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Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

# The Value of These 365 Days

*The second part of Rev. Kwak's speech at the celebration of True Parents' Birthday in Korea, February 21, 1999*

FATHER is someone who can neither follow nor resemble the things of the world. Everything he does is as a pioneer, and unique. His life is such an intense one. He constantly connects any and every area to God's unified purpose of creation and the completion of God's will, always linking them to the overall purpose of the entire world and all humankind. That is why words such as unification, world peace and international are frequently included in the names of the organizations he has founded. [Rev. Kwak here mentioned a number of the organizations established by Father in past years,,which, for reasons of space, we have omitted.—Editor] While embracing the external world in this way and aligning it with the path toward world peace, he concluded by establishing the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), which, on the hitherto established foundation, is eventually to become the most front line of True Parents' organizations in the internal sense. From this point on, and into the eternal future world, True Parents will be leading the Family Federation as the central organization for the realization of God's will centered on the family, and beyond the sphere of religion—which hitherto had been the role of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC).

True Parents have recently bestowed the tremendous grace enabling blessed families around the world to inherit an ideology of heavenly tradition through Hoon Dok Hae. Furthermore, as these families go through forty-day-training at the Ideal Family Education Headquarters for World Peace in Jardim, and offer their total living offering, they can observe the position True Parents are given in a blessed family that maintains a connection with them. In addition, Father is establishing a pure love campaign headquarters in each nation so that we can develop the pure love movement worldwide under the slogan "True Parents, True Family and True Lineage."

Father has also invested himself in the academic sphere. For example, not only has he established a university, but he is also advocating a World University Federation which is to connect these institutions of learning together—even ultimately embracing middle and high schools. This federation will eventually be a university-level foundation for the salvation of the

world and the fulfillment of God's will.

Since Father always created organizations by looking beyond history and into the future with uncanny clarity of vision, we often found it hard to understand the significance of what he was doing at the time. There were many occasions when members were skeptical. Father has nevertheless assiduously pursued his unchanging goal to restore all humanity and to realize an ideal world.

I did not have an opportunity to fully explain all of Father's accomplishment in detail to the many VIPs who attended the recent World Culture and Sports Festival. I merely introduced his achievements briefly at the opening plenary session. Nonetheless, a number of the high level guests commented that they could not help but be struck with admiration at Father's achievements in such a complete diversity of fields. Father's accomplishments in any one sphere, whether we look at academia, philosophy, education, religion, the arts or humanitarian relief, already surpass the lifetime achievements of many famous and great people in history.

Moreover, six representatives from national missions to the United Nations, plus high-level UN administrators, participated in the festival. Having witnessed the Blessing Ceremony, they confessed that, from their experience, it would be difficult for the United Nations to hold an event on such a scale even if they were to muster all their efforts and make preparations for five years. Let's offer our heartfelt applause to True Parents!

On February 6, Father established the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) upon the foundation of the global organizations he has created thus far. This is a truly significant institution that will guide the entire world toward the will of God. Most of the leaders signed their names on the declaration of support, affirming their desire to play a part, and with anticipation that IIFWP will be a catalyst for the development of civilization worldwide.

The many organizations Father has established are extraordinary, even miraculous undertakings. Yet, beyond these achievements, True Parents have generated an internal foundation of victory and the foundation for the blessing in heaven and on earth through a revolutionary movement of true love. How can we quantify our appreciation of this work? The International Blessing of 360 Million Couples, held on

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**Front Cover:** Mother at the celebrations following her speech in New York City, March 21 **Background:** The Manhattan Center Ballroom during Mother's speech (Photos: Ken Owens/NFP) **This page background:** True Parents sing at the finale of the evening celebrations in honor of their birthday (Photo: Courtesy of Tongil Segye)

February 7, realized the ideal of the blessing for heaven and earth. Through this occasion, True Parents harvested the fruit of their longing and realized a miracle, opening wide the gate of the blessing even to the spirit world, that unknown and complex realm. These foundations prepared in the spirit world and the physical world are now the foundation for complete victory and the eternal foundation of the glory of True Parents.

No one can deny the preciousness as well as the heavenly fortune of the blessing. I believe you have also experienced this! When we explain the preciousness of the blessing to people they cannot disagree, no matter how great or how proud they may be. This means that, amidst heavenly fortune, the world is turning toward True Parents. I am sure, therefore, that the "true family movement" is one that has already determined its final destination to be the world of heart and culture all humanity is aiming for.

Father has made an earnest request. The time of the completion of overall restoration will be decided depending on how hard we, the blessed families, carry out pure love rallies under the motto "True Parents, True Family, True Blood Lin-

age." We have to shorten the time required for restoration even by one day through holding these rallies without pause in accordance with this mandate.

Beloved brothers and sisters! What can we do, in return, for our gracious True Parents who have devoted their lives to giving us this most precious true love, true life and true blood lineage? Repaying with loyalty and filial piety by maintaining the tradition they have established is the only remaining path. We have no qualification, status or time to do otherwise. In this respect, it is truly meaningful to have welcomed the 365 days of 1999. These are the 365 days of the one last year in which all of us, as participants in the Completed Testament era providence and blessed families, prepare to connect the new millennium with True Parents' glory. This year of 1999 is the year that is given to us by good fortune as one of preparation for the momentous celebration of True Father's 80th birthday, an occasion of great significance. It is a year in which we should have no regrets. We cannot but leave behind our *han* as long as we truly pour out everything, even the sap of our life. Thus, by doing Hoon Dok Hae diligently as the

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# LET'S LIBERATE LOVE ITSELF

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*True Parents' Birthday celebration at the Little Angels Arts Center*

we realize love? Everything has to become one. Everything becomes one and embraces God, embracing all of humankind. That is the accomplishment of love.

In your family, as you attend your parents and are faithful sons and daughters, as you love your brothers and sisters and love your children, and as your children love you, their parents, this becomes a completed family, a perfected family. That is love. And this love expands outward to the entire cosmos.

What is the motto for this year? "The Cosmic Expansion of the True Blessing and the Rooting Out of Satan's Blood Lineage." Blessing is blessing, but we need true blessing. How can we accomplish that? Is the love of God liberated if that occurs? What do you think? Can you feel that realm of liberation? The reality of love was cut off, so the "up-down" and "left-right" relationships have to be restored. Even if God's will is realized on earth and we have the Kingdom of

Heaven on earth, we still have to create the complete Kingdom of God. We must absolutely accomplish this on earth. If there is even just a little love remaining, could anyone suffering in hell under the dominion of Satan be forgotten?

Then how can we completely liberate God, and how can

**T**HE purpose of true love is to bring about the perfection of this world, from the individual to the family up to the cosmos and God. True love is the way. But who is going to liberate true love? This is the big question. God's motivation in creating was love itself. Then how can

## *True Family Holy Wedding*

**O**N February 5, 1999, True Parents officiated the blessing in marriage of their first son Hyo Jin Nim with Miss Yun-Ah Choi at a ceremony in Seoul, Korea. The wedding was held at 11 a.m. at the Headquarters Church, with True Children and guests in attendance, and was followed by a traditional Korean wedding ceremony at Hannam-dong in the afternoon. That evening, a celebration banquet honored the couple.

Yun-Ah Nim is the eldest daughter of Yoon Ki Choi and Soon Hee Kim (777 couples), having one brother and two sisters. She is a graduate of Sun-Jung Middle and High School, which True Mother attended in her youth, and of Ewha Women's University, where she majored in social studies. She has pursued post-graduate studies in Seoul. ♦



*l: After the traditional ceremony in the gardens at Hannam-dong, r: the main ceremony at Chungpa-dong Headquarters Church*



*You need absolute mind and body unity. What is the basis for that? Is it determination? No, it is love; true love.*

we truly be filial sons and daughters in such a situation? Can God just come and say, "I wish to have some filial sons"? How can we be faithful sons and daughters before God and True Parents? Can subject and object become completely one through love? How can we have an environment in which we can be completely happy and in which we can see the perfection of the ideal? When can we experience such a time and place? When can the absolute God, as the Father with His sons and daughters, receive the filial piety of His children? How can we actually establish the way of filial children and of liberation, the way of the original world?

### **CAN YOU REALIZE THE IDEAL OF ONENESS?**

In your families you are working to establish the Kingdom of God. We have to actually liberate love itself. If we think about God, can we bring everything together and liberate love? We still carry the traces of that which Satan made impure in the creation. How can God and all of humanity forget what has happened in the past? It is God's greatest hope to truly be rid of all that and be one with His sons and daughters. Have you been filial sons and daughters in your families? If there had been no fall following the creation, we would all have already reached the ideal and could have realized our purpose in life. But when are we going to become such people? Can you do it in ten years? Or will it take you a thousand years in the spirit world? How and when will you realize your true self? This is a very serious question.

Now you are alive—but are you in a liberated position in relation to God, and can you liberate love? Can you be filial children, as objects before the subject? Can you be patriots and saints? Are you going to leave that kind of legacy to your children or not? Can you really do it? Are you being filial children to your parents and patriots to your people? [Yes!] You are saying yes, but what kind of relationship do you have with your children? Parents and children are one generation apart. Until you become one, what is your relationship going to be? Are you going to have a vertical relationship? The parent-child relationship is a vertical or "up-down" one. You have the first and second generation and then they begin to spread out horizontally. If the two generations become one they merge together like two drops of water. Then are you going to stand in a horizontal line—or what? Have you thought about what position you could be in? Will it be possible or not for you to become one with your parents? Do you fight a lot? If you are fighting, how can you unite? If your mind and body are fighting how can you bring them into oneness? Your mind tells you not to do something but then you do it. If you only breathe out you will die. You have to both breathe in and breathe out, in balance. There is a kind of wavering motion and then you find the middle line. You need absolute mind and body unity. What is the basis for that? Is it determination? No, it is love; true love.

True love cannot change. It should be absolutely unique and unchanging. People are not absolute. They go back and forth. But God is unique and unchanging. So the parent and child must become one. When you form a vertical relationship, if you connect with the vertical line of God, this will be

absolute and for eternity. Isn't that right? God will be there vertically, eternally.

All the laws of nature are absolute. God created all those laws. His motivation for making everything was true love. Even as billions and billions of years pass, God is not even one second off schedule. Do you think God can meet with all the people in the fallen world? [Yes.] Well then, is God already liberated? No. The spirit world will last eternally but God cannot meet those who are in the spirit world unless they are restored. This is the problem.

What is the method by which to make mind and body one? As for the body, it thinks only about itself; and the mind also. So they will never become one. If the mind only thinks of itself and the body only of itself, they cannot become one. Eternally, we can never become one in this situation. Then what do we have to do? We have to go in a 180 degree opposite direction to accomplish this. Since we cannot do things horizontally then we must move vertically. What is this opposite way that we should go? If I think only about my body and about myself I cannot become one with my mind. The mind and body must be able to have a give-and-take relationship. Then there is a way for them to become one. The problems of the world basically start from the self. Because people are not perfect everyone carries the germ known as Satan. This causes everyone to think he himself is the most important. Everyone thinks he is the best and wants to go to the top. But if you truly have wisdom you think, Let me go down to the bottom. You have to be able to go the opposite way. This is what Reverend Moon has been doing.

Each of you think you are the most important, don't you? Do men think men are more important or women? Men think they are most important and that women are just accessories, and women think they are important and that men are just accessories. Then couples think children are just accessories too. This is a real problem. It is because we are thinking centered on ourselves. Then no one can be happy and we cannot be liberated. Nothing is achieved that way.

