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THE MEANING OF THE JARDIM DECLARATIONS AND THE STANDARD FOR BLESSED FAMILIES WORLDWIDE

CENTERING on the Ideal Family Education Headquarters for World Peace, True Parents are dedicating themselves for the education of the blessed families. In following the proper path of a blessed family, we all have a very great responsibility to accomplish the most important goal of becoming part of True Parents' Family.

Through the Jardim declarations, True Parents have announced the core teaching through which we can become "True Parents' Family" and live as exemplary blessed families. Ideally, I would like to analyze these deeply. At this point, however, I will offer a brief summary of the content of the declarations that blessed couples can refer to.

It is my wish that the worldwide blessed families be aware of the highest value of the blessing through these five declarations, and that by living according to their specific content they can realize the blessed family ideal. Moreover, I hope that as tribal messiahs you will educate your 160 families according to the standard of the declarations.

The First Declaration: We must live a life of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience in order to perfect God's ideal of creation. At the time of the Creation, God invested Himself without reserve, maintaining absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience with regard to the ideal of true love. On the basis of that absolute standard, God wanted humankind to be His children, the substantial object of His love. He wanted to establish such an absolute standard. God's absolute standard has no relationship with any particular nation's customs or way of working. It comes from Him alone. By coming to resemble God we can reach that absolute standard. Not only should we resemble God, who has been investing unceasingly, but we must trust Him, love Him and obey Him absolutely—more than we do our spouse, our children, any ideology or anything else. Of life's challenging path, the Bible says that he who seeks to die will live, and he who seeks to live will die.

Originally, if humankind had not fallen but had perfected themselves, they would have become one with God through true life, true love and true blood lineage, and would automatically have established the sphere of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. All blessed couples, together with their families, must go the way of absolute faith, absolute

love and absolute obedience.

The Second Declaration: God's nature is absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging. The object of God's love must also have these attributes.

First, more than merely becoming the sons and daughters of God, our blessed family must become absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging sons and daughters. The relationship between husband and wife in a blessed couple should also reflect these qualities. That is to say, the husband must become an absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging husband in front of his wife, and his wife must become an absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging wife in front of her husband.

From the position of parents who await the birth of our children, we must become absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging parents (father and mother). When these are achieved, a family is perfected as an absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging family. When the relationships in a family become absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging on the basis of true love, the ideal family of true love is realized. The lifestyle of members of such a family is automatically that of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and they ultimately graduate to the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world.

After a blessed couple has established vertical relationships that are absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging, then when they watch over each other as husband and wife, or their children, they will realize relationships that are absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging on the foundation of true love.

The Third Declaration: The invisible God's creation of the visible substantial world means that through the ideal of creation He achieved His own perfection together with the perfection of the visible world. In other words, we could say that together with the substantial growth of Adam and Eve, who are the encapsulation of the substantial visible world, God was carrying out His own creation.

God's own substantial perfection is realized through the perfection of Adam who is God's body. While the invisible God appears to the visible Adam, He also dwells within Adam through his mind which we can not see. God who is the first Lord of Creation realizes the substantial, bodily perfection through Adam. Therefore, from this point Adam can be called the second Lord of Creation.

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39TH TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY

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As today is a special day, True Children's Day, I am going to explain how to prepare yourselves to enter the Kingdom. There are many different religions in this world. One of their common goals is to lead people into the Kingdom of Heaven. But they do not know the best way. That is what we have to find out.

When God created humankind he started with one man and one woman. For what purpose? If the purpose of the creation of human beings was to feel good, do you think it was for the sake of Adam and Eve to feel good, or was it for God Himself? Which comes first? [God.] How can God be happy? Just imagine; when God felt good after creating Adam and Eve, do you think he felt good just by looking at their faces or by kissing them? If it were because of kissing them, where do you think it would have taken place, up in heaven? Or would God have come down to Adam and Eve's level? [Adam and Eve's level.] Really?

Then who do you think God must have kissed first, Adam or Eve? Suppose God did kiss Eve first; then what do you think Adam must have felt? Would he have just watched them, or would he have asked God, "Why didn't You kiss me first?" Which is more valuable, the son's position or the daughter's position? It is not a simple question requiring just a simple answer.

We must consider whether there is any condition under which neither God nor Adam nor Eve would mind if God were to come down and kiss one of them first. Can we find such a place? We can conclude that there must be the place or condition where God can kiss either of them any time and no one minds at all. Don't you think God must have thought about this? The ideal conclusion is that when God actually gives a kiss to one, all three of them should feel happy. Since Adam and Eve were in the growing stage they might not have thought about it. But since God was perfect already, He must have thought about finding the ideal position in which to kiss them in a way that all three of them would be happy.

Suppose God comes down and asks Adam, "Adam, do you think you can kiss Eve and make all three of us happy?" and Adam says, "No, no." Then God asks Eve, "What about you?" but Eve replies, "No, I don't have confidence." Then they turn around and challenge God saying, "What about You, God, can You do that?" Then what kind of answer do you think God would offer? Would He nod His head or shake it? [Nod it.] How can He do that? The practical and logical conclusion is that God has to divide Himself in half: one side goes to Adam and the other to Eve to give them a kiss.

Father is giving you this talk because it is very important. We are talking about feeling good based on

kissing! Kissing and embracing take place to achieve love. Is that true? [Yes.]

Does woman absolutely need man? Is that the viewpoint of American women? Absolute means only one, not two. What kind of love partner do you want, just a temporary one or an eternal, absolute one? If husband and wife need one another absolutely, whatever belongs to one belongs to the other also, including hair, clothing, socks. Everything should be absolute based upon an absolute standard. What about your spouse's eyes, nose, and mouth? Of course, absolutely, if one can say, "I love my spouse with an absolute love; we are



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*The final goal of God's creation was to make unity
between the invisible and visible beings and create
the utmost happiness, goodness and joy.*

united as one body," how wonderful that is. Every man and woman wants to be in that kind of position and place of settlement, the starting point of family. Is it true?

NATURE AS ADAM AND EVE'S TEACHER

Do you think as Adam and Eve grew they developed the desire to embrace and kiss each other? Where did they learn it? [From nature.] That's true. After learning, what is the next step? Don't you think they were curious watching birds and animals loving and producing offspring? Don't you think they envied them? It is natural. Even among fallen human beings, when children grow up they must be thinking about and imagining every kind of possibility about the opposite sex. It is something mysterious to them. Then think about Adam and Eve in their original state, not having fallen; don't you think they had that kind of thinking and curiosity and that as they grew up they paid more attention to the differences between them?

When Adam and Eve became teenagers, what do you think God told them? Did He tell them to go ahead as they wished or to wait until He said go? [To wait.] For what, forever? Suppose God said, "Wait until you are fully ripe. You should become a fireball. Then when the time comes that you are ripe enough, I will come and embrace and kiss you. That will be when your eyes, nose and ears and every organ and cell of your body are all smiling and intoxicated. When every organ and cell is wide open to receive love, that is the time I will come and tell you to go ahead. Then you will be conquered by that." That is the way of love. Once you fall in love deeply, that is the kind of experience you have. So if God said not to eat the fruit, it meant God wanted them to wait until the temperature rose to, let's say, 10,000 degrees, which God sees as the minimum level. Yet before Adam and Eve reached that temperature they ate the fruit.

If they were to reach that top level, do you think it would be only Adam and Eve who get really excited and intoxicated? God would be in that same position on a higher level. Who do you think has a higher temperature of love, Adam and Eve or God? [God.] How do I know this? Did I observe it? Do you want to know how I found out? This is the treasure of God, Reverend Moon and all humanity. *Jeon boonhap jagyong-eun Hananim-eui sarang motchae*. What does this mean? Adam and Eve had their own fire of love inside which was becoming hotter and hotter, but their love power originated in God. So even though the temperature of their fire may have risen to 10,000 degrees, God's original fire of love is always hotter. *Jeon-boonhap-jagyong* means origin-division-union action, and *sarang motchae* means original love. Thus the action of origin, division and union is God's original love power.

Plus represents the original one, while minus is the resultant thing. No matter how wonderful or famous a person is, every human being is a resultant, not causal being. One side represents sung sang, the other hyung sang; when these are combined the result is children. Horizontally it represents plus and minus, but we have a vertical relationship to God

which, including the children's level, forms a four position foundation. However now we are in the course of restoration, a reversal of the course of the fall.

Do you want to remain always below God, or do you sometimes feel you want to become even greater than God? When it comes to true love, each partner always wants to see the other as greater than himself or herself. Adam and Eve had the same desire. Why? From God's point of view, when He as an invisible being creates Adam and Eve as His love partner, because they are visible they can create more excitement and all kinds of emotion. In this sense, God wanted them to be even greater than Himself so that He could experience a greater excitement and more varied emotion. That is why, in the vertical subject and object relationship between God and Adam and Eve, there is always the universal law in effect that within the practice of true love both sides always want to see their partner as greater than themselves. How can they do that? God, in the position of subject and parent, is eternally investing in His children and then forgetting what He has invested. His children are growing up as a result. To ensure that you and your spouse become a couple loved by God and who can offer true love to God, thus realizing a true love relationship, there is only one way. It is by investing yourself 100 percent over and over, yet not keeping an account; in other words, living for the sake of others. That sacrificial way is the only way God will recognize your practice of love. It is the only way for you to reach God. Can you do it?

So when God, Adam and Eve are all feeling happy, what do you think is the next step? How can the invisible God and the visible children unite and be happy? When you go to the spirit world, do you want to be unable to see God eternally, or do wish that somehow you could see and touch God whom you have been loving throughout your life? The reality is that Adam and Eve as resultant beings are visible, while God as the causal being is invisible. The final goal of God's creation was to make unity between the invisible and visible beings and create the utmost happiness, goodness and joy. That was the biggest step and question God had until the end of the process of His creation. But the answer is simple. God planted his invisible sung sang and hyung sang into the visible beings, His children, Adam and Eve. We can say then that after His sung sang and hyung sang go into Adam and Eve, this invisible being, God, should disappear. Then where else can we find God? Within Adam and Eve. God dwells then in the body of Adam and Eve. Do you truly understand? This is very important. Since God now dwells within Adam and Eve, Adam and Eve also dwell in God. Therefore, when the visible Adam and Eve are absolutely united in happiness and joy and goodness, God Himself feels the same happiness, goodness and joy.

Who takes the ownership of love first, Adam or God? Why do a young man and woman want to marry? A woman wants to conquer man's world completely, and vice versa. When a husband and wife embrace, because their bodies have been constructed from all the elements of the universe and each is a concentration, or microcosm, of the universe, they are actually embracing the entire universe, including the invisible

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God. Then where is the point at which they should become one? It is where the vertical and horizontal meet and form a perpendicular angle.

In that case, if the body is like the husband, then the wife's position is like that of the flesh. If we say man's love organ is like a mountain, woman's is like a valley. Therefore, when they become one they become like a flat plane. When they become flattened like a meadow, then you can expect all kinds of insects, flowers and animals to prosper in there. If one side or the other said no, I don't like that opposite aspect, there would be no hope for life there. There is only one power which can create the meadow-like flatland, and that is the power of love.

If the husband says, well I tried the concave once, but I don't like it, and runs away, or the wife says, I don't want that high mountain, once is enough, and runs away, then this flatland will become a rugged wilderness where no life can grow. For human beings to grow they need a beautiful natural environment, not the wilderness. That is why we have to create this kind of beautiful flatland.

