination is carried out strictly, as by computer. Therefore, people on earth

should try to live looking forward to life in the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The principle of reciprocity and the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven

The principle of reciprocity can be explained through the principle of give and take action. The meaning of give and take action is not only to give and take well. A subject and object involved in give and take action should know whom the action is centered on. A subject and an object should not pursue their own ideals centering on themselves. Everyone must realize that the right guide to the ideal of heaven is to live

in the direction to become the owner of the fundamental power through the pursuit of the circuit of absolute give and take action between subject and object.

The subjective force in the principle of reciprocity is generated when the subject is motivated for the sake of its object, and the objective power is generated when the object is motivated for the sake of its subject. These forces are the fundamental forces of the principle of reciprocity which direct the forces to be directed to God. I would like to say that the realization of the ideal of heaven is the main purpose of the principle of reciprocity.

Gateways to heaven

There are many gateways to pass through before one enters the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven is the warehouse in which you collect all the fruits of your life. Here the weight of your bundle is measured and determines how great an award you receive. In other words the weight of good and evil is compared.

"How did you live your life on earth?" Was it for God? Was it for yourself? What were your views of the world and of your country? What did you leave on earth? These things are taken into consideration. There are so many examinations and your life is examined in full detail. It is like water finally coming to your dinner table after having been sterilized and filtered so many times after coming from the river.

It is not that a guard questions you and takes you to a certain gate. I myself go to this gateway and that gateway as if attracted by a magnet and pass through each of them. The pain when you arrive at a certain gateway and are rejected because of your sins is beyond description. It is so shameful and fearful.

There are so many levels at each gateway. There are many more places than heaven, paradise and hell as are referred to on earth. Then how can we finally enter heaven, safely passing through all the gateways? If there are some gateways we cannot pass through due to your sins, we need to spend a certain time there to pay indemnity, depending on the condition of God's special blessing, the achievements of our descendants, prayer, offerings, service, and so on. The people in the spirit world are waiting for True Parents to come and to set up a new standard for the passing of each gateway. I am really worried that there will be more work for True Parents.■

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My Children and Heavenly Father's Children

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It is very good to see you all talking so freely and openly about your family situations. Are you satisfied with yourselves as parents? If you are great, your children will be great.

We need someone in the grandparent's position in our community of believers here in Norway. If your children do not follow you well, they will follow me. Please let me know about your children's situations. I will help you as a grandfather. If your children unite with me, they can follow you better as well.

Our children should grow up together as a large family

When other children come to visit you, please, tell them their parents are great. Say nice things about their mother and father. That is very encouraging for them. Never say bad things about their parents. They may have experienced their parents fighting each other. Please tell them, "Your parents fight because they want very much that you grow up." When the mother wants to buy something, but the father has a different opinion, they may have an argument. The children see this, but are not able to understand why their mother and father argue. Other parents can explain this to the children. We have to exchange information about our children.

Children see that their parents do not go to the Sunday service. Other parents are able to explain to those children that their parents have many reasons. Problems have to get sorted out. Then their parents will again be able to attend the services. We have to protect each other. I am not saying you should tell lies. Lying is wrong. It is very important to understand each others' situations as parents. I am happy you discuss your family situations openly.

After the Holy Wedding in 1960, True Parents promised each other never to cry in front of their children. We too should never cry in front of our children. This was not easy for Mother. Father used to speak to the members until very late, sometimes until midnight. Between midnight and 4:00 a.m. there was a curfew. It would take forty

minutes for Father to go to Chung Pa Dong from Su Taek Ri. Father would sometimes not leave until 11:30 p.m. Mother could not sleep. She asked Father to stop earlier, but Father didn't seem to care. Mother expressed her opinion, but it was rejected. Mother would not feel good. That happened several times, but Mother had to follow Father's word. Still Mother could never show those kinds of feelings in front of the children. You too, when you go through similar situation, should not express negative feelings in front of children. If you do, they will inherit your negative feelings.