Then what is a good person? A good person is someone who says, "I will help this person; I will help that person." He is a person who lives for others and helps others throughout his life. He goes beyond east and west, beyond race and tradition and helps people. But you are all living for yourselves, aren't you? Then you are not good people! If I live for others, wouldn't I end up being a beggar? If I give myself to the world everything is ultimately returned.

If we talk about liberating love itself, or liberating God, what does it mean? What do we mean by liberation? How can we accomplish that? Does love really exist? If love exists, then it has to have give and take. It has to have movement. Simply put, everything is going back and forth. All our cells are breathing—we can breathe and can hear ourselves breathing. Our hearts are also beating. Can you feel your pulse? Feel it; it never rests; it keeps going, but year after year we do not even think about it. The earth also "breathes." There is so much atmospheric pressure on each one square centimeter, but because it is even and equalized, we cannot really feel it. But if that pressure were removed, we would all burst.

You have love, don't you? Do you have life? And you have

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lineage, don't you? Do you have these things? Do you feel them? Why can't you feel them? Because you are one with them.

### **IF YOU CAN LOVE FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE...**

However beautiful a girl may be, if she is alone she cannot create love. Life cannot begin by itself, and lineage cannot initiate itself. A woman must appear before a man. Even if an ugly woman comes before a man, if she begins caressing him and wanting to love him, then his eyes, nose, mouth—all of him—start feeling the movement of love. The blood begins to boil, he hears sound, and then lightning strikes. What happens when the

eyes of a man and woman meet does not happen between men. If the spirit of a woman is attached to a man, then maybe such a feeling can arise, but normally it is when a man and a woman come together that these feelings arise.

A wife who is truly in love could die for her husband, and a husband who is truly in love could die for his wife, offering their lives a hundred times, or a thousand times. If you can do that for your children, then you are true parents. If you can do that for your brothers and sisters, then you are a true person.

If a person is willing to die for all his brothers and sisters, how do we think of him? If a younger brother is willing to die for all his brothers and sisters, then he is the best among them and their savior. One who is willing to really commit his life like that is the one who is true. The beginning of the family is the couple, the parents. Those of you who are blessed couples, please raise your hands. What do we have in a family? There are parents, or the couple, and the children, brothers and sisters. In order to be parents you have to first be a couple. A man and a woman pass through a child stage, a brother and sister stage, and a couple stage; then they become parents. Adam and Eve were children, and brother and sister. They grew up and were to marry. All people experience this period of childhood, then later become couples and parents. The most valuable thing that parents want to leave to their children is the best period of childhood, the best period of being brother and sister, their best time as a couple and their best period as parents.

On the level of a nation or the whole world, there are so many children, brothers and sisters, couples and parents. Both large and small nations are patterned after the family. The family is the basic training ground for the nation. The ideal family is to train the individual. When we have hundreds of millions of families, these families are the training ground for the nation. The person who wants to give everything for the whole is a good person. One who lives only for his family is not considered a patriot. He can be a filial son to his family,

but to become a patriot for the nation he would have to act on the national level. To become a patriot you have to be able to invest your entire family for the sake of the nation. The family that invests all its members happily for the sake of the nation and the world is a model family and becomes the subject and an example for other families. But you do not understand that: you are working for companies and your attitude is just to receive their support for your families.

So, are you going to become people who are loyal to the nation or only to your family? Are you going to dedicate your family to your nation or just to yourself? You have to truly unite everyone together. You have to represent the grandmothers and grandfathers and you have to represent God. To be able to do that you have to love and become a filial son. Then everyone—God, the grandparents and everyone else you are living for will be concerned about you. But if you live only for yourself or your own family, then you are an arrogant person who can be cast into hell. You do not know about the spirit world. Do you want to know about it?

The individual has to sacrifice himself for his family. Then the family has to sacrifice for the nation. Are you going to offer your children as a sacrifice—your mother, and even your grandparents as sacrifices for the nation? Will you even offer your ancestors as sacrifices? Who is going to do that? [We are!] And until when? God will help you. You need to have a family like Noah's. If you live this way, God will breathe you in. If you live like that, then the entire cosmos will be behind you.

The person who lives the most for others becomes the center. Until now, Reverend Moon has lived for the world, though Satan constantly tries to attack me and drive me out. If all those who have sacrificed for God say, "We want to hear the sound of a drum," then God will beat a drum for you!

Has the world opposed me or not? You opposed me too at times, didn't you? Is there anyone who did not oppose me? Raise your hand; I will give you a prize. Isn't there anyone?

### **EVERYTHING MUST HAVE AN OBJECT AND THERE MUST BE A BALANCE**

True love is something given, not taken. What are we going to do? You have received my love. Are you going to repay it ten-fold or a hundred-fold? If you are going to work and love ten times more than me, then you can go on top of my head. If we loved each other to the extent that we even wanted others to go ahead of us or above us, that would truly be the realm of love. What would happen to love then? Love itself would be elevated. If you can say, "I am the king of love," will God say, "No, that is wrong"? Are you going to reach the level of God? If you could love even more than God, would He curse you or praise you? How wonderful it is to work and suffer in order to liberate God.

From one viewpoint this is my eightieth birthday. (*Father refers to a diagram in mentioning the numerology of 1999. We could not reproduce this content—Editor*) So this year: the completion of formation, completion of growth and completion of perfection. That establishes the elder son's realm. It is the number of liberation of the realm of the elder brother, of parents and of

*You have to learn how to be scolded. If your grandfather scolds you and you can accept it, you can become a person who can receive that grandfather's inheritance.*

God. That means everything has been accomplished.

Thus, people who are at the top will go to the bottom and have to create the foundation for the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. This year, all manner of fruit will be harvested. We are going to liberate God and liberate love itself. We must therefore become kings of absolutely living for others. We must have absolute love. We must connect "absolute" and "unique" and all such words. If we have absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience we can begin to liberate God and liberate love. Would it be better to be with God working or dancing? [Dancing!] But don't you like to work? Dancing must be done by two people. If you sing or dance on your own people might think you are crazy. So dancing requires an object. Man needs a woman and woman needs a man. Songs need people to listen to them. Happiness needs an object too. Is that true or not?

When people dance, does a man want to dance with another man or with a woman? [With a woman.] Who made it that way? Who said to do it that way? That is just the public principle. It is the normal way. A man needs a woman and a woman needs a man. So people need each other; isn't it true? If you want to dance you absolutely need an object to do it with, and if you sing you need an object. Will it be a grandmother with her grandson, or a grandmother and grandfather together? You need a balanced object. Not all men and women are right together. They have to be able to balance each other. In this world, during this era when everyone theorizes about relationships, all relationships—parents relationships, couples relationships, brothers relationships, political and economic relationships—must be balanced. We have to create balance and achieve a horizontal line. In the diplomatic world, who is the one who wins? It is the person who can balance things, even if he has to go back and forth ten times. The laws moving the universe are all operating in the sphere of diplomatic relations. Does the right eye exist for itself or for the left eye? They have to balance. If the right side of the nose is blocked does the left just exist for itself? Or do the nostrils exist to support each other? Everything has to balance and reach a level plane, then a center can emerge.

When we build a house we work with horizontal and vertical lines, and 90-degree angles are created. We need the vertical and the horizontal, at 90 degrees to each other. If all relationships between grandfather and grandmother, parents and grandchildren are at 90 degrees, then everything works out. Create 90-degree angles. Then everything will match. If everyone is at 45 degrees, everyone can work together because all of their angles are similar. But 90 degrees is needed for completion. Your mind must be vertical, the body is horizontal. And these two must connect. When the horizontal is matched to the vertical it creates a 90-degree angle. The 90 degree angle is absolute. The mind, which is connected to Heavenly Father, is vertical. Adam and Eve, who had not fallen, were to be God's horizontal object. God, who is vertical, and the horizontal parents, the unfallen Adam and Eve, meet at a 90-degree angle. So we have "above, middle and below," and "left, center and right." "Before and after" also have to center on the 90-degree angle. All have to pass through that one central point at a 90-degree angle.

A family is made up of parents and children, a couple, and

brothers and sisters. If they all surround that central point, the parents and child, the couple, and the brothers and sisters, create such relationships. If we balance north, south, east and west we find the center point and 90-degree angles. A father and mother cannot do just what they want.

## WHAT IS OUR TRUE MOTIVATION?

So we are saying "Let's Liberate Love Itself." How difficult this is to contemplate. Parents loving their children, husbands loving their wives; everything is all tangled together. Love has been so complicated. You all have love, you all have life, but you did not know that. Life and love cannot happen through knowledge or power. Can life and love explode like that? A man and woman must become one, and that creates the lineage connecting everything together. Then life begins to be mixed and to boil and the seed comes. We have man's life and a woman's life and they meet and they contain the life of a man and the life of a woman.

People in the Unification Church are seeking the love of God and want to surrender to it. Have you really done that? Why are you so quiet? If you have not, then please admit it!

What is our goal? It is love. Can you say, "I am going to love"? Are you going to do it for the sake of giving love or receiving love? When Korean people marry, do they have the intention of receiving love or giving love? They usually marry to receive love. If you say you are going to give love, then you will be okay. If a mother-in-law feels sad that her son is being taken away, and that his wife is just stealing him and keeping him to herself, will things be good or bad? Lightning bolts will fly! A wife should be aiming to love her husband's younger brother and mother as well as her husband. The son on the right and his wife on the left should really support the parents, like the right and left hand. If the wife keeps the husband to herself for a hundred days the mother-in-law is not going to like it, and their ancestors will be angry. If you get married you have to do so for the sake of giving love. You can then become the leader of that home. But if you go there to receive love you will be kicked out. Do you understand? Women need to receive love, but if they want to receive love they have to give love. Which is better, to give and then receive, or to give but not receive? If you give and do not receive it is even better. Then you will be blessed in heaven.

In the Unification Church, do you receive the blessing in order to receive love or to give love? You have to go to really be the center. If you go out to lunch with your friends, and say you left your wallet or you do not have any money and cannot pay, are you going to have good friends? What about the friend who always pays; he becomes a good friend. What I am teaching you is correct. If I scold you, you lower your eyes; that means you have a conscience. Do you really have confidence to live according to your conscience?

In the morning, if you are at the table and angry and upset, can you pray? Prof. Yoon prays very well, but if I tell him to pray in such a situation, he cannot. You have to know how to receive a scolding. Then you can find real blessing. You have to learn how to be scolded. If your grandfather scolds you and you can accept it, you can become a person who can receive

*The child himself is the one who enables the parents to have love for children. So the lord or owner of the mother's love is the child, who makes it possible for the mother to love.*

that grandfather's inheritance. Now that I am eighty years old I am a grandfather, not a young man anymore.

Were you born in order to give or to receive love? Are we happier giving love to someone else or receiving it? Is it more important to give love or to receive it? You know the answer. If you go around in a circle 360 degrees you are already going upward. You go upward in a spiral if you do that. God is at the top. But if you pass through God's chin and up through his face, and on up through the top of His head into God's hair, then what will happen? Will God tell you to get out or to stay there? Doesn't God need love? God does not want you to run away. He wants you to stay.