What is different between man and woman when they cry? Women usually hide themselves in a closet or in the kitchen cooking over a stove; but when the husband is really angry or sad, instead of staying in the house he will kick open the door and go out and burst out crying. Isn't that true? He is dealing with big trees, ocean and mountains, then he will cry. Women usually laugh up to down, but men up and out. The conclusion is, no matter what you may try or think, woman is woman and man is man. You cannot change your gender. Woman is formed with a concave shape in order to receive. Would you say this teaching is wrong or right? [Right.]

The average American woman usually doesn't know who is in the position of subject. They will say, "Look at me, I am the most beautiful woman in the world. So if I walk on the street I will have many men following me." From God's viewpoint, the wind created by women's skirts is ruining the world. Even if you don't want to hear this, you must, and you must understand it. From what I can see, this is not just the problem of one woman but of all American women. It's a big problem. If you lose your proper position you must expect to perish.

GOD, MAN AND WOMAN BECOME ONE

God is the motive and we are the result. The invisible flesh of God becomes the visible flesh of human beings, and His invisible bones become the bone structure. In other words God comes into the human body and dwells there. That is why when human beings become the proper love partner to God, then God can enjoy and feel good together with human beings.

Where can God and human beings become one? By kissing, by embracing? Where? But the love organs are the last thing people want to talk about; they are considered dirty things. This is because of the fall of man. The love organs are the headquarters palace of love, of life and of lineage. Love starts in that place, life is born in that place and lineage inher-

ited through that place. But this most precious place became the most dirty place as a result of the fall. How can this fallen result be reversed and turned upright again, restoring its original position and value? We have to deny everything absolutely, otherwise we cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Everything in this world belongs to Satan's side. We have to deny the world, the nation, society, even family, grandparents, parents, spouse and children. They are living in selfish, extreme individualism. So throughout history everyone has been alone in a way, having lost everything and everybody, their parents, children and all their belongings. All kinds of confusion and conflict have resulted because no one knew the value of true love or how to find the value and purpose of life. The world is full of conflict, confusion and enemy relationships. How can we bring it back to the original point?

When young people grow up they are attracted to the opposite sex, but can they find real true love? Can a pretty young woman trust any man or a young man trust any woman? Because people don't understand the purpose and value of the love relationship they try to take someone of the opposite sex as their slave rather than to serve them.

The first love should last. There was only one man and one woman in the Garden of Eden to realize one absolute love between them. Do you have confidence you can keep absolute faith eternally within you? Do any of you have confidence to end the battle between mind and body within yourself? Once fallen people experience the power of true love, they will find that unifying mind and body will be no problem.

At the time of Adam and Eve, even though God was their Parent, they could not have hyung sang parents because of their fall. Therefore through the course of human restoration, when they complete the process of becoming absolute husband and wife, becoming one with God and producing children, they can realize the hyung sang God, their parent, through themselves.

From God's point of view, God as an invisible being is descending to where the visible body, Adam and Eve are, and from Adam and Eve's point of view they are ascending to meet their invisible Parent, God. In childhood they grow separately through brotherhood and sisterhood, but once they reach maturity, instead of remaining apart forever they turn towards one another. The same principle applies to God's journey when He starts descending. When Adam and Eve reach the stage of puberty and their bodies and spirits are burning like a fireball, this means God is reaching the core of their bones.

The original mind is unchangeable, so when the body makes a wrong move, it orders the body not to do that or to correct it right away. When Adam and Eve reach maturity and God comes down and they totally unite and produce children, Adam and Eve represent horizontal parents and God represents vertical Parents. When God and Adam and Eve meet together with their children and those children marry, that is the point at which all three become happy. That is why God has been waiting for the day of Adam and Eve's marriage. That wedding will be God's own wedding.

The purpose of marriage is that man and woman captivate one another absolutely.

The descendants of fallen Adam and Eve who did not have a chance to receive love from God and True Parents are doomed to end up in hell. Because everything fell apart at the second generation stage, God was unable to hold onto the three generations of God, Adam and Eve and their children. Therefore, God has been working behind human history in the course of restoration. Finally now True Parents have come and revealed all these secrets. They are completing the history of restoration through giving the marriage blessing. Through this, God and True Parents are now planting the original true seed of life and love in this world. This fallen world should rot to the ground level and become the fertilizer for the building of the new seed of humankind, a new breed of heavenly citizens to build the Kingdom of God.

ARTISTIC LOVE BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE

Between husband and wife, who usually takes more hours of rest? In many cases after the husband goes to work his wife takes it easy and thus accumulates energy. By the time her husband comes home, she is dressed, with makeup on, waiting to receive his love. But as soon as he comes in all sweaty, she may order him to go and wash himself, even though he is exhausted. He may be so tired that after taking a shower and coming to sit at the dinner table he starts dozing. Sometimes he cannot even finish his dinner and falls asleep on his wife's lap. Then, instead of embracing and comforting him, some wives push their husbands aside and go into the kitchen saying, "He's not a man. I need a stronger man than him."

On the other hand, suppose there is a wife who, no matter what she did during the day, is waiting for her husband to come home from work and as soon as he comes in tired and sweaty, says "Welcome. Don't bother washing, please sit here. I've already prepared dinner." If he is too tired, she is willing to feed him. Then the husband will start feeling very happy and inspired and they will take turns feeding one another. Then maybe the husband will fall asleep on his wife's lap, but still she is happy and embracing him. Eventually the husband may feel, "Well my wife is so lovely tonight, maybe I should take a shower," and he will do so. If that is the kind of scenario in your household is that husband a fortunate man or an unfortunate one?

What about Father? Do you think he is a happy husband or an unhappy one? [Happy!] Why do you say so? If you wear love spectacles, everything looks sweet. Why do you think I am a happy man? When my hair is getting too long I go to Mother and say, "Mother, I feel my hair is too long." Mother immediately comes with scissors and gives me a haircut. When I feel my nails are a little too long, I say, "Mother, I think my fingernails are a little bit overdue," then Mother clips all my fingernails. When my toenails get too long and begin to bother me, I give my foot to Mother who immediately trims them beautifully. Even in the tub, when I feel there is a lot of dirt accumulated there, Mother immediately comes with a washcloth and washes my back. Whatever I need, Mother comes and voluntarily, with joy and happiness, does for me. So don't you think I'm a happy man? Mother offers



True Parents cut the True Children's Day cake

The purpose of marriage is that man and woman captivate one another absolutely. Thus when they join in marriage, that is when God comes down and joins them. As the man represents God's bone and the woman God's flesh, and because the invisible God and the visible Adam and Eve become one, therefore their wedding day is God's wedding day—a day when God, Adam and Eve should all feel very happy. From this explanation we should understand that Adam and Eve are in the position of God's body and the original mind of Adam and Eve is God. Therefore unity between mind and body means unity between humankind and God. There is no room for Satan whatsoever.

THE GROWTH OF ADAM AND EVE PARALLELS GOD'S GROWTH

God Himself must have come through different stages of growth similar to infancy, childhood and adulthood. Likewise, in resembling God both husband and wife must be able to recognize each other's development through different stages of growth that parallel God's growth. When they raise their children they should realize the different stages of God's growth and their own growth. Even God Himself cannot be perfect without achieving the three object purpose. That is why God needs the three objects—Adam and Eve and their children. Adam and Eve and their children also need three objects. That is how the three object purpose is fulfilled in the ideal family.

As an invisible being, God wanted to be visible by wearing Adam and Eve's visible body. By the same token, when Adam and Eve have children, they realize their own growth by watching their children grow. Thus, God, Adam and Eve feel joy through the subject and object relationship directly. As an invisible being God could not be really excited about His own existence, but through wearing Adam and Eve's bodies and by going through the different stages of growth through their physical bodies, God could feel excitement, joy and happiness directly. By the same token, through watching their children grow, Adam and Eve become one with God.

God created only one couple, Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve could create many children, however, and the greater thing is their child. All parents want their child to be greater than themselves.

A woman is like a fragrant flower that is open for a short time. For whom is that time? For her husband.



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Rev. Peter Kim valiantly keeps pace with Father's delivery

love and care to me more than anyone else in the world. That is the beauty, the art, even, of love. That is what makes me happy all the time. In return, if anything is out of place on Mother, I always take care of it. You all like to hear this, don't you? That is how to practice love as an artistic couple.

When Mother cares for Father in such a way, Mother feels like Father is her oldest son. So when True Parents' children watch Father and Mother relate in such a way, they all run to Mother and ask for that kind of care and love.

By looking at his wife's eyes, a husband should be able to figure out what kind of day she has had. The question is how to make his wife's eyes smile. There are many different parts of his wife which can smile, beginning with her mouth. Instead of just taking your wife to bed, first you have to make sure her eyes are smiling and that her nose, ears, mouth, hands and feet and all of her organs and cells are intoxicated with smiling and laughing, joy and happiness, then she will naturally come and put her arms around your neck. That is when you can lift her up and turning around 360 degrees carry her to the bed and embrace and kiss her, then that's it; everything concludes well.

As the founder of a very serious religion, giving these kinds of instructions on how to have a happy conjugal relationship, think what a miserable religious founder I am. [Laughter.] That's true! Maybe a minister, on hearing what I am saying, may go and twist the reality a little and say, "Well, I went to the Unification Church Children's Day celebration expecting someone like a holy pope, but Reverend Moon is totally different. He is a very natural, ordinary person." Which do you think is more ideal and more close to God?

LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SPOUSE

We have to have a happy life. That is the guarantee that we can go to heaven. We have to seek God. There are many things I have to teach you about how to reach God. Wives, your life is one of hanging onto and clinging to your husband, of being worn by him. Your life in a word has to be for the sake of your husband. Do you understand? The beginning

of the existence of any being is for the sake of others. A woman may say, well, this is my body, my organs, my life, so no one can say anything about me. But she does not understand the reality that she exists for the sake of her husband. Is the design of her body for her own sake or for her children? The owner of her breasts and her hips is her children. Being pretty with soft and gentle skin, does a woman want her husband to be like herself, or rugged and mountain-like? Just as when we put our ten fingers together they make perfect unity, a soft and gentle woman combines perfectly with a rugged and powerful husband.

When your wife is in an indifferent mood, you can extend your arms and carry her on your back. If she is making you really

angry over something, tell her you will go and stay in the bathroom for fifteen minutes, and when you come out your heart has already overcome. The husband should do this, instead of his wife. There is no reason to fight. If you get angry at your spouse for an hour, that feeling may linger for ten days. Your children, your pets and even the furniture in your house will feel that angry feeling. Do you think that is the ideal relationship between husband and wife, kicking and fighting each other? There will be clouds and rain falling upon you. But we are all looking for the sunshine. When you have that kind of difficult time, remember what I am telling you today.

Can you women maintain this kind of standard for your entire life? [Yes.] I may give a prize to anyone who is courageous enough to admit that she is a wife who always fights with her husband. Isn't there an American wife who is the champion in this area?

Even if a man has a Ph.D. and is very prominent, if he does not function as the bone of his couple then his wife will be miserable. No matter how famous a woman may be, if she doesn't function as the flesh in her couple, that husband will be miserable. Do you understand this? The seed of the baby grows out of bone, not flesh. In other words, the father plants bone into the life of the baby, then the baby receives flesh from the mother and forms its human features. Therefore we can say mother and children have to become absolutely one first before they become one with the father in the family. That is the ideal family. The family in which the mother and children unite as one in respect for the father has happiness and freedom.

A woman is like a fragrant flower that is open for a short time. For whom is that time? For her husband. The husband is like a butterfly drawn by the flower's fragrance. As the flower reproduces through its give and take with the butterfly. Through their give and take of love, man and woman conceive a child. This is the formula for such relationships in the created world.