You can explain that you have different opinions. You can even tell your children you are not so good. Be honest! The children should understand that their parents argue for the sake of others. In the secular world people argue for their own sakes. If your children see you argue for the sake of others, they will respect you.

We must follow our original mind. Then we will have no problems. We know the complete answer in our mind. We offered our children to God during the Eight Day Ceremony. We promised to raise our children as the children of Heavenly Father. But we keep thinking they are our own children.

We cannot accuse each other in front of the children. They are Heavenly Father's children. If we think they are our own children, we may hit them. How do you treat your children when they do not listen to you? Heavenly Father wants to teach you through them. If you think about Heavenly Father when your kids are making trouble, you cannot hit them. You have to treat them with care. They are God's children. You are there to protect them. That is how True Parents think of us. True Parents have forgiven us so many times, in spite of our having made so many problems. True Parents never think of us as Satan's children.

Let's bear in mind that our children belong to Heavenly Father and let's really protect them. So many children are born in Satan's tradition of love. They only learn to think of themselves.

We have to show them we live for others and not for ourselves. Please do not pray just for your own children, but for all second generation children.

Sunday Service

There seem to be more children here today than adults. In such a case, who should the preacher focus on, the adults or the children? If the message is geared toward the adults, the children will not understand. If you are just focusing on the children, the adults cannot receive it. How can we make a good Sunday service? Many adults did not come today, but the children did. We have to take time to reflect on this. If the children can understand our sermons, it is quite amazing.

The purpose of the service is to understand the message of the sermon. If you cannot understand the sermon, you will not have the heart to come here. If you hear a message that can help you in your life, you will automatically come back. A sermon is different from a lecture in school. A sermon is able to reach our hearts and because of that we are able to attain a higher spiritual level. A sermon does not just convey knowledge. If we cannot get liberated or resurrected or are not reborn through the Sunday service, we cannot easily attend it. Please think about this.

When Father used to give sermons in Korea, he really prepared a long time. The late Rev. Hyo Won Eu used to prepare his sermons by writing everything down. He had to prepare the whole week for the sermon. Father told him he should pray three times as long as his sermon would last. Christian ministers often prepare for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, for the Sunday service. They read the Bible and many books as well. Father is different! He has prayed so much for Heavenly Father, our members and all mankind. Many times Father spent all night in prayer in preparation for the next day's sermon. Father used to take his place in front half an hour before the service began. Many times he would get his topic five

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A Victory for Religious Freedom

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak
 April 25, 1998
 Makati City, Philippines

[From 1996-1998, the Unification Church of the Philippines endured tremendous persecution and scrutiny from the Philippine government and media. Finally on March 12, 1998, Justice Secretary Silvestre H. Bello officially declared that the allegations against our church were without merit and ordered the case dismissed. The following is the keynote address given afterward to more than 300 VIPs who attended a banquet in celebration of religious freedom.]

DISTINGUISHED attorneys, religious leaders and political representatives of the Philippines, ladies and gentlemen. It is an honor and indeed a great pleasure to address you this evening.

We gather to celebrate a victory for religious freedom—a truly great moment not only in the history of the Philippines, but also for the world. The decision on the part of the Philippine courts to dismiss the charges against the Unification Church is not simply a victory for the Unification Church. This decision represents a most significant expression of the Philippines' respect for the principle of religious freedom.

The right to religious freedom is one of our most precious rights. It is linked to the way in which we relate, individually and communally, to ultimate reality, or God. While history records countless instances religious oppression and bigotry, there has emerged, particularly in the twentieth century, an awareness that religious freedom is a basic human right that every state should protect. Today, protections of religious freedom are enshrined in virtually all of the world's

democracies. Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948 states, "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, this right includes the freedom to change his religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Despite these constitutional protections, however, freedom of religion remains ever vulnerable, particularly when it comes to minority religions and newer religious movements. The history of religions, whether one examines Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Mormonism or others, reveals a typical pattern of persecution and misunderstanding. Many of the most highly revered prophets and founders of the world's great religious traditions have been persecuted, imprisoned, and even killed. In addition, their followers have often faced similar outrages. The history of Christianity is itself illustrative: its founder, Jesus, was crucified, its earliest disciples and missionaries, Peter and Paul were imprisoned and killed, and for centuries its most devout followers faced martyrdom. Can we say that such persecution was the result of a correct understanding of the purpose and mission of Christianity? This can hardly be the case.