### THE VALUE OF FOLLOWING TRUE PARENTS

One time when Mother went on a world tour I gave her a little ring. I gave it to her but she gave it away. I do not know who she gave it to. I learned that Mother's love is much more important than a diamond. Mother had many dresses and other things and felt that she wanted to give them to some of the Japanese wives, so I said, If you want to give one go ahead. So she gave over a hundred dresses away. In the future we should have a museum that will display and record everything of Mother's. But anyone who acquires such a thing must keep it very safe. Could we exchange anything for Mother? Mother's bones are more precious than anything. Mother's grave site is more precious than any place in the world. These things cannot be exchanged for anything. So those who received those dresses must keep them as precious heirlooms for their descendants in Japan.

Who is the lord of love? Do you want to know? Who is the lord of mother's love? Of husband's love? Of son's love? God? I don't know! What is the root of love? With just the subject, love can never be found.

Those who have been engaged and blessed by me, raise your hands. There are many. Are your husbands and wives okay? If there is anyone who is really opposed to their match, stand up now and I will fix it for you! For the first three years there may be difficulty, but when you have children, they are more beautiful than you, aren't they? We have the formation, growth and perfection stages to go through; you have to pass through these stages in the first three years. Are your children all attractive? They are smart, aren't they? Are they more handsome and beautiful than their father and mother? As the second, third and fourth generations come, the blessings will come. As the seed becomes purer, then the children will be more beautiful.

This eighty year old man has brought together so many couples in marriage. What good is that for me? Am I getting rich? Most of you just marry and then run away and live your own lives, forgetting about me. The real Lord of your marriages is God. That is important. I am happy to have done this for you.

Many are asking where I am going and want to be with me. The course of restoration has been very difficult. The Lord of the Second Advent came to liberate women. Women have been in such an unfortunate and difficult position. Throughout my course, I have tried to enable you to realize your potential as good mothers and wives. Because of that

you like me, and even if I scold and insult you, you want to come back and be with me. In the past, so many people met opposition at home because they followed me, but still they wanted to follow. In the early days there was a midnight curfew, so people could not go home. But it was safe because we were brothers and sisters together. Even students would often come to hear my teachings, but they would worry when they had a test to take in school. If we were to have told them what pages to study for their exams, it would not have been the right standard for having them follow us. But if they studied hard for the sake of the nation then God could help them with their studies and they would do well. No one will experience loss in life by following me. You will certainly be better than average.

Some professors—or others who thought they were important people—who followed me would leave, but would end up in tears and wanting to come back. They should have stayed with me and then gone out to the world and become leaders in society.

### BECOMING THE LORDS OF LOVE WHO CAN LIBERATE GOD

Don't you want to know who the lords of love are? Love cannot happen without an object, so the lords of love are the sons and daughters of God who love Him. Someone without sons and daughters, without children to love, can never find complete love. The child himself is the one who enables the parents to have love for children. So the lord or owner of the mother's love is the child, who makes it possible for the mother to love. In Korea the woman is called the lord of the inner house and the man the lord of the outside. But the wife becomes lord of the inner house through the husband. Women who do not understand that live on their own. The lord of the outside, the husband, cannot become the lord or the husband without the wife. So the love and position of husband and wife do not stem from themselves but from each other. Without that heart of love, if they go out and share love elsewhere, they are cutting off their love and their capacity to be the lord.

I can love God because He loves me, and He can love me because I love Him. Husband and wife are the same. Anyone who loves separate from God finds himself in hell. In this eightieth year of my life we are trying to complete the full 360-degree circle and return to the Garden of Eden. We are trying to restore the Garden of Eden and become lords of love, trying to truly settle everything and return from the world of hell to the world of heaven for eternity. One man and one woman—we must understand how important they are. Through that one brother and sister the love of God was lost. They drew together like brother and sister as the external form of God's love to enable God to have love. They were like the lords of God's love, and through their love when they married God would have been able to experience that love. But they separated. Because they were not able to fulfill their responsibility, God was not able to have the love that Adam and Eve should have shared as brother and sister, as children, as husband and wife, as parents. The love of children, the



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love of parents, the parents' love position...God could not experience that position of love as a parent. Why are orphans considered pitiful? Because they do not have parents. They are so pitiful not having parents because they are not in a position where they can learn brother and sister's love, parents' love and couple love, and go on to inherit all those. You cannot think that you do not need older and younger brothers and sisters. You need all of them. East, west, north and south: you have to find the lords of love for you. In the future we will have the age of babies, and of children, and we have to sow love before the lord. I cannot help but love in place of God. We have to live for the sake of others. By living for others we can receive love. Through us, God can love and we can become the lords of love in relation to God. We can become the lords of the love between brothers and sisters, couples' love and parents' love. Then God can find joy and have a place where He can settle. This is such an amazing thing. Adam and Eve should have done this. Adam and Eve were the only children of God and everything went into hell because of their fall. Everyone was lost. There was no lord of love. All the love of children, brothers and sisters, couples and parents came under the dominion of Satan. A difficult course requiring thousands of years was undertaken in order to restore humankind back to the point at which God originally lost everything. How God has been longing for this! God is working through the liberation of humankind which is also His own liberation.

In order to truly liberate the sorrow of God I have to accomplish this. I have to liberate my family in order to liberate God. I do not have my own hope; I should not have my own ideas. I should have absolute faith and obedience. If God needs me to die I should be willing to do so. In that sense we can finally liberate God and take everything back. We have to liberate God and allow Him to embrace everything.

Centered on God we have to love our family, the nation and the world, then stand in the place of God and love everything. We must realize the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. We must completely realize the ideal of love, going beyond the universe and into the cosmos. Then God will be liberated. Without this, God cannot be liberated. Even now I am shedding tears together with God and shedding tears for God, saying, I could not finish everything; I do not yet have a nation. There are America, Germany and Korea—all those nations. But all of them are lost. They do not know about the spirit world, and they do not know that I am in a position of authority. We must all be connected. You have to connect with me and with the Kingdom. Japan is just one branch and America is one branch. We have to head for the liberation of the universe. We have to establish the central standard and unite everything with it. Do you understand?

## **LOVE, FAMILY AND DESCENDANTS**

You must be filial children to your parents. You have to be someone who can become the lord of love in relation to your elder brothers and sisters. Then you become filial children. You should be able to love your younger brothers and sisters, representing your mother or your father. That is a filial child.

That is the person who can inherit from the parents and who can be the front line person your parents will send out. The one that is a filial son or daughter is the one who is sent out to represent the parents. No child is born because of itself.

Everyone who is blessed must now liberate 120 generations of their ancestors. Now people whose spouses are in the spirit world can be blessed with them. You can live with them together now. Pray a lot and offer devotions. Once I pass the age of eighty, the spiritual world and the physical world will become one. If you do not liberate your ancestors, this will be a problem in the spirit world. They will rise up and up, even from the very bottom of hell. In the past, they could only run errands. They could not go anywhere. But I have pulled down those barriers. It sounds like it cannot be true, but wait and see; that is the way it is. I know how the spirit world is. Be careful how you live, or your descendants will be limited.

So find the lord of love. If a couple does not have children, they will never know that kind of love. Without a man, a woman cannot know love. Adam and Eve were to have had an absolute family. That first love is important. You must devote yourselves to your parents and become sons and daughters who liberate God, experience love as children, brothers and sisters, couples and parents. Parents feel that kind of love through their children. Children can experience children's love and brother-and-sister's love.

You must become people who take the position of being the lords of true love. In the human world, without parents and without the love of a husband or wife, without brothers and sisters and children you cannot go to heaven. You need three generations: grandparents, parents and children, the four position foundation. There are the four realms of heart. Without the True Father you cannot restore the four kinds of love. Unless you restore these four kinds of love—children's love, siblings' love, couples' love and parents' love—you cannot go into the Garden of Eden.

All the children I loved so much were entrusted to the archangel, but things went wrong. Are you going to be archangels? You have to progress according to the proper formula. The owner, or lord, of love begins within oneself. It begins from a man and a woman. It begins with the time of childhood, passes through the period of brother and sister, couple and parents. When we become parents, we bear fruit, and the whole cycle begins again. We have to become the lords and owners of children's love, sibling love, couples' love and parents' love. We cannot change our brothers and sisters and our parents. We cannot change the fact that our children exist. Those kinds of love cannot be changed.

We have to study again about love. We have lost the true mystery of love. The mystery of a woman's love cannot be described in a book. It is greater than the flavor of honey to a bee. Even people who cannot hear can know the taste of love. People who are handicapped can know the taste of love. When you begin to love, the man wants to follow the woman and the woman wants to follow the man, and then they want to get married. Everyone has to marry outside of their own home. Migratory birds fly such long distances and then return to have their young. They become very strong. If we marry

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# Invocation of the Blessing

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

1999 World Culture and Sports Festival: International Blessing of 360 Million Couples

February 7, 1999, Seoul, Korea

**B**ELOVED Heavenly Father! Today, February 7, 1999, the ceremony to celebrate the blessing of 360 million couples is being held, watched by heaven and earth. All the families to be blessed in heaven and on earth are gathered here. They are moving toward a new day of liberation for heaven and earth, and into the world of unification where Elder-sonship, Parentship, and Kingship are restored and the sovereignty of love is established centering on God, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and true love. Now is the time of the worldwide turning point at which Your will is to be accomplished.

Because of the evil ancestors, a history of evil love, evil life, and evil lineage prospered under satanic leadership. To change its direction, You have worked through the Old Testament, New Testament, and Completed Testament eras. The covenant was not realized in the Old Testament Age. In Adam's family, everything was lost because Adam and Eve fell, which meant that they failed to become children of God by making a blood relationship with You. The parent-child relationship is established by connecting to the parents' love, life and lineage. The mistake of our first ancestors, however, was that they instead connected by blood to Satan. This led to the emergence of satanic parents, satanic children, and a satanic family, passing down satanic love, satanic life and satanic lineage. This was the starting point of the struggles between mind and body, between husband and wife, between parents and children, and between Cain and Abel. The whole of humankind has been divided on the levels of family, tribe, nation, state and world, finally leading to the confrontation between the world of democracy and the world of communism. Amid this tumultuous situation the Unification Church was established and ushered in the Completed Testament Age to restore the failures of the Old and New Testament ages. The True Parents have come on the earth to bring to completion what has been left unfinished in heaven and on earth. They have come to cut off the wild olive trees and engraft them to the true olive tree with true love, true life and true lineage. Upholding the will of God to restore heavenly tribes and heavenly authority, and seeking to redirect marriage based on false love, the Unification Church initiated, in the name of True Parents, the international marriage blessing ceremonies. This sacrament can bring all humankind together as one family.

With God's protection we have been able to defeat opposition by individuals, families, tribes, nations, states, the world, heaven, earth, Satan and hell, and to uphold our blood relationship with God, centering on true love. With God's direct protection of the children, we have been able to overcome the misery of persecution on the individual, family, tribal, national, state, worldwide, and cosmic levels. Now, in the name of True Parents, and as representatives of humankind, we can go beyond religions, races, cultures and geographic borders, celebrating liberation with heaven and earth. For the grace of this blessing, we thank You from the depths of our heart.

In the spirit world, there are 15 billion and then 50 billion members of the heavenly family centering on the 20 billion. On the earth, the 360 million—in reality 400 million—couples constitute 800 million husbands and wives and, supposing that each couple has four children, this is approaching 3 billion people. They know that saving this chaotic world and re-creating history from amid confusion requires solving the problems of youth and family. This amazing work of overcoming a challenging environment and accomplishing the blessing of all humankind has not been accomplished by anyone in the Unification Church but by the Heaven and the spirit world. I pray sincerely that this victor's right be eternally preserved and that the glorious sovereignty of love can realize the Kingdom of Heaven on earth through the liberation of the blessing.