Let's understand one fact clearly. My bone was given by my father, my flesh was given by my mother, therefore, there

From God's viewpoint, all the blessed couples are like twinkling stars. Among the many millions of twinkling, blessed couple stars, you have to aim for your couple to become the brightest.

is no myself. I consist of my father and my mother. Therefore the only thing I have to make sure I have are life and love that I can offer to my spouse. I have parents love; I received life and lineage from my parents. That's it. Even if my parents want to cut themselves off from me, it cannot be done. Such a person can be the one who inherits everything from parents. Without reaching that stage you cannot enter the Kingdom. This is an unchanging heavenly law.

Why do couples need to receive the blessing? Because it is the straight passage to the Kingdom. Because of the fall of man, humankind received false love, life and lineage, therefore through receiving this blessing of marriage now through True Parents we can restore true love, life and lineage, live our lives like True Parents and God and become one with them. After practicing this kind of life, when we enter the spirit world we can live with God as His children.

[Father writes on board:] *Cheon-guk gwa kajung*. This means Kingdom of God and family. What kind of family? A perfect family. A perfect family unified and connected centering on true love. Have you reached that kind of level as a family? This is the problem. Today is Children's Day. Children want that kind of perfect family. The family was destroyed and turned 180 degrees in the wrong direction. We have to restore it back to its original position, because it is the family that enters the Kingdom, not the individual. Satan destroyed heavenly families. That is why free sex, homosexuality and all other distorted expressions of immorality are rampant. As long as people practice a lifestyle of free sex there is no eternal spouse. There are many people today who think they do not need children. They will end up in a dark corner of hell, unable to face the beautiful family life in the spirit world because they don't fit in there. This is the reality. Do you understand? [Yes.] Yes means you have to make effort to achieve that perfection.

GOD'S PRESENCE IN TRUE CONJUGAL LOVE

Where we can find true family and true ownership is in the Kingdom of God. What does true family mean? In the true family, husband and wife represent God's substantial manifestation or God's body. Centering on true love, we call God Father. It is a combination of vertical and horizontal, like mother and daughter uniting. Centering on the will of God they become one. Once husband and wife become one centering on God's will and God's love, when they make love they have to invite God to be present in their lovemaking. But there is the precondition that both husband and wife have to make sure that their mind and body are absolutely one. Upon that foundation, God can be invited to participate in their lovemaking and they represent God's body as a couple. The subject is the owner, but through the lovemaking relationship subject and object become one. By becoming one, the subject and object own each other and God. They become all together one body, one mind. If we can create such a couple and such lovemaking, then we can say that more than making love with the most beautiful woman or most handsome man in the world for 1,000 years, just one time making love with that

kind of foundation with God is much more precious and valuable. Only there will God want to be involved. That is how you can experience that you made love with God and lived with God. Then when you go to the spirit world you can claim yourself as a member of the royal family.

Since you understand the goal of lovemaking, when you go to bed with your spouse, from the husband's point of view, you have to be humble, feeling that you, as someone like a slave, had the opportunity to marry this queen. Whether it was your will or not, now you are married with your queen. Then how humble, how polite, how cautious and careful you will be when you are going to make love with your wife for the first time. With that kind of caution and humility you have to approach your wife or husband. With that kind of sincerity and loving feeling, when you make love for the first time you will experience something like a million-volt stroke of lightning and thunder. From God's viewpoint, all the blessed couples are like twinkling stars. Among the many millions of twinkling, blessed couple stars, you have to aim for your couple to become the brightest. The relationship between husband and wife is ideal if, whether you live together 10, 20, 30, 40 or even 50 years, you still feel an abundance of love for each other every moment of your life. Then that is the way it will be in the spirit world and God will immediately recognize your quality. How beautiful and wonderful it is in front of God. He can embrace you constantly. You can become such wonderful sons and daughters.

You wives must continuously study your husbands. If you go around and look at him from the back, you will be surprised and find a new quality there. You should be able to examine your husband from every angle, 360 degrees. At the time of marriage you saw only a microscopic part of your husband, but after being married many years you feel more relaxed and can examine him from many different angles. Do you feel that if you were to die and be born again you would absolutely choose the same husband? [Yes!] If you truly study your spouse you will see your own resemblance. Your eyes, ears and every other part of you exists for the sake of your spouse.

The following are topics I will cover at the leaders conference. Please ask your leader to explain them in detail when he returns to your center.

1. The prophecy from Korea
2. True Parents' teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven
3. Dr. Sang Hun Lee's revelations about the spirit world.
4. Father's prayer book #5 on filial piety
5. The Jardim declarations
6. The Kodiak proclamation of 4.4 Jeol
7. The proclamation of liberation through unification given on October 5.

I hope all of you blessed couples who are gathered here today will eventually become ideal couples and build ideal families. From today on we are headed toward the 40th True Children's Day. Before we reach the 43rd True Children's Day, we want our dream, our goal to be achieved. Amen. [Amen.]◆

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TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY LEADERS CONFERENCE

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
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EAST GARDEN

[The following content is excerpted from notes taken during the leaders conference that spanned the two days after True Children's Day. It is not a complete overview of Father's words, but some of the most central content is offered here.]

WHEN you bow, whether 100 times or 1,000 times, all the spirits are bowing with you. Heaven and earth meet through offering kyungbae. Prepare a big offering table as an offering of love to God. You cannot offer people; you have to offer material things. The number 160 has 4 times 4 as its root. The offering must involve the number 16. The formation stage is 16, 160 is the growth stage and 16,000 is the minimum completion stage offering, then 160,000 and 1.6 million. Offer everything.

Can we have private ownership and receive the blessing? In the Old Testament Age, all things were lost. In the New Testament Age we lost the son. In the Completed Testament Age we lost parents. We need to unify everything and resolve resentment. Go through the Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament Ages. Make a ceremony for unification through resolving resentment, or *han*, representing all three ages, to indemnify the ages through four stages. The mistake happened at the growth level and the growth level offering is 16,000. Everyone has to finish the Jardim workshop as soon as possible. Then you will receive unification fortune and enter the age of unification by resolving resentment and bitterness.

The Principle teaches us to be hit and then take back what belongs to God. We are beyond the national level and are moving to the world level. This is the age of God having all power, all authority and all capability. Everything will come to order very quickly. This is how to handle all the affairs of the world.

No one can deceive me, because I can feel what is happening. Some people see their spouse in a dream prior to matching. How is it that I pick that person? If you live for your own desire, you and your descendants will get worse and worse over the generations. Who here was matched by me? Maybe it was difficult in the beginning. The point is to trust and depend on one another. Entrust everything to each other. The power to love increases when you live for the sake of the other. What happens if you love one another? You form a core and continue to develop in a spiral motion.

In the spirit world more than three times 360 million couples are blessed. This can multiply 30 times, even 300 times. They will come to the earth and work to turn around satanic families for the restoration of elder sonship. How valuable is the Family Pledge! It is absolute and should be fulfilled. You have to fulfill it even after you die. Keep trying until you make it. The Pledge is the result of forty years of my hard work. It represents what Jesus tried to find by shedding blood. We are so grateful to Jesus. You make this pledge to the parents of heaven and earth, to the vertical God and horizontal True Parents, in front of all the families of heaven and earth.

It is time for the master to find his own place. I went to

Kim Il Sung in North Korea and tried to develop our relationship. Through this we brought blessing to North Korea. Did we bless Kim Il Sung? When he died, he advised his son to work with me. I am preparing land in South America to hold North Korea's people. There is a lot of land to support them. The quality of land is better there. South America is my world. Everything is there, within reach. To make a living, to survive, the place is South America.

In the future, the city of Bridgeport will be famous. It will be the home of cultural, medical and diplomatic exchange. It will also be a center for the unifying of eastern and western medicine. But when you are truly in love, can you get sick? Can germs get in? No germs can infect the body of someone who is truly in love. Germs are burned by true love.

One sister recently had cancer and almost died. I advised her to do moksa treatment. It is more important than eating. I have had over 100 days of moksa treatment. I had hurt some muscles in my chest when wrestling. Moksa healed it, and also got rid of a small growth on my neck. There is nothing it cannot heal; 5,000 pieces can cure any disease. I used 4,000 pieces in 40 days. Do Hee Park cured his cancer. Try it. Treat three hundred people and you will succeed. You can support yourself and more through this. It helps bring about the unification of eastern and western medicine. Western medicine treats the result, but eastern medicine treats the root.

When you reach 80 years of age you lose sensation in your fingers and toes and your saliva dries up. My younger cousin is frozen up. Exercise is good. It frees up the blocks in your limbs. Exercise everyday for three hours. Exercise when you go to the bathroom. I exercise, so my joints are still flexible; I can fly up the stairs. When I was in Hungnam prison, I exercised and trained myself to sleep with my eyes open.

EXPLANATION OF THE FAMILY PLEDGE

Family Pledge #1: What is the original homeland? It is the earth. My family pledges, not our families. By establishing this in my family, God can experience the realization of the original ideal. Without having a country we cannot enter the original homeland. It should be done by this generation.

Family Pledge #2: Attending God and True Parents, become one family that represents heaven and earth. This is Adam's family. It becomes the center. There is only one center and it is my family, the family that accomplishes the three object purpose. Then go through the stages as a family. The time of individual filial piety is over. "Family filial piety" will restore individual filial piety.

Family Pledge #3: The four great realms of heart and three great kingships are beyond the realm of the fall. They become the substantial object partners of God. The three great kingships are linked to the three object purpose, each position links to three generations, including itself. God is the center of the four position foundation.

What is the realm of the royal family? It has to do with



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subjugating Cain. Subjugate the Cain world through true love. This is the meaning of being a royal family. Parents and children unite totally, and children will inherit from parents naturally. The principle of absolute faith, love and obedience is for the unity of parents and children. You inherit the three kingships, the four great realms of heart and royal familyship. You are then part of the cosmic family.

Family Pledge #4: Through the above, freedom, peace and unification are achieved. Without unification, the Kingdom of Heaven cannot come. The mind and body should unite through love. Without love, unification cannot happen. The horizontal should unite with the vertical. Get rid of ethnic feelings and the world's boundaries. Create unity, then unification leads to happiness.

Up to Pledge #4, we accomplish everything on the earth. Then we have to understand about the spirit world. I have taught you clearly and you also have Dr. Lee's book. When he was alive, Dr. Lee did not really believe everything I said. When you realize it is true, you are truly surprised. He had the capability to do this research because of his academic training. Whoever does not believe what he says about the spirit world will stumble. Dr. Lee says he realizes for the first time how great the blessing is. He is so amazed. Until I understood the spirit world, I did not understand how to live for others. Understand the spirit world clearly and it will change your life.

Political and economic management are important. The mind has to lead the body, and politics has to follow the ideal. The time has come to meet politicians. They prepared to meet us as Esau prepared to meet Jacob.

You will be tested--for example, 100 million dollars may suddenly appear. Will you give just 10 percent? I have no money (shows empty wallet). The church system will be changed. Supra-national changes of personnel will take place. Church leaders should graduate from the University of Bridgeport and Unification Theological Seminary.

Family Pledge #5: My family is the foundation to unify the physical world and the spirit world. Like hitting a baseball with a bat, or setting gasoline on fire, it

should explode immediately. We have to hurry; time is short. We have a year and a half. We must finish in this generation. Do you think I am serious or not? We need to develop the strength to unify North and South Korea. Through that the next step is the unification of the world, then the unification of the physical world and the spirit world.