Unfortunately, it is not only in communist states where religious freedoms are violated. For example, at the present time in Europe, not only do some Protestant and Catholic Christians persecute one another in Ireland, but several countries, including Germany,

France, and Austria have passed legislation to restrict "sects." The word sect is in this case a pejorative term used to describe any minority religion which is out of favor with the culturally dominant majority religion. Just this past September, in Russia, legislation was passed that made it virtually impossible for minority religion to spread its message to the people of Russia. Unfortunately, such legislation is supported not only by certain secular and atheistic politicians, but also by religious leaders of the dominant religion, the Russian Orthodox Church. One restriction contained in the legislation requires a religion to be present in Russia for fifteen years before it will be allowed to conduct public activities. Since virtually all religions were banned during the Soviet era, this regulation eliminated almost all the Protestant and minority religions.

Sadly, too, in a number of Islamic countries, and in direct defiance of the spirit and letter of the holy Qur'an, minority religions and other religions suffer greatly. In places such as Pak-

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(l. to r.) Atty. Celso Talaba, Gen. Honesto Bumanglag, FFWPU president Eric Niduasa, Gov. Cecil Dy, Rev. Byung Wooh Kim, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Mrs. Julia Kim, Atty. Gloria Larot, FFWPU vice-president, J. Navalla.

The day the 360,000,000 Couples Blessing lands on the earth, the unified world of heaven and earth in the realm of heart will be realized. The gate to the Kingdom of God opens from earth. We are to live in the Kingdom of God on earth and enter into the Kingdom of God in heaven.

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In Search of the Shim Jung that Completes...

the families on the earth centering on absolute love and true love. You must know this. True Parents bear hardship in order to find the original homeland of heart.

Because it was parents who fell, True Parents also have to bear hardship in order to find love at the standard of fallen parents. We have to cross over even if we have to walk through a path of indemnity and suffering. If Christianity had received the Second Advent, we would not have had to bear hardship, but because the Second Advent was not received, communism emerged. That is why there is conflict between Cain and Abel and between communism and democracy. We have to unify this conflicting world. Therefore, I have to bring about the end of communism with one hand and open wide the path for America, which is the democratic world, with my other hand.

It is a historical undertaking that I have come to South America to try to unify Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. Roman Catholicism and Protestantism oppose us because they are afraid of us, but neither Roman Catholicism nor Protestantism can solve the problems of the family. Solving youth problems and family problems is the privilege of Reverend Moon. Why?

The reason True Parents bear hardship is to establish the ideal Kingdom of Heaven centering on absolute sex. Do you understand? That is why I became the sacrificial offering. I became the sacrificial offering and found ideal love. What am I going to do with it? I have to bequeath it to the world. The 30,000 Couples Blessing was to bequeath the ideal love to the whole world. That was the twelfth hill. The 30,000 Couples Blessing represents the formation stage, the 360,000 Couples Blessing represents the growth stage, and the 3,600,000 Couples Blessing represents the completion stage.

Centering on these three blessings, the 36,000,000 Couples Blessing was to be held in May of this year. However, heaven was in such a rush that a waterfall came down from heaven, which had to land on the earth. The day the 360,000,000 Couples Blessing lands on the earth, the unified world of heaven and earth in the realm of heart will be realized. The gate to the Kingdom of God opens from earth. We are to live in the Kingdom of God on earth and enter into the Kingdom of God in heaven. The Kingdom of God starts from the family and expands to the nation. The whole family of Adam can enter the Kingdom of God. Do you understand?