Centering on the 360 million couples, all humankind should be united with one heart and achieve unity of heart, unity within couples, unity of tribes, nations, states, the world and cosmos. They are the blessed people who will stand on the terrain of love between God and True Parents and fully realize the Kingdom of Heaven on earth that You have longed for. I am blessing them to become the chosen children of God to inherit Your complete will by achieving unity between mind and body, between husband and wife, between parents and children and among brothers and sisters throughout the world. Please grant them Your unlimited protection and bless them to advance to a sphere of victory and glory.

Before the 360 million couples I pray in the name of the True Parents.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

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# THE PATH OF LIFE FOR ALL HUMANKIND



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**D**ISTINGUISHED guests, ladies and gentlemen, I am deeply grateful that you have taken the time from your busy schedules to help me make today's gathering such a success. Our theme for today is "The Path of Life for All Humankind."

Today the world is lost in great confusion and cries out in agony. We face endless conflict as individuals, in our families, in our nations and in the world. As individuals, we are confronted with inner turmoil between our mind and body. Our families are plagued with the moral decadence of our young people and the breakdown of family-centered traditions. Historical rivalries lead to distrust and even war among our nations, fanning the embers of uncertainty and hopelessness in the world. The solution to all these problems lies in experiencing an ideal love relationship with God.

Throughout history, humankind has sought to answer the basic question: Why are we born? Some have concluded that they were born for the sake of their country. Others have

decided that they were born for the sake of their parents. Still others believe they were born for their own sake. People of faith believe they are born for the sake of God.

Yet, it is not enough to say that God created the universe for the sole benefit of human beings, or even for Himself. The creation of humankind involved the cooperation of many beings and elements. Although each had its own inherent purpose, they had to be aligned to initiate the creative process. God's purpose in creating, the angel's purpose in assisting, nature's purpose in providing the materials, and even the human purpose for being created must all be consistent. Each one must be pleased. There must be some common content that will be pleasing to God, to the angels, to the rest of creation, and to human beings themselves.

This common content must be something that gives greater happiness and joy the longer it is possessed. It should be something that, once we possess it, we would never let it go. It cannot be external in nature. It must be something internal

*Photo: Mother gives her speech in Washington DC, the first of 24 speaking engagements in the United States (Ken Owens/NFP)*

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and invisible. Things like knowledge, money and power are merely collateral conditions that are needed in people's lives. We are not born into the world for the purpose of possessing them. Such external things may exist in a reciprocal relationship with humankind, but only temporarily, not eternally.

God has no need for money. If Almighty God ever needed money, He could create as much as He desired. Also, we know that God is the root of all knowledge, since He created the universe through certain principles and laws. Furthermore, the Creator God is the subject of power, so He has no need to seek power.

What, then, is this common content? It is something we cannot achieve through human effort alone. This is because human effort cannot control the fundamental origin of life. This content must be something capable of directing the motivation, course, and even final destination of each person's life.

From this perspective, this common content can only be true love. Human beings are born in love and are destined to go the path of love. People even die for love. This shows that love is more valuable than life itself. Moreover, we see that love precedes life. That is why people willingly offer even their lives for the sake of love.

Love is eternal. When human beings reach the state of consciousness in which they are able to love the universe, all the doors of the universe open to them. For example, I am just a tiny being occupying this space right here. But centered on love, I can reciprocate in relationship with a being of any size or magnitude. Let us say that God is an extremely large being. Then by the power of love, I can rise to a position reciprocal to that of the Absolute God. This is possible because love is an attribute of God.

Thus, a person who recognizes and keeps God's covenant of love can enjoy freedom anywhere in the universe. Such an individual, called by God to represent all humankind centering on this cosmic love, would be the Messiah. Jesus is that representative. We can never find this cosmic love without going through the Messiah. It is reasonable to say that all people on Earth will have to follow the Messiah. Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). The meaning of this would be clearer if the word love were added: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life, and the love; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

## PARENTS AND CHILDREN

The Divine Principle of the Unification Church teaches that energy is produced when a subject and object become one. In a family, parents hold the position of the subject partner and children hold the position of object partner. Once they reciprocate in a relationship of love, they become one entity—a true family. This entity then becomes a new object, which can enter into unity with a larger subject. If God is that subject, then the parent-child unity becomes one with God. We can also say that when a perfect subject-object relationship is formed with God, centering on His ideal of love, God and humankind can exist in total oneness. When the realm of love between God and humanity becomes a reality, the light of

love will shine throughout the universe as bright and constant as the sun.

Not only is each person a life-connecting entity in whom the lives of both parents are brought together as one, but we are also partners in our parents' love. We are one with their love. Furthermore, we are one with their ideals, including happiness and peace.

Each person is connected to the lifeline, love-line and ideal-line of their parents, and no one can sever these lines. Even God cannot sever them, nor can the universe. In fact all the forces of the universe work together to safeguard these lines. This is because the parents are the cause and the children are the result. The parents and children are one, centering on love. Cause and effect become one to form a substantial realm of love. This is a principle of the universe.

## THREE STAGES OF LIFE

Each person comes into the world through three sets of parents. The first parent is the material world. Elements from the world of matter combine to form each person as the center of the material world and as a complex material being. Thus, it can be said that these physical elements themselves are the ancestors who gave us birth. On the other hand, the material world is an extension of us. The universe is created so that matter can settle only in the ideal of love. It is only in the ideal of love that all cells can live in tranquility. But this is all ruined whenever a person becomes angry.

Our second set of parents is our physical parents. By giving birth to us, our parents gave us a particular form, and to this extent they are the masters of our lives. However, no matter how hard they may try, these parents cannot be the masters of our love.

The master of love is God. In this context, God exists so that love can be expanded into the entire universe and made eternal. Because God is the subject of love, He becomes the parent centering on love. That is why God is our third parent. So we have three sets of parents. Human life can be divided into three periods: life in the womb of about ten months, a physical life of about a hundred years, and life in the spirit world that lasts tens of thousands of years into eternity.

If we look at our own faces, we also see three stages: the mouth, the nose and the eyes. These reflect the three periods of our lives. The mouth symbolizes the period in the womb, which is a world of material. The nose symbolizes the period on Earth, which is the world of humanity. The eyes symbolize the period in Heaven, which is the spirit world.

To the fetus, the aquatic world of its mother's womb is a world of total freedom. Interestingly, although it is constrained within the confines of the womb, the fetus feels completely free. In the womb, it can't stretch its legs as much as it would like, and the fetus relies on an umbilical cord to breathe and receive nutrients for survival since its nose and mouth are both useless in this world. Nevertheless, to the fetus, the world in the womb is one of complete freedom.

As soon as the baby is born, it begins to cry. At the same time, it starts to breathe through its nose and becomes linked to the second world, the world of air.

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As the baby leaves the womb to enter the world of air, the umbilical cord is destroyed along with the water sac and everything it needed in the world of the womb. With the death of these things, the baby is born into the bosom of its new mother, the planet Earth. Once born, the baby begins to eat with its mouth and breathe with its nose. The food we eat on Earth nourishes our physical bodies, but it does not contain the essential element of life. This life element is nothing other than love. Thus, while we are in this world, we also need to breathe the air of love. We need to inhale this air of love from our mother and father.

### GROWING IN LOVE

A newborn baby automatically searches for its mother's breast, following the vibrations of her love. Whether she is beautiful or ugly does not matter to the baby. The only thing that matters is that she is its mother. It is a sacred scene manifested in limitless variety. We are born in love and we grow by receiving love.

Once we are born, our parents take responsibility to see that we become good human beings during our life on Earth. Our parents act on behalf of the world, the nation and the family to teach and provide for us. We receive material things and education from our parents so that we may become complete as individuals. Based on this, we then become linked to a horizontal foundation of love, which is marriage.

Parents take responsibility for us until we marry. After marriage, we inherit the love shared by our mother and father. When we marry and start rearing our own children, we begin to understand how much our parents loved us and thus come to inherit parental love. In this way, the individual becomes capable of receiving and giving love completely. This is how each of us matures as a complete man or woman.

We are born and mature in the vertical love of our parents, and later we engage in horizontal love. This is the only way we can find the integrated realm of love. Heaven and Earth together form a spherical world, covering all the dimensions of top and bottom, left and right, as well as front and back. When the vertical and horizontal love relationships are linked, they interact, revolve, become integrated, and finally emerge as a single center of harmony. Once the vertical love of Heaven and Earth is firmly established as the axis internally and externally, then the need for horizontal love arises. This takes place during adolescence.

During adolescence, even the sight of an autumn leaf blowing along the ground can seem inspiring. Girls who used to be so reserved when they were younger suddenly start doing things to their hair, putting on make-up and trying on all sorts of clothes and accessories. Their interests expand as well. These are horizontal phenomena of love.

### THE PATH OF LIFE

When a husband and wife love each other, it symbolizes the planting of God. Parents represent God's original position. Here, the husband and wife each embody different sides of God. Also, each child is like a small God. Since God is the

original entity of true love, when the various members of the family link themselves to true love, they become one body with God. Here, parents are the living embodiment of God representing Him. Husband and wife each represent God, and the children represent Him as well. Thus, three generations, centering on true love, stand in the position of God.

This is why all members of the family—parents, husbands and wives, and children—need true love. A family formed in this way, centering on true love, is the foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven. Unless we first establish such a foundation, the Kingdom of Heaven can never be established. This is the formula. The family is the center of the entire physical universe. People today do not realize that their family represents their country, world and universe. They do not know that their family is the center. Breaking apart a family is an act of rebellion against the country, world and universe.

Because a perfect family is the foundation for a perfect universe, a person who loves the universe as she loves her family can travel freely everywhere. In such a case, God, as the Parent of the entire universe, sits in the central position to these manifold relationships of love.

When a man and woman become one centering on true love, they form an ideal couple, and build an ideal family. By doing so, they stand in a position representing God and thus are connected to everything in the universe. If this happens, then all of God's possessions become theirs. Think how wonderful that would be! This is the reason we naturally desire to have dominion over all creation.

Men and women come together as pairs to build families, societies, nations and the world. Thus, the family centering on one man and one woman must be the model for the tribe. This tribe, in turn, must be the model for the nation. Families must strive to achieve the ideal family, tribe and nation. Therefore, until ideal families appear, ideal nations will never emerge.

### GOD AND MY FAMILY

Respected guests! The greatness of true love is that it enables us to become God's object partners and also enables God to become us. The Bible speaks of God being in us and Jesus being in us. This is similar to the idea that the parent is in the child, the grandchild is in the grandparent, and the grandparent is in the grandchild.

A grandmother and grandfather should bind their hearts together centering on their grandchildren. This is necessary so that the vertical line of love can have a beginning. Also, grandchildren must become one with their grandparents. Grandparents are in the same position as God, so we should attend them as we would attend God. Grandchildren will only discover the vertical axis of love when they do this.

After the formation of this axis, the horizontal expansion can develop. The horizontal can be connected to all directions, but the vertical has only one direction. The horizontal can turn North, South, East or West; it has a range of 360 degrees. The vertical can move centering on one point only and cannot be split.

Our first task is to create mind and body unity, centering on love. Then, we need to know how to love the spirit world,

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fruit of love. When a person dies*

centered on the true family. We can feel God's love by loving our countrymen, the people of the world, and creation. Each of us, regardless of nationality, must develop the heart to love people of all races. We should love not just people but even the smallest microorganism. This love has to spring naturally from within. When a flower blooms, its beauty and fragrance come naturally. The blossom of love has to bloom in the same way. The fragrance of love should fill the air naturally.