Family Pledge #6: A family that embodies God and True Parents represents heaven and earth. If you do so, heavenly fortune will follow you. You become like a messiah, the master of God's love. You have not taken my guidance very seriously so far. Even though I do not seek it, heavenly fortune follows me.

The blessing is not True Parents' blessing; it is God's blessing. It is the place of liberation. After you are liberated, you are connected with the original lineage through a life of service. This is the culture of love.

Family Pledge #7: Please add the phrase, "through living for the sake of others." That is the essence of the culture of heart. Such a culture is created through heavenly life. From today on Pledge #7 should read ..."connected to the original blood lineage, through living for the sake of others" or "through a life of service." If you serve others, a world of love and heart is created. [Editor's note: Father thus officially changed the content of the Family Pledge.]

Family Pledge #8: The Completed Testament Age means perfection through the blessing. Absolute faith, love and obedience are at the beginning of creation. It means to invest everything and forget, and hope that your object partner will be infinitely greater than you are. In the original world of love you live eternally with your true parents and true teacher. Through our true teacher, true parents and true owner, we have the Kingdom of Heaven on earth with God.



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Try to practice and achieve the ideal of the Family Pledge on a daily basis. To do this and to live and expand the ideal, you need Hoon Dok Hae.

God followed absolute faith, love and obedience when He created the world.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COMPLETED TESTAMENT AGE

The Completed Testament Age is the realm of the family ideal. Realize the realm of liberation. God has established this realm in the family, nation, world and cosmos. We can move around freely. Keep this in your mind. Try to practice and achieve the ideal of the Family Pledge on a daily basis. To do this and to live and expand the ideal, you need Hoon Dok Hae. Let Father's prayers inspire you to follow God's will.

Have you served God and True Parents? Absolutely or partially? Absolutely means mobilizing all your senses, and unifying mind and body. There has been no such representative family. Check whether your family has reached the level of a family of filial piety or the level of patriot, saint or divine sons and daughters. If you have not, you should put this part of the Pledge in parentheses and not recite it until you have achieved it.

National messiahs, you have to teach the following content in your countries. You have to understand the spirit world clearly. The years from 1992 to 1999 are a seven-year course that has the same significance as the seven year course from 1945 to 1952. God's will is to unite heaven and earth. True Parents have completed the age of indemnity, but now parents and children together have to go through the stages of indemnity. The Completed Testament Age transcends Christianity and all nations and signifies the global providence carried out through the Adam and Eve nations. Jesus Christ was lost in the east, so he has to be restored in the east. Thus, civilization is advancing in the Pacific region.

The substantial aspect of the the fall of Adam and Eve was that it led to wrong lineage. The blessing is necessary to reverse this. Now, centering on Christianity, the Lord of the Second Advent comes. The Christian church and state should have become one in harmony in order to make a system to receive the messiah as their king. But they fought one another.

Create blessed families centered on True Parents' tradition, not your nation's tradition. True Parents' tradition promotes pure love. You do what Adam and Eve failed to do and restore what they did that was wrong. The whole world should have been united by 1952 and could have done so centering on the unity of the Allied and Axis nations. But in 1945 Christians opposed me and I was left alone. If the American government, together with South Korea's government, had supported me, the world could have united at once. Some Christian denominations fought each other. If I had appeared with support, I could have unified Christianity.

There were four major religious groups in Korea. If they had united and received financial aid from America, it would have worked. If they could have gained a nation, centered on one family, then within three years Korean unification would have been realized. The failure led to greater division of the family, nation and world. The next turning point in the providence was with Ewha Women's University. Ewha was led by a woman whose husband was the second most powerful in

the nation, and she was passionate to do God's will.

The Japanese should get rid of everything to prepare to create one nation with Korea. As the True Father I represent every level, so in order to enter heaven you have to connect with me at each level. This indemnifies the failure of Adam's family on each level.

To fulfill our responsibility, we need absolute faith. Absolute faith starts from God, not from us. So prior to absolute faith there should be absolute love. Then an absolute object emerges. An absolute unlimited plus brings forth an absolute unlimited minus. Between husband and wife there should be absolute heart, absolute trust. Prior to that there should be absolute love. After giving love, we should forget. The more we forget, the bigger the love that will come. If we have absolute unlimited love, then absolute unlimited power will emerge.

BECOME ONE WITH TRUE PARENTS

Attach to my jacket like a fly and you will go wherever I go. Don't hang back; just follow me. Have absolute love, faith and obedience and cling to True Parents and you will succeed. Everyone without exception has to go this public way, so you have no basis for complaint. You have to know how to digest what you think you cannot. You can digest both good people and bad.

The 1st Jardim Declaration is all about absolute faith, love and obedience. The 2nd Jardim Declaration is about the absolute, eternal, unchanging and unique love of God. In the ideal family we see these four elements--an absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal father and mother--and the same for the children, the couple itself and the family itself. This is an unchanging vertical relationship. The absolute couple with absolute children is an absolute family.

The 3rd Jardim Declaration proclaims that the invisible God wants to become visible. He wants to see His image. He stays in the parent's position. The true family resembles Him; it is the visible God's family. We come back to mind-body unity and ownership in the embrace of God. The invisible God in the spirit world and the visible God on earth cooperate. The family develops generation after generation, because the first Adam is the second creator. The third creator is their vertical and horizontal unity manifested in their children. This can never fall to Satan. The 4th Jardim Declaration teaches about the destined relationships.

The mission of the Korean national messiahs is to bequeath church tradition. The Japanese national messiah mission is to connect to the ocean providence or hobby activity. The American national messiah mission is outreach to VIPs.

The last forty years were a wilderness course for me. My idea is to share technology with the world and employ young people. We have to maintain this vision. I have had to stand in the forefront all my life, bearing all the difficulty. Abel has to serve Cain, being hit to make up for his past mistakes, and thereby make progress. Otherwise he will perish. The mother nation has to carry the entire burden and blame. This is what the mother should accept. This is the time to take action.

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On Prayer and the Spirit World

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PART VI

[The final part of Father's words dealing with the spiritual reality which have so much relevance to the providence in our present time.]

Is there pre-existence of the spirit?

No. That would be reincarnation, which is false.

There seem to be many exceptions to this rule of lineage and ancestor influence, where from an apparently evil man comes a child of great genius, and so forth.

You judge only the visible environment. That is, the present family. This is not so. The child of genius has good ancestors, but his parents may be bad. To be born in a bad home of evil parents, the child has paid indemnity. In our group, there are many only sons or only daughters. The Principle of Indemnity applies to only children too. Suppose a family has ten sons. Another family has only one son. We will call them X family and Y family. In that case, God gives to the only son of Y family as much as He would give to the ten sons of X family. The only child is spiritually benefited. Often these children join our group because they are helped so much from the spirit side, whereas the ten sons receive only one-tenth as much help.

What is the Principle stance on healing? Is there a bit of Christian Science theory involved?

Any spiritual movement will reveal healing power. It is only natural. Not only Christian Science but many other groups do it. Some diseases originate from spiritual reasons, some not.

Is it possible to obtain information from the spirit world about how to cure such diseases as cancer and leukemia?

Some people have received such information, and some also heal through prayer. In a spiritualist magazine about two years ago, an article said that some mediums were working on this problem, and that we would be informed what caused such diseases and how to heal them. One medium has said that negative thoughts and thinking cause cancer. Today many people think negatively. Cancer is a sickness typical of these Last Days.

Do you have any opinion about flying saucers?

They appear as a sign of the Last Days. They look real but are not. It is a spiritual manifestation. The people in them are spirit beings, not physical.

It has been my impression that love and truth were the characteristics of the spirit world. Where does the will fit in?

When you think right and you feel good about it, do you not will it? Will follows thinking and feeling. You don't will what you don't love. How can one will before he thinks and he feels? Divine Will, or the Will of God, or Divine Providence, is the result or decision of God after He has thought wisely and felt good. In his original nature, or in his essence, man is in the image of God.

Every cell of our body is in harmony with our mind and heart. Likewise, man is inclined to be in harmony with God. When he is in harmony with God, he is happy. He is not happy when he is not in harmony with God. Our five senses are in accordance with our heart and mind. When you are joyous inwardly, your eyes and mouth show it. When we are in perfect harmony with God, we feel most happy. When one receives more grace from God, it means he is in closer tune with Him. The more one is in accordance with his thought and his feeling, the closer he is to God, and so much more he is happy and healthy. Man as a whole being is created to be in harmony with God. When your purpose of life is one with the purpose of God, you come into harmony with Him. When you are in that state, you feel joy. This proves that you are in the image of God. The eyes perceive things differently than they appear. Likewise, one person may sense and perceive differently from others. One may receive grace of God in the front; one may receive it in the rear. Everyone has give and take with the center. The person on one side may have give and take with his front side, but the person behind him may have give and take with his rear side. So also with the left and right sides. They perceive differently from one another, therefore; yet they are all related to the center. In that way, everyone is related with God.

Do physical laws as we understand them in science also operate on a spiritual level? For instance, Newton's Law, "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." Is this the give and take that is explained in Principle, with its base for reciprocal energy exchange or action? Is there a spiritual counterpart for the physical laws we observe?

They have a relationship to both spiritual and physical. They correspond to one another, as in the relationship between mind and body.

The theories of science are changing so much and so fast. Is it all right for us to verify and corroborate the Principle by use of examples from science?

I understand your problem. Constantly changing hypothetical truth is not enough to explain the eternal absolute truth. Yet we do it. But it doesn't make any difference. Even though these things are hypothetical and can be changed, still the thing we are explaining does not change.

In the Principle, weight is given to the significance of numbers. Numbers do relate to astrology. Is there any truth to astrology?

God is very mathematical. A few of our members have received messages consisting only of numerals. All numerals have spiritual meaning. Therefore, astrology, if it has any spiritual value, should know the significance of numbers. This applies as well to numerology. The chapter on "Resurrection" is very enlightening to many people. Since the spiritualists do

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True Parents hold their newest grandchild, Shin Pal Nim, son of Hyung Jin Nim's couple



True Parents cut the cake which reads "10,000 cheers of mansei for True Parents' victory"



Father and Mother are welcomed at East Garden by Shin Yeon Nim and Shin Ji Nim (Photos: Ken Owens/NFP)



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not know the Principle and deal only with phenomena, they go into confusion. They can only reach a certain point and cannot grow any farther. They play the role of microphone, that's all. They do not know why or how these things are happening. If you do not know the cause or purpose, it is useless to deal only with the result or effect. Phenomena will pass away. Therefore, if you depend only on the phenomena, you won't have anything. But if you know the cause, you can create the phenomena at any time. Truth is the cause. The cause can create the phenomena, can correct the phenomena, or can create it again and again. Phenomena are temporal, but truth is eternal. There is strict law in the spirit world, and yet

spirit guides will not always teach you in the correct way. Why do they misguide you? If you do not know why, you become the prey of their selfish motives. Mediumistic people easily become victims of spirit people. Since they do not know the Principle, the law, the cause, and know only the phenomena, sometimes they pay indemnity foolishly. They get sick and do not know why. When you know the law, the Principle, the cause, then you can control the spirit world.