THE KING OF LOVE

The third Adam is supposed to save the situation of fallen humankind; then we enter the realm of the fourth Adam. All people in the whole world should live as brothers and sisters centering on the realm of the fourth Adam. I am establishing the kingship of family throughout the whole world. I am a king of the family and of the church. I am the king of the Unification Church, aren't I? What kind of king? I am a king of love. I am a king of the family centering on true love. Is it true? [Yes.]

Therefore, neither men nor women can hate me. If they do, their families get into trouble. If a blessed couple diverges from the Unification Church, they have nowhere to go. Everything will become separated; they will eventually become like fallen leaves. They cannot become a branch; instead, they will decompose. There are people who have left freely, but they cannot come back. They left and opposed me. But when they see me, they cry. They remember what they did and they are in pain. They say, "We opposed you not because we wanted to oppose you but because we felt pain." I ask them, "Why are you in pain?" They cry and say, "You are still teaching us and giving us advice. But everyone we knew in the church all became leaders or important people. It is too hard for us to go back and face them."

For what purpose did True Parents bear hardship? The garden of true love was to be realized after World War II. However, it did not happen because Roman Catholicism and Protestantism together opposed me, and eventually the whole world opposed me. The foundation which God had developed over the previous 4,000 years and 6,000 years was lost. I cannot live 6,000 years; I cannot live 400 years or 4,000 years. Thus I had to restore all of history within 40 years. Within 40 years, I had to restore Adam's family and restore Jesus. As a man who had lost everything, I had to restore everything within my lifetime. The Blessings of 30,000 couples, 360,000 couples, and 3,600,000 couples were the hills of formation, growth, and completion. In order to climb those hills, we set the goal for 3,600,000 couples, 36,000,000 couples, and 70,000,000 couples. But because heaven was in such a rush, the spirit world became mobilized and pushed the physical world. You should not think that you have accomplished this by yourselves.

Those who won the first, second, third, fourth, and seventh places from the 36,000,000 Couples Blessing contest are here today. Do you think that you will receive an award? Do you think you will receive or give? [We will give.] You should not say it if you are not sure. Because you get into trouble if you say it without really meaning it. Did you come to give? [Yes.] You are sure you didn't come to receive? [Yes.] Then, give to me. [Everyone laughs.] Now you have gotten yourselves caught into a condition to give. Are you going to give or not? [We will.] I might give away awards when I receive from you.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BLESSED FAMILY

You know the history of restoration. You understand about restoration through indemnity. It is not enough to shed blood. You need to understand how it works. Satan never submits easily. When you find true love and establish an ideal family through the Blessing, having returned to the origin, you are standing in the position of a family which has received its Blessing in front of God. Then the authority of True Parents exists in your family. Do you understand? The position of True Parents, which had been lost throughout the course of restoration, will have been restored. Your family is the place for the True Parents' authority. God lost His sons and daughters in history. Your family is the place in which God can resurrect His son from the New Testament Age. Your family is the place

Members gather outdoors in the early morning on the Day of Victory of Love to listen to Father's guidance, January 2, 1998; Punta del Este, Uruguay.

where all things, which were dead, can revive. Therefore, you should set the indemnity conditions for the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age, and the Completed Testament Age and you must fulfill those conditions. Otherwise, you cannot be part of the liberated world of shim jung. This is the entire conclusion of history seen from the course of restoration through indemnity. Do you understand? [Yes.]

In other words, before the Blessing of Adam and Eve, God is the master of all things in the universe. When man receives the Blessing, he becomes united with God, possessing everything. What would belong to him? He would be the owner of a country, of the earth and of the universe. Adam and Eve were to be the owners of everything, but they fell. Because of the fall of Adam and Eve, God lost His love partner and the universe with them. From that point, everything diverged. All things have to be divided, sons have to be divided, and then parents have to be divided. It became necessary to indemnify with sacrificial offerings. If you observe God's altar with absolute faith, you will realize that all things, sons, and parents, are on the altar as offerings.