To do this, we need to receive the nutrients that make it possible for the blossom of love to bloom. In the same way that plants receive nutrients from the soil and sun, we receive nutrients through our physical body and spirit self. We receive vitality elements through our physical bodies, and then we receive living spirit elements through our spirit selves.

This is how we become beings who are totally equipped to love and how we develop the ability to fly anywhere. When this happens, the solar system and the entire universe become the stage of our activity.

### THE NEXT WORLD

When we finish our physical life, we go through a second birth. This is called death. The place into which we are born this second time is the spirit world. We go into the spirit world and, on behalf of the entire universe, receive love from God, our third parent. That is to say, we receive ideal love. So in the spirit world, unification is inevitable.

In the spirit world, people breathe and live centered on love. We are born in love, live in love, and give birth to sons and daughters through love as God's representatives. Eventually, we reach the resting place of love, and return to God so that we may live eternally in His presence. In other words,



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which is the vertical world centered on God. Furthermore, if in the future a central country emerges, we should love humanity centering on that country. When we love the spirit world and the whole of humankind by means of sacrifice, service and dedication, we can automatically become the central figures who can have dominion over the two worlds, and make them into one. Then God will surely dwell there.

The entire spirit world, combined with the entire physical universe, is called the cosmos. The spirit world and the universe yearn for the unification of the cosmos centering on true love. True love can unify the cosmos. True love can transform all families into ideal families and make them one. Thus, we can conclude that true love is the only thing that humanity needs absolutely, whether we are alive on the Earth or are in the spirit world.

We can conclude, therefore, that nothing in this world is more precious than a true person who possesses true love. As the highest being in creation, human beings are in a reciprocal position equal to God's. So human beings should be able to act even more quickly than electricity or light, which travels at three hundred thousand kilometers per second. It is our spiritual selves that make such a thing possible. The fastest action in the world is not electromagnetic waves.

In the world of God's original ideal, a person who has experienced true love has the ability and authority to possess instantly anything God wants.

People need to experience such a state while on Earth. One can rise to this position only if the physical and spiritual selves become one while establishing a love relationship with God,

*Photos on pages 14 & 15: Mother's speaking tour in Japan*

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our lives begin in love, ripen in love, and are finally harvested as the fruit of love. When a person dies, he harvests the fruit of his love.

During our life, we receive the love of our parents, share love with our husband or wife, and give love to our children, bringing to fruition all the seeds of God's love sown in the internal world of love. Eventually, we harvest this fruit and go into the next world. So when we become completely one in love, we come to resemble God. If a husband and wife work together to complete the three stages of love and then go to the spirit world, they will exist as creators and lords in a reciprocal relationship with God, who is the eternal subject. That is what happens when a husband and wife die centering on love. We begin and end in God.

To die means to move from a world of land, where we crawl and walk, to a world where we fly freely. We pass through death in order to become qualified travelers who, with love, can enjoy the entire universe. That is why death is, in reality, a new birth.

### THE SUFFERING OF GOD

Ladies and gentlemen, our life course is not a smooth path. This is because human beings fell. The Fall of the original human ancestors did not result in misery only for human beings. God, also, suffered misery. For this reason, we do not dedicate our lives only to the accomplishment of the ideal world. An even more important goal for our life is to clear away the sorrow and agony in the heart of God, who is the origin of all life. Thus, when human beings finally attain happiness, then God, too, will be happy. God and humankind have gone through the course of history in the same situation,



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pursuing the same goal.

As a result of losing Adam and Eve, God has walked the most difficult path, a path that no one would choose to walk. Human beings, too, have walked this inevitable path of destiny brought about by the Fall, always hoping for the coming day of salvation.

Humankind's most fervent hope in relation to God is to become His sons and daughters. This is because no relationship is more intimate than that of parent and child. We were born when the love and life of our parents converged, and thus we represent their ideals. But words like love and ideals never refer to just one person. Life cannot be created by one person alone, but must come from a love relationship between husband and wife. So when God created humankind, He created us to be the object partners of His love, His life and His ideals. This is amazing and incredible.

If I did not exist, my parents' love could not become visible. The love, life and ideals of my parents exist in relation to me. I am the fruit of my parents' love, life and ideals. That is why the child's position is the most precious of all.

Had Adam and Eve not fallen, they would have been the children of God's direct lineage, and His royal descendants. That is, Adam and Eve were the prince and princess who stood to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world and on Earth. At the same time, because they were created as the objects of the invisible God, who is the subject, Adam and Eve were substantial beings who could receive His love. They were substantial manifestations of the invisible God.

It is the special privilege of a child of God to say, "God is mine. All that is His is also mine. Even His love, His life and

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# True Mother Speaks to Japan

*The following is from a testimony given by Mrs. Wonju McDevitt, special assistant to True Mother, on the evening of True Parents' arrival at East Garden on March 13. Mrs. McDevitt accompanied Mother on her speaking tour to sixteen cities in Japan between February 11 and March 4.*

**T**HIS was True Mother's seventh speaking tour in Japan. Everyday, Mother awoke at 4:30 a.m. to prepare for Hoon Dok Hae at 6 a.m. The text for Hoon Dok Hae was Mother's speech and a book of True Father's prayers from the fifties and sixties. Mother also read from *Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life*. The formal readings concluded, Mother would listen to reports about the situation in the local region. She would then give internal guidance, urging everyone to understand the value of their work by connecting it with Heavenly Father and True Father's heart. She often reminded the Japanese brothers and sisters that their nation is in the mother position and that giving birth to a child is very difficult. After breakfast Mother signed posters and programs for the local leaders. Then she prepared to travel to the next city.

Throughout the tour, Mother traveled mainly by bullet train, and occasionally by plane. At the train station hundreds of members would gather to say farewell to Mother. Mother would wait until the last minute before boarding the train and continue waving until the last hand was out of sight. As the train passed through the countryside, Mother studied books about Japan. Nagano, with its freshly fallen snow, reminded Mother of her childhood and immediately she wanted to call Father to share that joyful moment with him.

Father explained that the purpose of her going to Japan was to convey the victory of the father nation. Moreover, True Mother's visit would indemnify Japan's

past failures, providing that country with a new start. For these reasons, Mother gave her public speech in Korean, which made it easier for her to express her full heart and have eye contact with her audiences—who found her captivating.

During the tour many spiritual experiences occurred and a small book was compiled. Posters were pasted on telephone poles throughout the cities. Newspaper and press coverage was quite positive. For example, Mother was identified not only as president of the WFWP, but also as the wife of Reverend Sun Myung Moon. On previous tours, newspapers had refused to print paid advertisements, but such opposition was not in evidence this time.

Each auditorium was sold out, liter-

another occasion suggested that he put some make-up on his nose because it was too shiny. In addition to Rev. Otsuka's eight-minute speech, two songs were performed: *Purple Rose of Sharon* (written by a Japanese church member) and part of Handel's *Messiah*.

Each event was transmitted in its entirety by satellite directly to Father in Cheju. In addition to the usual audio connection, Father could actually watch Mother's speech as well through a video link.

At the end of each speech, True Mother led three cheers of Mansei, holding the Japanese flag in her left hand and the FFWPU flag in her right: Mansei for God, for True Parents and for the local region.

Almost all the VIPs would participate in the celebration afterwards, often without even being formally invited. There were usually 400-500 people in attendance. One of the conditions for members to attend these special events was to have made the total living offering donation. They would be seated there, somehow having arrived before True Mother, in tears. The repentance of the Japanese members reminded me to work harder so that I would not be in debt to them. Mother would enter talking to Father and it was this spectacle that captivated the VIPs when they came in. During these celebrations, hundreds of books signed by True Father were

given to successful leaders. This thousand-page volume is entitled *The Completed Testament Age and the Ideal Kingdom*. True Mother also gave away many of her own hanboks (Korean traditional dresses) to successful blessed wives. They now feel as if True Mother is always with them. The sisters who wore these were allowed to sit in the front row at the speeches.

At the celebrations, Mother would



*Mother and Mrs. McDevitt share a quiet moment between engagements (Photo: Courtesy of Wonju McDevitt)*

ally. Tickets were not given away, but were sold for between \$50 to \$70 each. On each occasion Mother was inspired to see a full house and gave her whole heart in delivering her address. Just before Mother took the stage, Japanese church president Rev. Otsuka gave a moving introduction of Mother.

Mother was very attentive to even the smallest of details. One time she told Mr. Otsuka to change his tie, and on



symbolically give some victory cake to Father via the camera. Then there would be songs, gifts and testimonies from the VIPs. True Mother would select one couple, often Rev. Otsuka's, to sing and kiss one another on camera. Then True Father and True Mother would kiss by placing their index finger on each other's mouth on screen. I heard that Japanese couples were inspired to emulate True Parents' beautiful conjugal love.

In Bukui, Junko Sakurata (the movie star blessed in 1992), who lives there with her husband and three children,

sang and gave testimony to True Parents: "I gave up my career and fame for this blessing and my husband, and this is more valuable. I will follow True Parents forever." Her heart is truly good, and she has educated her children well. In the celebration room her children approached True Mother, calling her *Omonim*. She is planning a national testimony tour when her children get older.

Throughout the Japanese tour, local centers offered special monetary gifts to Mother. At the conclusion of the tour, Mother gave all this money to Rev.

Otsuka and asked him to set up a special scholarship fund for the education of the second generation children. This will be called the Heung Jin Educational Trust Fund.

Father came personally to the airport at Cheju-do, and welcomed Mother back to Korea with a bouquet of flowers and a big hug.◆

*Wonju and her husband Michael were blessed in the 2075 Couples Blessing in 1982. They have two children.*

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## The Path of Life for All Humankind

His ideals are mine." It is up to human beings to recover this amazing and incredible value that was originally ours.

### THE MESSIAH'S MISSION

If God is the subject of love, who exists eternally, then the reciprocal partners of His love must also exist eternally. When I become one with God's love, God becomes me.

Had Adam and Eve not fallen, their bodies would have been the homes where God could dwell. They would have placed God at the center of their hearts and become entities of love, life and lineage who were unified eternally through true love. If they had done this, our mind and body would not be in conflict today.

The Fall meant that we inherited the life and lineage of evil, centering on evil love. We were born from false parents. We, therefore, have to rebuild the lineage. We have to take the false olive tree and change it into a true olive tree. To do this, we should be engrafted onto the true olive tree, go through at least three generations, and produce the fruit that becomes the true olive tree representing the original standard. Only then will fallen human beings be restored to the original state. That is when the Providence of Salvation will be completed.

In this way, God is trying to make human beings become children of the parents of goodness, centering on love that is one with Him. This is why He sends the Messiah to the Earth as True Parents. The Messiah is the one who comes to return the lineage of all humankind to God and establish the original ideal of creation.

Before seeking to excel on the world stage, humankind should have first excelled in the original family of Adam and Eve. Had Adam and Eve taken their places as lineal prince and princess before God, they would have been the most exalted among all men and women. They, however, fell and lost their entitled positions of the elder son and daughter, the crown prince and princess. This tragedy has remained throughout human history. That is why humankind has traveled a path of life in search of the positions of first son and first daughter so that we might recover God's true love.