Father's Comments:

If you go to a spiritualist church or to spiritually gifted people, they will testify to you. They will tell you who you are and what message you are studying. [Miss Kim:] When I went to Chicago to visit two Methodist ministers, I took them to a medium. At first the medium refused to see us, but one

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IRFWP CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC

Realizing the Interfaith Ideal: Action Beyond Dialogue

EVENING BANQUET DECEMBER 19, 1998



"Understanding Life and Death" was the topic of Father's address at the conference's evening banquet, during which he encouraged the participants from some 30 nations to link religious leadership with the United Nations



Above: Mother in prayer during the invocation offered by Father Lawrence Fares of Detroit

*Below left: Cutting the congratulatory cake
Below right: True Parents are honored with a presentation of flowers*



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UNITING HEAVEN AND EARTH TO RECEIVE THE MESSIAH

The words "Chung Pyung" carry for many a mystical feeling, and they have become synonymous with a path of enlightenment and spiritual restoration each of us is called to walk. At the end of November, Chung Pyung Training Center hosted its 300th 3-day workshop, a milestone that heralds a further increase in the outpouring of power from the spiritual realm. More than a quarter of a million participants have been recorded — many of whom have attended several times. Yet Chung Pyung has a mandate far broader than is usually recognized at the workshops. Recently, Rev. Min Hyung Jang, vice director for the Chung Pyung Training Center (under Rev. Kwak), senior lecturer Eung Gwi Noh, and Mrs. Soonja Richardson (international liaison) spoke with Today's World about the developing Chung Pyung providence. The following is their collective testimony.

It is important to understand that the purpose of Chung Pyung extends beyond the liberation of spirits that are attached to the individuals who come here. That is the purpose that most people think about, but the providence at Chung Pyung goes beyond the liberation of individuals, and even beyond the work to liberate the spirit world itself. At the close of the New Testament Age and opening of the Completed Testament Age, it has a key role to prepare for the world to receive the Messiah.

Chung Pyung has assisted in opening up the way for blessing ceremonies to be held for people in the spirit world. The starting point for this was the blessing of three couples in the spirit world on August 25, 1995, at the time of the 360,000-couple blessing. These were Daemo-nim, Choongmo-nim (Father's mother) and Daehyung-nim (Father's older brother).

Blessing the spirit world

On the foundation of the special conditions made by Heung Jin Nim and Daemo-nim, True Father has given them not only the authority but the specific direction to bless other couples in the spirit world. Father asked that spirits who had descended to the earth plane and were invading our members and causing suffering be separated out and

taken to Heung Jin Nim to receive education. This work has also liberated many members' ancestors.

The spirit world is the subjective realm, and powerfully influences the earth plane. Without changing and restoring the spirit we ourselves cannot change. We need the good spirit world and good spiritual fortune with us. We need to create our own base of good spirits. This is why Chung Pyung training is so valuable for our mission. Leaders sometimes hesitate to send their members here over concern for the time they will be away. But members can do so much more after passing through the course at Chung Pyung because the spirit world with them has changed. That is why the dispensation to bless those in the spirit world is so crucial.

True Parents themselves blessed 3.2 billion people in the spirit world simultaneously with the 40 million couples blessed in Washington, DC, on November 29, 1997. At Chung Pyung on March 20, 1998, just ten days after True Parents had visited, Daemo-nim officiated at the blessing of a further 3.6 million in the spirit world. At the time of the blessing in New York on June 13, Father said that he needed to have blessed a total of 16 billion people in the spirit world by that time. Thus, another 9.2 billion received the blessing at Madison Square Garden. On that occasion, Daemo-nim had brought only 5 billion people, those liberated in Chung Pyung since the previous blessing. The other 4.2 billion who received the blessing had to be gathered quickly. Some were called from Chung Pyung where workshops were still continuing. Some were gathered from among the followers of the four great saints who received the special grace of the blessing from True Parents on the day of the blessing. Still others came from among those with connections to the evil figures from history who were also blessed by True Parents—those who were their followers or who had suffered and bore resentment that bound them together. Thus, in forgiving and blessing those who in history had committed crimes against humanity, True Parents rescued the very people who had been their victims.

This providence has continued to expand, with yet a further 8 billion people in the spirit world receiving the blessing through Daemo-nim on October 1, 1998. A total of 24 billion people in the spirit world have therefore received True Parents' blessing.

Daemo-nim's work to separate spirits from those attending the Chung Pyung workshops has made it possible for such large numbers to be blessed. With the increasingly powerful angelic realm working at Chung Pyung, larger numbers of liberated spirits are resurrecting and being blessed in ever shorter periods of time. In addition, since November 18, 1997, Daemo-nim has been liberating the ancestors of those who attend Chung Pyung workshops through a special ceremony that requires her to set very serious conditions.

In point number 8 of the Family Pledge we commit to perfecting the realm of liberation of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. Chung Pyung contributes greatly to enabling us to assist in God's dispensation for this.

Even so, many of us have not fully understood the value of this work for the providence as a whole, and thus to humanity, because we do not understand the tremendous influence the spirit world has on the earthly plane. Father once said that Christians have prospered due to the help of the many Christian saints in the spirit world, and that we do not yet have this kind of broad spiritual support. In the past God has used those spirits who were relatively good to help the dispensation. Now, however, so many are blessed and restored, and are in a much better position to provide support.

Daemo-nim's recent visits to Japan (now seven times including one in December) and Europe further demonstrate her commitment to a liberation of the spirit world as a whole. Wherever she goes she makes special conditions to liberate the spirit world in those geographical areas. In Europe, she visited the site of the Nazi concentration camp at Dachau to help those who had suffered there, many of whose spirits were still present after all these years. They could be released and taken to Chung

Pyung for resurrection.

In Japan, similarly, the regions she has visited have experienced an upsurge in results after she has liberated the local spirit world. Japan has made a strong base with the Chung Pyung providence. The Japanese members really want Daemo-nim to go to Japan because they have experienced the difference being at Chung Pyung makes. Thus they prepare sincerely for her and earnestly want her to come. When she goes, remarkable results are achieved in all endeavors. Daemo-nim wants to travel to all the continents of the world to do her work, but she must wait until the preparation is adequate or it will have no meaning.

Heaven and Earth blessings

Father has often blessed, or authorized the blessing of members who are more senior in years and whose spouse is no longer on earth. This summer, True Parents' utilized the foundation at Chung Pyung to bring together those who had received this *Dokshin* blessing with their original spouse. As it is very difficult for people to meet their spouse in the spirit world, ideally couples separated by death should be reunited on earth first. For this purpose, therefore, from August 18 to 20 the first workshop was held for those who had previously received the single blessing. The foundation for this was established at the blessing in New York on June 13, 1998, at which four great world religious leaders received a special blessing with earthly women from among the earliest followers of True Parents.

At the workshop, all the participants were asked to write their previous spouse's name on a sheet of paper. By looking at and praying for those names, Daemo-nim could bring them to Chung Pyung. Of course, some participants had been married more than once, and it was necessary to determine which spouse was to become the eternal one. The first criterion was who had been the first spouse; secondly, the person with whom they had had the most children; and thirdly, if it still was not clear, the participant could select the spouse for whom he or she felt the most fondness. After looking at the list of names, Daemo-nim shone a spiritual light on them, and sent out angels to bring them to Chung Pyung. This was not an easy task as many of the spouses were in remote areas of the spirit world. Many conditions were made by True Parents, Heung Jin Nim and Daemo-nim to effect this work.

On the final day, everyone sat in rows leaving a space next to them so that their spouse could come and sit with them. Then Daemo-nim announced: "All your spouses have come in and are now sitting beside you." At that moment, some of the elderly ladies could see, feel or even smell their former husband with them. Daemo-nim then gave them time to resolve any sorrow or resentment remaining from their time together—or from being apart so long. Some even felt shame before their spouse. All were deeply moved by the occasion.

After this initial meeting, the spouses from the spirit world returned there to participate in a 100-day workshop led by Heung Jin Nim. After the workshop, they are to return to earth to receive the blessing with their spouse. Following this, they are to again receive training—this time about blessed family life, and then come to earth and live with their spouse until he or she goes to the spirit world.

Some of the spirits who came down to meet with their spouses looked much younger than their earthly counterparts. Some looked very dark, coming from the lower realms. But now is the time when even Lucifer is being forgiven. The people living in hell can therefore also receive forgiveness—and also the blessing even though they may not be worthy of it.

Daemo-nim is making special prayer conditions with holy candles to support the 100-day workshops. The earthly spouse must also pray with holy candle in front of True Parents' picture, and live with absolute faith, love and obedience. Some of the earthly spouses are not close to the church, and so this process is more difficult for them.

On December 8 in Tokyo, two thousand of these spouses (the majority of them women) who had completed their workshop attended the Heaven and Earth Blessing to be blessed with their former spouses. More than 3,200 had actually completed the workshop in Japan. Korea held its first Heaven and Earth Blessing on December 25, at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul. Some 580 couples were blessed. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak officiated the ceremony, and Daemo-nim was present to facilitate the coordination with the spirit world

and with Heung Jin Nim. At True Parents' request, the ceremony followed the same pattern as has been traditional.

Participants in these blessings wore holy robes, as did their spouses in the spirit world. After the blessing and the forty-day training period, the couples can live together as a married couple, and experience everything together as substantially as it was when they were together on earth. When the earthly spouse dies, he or she will be taken to the spirit world by their partner.

More recently still and partly on the basis of this new dispensation, Hee Jin Nim, Father's son who went to spirit world while a teenager through a train accident, was himself blessed—with another blessed child who had passed away before she reached the age to be blessed on earth. This will open the way for the blessing of other young second generation members in the spirit world.

The Holy Temple

On March 10, 1997, True Parents attended the ground-breaking ceremony for a holy temple that can seat ten thousand people. Construction is now 60 percent complete, and is scheduled for completion in the autumn of 1999. Father said that the providence of restoration required that a temple of such a size be built, and wrote a special calligraphy to commemorate that undertaking: *Cheon seong wang rim kung jeon*—"The Heavenly Palace that Has Descended from Heaven." The temple and palace is the place where the True Parents, the King of Kings and the living embodiment of God, our Heavenly Parents, can properly reside.

The realization of this is the ultimate mission of Chung Pyung. ♦



The temple has taken form, as can be seen from this photo taken December 9

Serving in the Pantanal

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SINCE the beginning of 1998, True Parents have focused much attention on the small town of Fuerte Olimpo in northern Paraguay. During the last century, Fuerte Olimpo was the



Japanese missionaries find joy in attending True Parents in the Pantanal

last fort to resist during the war in which Brazil, Bolivia and Argentina formed a triple alliance to plunder land from Paraguay.

Father has asked all the national messiahs to participate in a 40-day training seminar in this inhospitable location. The seminars are a great challenge because the lifestyle is very uncomfortable, the sun is extremely hot and there is very little sleep. Father is always encouraging the leaders to live that way. In this place, everyone has the opportunity to rebuild their character through the physical challenges and the spiritually calm moments while waiting for fish to take the bait. The four types of fish they have to catch are: *el pintado*, *el dorado*, *el pacu* and *la boga*. Father gave the national messiahs the condition to catch 40 of each of these species. It requires tremendous effort to catch each one, however.

When the Korean national messiah, Rev. Pyung Rae Moon, learned that True Parents were coming to Fuerte Olimpo,

he immediately mobilized the entire membership to attend and serve them well. The Japanese, the Americans and the local members have been grateful to serve and cook for more than fifty leaders at once, and for having the wonderful chance to serve True Parents directly while they are here on the earth.

It seems as if Father can no longer live without being on the deck of a boat, fishing. When Father fishes, he casts out 12 to 14 fishing lines. He takes care of his lines very seriously and concentrates deeply on observing them. Through this, he is establishing indemnity conditions permanently in front of God, to claim increasing victory for God's will. Father and Mother sometimes compete to catch the largest or the most fish.

Everyday Father goes out to fish, the first one he catches he throws back into the river as an

offering. Father said that at the time of Noah the only animal that did not receive judgement was the fish. Noah did not bring the fish into the Ark. That is why they now have to become the offering. Father goes out very early and comes home very late after a full day of bearing the hot sun even though he is close to 80 years old; Father trains himself the hardest.