THE BLESSED FAMILY'S COURSE OF LIBERATION

For the blessed family, the child is the base for the husband and wife to stand in a parental position. All things exist in the world of Satan. Your material things, your son and daughter and your own physical body have not been indemnified entirely. As the True Parents have entered the liberated world of love by sacrificing all things, sons, daughters, and parents, you should enter the realm of liberation through the three stages of the offering course centering on True Parents' realm of liberation. When you enter the realm of liberation, you also have ownership. You have ownership of material things and you also have your own son and daughters. But until you enter that realm you have false parents, false sons, and false material things. When we look at a family horizontally, all things represent the Old Testament Age, your sons represent the New Testament Age, and you and your spouse represent the Completed Testament Age. All things were offered in the Old Testament Age. Sons and parents were offered throughout history. Likewise, you should be in the position that you can offer everything in order to be engrafted to True Parents' realm of heart. This is a very important issue.

Until the day we complete the Blessing of 360,000,000 couples, we should go through a sacrificial course. Through the sacrificial course, you deny and sacrifice all things, sons and daughters, and the physical bodies in your family, as all things were sacrificed in the Old Testament Age, as sons were sacrificed in the New Testament Age, and as parents were sacrificed in the Completed Testament Age. Unless you go through the sacrificial course centering on your own conditions, you cannot be engrafted to the True Parents' victorious realm of heaven, earth, and the cosmos. You have to cut off from things.

Today, we welcome the thirty-first God's Day. The three years until the year 2000 will be a transitional age during which the cosmos can change. During this age, you should be ready to offer all things, your sons and daughters, and



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yourselves as sacrificial offerings. You should be able to deny everything. You should bring all blessed families in the world together. Then you should cut off the satanic world and engraft to True Parents in order to enter into the realm of shim jung. I do not own anything, and I have no money of my own. I denied my sons and daughters. I have not been taking care of them. I denied myself. Don't you think so? [Yes.] My sons and daughters are here with me, but they do not think of True Parents as their own father and mother. They think we are the father and mother of the Unification Church. Now they are mature enough to understand. They say they did not know that their mother and father were great people. In order to search for God's shim jung, I have denied everything. Therefore, God has blessed me, and He is ready to hand down the sovereign power for the realm of shim jung.

Thus, in order to establish the realm of a nation of liberated families, you need to set conditions. You should set the conditions that your material things are not yours, your sons and daughters are not yours, and even your body is not yours. You should be ready to follow even if you are driven out to the place of death. The logic is that small families should be absorbed into bigger families. Do you understand? [Yes.] This is clearly the view of the Principle. This is not my theory. I am only speaking the principle of heaven. You understand very well now that you should follow True Parents in order to engraft yourself into them. To follow True Parents it is inevitable that you sacrifice all your possessions in front of God. You should not think that your possessions are your own. You should be responsible for everything. You must offer everything to God. All those are stolen goods. The important thing is that you should return all of them.

Because a principle like this exists, the world can be unified. I was waiting for the right time. It has happened now in Korea. There is no country, and there is no religion. There is nothing in Korea. If there is no country, religion has no significance. Only Rev. Moon and the Unification Church are left. However, for the sake of the salvation of mankind and for the salvation of the whole world, I am leaving Korea as it is. It will be enough if I educate them for one year.

I will tell you where we are going from today centering on the thirtieth anniversary of God's Day. I will let you know

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how to solve the problem in Korea and how to solve the problems in the world. If you work day and night without rest, you will go directly to the realm of liberation where one can go straight to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen. [Amen.]

A new year dawns. Let us pray that the day of liberation will come down to the earth. Let's have three cheers of man-

sei, wishing that God can resolve His han and accomplish His will. May God's blessing be with you.■

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My Children and Heavenly...

minutes before the start. Then he would speak without any notes. During Sunday services with Father many would receive revelations from heaven.

Father speaks according to the audience he has. He adjusts his message when he sees who is present. Father is also able to point out who has prepared with prayer and other condition for the Sunday service. Father would suddenly point at that person and ask him to say a representative prayer. During the prayer that person would sometimes go to the spirit world. Suddenly he would become quiet. We would wait for five minutes for him to end his prayer, but nothing happened. Then Father would tell the person to stop the prayer. The person would regain his consciousness and would complete his prayer. Only Father would know that the person he had asked to pray had been in the spirit world during the prayer. That person had actually prepared with his whole heart and in deep prayer before attending the Sunday service. That is why

those kinds of phenomena would happen during the service.