If we are to receive His true love, we cannot live selfishly, centering on our own self. Instead, we should live for the sake of God and humankind as our brothers and sisters. The

more a person sheds blood and tears for her brothers and sisters in place of her parents, the deeper, wider and higher will be the love she receives. This is the son and daughter we must become if we are to inherit everything from our parents. Every man and woman must go this path. Even if we have to face death ten times or a hundred times, we must continue our search for God's true love. This is the supreme path of life.

### THE ORIGINAL HOMELAND

The Divine Principle of the Unification Church teaches that the Fall occurred when human beings left the realm of God's true love. Restoration means to return to that realm. When a person enters the realm of such love, he can merely look at his body and praise it tens of thousand of times. In that world, you know that your own body is one that receives God's true love. Words cannot express such joy. This wonderful world is called the Kingdom of Heaven.

Until now, people knew relatively little about the spirit world. It is a world where people are recognized depending on how closely they followed God's principle of existence—the principle of living for the sake of others. A world built on this content is the ideal Kingdom of Heaven.

This is the original homeland for which all humankind must search. Today, we live as fallen people who have been expelled from our homeland, so it is our destiny to return there. However, we cannot do this on our own.

God has worked through history to resolve this problem by establishing numerous religions in accordance with the different cultural backgrounds, customs and traditions of various nations. He has done this so that human beings would have a path to lead them back. Religion is the training ground where we can cultivate the qualifications that enable us to return to our homeland. In accordance with the cultural background of each region, God is guiding us toward one unified world of religion that can advance us to a higher ground.

Let us make the new millennium an age of true peace and true ideals in which people will practice the way of true love. I hope we will recover the value of true original human beings centered on God, establish true families, and live for others eternally, centering on God and the True Parents.

May your families and country be filled with an ever greater abundance of God's love and blessings.

Thank you very much.◆

# The Pure Love Movement for Youth in Korea

Gwang Seuk Song  
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*The meaning of the logo of the Pure Love Movement for Youth in Korea: The big heart in the center symbolizes a couple—the right side represents the husband and the left the wife. The red heart floating above symbolizes the love of a young person blossoming in purity. The underlying ring represents a pure family, pure society, pure nation and pure world.*

FOR both 1998 and this year the motto given by True Parents expressed the purpose of rooting out the lineage of Satan. But how is such a task to be accomplished? Early in 1998, True Parents requested the leadership of the Youth Federation, in the elder son position, to begin taking responsibility for a campaign to resurrect young people. They also asked that holy wine be made available to children, and even to unborn babies in their mother's womb, so that their lineage would be purified and they could receive rebirth.

In accordance with these objectives, the Pure Love Youth Movement headquarters was established in Korea, initiating a new area of activities. We wrote to schools and offered to give a presentation on pure love. Despite some hesitation on the part of the schools, the Seoul education authorities agreed to support the idea, and this opened the door. Beginning with holding Pure Love

Pledge ceremonies in a few schools in April, the work rapidly expanded and "caught fire" by May, so that within just three months it had spread to elementary, middle and high schools across the nation.

Our lecturers gave a direct presentation about pure love in some 2,000 schools, after which the students would recite the Pure Love Pledge and then eat pure love candy. The schools where a direct presentation could not be made were given holy candy, pure love book-marks (inscribed with the Pure

Love Pledge) and the lecture content so that they could educate themselves. We campaigned at the gates of the 339 schools that ultimately did not participate. Thus, all 8.3 million students in 10,400 schools in Korea participated at one level or another. This was a remarkable result.

In just a short time the Pure Love Movement produced surprising results on a national scale, results that came from all members investing their utmost and with much grace from heaven. Most notably, each educational administration closely cooperated in sending advance publicity to its schools and organizing for people to participate. In that the government had offered a national level of support for protecting the purity of the second gen-

eration, we can say it was a providential victory for God.

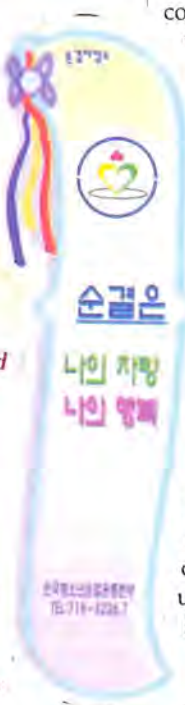
The Pure Love Movement, which launched its program in the first half of last year, has already had a profound influence on Korean society overall. In so doing, it has garnered serious interest from the media and broadcasting networks, receiving coverage by some fifteen media outlets on thirty separate occasions. Moreover, the three national Korean television networks, KBS, MBC and SBS and seven or more regional networks reported on the movement's Pure Love Pledge ceremonies as a major news item on some twenty occasions. From mid-1998, whenever the press and broadcasting organizations dealt with



High school boys recite the Pure Love Pledge centered on Rev. Bong Tae Kim, president of the Pure Love Movement

*The bookmark given to students is in the shape of the eunjangdo, the ornamental knife that, in times past, Korean women wore as a symbol of their determination to protect their purity. The Pure Love Pledge is inscribed overleaf. It reads:*

- a. I will maintain purity in love both before and after marriage.*
- b. I will reject the temptation of pornographic videos and books, alcohol and tobacco.*
- c. I will relate with my friends with a pure heart, and not employ violence.*
- d. I will become a student who volunteers in order to develop my school and society.*



the matters of sex and youth, they would inevitably invite our headquarters to participate and give comment. For example, our representatives participated in a debate on premarital sex held at Ewha University and broadcast live.

True Parents felt these successes were tremendously meaningful, and from August 11-18 last year invited the forty main leaders of the Pure Love Movement to Kodiak, Alaska. There, we received the inspiration to develop educational programs for 4,000 parents of students and 120 "pure love schools" which we would implement during the remainder of the year.

The Pure Love Movement thus expanded and advanced throughout the second half of 1998, educating school principals and teachers under the

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# Preserving the Pantanal

WORLD CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON DC, FEBRUARY 26-28, 1999

More than 120 representatives of governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations from 45 nations, gathered in Washington DC from February 26-28, 1999, for the "World Conference on Preservation and Sustainable Development in the Pantanal" which convened to examine the challenges being confronted by the world's largest wetlands, the Pantanal of Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay.

The Pantanal is one of the largest and richest ecological reservations on the globe. While still relatively pristine, this complex of ecosystems is on the verge of being affected by population growth, tourism, the impact of irresponsible industry, farming and commercial fishing.

Due to his extensive first-hand experience of the Pantanal region, Father is aware of the critical need to protect its environment. This was his principal motivation for initiating the conference.

This conference was precedent-setting because of the extent to which deliberations included the perspectives of experts and functionaries from each of the key Pantanal players—Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay—as well as representatives from the relevant international bodies. It was also unique in that it brought together leading authorities from widely different perspectives and disciplines, including experts from such fields as wetlands science, politics, ecotourism, hydrology and geology, natural resources, ecosystem planning, international relations, wildlife, the environment, as well as political leaders, administrators of international organizations and environmental activists. In addition to identifying potential threats to the 200,000-square kilometers of the Pantanal region itself, the conference helped to clarify ways in which the problems of the Pantanal affect a broad part of South America and even beyond. The visible representation of various multilateral organizations at the conference lent credence to the notion that what transpires in the Pantanal has potential global implications.

Throughout the proceedings there was an emphasis on the need for integrated and comprehensive strategies to preserve the Pantanal's ecosystem. In his address to the participants, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, chairman of the board of Sun Moon University, one of four co-sponsoring organizations, outlined the conception and background of the conference. The following is excerpted:

**I** am sure many of you must have been surprised by the conference sponsorship; including a university in the distant land of Korea, a university in the northeastern United States, and a major news conglomerate in the world's most powerful capital. What possibly could bring such diverse sponsoring bodies into a joint project focusing on yet another distant system, namely the Pantanal?

Let me explain how this conference came into being. The founder of Sun Moon University and also major supporter of

the other organizations, Reverend Moon, asked me to organize this conference on the preservation of the Pantanal.

But who ever heard of a religious leader requesting a conference gathering foremost experts from highly specialized arenas of science, economy and other human enterprises which are always thought of as anything but religious?

Finally let me ask, what could a religious leader from Korea possibly know about a Latin American ecosystem like the Pantanal? It is hard to think of any world religious figure who has trod the narrow pathways to get to the Pantanal. Well, for those of you who know anything about Reverend Moon, the one thing we surely know is that he is not a typical religious leader.

In fact, Reverend Moon (now nearly eighty years old) spent most of 1998 on the rivers in the Pantanal, virtually alone. He traveled on a small boat through remote areas where he had to duck his head to get through the tangled brush over the river. He traveled so late almost every night that he would rely on a flashlight to make his way back, watching the red gleam in the eyes of the half-submerged caimans. Reverend Moon's interest in the Pantanal, and his enormous investment in its protection and preservation are in every way a natural outgrowth both of who he is as a person, and what he teaches religiously.

In his heart, despite his world-changing activities, Reverend Moon remains a boy from the farm. He continues to be informed by his original love for nature, his love for his childhood places where he would sit for days secretly watching a bird's nest to see the tiny chicks. And there was the time when he followed the tracks of a weasel on the winter snow throughout the night, so single-mindedly that he found himself several villages away, much to the alarm of his family and townsfolk. He wanted to understand where the weasel lived and where it was going.

It is only natural, then, that such a man eventually would gravitate toward a region of original and pristine beauty such as the Pantanal. And once having witnessed the rapture of its infinite wonder dedicate the full measure of his influence to preserve and protect this treasure from harm. And that impulse to protect this precious area means hard work.

If Reverend Moon knows anything he knows that no good comes from mere intentions. Good can only result from personal investment, heartfelt self-sacrifice, and systematic and principled actions. Reverend Moon believes that the Pantanal belongs to God, and that it exists to give joy and natural education to humanity. It cannot be abused or treated carelessly. Future generations must learn God's secrets from this vast ecology and wonderland.



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# “Who more than self their country loved...”

*Gerald Coleman  
National Leader of Liberia*

*Interviewed in Seoul by Today's World, Gerald Coleman spoke of his family's effort to build a foundation in his native Liberia, despite extremely challenging circumstances.*

**Julian Gray:** Please say something about your personal background and how you met the church.

**Gerald Coleman:** My ancestors, at least on my mother's side, came over to Liberia from America. The one who came over and became the tenth president of Liberia, William David Coleman, was my great grandfather. Basically, I grew up Episcopalian with a deep yearning inside me. I reached a point where I became disillusioned with the church and decided there was a need for me to expand my search for the true purpose of life. After looking into other religions, one day I became so desperate I just started crying out to God to please guide me. My aunt was a prophet and very respected in Liberia. I went to her and told her I felt empty and that I felt some special calling. She prophesied to me that on a certain day God would tell me what He wanted from me.

Around that time, while doing my graduate studies, I entered a state of deep depression and began a three-day fast. Just as I broke the fast, on the same day my aunt had prophesied, someone knocked on my door. This person told me, Gerald, I have new truth for you from God. It was just the perfect timing of everything that enabled me to quickly join the church. After joining, in 1979, I went through missionary training for about a year. Then in 1980 I went back to Liberia and worked with the power company, because I had studied electrical engineering. I started working with the church in Liberia from that time on.

**JG:** What brought you to Korea?

**GC:** I had been blessed with a Korean sister in 1982. In 1988, not long after my appointment as national leader of Liberia, I suddenly began to experience strange spiritual phenomena. I began to open up spiritually and see all kinds of things. One vision I had was of war. I saw soldiers, killing, and so much blood. This was in the autumn of 1989. I received a message to get out of Liberia immediately because something was going to happen that I could not prevent. After explaining the vision and asking if I could visit Korea, Rev. Kwak agreed, and we left Liberia on November 22. About 30 days after we left Liberia, war broke out.