Our Family Federation has purchased four large pieces of land, on which the leadership seminars are held, and a 57-hectare hill on which there is the intention to build a center for training and education similar to the one in Jardim. Father said that the area formed by linking four key places, Salobra (west), Perdidos (east), Jardim (north), and Fuerte Olimpo (south) will be inhabited by people working on educational programs, businesses, and fish farms for the development of agriculture and other fields. Father said that this area would, in the future, be like the "Vatican" of the world's religions—a

center of guidance for the major faiths. Most important of all, this would become a model of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Seminars for the building of ideal families have already begun in Jardim, and families are gathering there for forty days to receive education. Some may even be invited to live there to become model blessed families for the world in what is like the new Eden.

We experienced persecution from the Catholic church. For the first time they got together with the Protestants to parade the streets, warning everyone about our activities. Several months ago, the Catholic Church had also organized a youth seminar with young people from around the country, the sole objective of which was to expel us from the area. However, the local authorities including the Mayor and representatives of the police department, gathered at a conference we sponsored to explain True Parents' objectives clearly. Everyone was satisfied; now everything is going well and we have learned to live with each other in such a small yet very historical village.

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Joining the Family of True Parents

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AT the Ideal Family Education for World Peace training course, you and your family are liberated.

This is the place of liberation. As a result, you become stronger and you find yourself being cleansed and renewed. Separation between people is healed. Heavenly resentment is resolved. Some inner strength begins to surface within, just through the educa-

tion we are receiving and the nature of the environment.

New Hope East Garden (so named by True Father on July 22, 1998) is a Garden of Eden. It has been prepared to be a territory where high heavenly standards and heavenly traditions will be maintained by those who dwell there; where no barriers exist—whether national, racial, religious or otherwise—and where the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth can begin and spread forth. When you go there, you are to think of yourself as Adam or Eve, having no possessions, just growing in God's love.

Adam and Eve had nothing in the beginning. We have been falsely taking what is not ours. We must reverse that. We have to restore Adam and Eve's positions. God gives Adam and Eve possessions after they have established His conditions.

In such a place as this we stand a good chance of glimpsing into the spirit world. This is something we should not delay any longer. After all, a glimpse or two gave St. Paul the enthusiasm and fervor to march on for years. We, likewise, will be invigorated. Since June 13, 1998 the physical world and spiritual world are one. We do not need to be in darkness anymore. We can develop our five spiritual senses in the same way we develop our five physical senses. It is the same process. We want to be able to live with God.

We have three parents who take care of us from our beginning throughout our eternity: our physical mother, while we are in the womb; Mother nature, while we live on Earth; and God, after we go to the spiritual world. True Father told us this. We need to be prepared for the transition.

A great deal of angelic activity takes place at New Hope. We were told that here we would understand the Divine Principle more clearly. This was definitely experienced even before we heard that it was so. And some were very much aware of their ancestors accompanying them for learning. Answers come through more clearly to questions you might have on your mind.

It is now the era of the family-level blessing. Through attending the Ideal Family 40-day workshop, participants can resurrect to receive the family-level blessing. Upon receiving the family-level blessing, the family is then entered into the Eternal Family Register of True Parents. On this foundation a family

then becomes one, having the same value as True Parents' family. When your family is entered in the Register of True Parents' Family you have then entered the era of the Fourth Adam as tribal messiahs, so that now your family can inherit the authority to give the blessing to your tribe.

During the 40-days we were educated about the heavenly traditions of God and True Parents and learn to put these traditions into practice. We studied True Father's Jardim declarations. Partici-



"Birds that migrate become stronger," True Father said.

pants of the first workshop were incredibly fortunate to have True Parents present a great deal of the time. In truth, because Parents were with us so much we were hardly aware that they actually came and went so many times, between us and the National Messiah workshop in the Pantanal, which was a day's journey away, not to mention their coming and going as well to the Northern Hemisphere workshops during that time. True Father is so seemingly omnipresent!

Our little band of pilgrims from North America, symbolizing the number of Jesus' disciples, held strongly and tightly to the schedule, and though our twelve representative families came along at staggered times, still we anchored ourselves as much as we were able; and as clearly and correctly as we knew how, we made our mark in God's history.

Upon completing this workshop, blessed couples should substantially become the couples as God intended Adam and Eve to become, with no national, racial, cultural or language barriers. All will become one. This is

how we secure our eternal life. We learn to live our earthly life correctly. In our life of prayer we begin to be conscious of communing with God in terms of "we" not "I" and praying in terms of family instead of self, according to True Father's instructions.

Through the practice of Absolute Love, we can obtain Absolute Lineage. And on that foundation, we can attain the attributes that engraft us to God's Lineage and God's True Love.

Between the satanic world and the Fourth Adam era, we will learn to build ideal families. "Crossing the Jordan River" means departing the satanic world and reaching the heavenly shore. The Jordan River lies between these two borders. At this workshop we can cross the Jordan. Soon we will reach the other great shoreline.

We have to inherit God's tradition of loving and protecting nature. South America is the place to do that. In fact, it can begin at your very door, where you most certainly will feed, hold or just chat with the gorgeous macaws that dwell in the trees in front of True Parents' porch!

When we return to our nations after this workshop we return as Abel-type citizens. There is now no opposition and no persecution for us. We begin anew our heavenly families.

True Father is the victor of land and water. The National Messiah fishing workshops that have been held represent the water, and the classroom workshops represent the land, so land and water are being connected, by true love. And by having simultaneous north and south workshops, True Father has been connecting the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. He long ago connected the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. How marvelously wondrous and all-encompassing is our True Father! Who else in all of history past, or that which is yet to come, could so beautifully weave all things, all beings together in the cosmos to be harmoniously one. Marching in complete harmony with God, Our True Father and True Mother have brought that harmony to the horizontal level, that all of humankind and all creatures might live and walk in that same harmony on earth and in the spiritual world forever. ♦

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Reaching Young People

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OUR testimony begins with a fortunate encounter with the Prefect of Lima, the capital city. (He considers himself the fourth most important person to represent the nation, after the President of the Republic, the Vice-President and the Prime Minister.)

This man turned out to be very enthusiastic about everything relating to the family. He shares with us the strong conviction that both the good and evil in society originate from within the family. After familiarizing himself with the Family Federation and its objectives, we agreed to hold a one-day seminar for all the governors of the 43 wards in Lima. The Prefect himself called the governors, and they almost all attended because attending convocations by the Prefect is part of their job.

With the blessing of the Prefect, we held a one-day seminar, showed videos and gave talks on topics such as "How to Become Good Citizens", "Leadership and Society", "AIDS and Its Prevention in a Social Context" and "Family Values and Family Education."

In fact, the speeches were so well received that we held more seminars, this time for a half a day, not only for the governors, but for vice-governors and other leaders from each district-organized by the governors.

The final seminar was on "Youth Education" and "A Campaign for Sexual Purity". Here in Lima we do have a big problem with abandoned or half-abandoned young people (mainly between the ages of 12 and 18 years) who organize themselves in groups, developing their own hierarchy and group dynamics, usually drifting into drugs, alcohol, prostitution, theft and robbery. These groups have become a big hazard to the social order and security forces are struggling to come up with a solutions to the problem.

While the response from the police is usually a "get tough" message, and the lawmakers have passed a special law allowing the police to detain these small villains and put them into "educative custody" (which is another word for prison), our approach is much more positive. We educate the parents to

become better parents and awaken their conscience and feeling of responsibility for their children. We promote healthy homes that will produce healthy citizens. The governors and other community leaders like this idea and are ready to cooperate. At the end of the seminar, we handed out certificates to all community leaders, nominating them "Promoters of the Campaign to Save the Youth and the Family," which they all received enthusiastically.

The second stroke of luck was a visit to the director of a Pedagogical Institute, who turned out to be a highly dynamic lady who knows what she wants and does it without any delay. We offered a course of empowerment in "Family Values" and "Leadership" for all of her students. The support of the district governor was crucial. When we visited the director together with the governor, who is a confident person of good public standing, the director was quickly convinced that this was a good thing and, within a matter of minutes, came up with a plan to teach the entire institute morning and afternoon for three consecutive days, four classrooms a time.

Family Federation Project

The opening and closing ceremonies were done as a joint project of the Family Federation, the District Governor's Office and the Directors of the Institute, which gave the whole event a very profound, official and serious appearance. Within three days, we could reach all of the 1,400 students of the institute, offering two main speeches: "Formation of Character" (based on the chapter on Education in Unification Thought) and "Formation of Inter-Personal Relations" (based on the chapter on Ethics). In between, we presented the international pure-love campaign and explained the international blessing project.

Each participant received a folder. The center piece of the folder reads "Youth Campaign on Sexual Purity - a New Vision on Sexuality and Matrimony". And here we discovered a surprising fact (surprising at least for me, coming from Europe): the young people, all future teachers and thus multipliers (whether consciously or not) of their own views and concepts, were very open to our teaching of morality and ethics. Yes of

course, all of them desired a lasting partnership, a faithful spouse, a happy family and children. When we told them how it worked and what they had to do to realize all of their dreams and aspirations, they listened very attentively. We preferred our lecturers to be members who had already established their own families and therefore could talk from "first hand experience" about conjugal partnership and rearing children. The lecturers spoke very directly and without any shame about husband-wife relationships (something we all learned from Father!), and it was very well received by the young people who were grateful for the candor and bluntness.

Later, we handed out a questionnaire with questions based on the lectures. The last question on "inter-personal relationships" reads: "Would you be willing to participate in an international marriage and why?" Some 70 percent of the students answered positively and those were later invited to come to the Family Federation for more education in a second phase. Of course, there is a big difference between answering a question in the affirmative and becoming a matching candidate, but the first step may be the most important one and it is not too difficult to take.

After this very successful experience with this one institute, we contacted more institutes, colleges and universities, always accompanied by the governor in charge. Thus, until the present moment, we have reached some 4000 young people at more than 20 institutes and colleges.

Working with young people has been a particularly gratifying experience. These people are in the prime of their lives with all their dreams and good intentions for a happy life. It also showed us the potential power of the Family Federation as a practical and valuable institution which has much to contribute for a more healthy and stable society. ♦

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39th True Children's Day Leaders Conference

Don't wait for a few years. You elder brothers must stand on the front line, especially in public relations and diplomatic work. It is a serious position.

COMPLETE OFFERING

The 4.4 Jeol declaration signifies coming back to the top. So we invite everyone to the blessing, regardless of their foundation. Become a total living offering. If you can surmount everything, then God will take responsibility. Go beyond material things and human beings, even children and parents. We need to make the foundation for an ideal family based on the number 16. Consider the 1988 Seoul Olympics where the democratic and communist worlds united.

In the spirit world at present there is no concept of ancestry. Everything starts anew centering on True Parents. Only in this way can we engraft into the mainstream of God's providence. If you oppose this direction, you will have nowhere to go and you may suffer misfortune. You will receive God's judgement. It is a fearful and formidable time. Be careful, and listen to Father.

Japan is providentially unstable, floating on the ocean. The only way to survive is to grab hold of and follow me, whatever I say. Listen to your conscience tell you the things you should already know, such as the importance of the unification of North and South Korea. You should be involved in that, at least in your intention. You cannot escape your conscience. It doesn't matter what you sacrifice now. Once we have a nation, it will be wonderful. You offer to True Parents, and True Parents offer to Heavenly Father. Everything goes to God.