The minister is a spiritual doctor

Father took responsibility for the whole service and would himself lead the service and give the sermon. He really showed us how to hold Sunday services. Now he does not organize services any longer. The church leader does it. The church leader must therefore prepare in prayer for the whole service, but different persons may take responsibility for the prayers, the emcee-role, the collection, music and other aspects. They should however all prepare with prayer. If they really prepare in advance, the congregation will change a lot. The atmosphere will change. Don't you think so? If we do not prepare for meeting Heavenly Father, we may get hurt instead of receiving grace. This is like a spiritual hospital. Here people can be cured of spiritual sickness. When Father would go up to the podium, he thought about curing people who in a sense are like criminals. He felt he was carrying out an operation. He felt if his

mind was not clear, he might kill the patients. If the doctor kills the patient, who should indemnify that? The doctor has to take responsibility.

If Father could not prepare well for the service, he would straightaway start to repent. Father used to teach us that if the minister came late to the service, he should be very serious about his mistake. If 100 people waited for him, and he was ten minutes late, 1000 minutes would be wasted. If an operation is scheduled to begin at a certain time and the surgeon is ten minutes late, the patient might already be dead. Please consider this if you are late. If everyone has the right attitude, the atmosphere will be so different. In the Bible we read that when two or more are gathered in the name of God, our Heavenly Father will be there with them. If one or two in a congregation have such an attitude, the other members can also inherit that kind of spirit.■

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istan and Egypt, Christians and other minorities often are subjected to restrictions of their right to religious freedom. The situation is particularly disturbing in Sudan, where in a bloody civil war between the Muslim north and a largely Christian and animist south, non-Muslims are being killed and enslaved.

At present, due to the awareness of violations of religious freedom worldwide, the United States House of Representatives is considering legislation, the Wolff-Specter bill, that would require the government of the United States to apply pressure and even impose economic sanctions on nations which practice religious discrimination and persecution. The Philippines has

shown great forethought, wisdom and leadership in recognizing the importance of religious freedom.

The Blessing

The charges initially brought against the Unification Church early in 1996 were based on a profound and unfortunate misunderstanding of what we call the "Blessing," a beautiful ceremony that was held in January 1996 in the Philippine International Convention Center. The Blessing ceremony is a religious rite unique to the ministry of Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, but consistent with the principles taught in all religions. The ceremony itself is now open to people of all faiths. Since the first Blessing in 1960, millions of people around the world, from all faith backgrounds, have participated in the Blessing. Although it is usually portrayed in the popular media as a wedding or marriage

ceremony, the Blessing is far beyond that in its meaning. It is a rite which represents the dedication of a couple's marriage to God. The Blessing is not itself a marriage ceremony, but a spiritual dedication of a marriage. Although all religions have tried to create God-centered families, the strength of marriage as an institution is in fact declining today. God has commissioned the Reverend Moon to call couples of all faiths to a new dedication, and to give this special Blessing to those who do. We all need this Blessing.

These marriage dedication ceremonies, which include both engaged couples and already married couples, have been celebrated in all parts of the world. Up until 1990, the Blessings were held as marriage rededication ceremonies for members of the Unification Church. Since 1992, however, with the establishment of the World Culture and Sports Festivals, the Blessing has undergone a process of globalization. By this I mean that the Blessing ceremonies have come to include all people of all faiths, and do not require membership in the Unification Church. In fact, the Blessing is now carried out not in the name of a specific church, but in the name of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU).