*Gerald and Chung Ja Coleman (at left) pray with Rev. Kwak and missionaries at the holy ground in Liberia (Photo: Today's World File)*

God's grace protected my family. My mother and all my cousins were taken from the house we had been living in to a beach and slaughtered. Had I been in Liberia—had I not been matched with a Korean, thus with the possibility to leave Liberia—I would likely have still been living there also.

**JG:** Was your family killed because of previous political connections?

**GC:** This war was not politically motivated in that sense. Many families were killed. People just died, almost 200,000. I feel it was an indemnity course. Liberia has two main groups, one called the Americo-Liberian, and the other the native African. The one unique thing

about Americo-Liberians is they have a Christian mind. They were like the pioneers, and the Abel figures. They had the financial base and the blessing of God. The native Liberians were placed more in the position of Cain, the older brother, without the blessing and feeling resentment towards his younger brother Abel who has all this nice talk and blessing but is not able to share with him. I personally believe from the Principle viewpoint that this war was a reflection of the same problem of Cain killing Abel because of Abel's inability to be responsible to love Cain and win his heart. Abel's excessive arrogance and wealth flaunted in front of Cain caused Cain to just get upset. The resentment built up over the years between these two diverse cultures led to this kind of fighting.

**JG:** Yet you returned to Liberia...

**GC:** We left Liberia in 1989 and stayed in Korea until 1994, when I again began having spiritual feelings indicating it was time for me to go back and try to help build Liberia up again. It was a very difficult decision to make, having lost my family there, worrying about how to go back into a devastated nation without any foundation. But after my wife and I prayed we decided to take the responsibility and the challenge.

So we returned to Liberia in July, 1994, and were given the mission of working with the missionaries there. We worked together with the missionaries for the blessing in 1995, which was the first big blessing. By God's grace we were able to bless about 400 couples. We were able to rebuild the church, which had been devastated, bring in supplies and start our activities.

Another devastating thing took place on April 6, 1996. War broke out again, this time in the city. All the previous fighting had been on the outskirts of the city of Monrovia, but this time it centered upon and destroyed so much of the city. There was widespread looting and killing throughout the city. The infrastructure

was destroyed. At the time we were living on the outskirts of the city in a small town, so we experienced the full weight of this conflict. The continental leader had called and asked me to please leave the country. But we felt that because we had left in 1989 we had somehow contributed to the conflict arising by our not being there. So my wife and I determined that we did not want to leave at that difficult time, that we would just stay and pray. So we sent all the members out that we could, but stayed behind with a few.

**JG: Did you stay in the capital city?**

**GC:** God works in a strange way. He was moving us. That is the beautiful thing also. I was in the center with my wife. Suddenly, our Korean missionary Rev. Kang, just told me to go, to leave. I realize that God was working through him. We moved out of our house to a place just outside Monrovia. After arriving there, another strange thing happened. The man to whom we had given the money to pay the rent disappeared with the money, so we could not keep the house. We had to move in with my brother, whom we had just blessed. Two weeks later this conflict broke out in town. The location of the first house we had planned to move to was exactly where the fighting was concentrated. I felt God's grace, because the people living in that area had to travel miles, running for their lives with their children and belongings on their backs. A lot of resentment was surfacing in the war. If they suspected you were part of one of the factional groups they would kill you.

**JG: Was your family directly affected by the conflict?**

**GC:** I saw dead bodies and people killed, but not on any large scale. We experienced people coming into our house. For example, one of my relatives unexpectedly brought a car into the yard and right behind him came rebels with guns who attacked us. They took everything we had, putting a gun to my wife's head—this kind of thing.

**JG: They didn't harm your wife...?**

**GC:** No, by God's grace, they just started focusing on stealing things, then left. I saw them threatening my wife, but you know, in such a situation you have to have faith. That is the only thing that keeps you going. Something deep in your gut just tells you it's not going to

happen, it can't happen. But if you don't have such a perspective it is very confusing and frightening. I just felt it couldn't happen.

I used to say, "Don't worry, nothing will happen. Something will almost happen, but it won't." That's just how it was during that time. Physically we suffered with things like the shortage of food, but in the life and death issues somehow God gave us grace.

When I was in Korea I had had a vision that God wanted Liberia to be the first offering country for Africa. So I had made an eternal commitment to work for this goal. I did not know how it would be done, but after I got back, I sensed that something was going to happen that would enable God's side to gain some advantage, because I felt there had been no condition for us to be attacked.

**JG: Have the circumstances changed?**

**GC:** The key after the war was to work towards free elections. I started with prayer and other conditions towards building a new Liberia. Interestingly enough, when a meeting was held after the fighting to settle the score and make preparations for a new government, my step-sister was chosen to become the next president. This was a decision made by all the factional leaders. I felt this too was grace from Heaven. It pushed me more onto the political side of things. She assigned me as a special envoy, so I have gained ambassadorial status through which to work for the country. This is an honorary position, but at least I can make some condition to help the nation.

An election was held, and the inspectors declared it basically a free and fair election. There has been no further rebellion—that was the good point. This is how Liberia can gradually be restored as a democratic country.

**JG: How have your wife and family managed through all this?**

**GC:** I must say I respect my wife very much because she has really made a complete offering. Coming from Korea, with the quality of life she could have had, her whole life has become just one of suffering. No money, no nest, no simple necessities of life. Many times she has to just scrub clothes all day by hand. She has kept a good heart all along. She never complained or asked to leave. She has always just had faith that it is for a public purpose.

Economic stress is the biggest thing we are dealing with right now. We are just scrapping here and there. So school fees are sometimes not paid, or there is no food. But again, by faith we just try to go forward and break through.

As for my children, when I think about their life, I am very sad. Compared with what they had in Korea—the opportunity, for example, to go to good schools, study music, and truly develop their potential—the schools in Liberia now after the war are at a very low standard. Their future might not appear to be as promising as it might be in another environment. Yet we are trying to compensate for this by giving them spiritual education, to let them understand about True Parents and the value of who they are, and why we are trying to go this way of life. They are so courageous in the way they respond. They don't complain. They just have faith and trust their parents. This to me is the greatest testimony, coming from them as children. When we compare these problems with the harder times that True Father and all the missionaries endured, we cannot complain. From an ordinary viewpoint it is almost a crazy way of life, but we just have to humble ourselves and be grateful for such an opportunity.

I had one vision that really sparked my heart. I was spiralling down and down, and I kept asking, "Where am I going?" The answer came, "This is your destiny. You have to go this way, and only you can go this way." That is why whenever I have difficulties in my life, I keep referring to this vision God gave. Some people are just called to go a certain way. Everything is set up, but if you give up it is lost. If you can manage to endure, if you just keep yourself in that position and try your best, God will take care of the rest and bring the victory in the end.

**JG: What would you want to do in the future for Liberia?**

**GC:** Africa is a rich continent. There is no reason for poverty, ignorance and disease to exist on our continent. We need parental leaders with righteous hearts, willing to die for their children and their people. My greatest vision therefore, if God is willing, is to get involved in political leadership. From my father's side and also my mother's side there has been the concern to build a new country, a nation of hope. I even

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# A Bridge to Our Parents' Heart

Josephine Hamad  
Irvington, USA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this testimony will be of help to you as you go through the process of rebirth. My heart has been completely transformed due to the teachings and heart of our True Parents. I experience the deep profound love of God deep in my heart. I can experience His love any time I choose to turn my heart toward Him. I experience an intoxicating joy far greater than I have ever experienced in loving or being loved by another person. God really is in the center of my heart, and in the center of the love between my husband and me. Our True Parents have truly opened the way for us to know God directly and to be able to know the true purity and goodness of the husband and wife relationship centered on God.

It is sad that our True Parents and their family have faced great difficulties; this is part of the course they went through to enable God's love

to reach us. The salvation that they have brought is real. The salvation they bring is from the depths of their hearts. The external things they do or go through can so easily be misunderstood. We cannot deny the liberation we feel in our hearts. True Parents are working to liberate our internal spiritual and emotional reality. For us to benefit from what they have to offer we must make effort to sense and connect to their inner heart. Even if we are to enjoy a true spiritual love between husband and wife we need to make effort to sense the inner heart of our spouse. Words and actions can so easily be misunderstood.

Several years ago I went on a personal search for the truth. I needed to discover what kind of actions and attitudes brought the greatest joy to my soul and

conscience. I needed to discover how Father's teachings could change what I felt inside. I focused first on resolving conflicts and difficulties in my relationships with neighbors and friends who had hurt me or whom I had angered. I had to do a lot of apologizing. Sometimes it took more than a year to find the courage and the way to resolve and resurrect a particular relationship. I had to overcome my fear of more rejection in my commitment to love and liberate the other. In order to overcome the temptation to hate and reject the other I needed to hold on tightly to my commitment to love. I hung onto the confidence that I

could bring benefit to any person of any stature or accomplishment. As Father has taught us, I believed I could bring benefit to others with the heart of a parent and in the shoes of a servant. It worked.

I hope to encourage those who have only recently come to know True Parents and those who are young by saying that the way of restoration does

start with us taking the parental heart towards those who are elder and those who are younger. We need the mind of a child in our desire to learn and we need the shoes of a servant in our actions towards others. Most important of all is the parental heart. The reason for this is because we must seek to be the source of love and the ideal for others instead of looking to receive the ideal from others. The fall originated in the desire of the archangel to find love in a relationship other than his relationship with God. Eve was tempted to look for her source of love in the archangel instead of holding onto God's source of love within her own heart. When we seek to become the source of love we will meet moments when we feel overwhelmed with the desire to receive love from the

other, this is when self denial is necessary and this is when our direction will change on the deepest level. It is wonderful to be able to receive love when it is given us and we can seek love from those who can give it, but when we meet the limitation of others we must have confidence that we can be the source of the ideal for them.

Just as Father has taught us, the big breakthrough came for me when I dealt with the exact issues of the fall of our ancestors. I dealt with my own particular inheritance of that issue. I believed absolutely that I could experience a greater love in God's ideal than I ever could with a momentary attraction to another man. God's ideal would include a freer, purer love for those whom I had been attracted to. I believed with God I could create the greatest love with my husband. The central result of the fall is the tendency to center our hearts on another person, on ourselves, or even on things. When my heart had been centered on my husband I felt that something was wrong in my relationship with God, but I could not see the way to correct it; my husband was so focused on God's will anyway.

Then when I became attracted to another man and my heart began to center on him, I fought hard in an effort to share everything with God and to keep God in the center of my heart. This was when I discovered the true messiahship of Father. Deep in prayer my heart was able to reach up to touch Father's heart, Father's heart was able to lift me to a realm beyond the fall, a realm of love far deeper and freer than any attraction to another person. Father's love helped to lift me up to meet God. Father's love does not draw me to center on himself; Father's love makes me feel that I am a wonderful person. This is the first step towards meeting God directly, because God is found deep in our own hearts. I stood beside Father in my heart and knew the way was open to love anyone who came my way with pure, true, parental love. I began to meet God in my prayer.