The satanic world wants to destroy Korea because the Messiah came there. When I visited North Korea, my sister asked me why I was not crying. I told her it is not yet the stage of the providence to cry. I have the greatest *han*. I will cry in the spirit world. Think about the situation in Korea.

I do not want to say these things, but I know God's heart. So we should see clearly how crucial the situation is now. Feel that God's property is your property. Have a sense of ownership. This will usher in the time of opening up one world. Have that determination in your mind. Use the elder son's position and authority to persuade people. Bring the pure blood lineage to the American people and throughout the world. How can it happen from now, other than by implementing Father's ideas? If America does not change its miserable situation, God will intervene. Have that kind of confidence. Then saving nations is no problem.

The 4.4 Jeol signifies the determination to make this special offering. This is all in the context of the seven-year course of 1992-1999 restoring the course from 1945-1952. Now there is a golden opportunity to support God's providence and offer everything to God and True Parents.

On the foundation of the blessing of 360 million couples I will go on a world tour. We need to publicize the 360 Million Couples Blessing. Develop our educational institutions to the elementary school level. Invest energy and ideas to promote the blessing, because everyone needs it. Even make a simple booklet about the content of the blessing that anyone can read. The president of a nation should accept, then acceptance will trickle down. Everyone needs the words "True Parents." They can liberate even God. The words True Parents are the key. Even God needs True Parents.◆

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On Prayer and the Spirit World

of the ministers said, "I have brought a lady from Korea whose name is Miss Kim." Then the medium said, "May I see her? Please come." Later the medium told us. "My spirit guide jumped in and said, "Invite her!" The medium was so happy to have me there, and said, "The message you are carrying is higher than Moses' Ten Commandments." I asked him if he would ask his spirit guide if it was even higher than the New Testament. He said, "Yes, it is!" Then he said, "I don't know this, but my spirit guide told me." You will have situations like this too. Many of us have had them.

[Father:] We are interested in one thing: How much one's ancestors worry about you. If you turn away from the Divine Principle, they will not receive any benefit. If you receive the message and follow it the proper way, you don't know how many of your ancestors will receive benefit. If you are a good worker, a greater number of your ancestors can be liberated by you and through you. You don't understand on earth how greatly they would be saddened if you were to turn away, and how anxious they are for you to succeed.

Your money, your power, your education—all these things are nothing. Your ancestors don't care about those things. They will say to you, "give up these things and accept the Principle." If you really understand this, you can liberate your ancestors and bless your offspring and future generations. Only one person in your family can bring benefit to the past and to the future—you! We blame Adam and Eve for the state

of the world. But if you do not fulfill your responsibility, you will be blamed just as they are.

Do you know that many Oriental spirits come to you these days? Do you know why? Since so many religions began in the East, many Oriental spirits have achieved a very high spiritual goal of religion and philosophy. They know that they have to reach the point where they must participate in world restoration. Therefore, they are coming to you who are engaged in world restoration. They will influence you to make you familiar with Oriental thought—philosophy and religion. I believe that those who contact the masters will see that those masters are all from the Orient. Many saints in Christian history will also come to you.

The most important thing is to have wisdom, right judgment, and discernment. You must be able to discern the message or phenomena you receive.

Therefore, it makes no difference whether you are spiritually gifted or not. Ultimately, you have to judge everything by your wisdom. If you misjudge, even though you have received, you don't know the meaning of what you have received and you may go wrong. This sister may receive things, but unless she asks why and what it is, she will not be properly taught and instructed. If you just receive what they give and never ask questions to clarify things, they won't tell you. They will not tell you more than you ask. You have to find explanations and resolve these questions on earth rather than on the spirit side. Therefore, you need the Lord to come to you.◆

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The Meaning of the Jardim...

creation by taking charge of and bringing harmony to the world of nature, which is the substantial world, through the perfection of Adam, the second Lord of Creation.

In the visible world, which God cannot take charge of directly, Adam comes to have a power of direct dominion of a different level from God, the first Lord of Creation, and in that sense is the second Lord of Creation. According to God's blessing, Adam is to multiply children. Adam and Eve's second generation become the third Lords of Creation who can stand on a new level of their own, and can have new experiences of a different level from God, the first Lord of Creation, and Adam, the second Lord of Creation. Then the second generation are the first substantial beings to experience the vertical parental love of the invisible God and the love of visible parents (Adam and Eve).

The second generation are the substantial beings who simultaneously receive God's love representing the vertical parental love and the horizontal love of parents on this earth (i.e. Adam and Eve), and become perfect. In that sense, they become the third Lords of Creation who have substantial experience of love that is greater than that of Adam or God.

The blessed families must become families that realize the perfection of the ideal of the second Lord of Creation and the third Lords of creation centered on the ideal of love. The succeeding generations must continue, linking generation to generation.

The first Adam, the second Adam (Jesus) and the third Adam (True Father) have been connected through providential history in order to restore the ideal of the True Parents. The True Father, who has come as the third Adam, has the mission to complete the history of restoration through indemnity, and also the mission to realize the original ideal of creation of true love. Centered on the True Children who succeed the True Parents, the era of the fourth Adam opens. Through the age of the fourth Adam, the ideal of the third Lord of Creation is perfected.

The Fourth Declaration: The relationship of God and humankind is a relationship of parent and child absolutely destined by heaven by virtue of true love. Through Adam's fall the relationship could not be accomplished and burdened God's heart with grief. God cannot propose the resolution of the wrong relationship caused by the fall. This relationship, which is absolutely destined by heaven, must be proposed and restored from the position of Adam who did wrong. It is the restored Adam who is the central figure of the providence, and the perfected Adam who must propose and resolve this relationship that went wrong.

The sacrifice and service of our True Parents throughout their entire lives was for this. Our

blessed couples must resemble the True Parents and restore the character and position of children who are absolute in relation to God, restore the character and position of absolute couples, restore the character and position of absolute parents and perfect their relationship with God which is absolutely destined by heaven.

The Fifth Declaration: If the level of the above 4th Declaration is accomplished, the standard of the blessed couples reaches the highest dimension. On that foundation, our True Parents proclaimed 4.4 Jeol, the 5th Declaration. The ideal of the blessed couples who have reached the highest level must not end on the earth nor must it end with the first generation. The perfection of the four position foundation which is the ideal of the family by virtue of true love does not exist only on the earth, but must be realized even in the spirit world. On the other hand, the perfection of the four position foundation of true love of the first generation family is not enough by itself; it must be completed by being connected to the perfection of the four position foundation of true love of the second generation.

The 1st through 4th declarations were made at Jardim, and the 5th in Kodiak, Alaska.

The foundation of True Parents' victory in South America (Jardim), which is centered on the Catholic Church in the position of the first generation and Cain, was connected to the realm of Protestant North America (Kodiak) which is in the position of the second generation and Abel. Then the Fifth Declaration was made.

Accompanied by first generation leaders, True Parents went to Kodiak where second generation representatives were being trained centering on Hyun Jin Nim, and announced the Fifth Declaration. As stated before, the 5th Declaration proclaims the perfection of the four position foundation of true love connecting heaven and earth, the first and second generations, and Cain and Abel.

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In spite of the fact that we are inadequate and unqualified families, our True Parents are setting us up in the position in which we can perfect these five declarations, and with limitless blessings the True Parents are carrying out this education intending to allow us the title of "True Parents' Family".

Through this training, all families should once again confirm their relationship with God, the absolute Lord, and with True Parents, and should attend them absolutely. We must realize that we have received the infinite blessing of the restoration of our blood lineage in front of God and Parents who are the True Parents, the True Teachers, the True Lords (King), and we must restore the realm of possessions, restore the realm of heart, and become the "Family of True Parents." ♦

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Family Holidays

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Seoul, Korea

CHRISTMAS and New Year holidays in Korea are quite different from their Western counterparts. In Korea it is the New Year (*Sol Nal*) holiday which is the time for families to gather. Although there are two new year holidays in Korea, the solar and the lunar new years, the lunar new year is the important one traditionally. It is then that families gather together and have memorial services for their ancestors. This is also done on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month, *Chusok*, which is sometimes called the full moon festival or Korean Thanksgiving. Because of this custom *Sol Nal* and *Chusok* are the two main holidays for which Korean families gather.

Koreans begin each lunar new year paying respect to their roots (parents, grandparents, great grandparents) in the company of every generation of the descendants who are alive at that time. And on *Chusok* in autumn they celebrate the harvest in the same way, sharing the first fruits of the harvest with those same ancestors and descendants. Although this custom of paying respect to one's ancestors was discredited and rejected as a form of idolatry by the Protestant missionaries who came to Korea and the Protestant sects do not allow their believers to carry on this custom, I am happy to see our True Parents seem to take an opposite stand. In view of the fact that we are truly eternal, it makes good sense to me to remember all our ancestors on such holidays. There are also individual memorial days observed on the day one's parents or grandparents passed away. We have such gatherings for my husband's father, uncle, who had no children, and grandparents.

Through the two major holidays which should be attended by all the relatives, Koreans maintain close contact with their extended families. On these holidays, up to one-third of the 12 million population of Seoul travel to their hometowns. Trips that in normal conditions take 5-6 hours, take 12-18 hours. But everyone still goes. It is at times like this that one realizes that filial piety is not just a concept or ideal in Korea.

Every bus that can run, every train that has wheels is put into service for these holidays. It is an amazing, touching migration involving the entire nation. But it is to the husband's hometown that one goes because the lineage is traced through the men. Only after all the ceremonies are finished and relatives have been together for a day or two would one return home or go to greet one's wife's parents.

Because of these family traditions, the lunar new year is marked by a three-day national holiday while the solar new year is only two days. Back when Korea was an agrarian society, the New Year celebrations lasted for 15 days. The relatives would all gather for the memorial service on New Year's Eve and then spend several days together. At the memorial service a table of special foods is prepared and the men offer deep bows to the ancestors. After that ceremony is over, the younger generations greet their elders with the same deep bow, and the elders give the children who are not yet married or working what is called "New Year's greeting money," though sometimes they give it to married people, too. People of the same generation then bow to each other facing each other in lines. It is cut when the smaller children receive bows from those who are lower than them in the lineage but sometimes physically older. Through the bows everyone is reminded of his exact place in the lineage.

After that everyone eats and plays yute or cards, sings, or just relaxes and talks, and the women cook and cook and cook as food is an important part of every holiday. After two or three days, people begin visiting people they particularly know or respect, such as officials or past teachers. They bring them a gift and greet them with the traditional deep bow. Thus in Korea, it is New Year and *Chusok* which are the gift giving seasons. Generally, however, people do not exchange gifts like Americans do at Christmas. The gifts are more presented to one's elders at home, superiors at work, children's teachers, or people who have helped us in the past or from whom we hope for help in the future. Children receive the greeting money on New Year's Day but nothing really special on *Chusok*--unless it is a

new set of clothes. Companies also usually present some kind of gift or bonus to their workers on the occasions of these holidays.

I have noticed that American Christmases usually include at most the parents, their married children and their children. And once the parents die, often the married children no longer gather together as much as before. They just have Christmas in their own homes, or once their children marry with their own children and grandchildren. In Korea the respect for the ancestors and the memorial services keep the families together even after the grandparents and parents have passed away. Because my mother-in-law is Presbyterian, she does not allow us to have the ancestor memorial service in our home, but nevertheless all of my sisters-in-law and their families come to greet her and to pray together for the ancestors at our home after they have greeted their husbands' families.

Christmas in Korea, on the other hand, has very little to do with the family. People who attend church regularly attend a special Christmas service and there may be some refreshments at the church. Often there is a special service with little gifts for the children. The concept of Santa has come to Korea, but not with the intensity of the West. Children might receive one present and a small commercially produced stocking, but not much more.