There have been three World Culture and Sports Festivals (WCSF)—in 1992, 1995 and 1997. WCSF is a global festival involving a wide range of cultural performances, athletic competitions, scholarly conferences and inter-religious dialogue. At the center of these festivals is the Blessing ceremony, a time when people come together to dedicate their marriages to God. At WCSF III in Washington DC last November, 39.6 million couples, in an event linked by satellite to nations throughout the world, rededicated their marriages. This June, centered on New York, there will be a Blessing involving over 100 million couples. It would give me great pleasure to see many of you in attendance at this upcoming Blessing.

The ministry of Reverend Moon

It has been the Reverend Moon's sole mission in life to restore God's ideal of the family, which was lost at the time of the fall of Adam and Eve. The greatest tragedy of human history has been the loss of God's ideal of true love, which is to dwell in the God-centered family. The Reverend Moon has always understood that the key to the creation of world peace lies in the establishment of families centered on the true love of God. The Reverend Moon has worked tirelessly for this purpose, and he has taken his message to every corner of the globe. Every organization that he has founded—and they are too numerous to mention here—has as its central goal the establishment of world peace. Above all, the Blessing is the key to world peace, for it works to link the family, the center of love, life and lineage, directly to God.

Increasingly, people around the world recognize that family breakdown, and particularly sexual promiscuity, are undermining the stability of our communities and our societies, and consequently of our nations and the world. This problem is seen everywhere. As I have traveled around the world and met with leaders in every country, I have found a universal agreement that sexual immorality and family breakdown are leading

the way to ruin. When the family unit begins to unravel, as it surely will whenever fornication, pornography and "free sex" become commonplace, weakening of the social order will surely follow. The consequences are devastating. Social scientific evidence shows that family disorder leads to increased poverty, crime, poor performance in schools and the workplace, and greater psychological and emotional problems on all levels of society. Surely the children of divorce, abuse and neglect are the greatest victims, and they are our future.

There is no more urgent task today than to educate our youth in the way of purity and true love. Our youth today must be taught and inspired by an alternative to the degrading sexual promiscuity that permeates most societies. Scientific studies now confirm what religious wisdom has known for centuries, that sexual license and self-indulgence lead to unhappiness. On the other hand, those who understand the sacred and holy purpose of marriage and sexuality within marriage will come to know supreme joy and fulfillment.

In all nations we must begin to teach our children about the divine value and purpose of purity and true love. If we fail to turn the tide of promiscuity and "free sex," we can only anticipate a future of widespread social disorder and suffering. Government alone can never solve this problem, for the root of the problem is deeper than law. It lies in the realm of conscience and spiritual consciousness. For this reason, the solution to the problem must come through religion. This is why Reverend Moon is so single-minded in promoting the ideal of God-centered families through the Blessing. He does not wish to promote his own church. On the contrary, he has devoted all his resources to support the education of people from all religious backgrounds and cultures.

It is my deepest hope that you can come to know the genuine heart and teaching of the Reverend Moon. If you do, I have no doubt that you will affirm the principles of his mission, and you will even encourage others to come to know him.

To those of you gathered here, I wish to say on behalf of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, from the bottom of my heart, thank you! The Philippines has proven to be a champion of the cause of religious freedom. Your decision is one which displays righteousness, fair-mindedness and mature self-confidence. You will be a beacon to lead other nations on the right path in this troubled era. I wish to thank the great Filipino people, especially your courageous President Ramos and Secretary Bello for supporting justice regarding our movement. They are truly among the most warm, gracious, generous and hospitable in the world. Many of you here worked very hard over the past two years on behalf of our cause. I am deeply grateful to each of you.

I also want to express my appreciation to God. I know that through the providential hand of God victory has been won. May God bless you, your families and the great nation of the Philippines.■

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TRUE PARENTS BID FAREWELL TO THE AUDIENCE AT THE MANHATTAN CENTER AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CELEBRATION OF TRUE DAY OF ALL THINGS. MAY 26, 1998.

“Who is this God? He is our Father. He is our subject of love. He is to be the Father of our family, our tribe, our nation and our world. The one who could be the Father of heaven and earth is the God who is the subject of all. Because human beings were created as the objects of God’s love, when the first human ancestors fell, God lost His partners of love.”

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