There is no concept of traditional foods for Christmas as there is for the other holidays. The Christmas cookies and chocolates so popular in America are largely unknown. Instead, bakeries sell a lot of specially decorated cakes.

People who do not attend church often spend Christmas like westerners spend New Year's Eve--perhaps going out with friends and drinking. The head of our district once told me that on Christmas Eve he goes through the district telling men to go home and be with their families!

Thus, while each culture has its big family celebrations, these are not necessarily held on the same holidays in each culture. ♦

Lynne and Chong Moon Kim were blessed in the 1,800 Couples Blessing.

Hope for Life

Espérance Noheri
Butare, Rwanda

BROTHERS and sisters, I greet you in the names and love of True Parents. I would like to call this article "The Hope of Life." My name is Espérance Noheri. I was born December 25, 1976 in Kibungo Prefecture, southern Rwanda. I have 9 sisters and 5 brothers. I am the eighth-born. All of us had one father and mother. I attended primary and secondary school and am now planning to attend the University of Rwanda.

My family

My parents were Christians in the Episcopal Church. My father was a mechanic and my mother a housewife—but she always liked to assist with the work in church. She was a counselor of women. She felt it her first responsibility to serve in church. She had made us get used to getting up early to pray and study the Bible. Each child would recite the verse that helped him or her. That made everyone alert during the Bible study, because no one liked to be asked a question and fail to answer. That way of life helped me to grow up hating sin, and loving and honoring God.

The war begins

In 1990, I went for higher education to Cisemy, far from my hometown. It was during those years 1990-1991 that the war started in Rwanda. In the region where I was studying there was discrimination between tribes and traditions. On the way to school there was always fighting. Many times there were murders, but they would happen after I had passed. Although there was insecurity, God helped me and I continued with my education until 1994. That year I had reached the third year of secondary school.

On March 27, 1994 I had left school and was going home for the Easter holiday. I slept in the capital city, Kigali where there my elder sister lived. Easter was April 3, and I was with my parents and brothers and sisters. After Easter, I began to prepare to return to school. It was on April 6 that the Head of State died. After that night there was no more peace. There was instability throughout the nation. People died, things were destroyed. Because it was not possible

for us to remain at home, we had to take refuge elsewhere. We stayed in the bush, on a banana plantation and sorghum garden.

I am miraculously spared

After a short time the killers discovered where we were hiding. It was April 19. That is when they took my parents and I, and my elder and younger sister. One had four children and another had five. They took all of us. That is when I lost my parents and brothers and sisters. We were taken to a commune. They took my father and my brothers to kill them. My mother and sisters and I were taken to another house and locked up there. I thought it was our last day. But while we were hiding I dreamt I heard a voice saying, "Espérance still has life."

My mother told us to pray hard and to prepare our hearts because our time to live was over. That evening they killed my mother. One of those who was in charge of keeping us from escaping took me and hid me in a cupboard in the commune office. He told me that if I were discovered I should not say who had hidden me and should accept to die.

It was about daybreak when another person came searching and discovered me. He used very bad words and kicked me, and he took me back to the house they had locked us in earlier. The person who had hidden me returned and found me. I told him it was useless that I remain alone and asked him, "Why don't you leave me to die too?" He said that among my people who were still alive I should choose just one because if we were many we would be discovered and they would kill him also. I chose my sister. He brought her and told us again that in case we were discovered we should not say who had hidden us but die bravely. He also said that if we had faith in God we should pray that God would save us.

We had our mother's Bible, which we were reading. This was our third day without food or drink. We did not even have the strength to run away. Hidden under a table my sister and I heard them killing the others. We heard them crying out so much as they died.

When the person who had hidden us saw that the killers had gone he took us out and told us to go wherever we wanted so our blood would not be on

his hands. As we went out into the night we had no hope of life. After we had gone about three kilometers, we felt afraid. I told the children we could go into any house until morning, because in any case we were going to die. So we went into a house. Early the next morning we continued our journey. Then we met another group of killers. We wanted to hide but it was impossible. One of them pierced my leg with a spear and I fell down. They thought I was dead. I do not know what happened to the children. I remained there two days until the liberating soldiers found me and took me to a hospital.

I spent two and a half months recovering. During the long time I was sick no one came for me because my people had all been killed. Later I discovered some of my sisters who had also survived. I learned that my brothers had died, but I did not know how because I could not bury them. I could not find the whereabouts of the bodies of my parents.

The war came to an end in October 1994. I got a job at the dispensary near where I was staying. They were paying us in food, soap and cooking oil. After some time working, I decided to go to live near my hometown in Kigali, the capital city. My aunt had lived in Kigali but she had been killed during the war. I brought my sisters with me, and after we arrived in Kigali I got a job with Medicins Sans Frontieres. I was paid about US\$100 with which we could buy food, drink and clothing. We were staying at the house of my aunt—although it had been virtually destroyed.

Finding God's hope for my life

Not long after, I met one sister named Jaqueline, who started telling me about the Principle. She asked me to study Divine Principle before going to school. I was hesitant to go and stay with people who claimed to pray, because I had seen that those who called themselves people of God were among the killers of 1994. But I persevered and decided to study the Principle.

Jacqueline took me to the national headquarters center where I attended a seven-day workshop. After completing the seminar I was so happy because I had received the answers to the question and problems I had, especially on

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Dr. Osami Kuboki

DR. Osami Kuboki, former president of HSA-UWC in Japan, passed peacefully into the spirit world on December 13, 1998, with many relatives and church leaders in attendance. His Seung Hwa Ceremony was held on the morning of December 15 at the church headquarters at Shinju-ku, where the church had its origins in Japan.

When Osami Kuboki joined the Unification Church in August 1962, he was already the youth leader of a powerful Buddhist denomination, Rishso Koseikai—which had three million members—and was expected to become its next president. Dr. Kuboki soon became

the national leader of the fledgling Japanese church, a position he eventually held for 27 years. Under his leadership, it grew from a tiny community to a vast nationwide movement through successful outreach programs to all levels of society, including its highest leadership. Whenever it was needed, Dr. Kuboki sent members from Japan to support church expansion worldwide. He is deservedly renowned for his unflinching determination to implement and accomplish the weighty tasks with which True Parents entrusted him as representative of the global Eve nation.

In 1996, True Parents assigned Dr.

Kuboki as Eve nation National Messiah to China.

Dr. Kuboki is fondly and respectfully remembered by members both in Japan and worldwide. We honor his sacrifice as a pioneer and leader, and offer him our heartfelt support and love for his new life in the spirit world.◆



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matters of heart or spirit. I had reached the stage of not even praying because I had failed to discover the truth in the churches. I was also grieving over the death of my parents. They, and my brothers and sisters, had died a painful death at the hands of the killers. It had made me hate people.

But after studying the Principle I felt comforted, because I had found the savior. I learned that I was no longer an orphan, which had been my greatest grief. I had felt that I was losing my mind without my parents. Principle also convinced me that I had brothers and

sisters, something I had lost hope to have again in life. Our members are truly my brothers and sisters. What pleased me most was that I could receive the blessing. I was happy because I remembered the words I had dreamt: "Esperance has life." I thought that I had remained on earth to suffer, but God showed me that I should have hope for my life.

What surprised me is that I came to know True Parents on the same date as I had lost my physical parents. Only the year was different. I thank God so much. I decided to follow the path God showed me and to stop my education for some time in order to prepare for the Blessing on August 25, 1995. At that time I loved True Parents, but I had one problem: which spouse would True Parents give me, and from which tribe?

I prayed and asked God not to give me a spouse from Zaire, because this was where those who had killed people in Rwanda had gone. I thought that those who had welcomed the killers had the same heart of doing evil. My church leader advised me to pray a lot. I was surprised when I was blessed with a brother from Zaire. But when I saw his photo I found out that we resembled one another. I found that he was very handsome, more than I had expected. I was happy and

saw that I would have hope of life.

There is no way I can express my thanks to God and True Parents who are always thinking of Rwanda. In Rwanda there is a saying that God can go elsewhere during the day, but He always spends the night in Rwanda. Yet I feel that God is always in Rwanda. He no longer goes away during the day. He is here day and night.

I also have no way of expressing my thanks to our national messiahs. May God, who chose them for us, give them all a blessing. The devotion, love and determination they show us is what makes us move forward and reach where we are.

I give my special thanks to the readers of this article. May God give you more life. Although I encountered many painful difficulties, today I am comforted by True Parents, the national messiahs and the Japanese missionary sisters who did not retreat from their devotion for the restoration of this nation of Rwanda. May almighty God give them more life and may they fulfill their responsibility. It is clear God has hope for life in our nation. Let us all answer God's call for us to fulfill His will here.◆

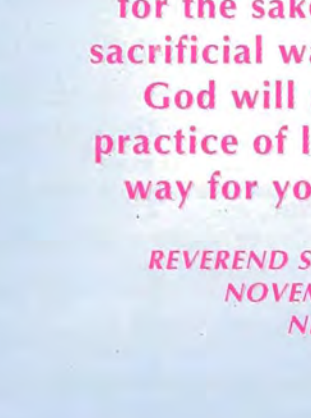
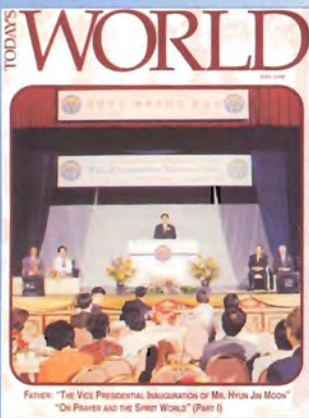
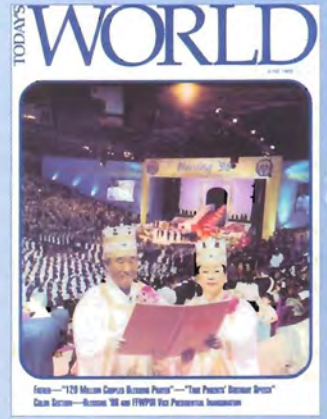
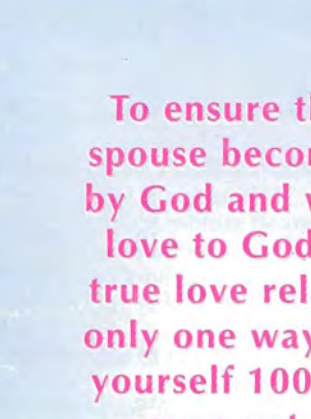
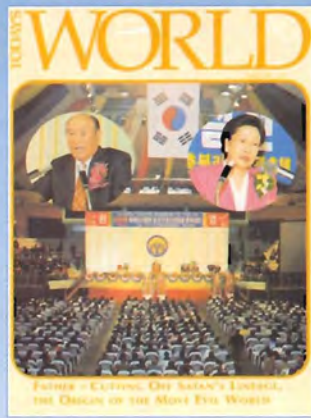
[This is the second of two testimonies from sisters who survived the 1994 genocide which claimed the lives of several church members including the national leader couple. Father conferred on them the title Couple Martyr and a memorial was consecrated "in remembrance of their exemplary lives, and for the sake of future generations."]



Esperance (left) and Françoise (November issue) with Rev. & Mrs. Tae Yoon Young, Korean National Messiah couple to Rwanda, at a CARP gathering

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To ensure that you and your spouse become a couple loved by God and who can offer true love to God, thus realizing a true love relationship, there is only one way. It is by investing yourself 100 percent over and over, yet not keeping an account; in other words, living for the sake of others. That sacrificial way is the only way God will recognize your practice of love. It is the only way for you to reach God.

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