I went through various difficulties and deep pain for a little more than a year. I said to God, "I don't care how much I suffer with this issue, you suffered more than me." God was with me



The Hamad Family

## Pure Love Movement

theme, "Pure Love Education for Youth in 1998." The Ministry of Education was willing to sponsor our seminars and allowed us to hold them at the Ministry's own building. Overall, 73 seminars were held. A total of 1,530 principals and 4,163 teachers attended, fulfilling our goal. The principals and teachers who received this education had, up to that point, experienced anguish over not having a clear ideological framework on sexual purity values. They expressed their appreciation at the opportunity to acquire this.

Among the principals, some 300 agreed to serve on the advisory committee, and 400 schoolteachers agreed to

dle schools and 120 high schools). Qualifying schools received a bright gilt-framed plaque indicating that the school is a Pure Love School. Plaques have been hung in more than 400 schools designating them as model institutions.

Thirdly, we have been working to educate parents. In accordance with the idea that pure love education should



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*Middle School girls make their determination for purity*

be not only for students but also for their parents, we are currently actively working for this. We persuaded schools to send official letters to parents inviting them for the training. As of February this year, more than 4,000 parents of students in some 70 schools have received education. They have responded by joyfully passing on the content to their spouses and children, saying how helpful it has been in educating their children about pure love. Special education is also being given to class representatives.

In addition, lecturers from the Pure Love Movement headquarters are regularly carrying out pure love education in venues such as the Student Education Center in Seoul, Hansung Training Center in Kyung-gi province, the Student Education Center in Kunwi, the Youth Education Center in Kimcheon and the Student Education Center in Yongcheon. These outreach efforts were supported by advertizing on local radio.

Over the past year the Youth Federation has taken the lead and established itself as a representative organization in addressing the problems of youth.

### Activities in 1999

At the beginning of the year, True Parents mentioned that the Pure Love Movement represents the heavenly way for humankind to go, and that we must develop it into a movement to save the nation and world. According to their guidance, the Pure Love Movement will work in three main directions this year.

The first of these is revamping our administration and strengthening our educational outreach in society. For this purpose, we plan to proceed with registering as an officially recognized body, and to further develop educational programs for students, parents and teachers.

Secondly, we will develop a movement based on professionalism and moment-to-moment activity. In line with this plan, we have scheduled the opening of a counseling office to address sex-related problems and to continue with in-depth education for our lecturers.

Thirdly, we are planning to build an international network for the Pure Love Movement, thus expanding its scope.



*The plaque earned by schools participating in the Pure Love Pledge. It reads,*

*"Pure Love School  
Purity is my pride and my joy"*

To that end, we will develop various campaigns in liaison with the Pure Love Movement headquarters in each nation.◆

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*A pure love seminar for school principals*

assume leadership roles in the Pure Love Movement. They filled out forms registering their consent which they submitted at the site of receiving their education.

Remarkably, many of the principals who participated requested that all the teachers at their schools also attend. Thus in November and December the same educational program was provided at each school. Moreover, the educational authorities requested that we instruct their counselors and teachers. Thus, 3,000 principals and teachers under 14 such boards of education were given lectures on pure love education. In addition, 120 pure love schools were selected for concentrated instruction.

To accomplish what we had set out to do—that is, choose 120 schools and educate them as model institutions—we selected a total of 240 schools (120 mid-

and He showed me through the course of events that he trusted and believed in me. I began to trust God. I began to love God more deeply than ever before. God was real. He was not just a belief any more. I began to feel the reality of God's existence in a whole new way, His love became available to me any time I called out to Him.

With God's love finally at the center of my heart I was able to take the mother's heart towards my husband, to love him even when I was hurting, to seek to resolve his pain instead of my own, to restore the betrayed heart of Adam which he and all men have inherited, to create the ideal relationship that I envisioned. Understanding the symbolism of the holy wine ceremony, it is necessary to go through the same process in our deepest heart. Then we can truly know the value of the blessing and our True Parents. For many years it had been on my conscience to have a parental heart towards my husband. Father has explained the process of restoring our inheritance of the fall this way, many times. I was unable to fathom how to do it for such a long time. For most of our married life my husband has been stronger, more capable and more loving than I. Finally, as mentioned above I had the foundation to love my husband with the heart of a parent. I had finally received Father's salvation deep in my heart. After investing my heart to liberate my husband I began to feel a new purity in our relationship and a deep close bond with God. Previous to this personal experience of restoring the fall, I felt that my husband was above me at an angle and God was off to the side somewhere. It was like I was at the bottom point of a "V" and God and my husband were the two top points. I finally feel we have a horizontal relationship with each other, with God's love coming down vertically at a ninety degree angle. Finally the mystery of Father's words is unraveled. I have a feeling of God's nature within both my husband and myself. God is our central and greatest inspiration.

Father has mentioned that the course of restoration starts with restoring our heart toward the world, then the nation, the society, the tribe, the family, and then finally we can restore our own child's heart towards God. I could finally see this course played out in my own life. First, over the years of fundraising and witnessing I overcame fear and prejudice in my efforts to love the stranger. For me this was the world and national levels rolled into one. The soci-

etal level came next when I worked on my relationships with friends and neighbors. After my personal experience in relation to restoring the fall, and restoring my relationship with my husband, I experienced restoring my heart towards my parents, then my own children. I had amazing experiences of working out all my childhood pains and meeting God's heart in the deepest levels of my own heart. Working on the more distant relationships gave me the strength and clarity to work on the closer relationships. It was like peeling an onion—the outer layer had to be peeled off first.

When attracted to someone who is not our spouse, we will not fulfill the process of restoration by just shutting down all our feelings and trying to distract ourselves. I tried this and although on one level I was successful, this also cut me off from God. Closing our hearts is like insisting on staying below the top of the growth stage. When we open our hearts and face and restore our feelings we can break through the top of the growth stage to meet God. When I opened my heart and determined to correct my actions, my thoughts and my feelings, I ended up breaking through and meeting God. I also found out that with my heart open I could love and care for those whom I had formerly found impossible to love. Father has explained that love has been taken by the archangel and that we must bring it back to God's side. I am convinced that as time goes by this struggle will be easier and easier to win. Father is working to lay the foundation for the spirit world to support us instead of loading all their problems on us. It was so clear to me that the spirit world was intensely involved with my struggle.

If faced with such a struggle, on a deep emotional level the person we are attracted to may be reminding us of one of our parents at the time we felt the deepest love. Lucifer was attracted to Eve because she reminded him of God's love. The psychologist Harville Hendrix has taught that those we fall in love with are the people who remind us of our parents. With these people we will confront the same issues we confronted with our parents. We fall in love with them because our heart sees an opportunity to solve a breakdown we experienced in our relationship with our parents. As we have both a mother and father we can fall in love with people who remind us of either of our parents. Sex does not solve the issues that this kind of attraction is seeking to deal

with. I studied the feelings that came up with this kind of attraction and I saw my physical father's face behind them. I discovered the emotional incident that had separated my heart from my father. I realized that God had wanted to love me through my father. I was able to regain my bond of heart with my physical father.

True Father and God have sacrificed a lot to liberate our hearts. One of the most important things they had to do was to relieve the resentment of the archangel. The archangel first became resentful when he noticed how close God would become to His children. The archangel felt a lack of love. He had no idea how much more of God's love he would receive from God and God's children as they matured. Father and God have invested their love in us. True Parents sacrificed their children's real need for their constant attention and investment. Through this sacrifice True Father could relieve the resentment of the archangel and release the archangel's hold on us. Father's family was sacrificed so that we could meet God.

As I see it, the emotional and spiritual inheritance within a lineage is greatly enhanced when the parents have a close emotional relationship with the children. Children will imitate and inherit the emotional state of those who spend time with them. I understand that with the coming of the era of the fourth Adam children will no longer need to be sacrificed. All parents will be called on to pass on their love for God through a close bond of heart with their children. When I realized that I had met God before some of True Parents' own children were able to, I cried. True Parents' children are so precious to them, yet they invest their heart in us to liberate God. Let's pray for True Parents' children to be able to feel and know Father and Mother's deep inner heart of love for them. In this way we can restore the archangel's jealousy that caused the fall. We can reduce the accusation from Satan that has made it hard for our True Parents' love to reach their children's hearts.

As True Parent's love becomes more deeply known by their children, God's Heavenly Kingdom can truly begin. Even now True Parents' children are a bridge to our Parents' heart. I attended Hyo Jin Nim's speeches in 1997-8. He was suffering deeply and I was moved by God to offer my support. As my heart went out to Hyo Jin Nim I began to experience a breakthrough in my relationship with Father. Father's heart

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## You must become God's special assistant.

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### Let's Liberate Love Itself

someone from far away from our own home, we will have better children. North and south should marry—and east and west. And then everything can change. When a man and woman marry, they fall into love together. A man and woman need to suit each other. Things must be in balance. If someone has a very flat face they should marry someone who has a narrower and more pointed face. So an eastern and a western person might marry. I have also brought many black and white people together in marriage.

Some women are not very capable of having children, but I match them with men who are able to father a child through just one sexual encounter. Usually to make a baby there should be several hundred million sperm, but Japanese men often have fewer. That is why I need to give the Japanese wives Korean husbands!

So you must become the lords of absolute love in your families. In love, is the man the subject or the woman? [The man.] Why? The man is like the bone, and bone lasts a long time. You resemble your mother and father; the mother's flesh and the father's seed. So the father is like the bone.

All of our sons are tall. I am getting shorter. They are all that much taller than I am. The smallest person in our house is Mother, and then me. That is the seed, the lineage. They are all such strong people. Even now I exercise. That is why this eighty year old man can stand for ten hours.

I am not some strange minister, I am your father, I am your grandfather, so you can all follow me in the future. Even if children are spanked by their mother they still follow her and hold onto her skirts. There is no way you can separate them. The relationship between parents and children cannot be broken. Now scientists are cloning animals. But a human being should not be cloned. You have to engraft yourselves into me. You are not Koreans, and you are not Japanese: you are people of the Kingdom of Heaven. Think that you have all been grafted.

Do you understand now about the lords of love? One cannot find love by oneself; it is found through an object. I am in the Lord's position, but it is the children and the mother who establish that position. The mother can find her love in the son's heart; it is not her own. You cannot look down on or ignore your son. The son's love and the parent's love must not be lost. That is what is important. When you go home, you have to ask yourself: am I from Satan's side or from Heaven's side which can multiply? You need to know this. So love is neither from oneself nor for oneself.

As a man, you can become a husband. As a woman, you can become a wife and you can have sons and daughters and become a lord of love. Can the lords of love be cast out? No they cannot be.

We can all become mothers and fathers, couples and brothers and sisters. We have to take that public responsibility from generation to generation, and we must know that we



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can represent God. Love is not for ourselves. With that kind of tradition can we cheat on our husband or wife? If we go that way, we are like a sheep going into a lion's or wolf's den. Love does not start from oneself. There is no principle like that. That is why widows, widowers and people who do not marry are to be pitied. They have no place to settle in love, no place to dwell in love. They have no one to love, so they just fade away. They have no foundation for eternal existence. It is through your wife or husband that your couple's love begins, and mother and father's love begins—whereby parents can love their children. Do you understand?

We must love the universe. We give our life element for the universe and experience true love. This establishes the tradition of true love. The person who is willing to die can live and the one who seeks to live may die. Have you been willing to die? In the Old and New Testament ages God taught us about this. God and Satan divided the world in this way because of Adam and Eve who did not fulfill their public responsibility. Therefore the things of creation were sacrificed in the Old Testament Age, the individual in the New Testament Age, and the couple or family in the Completed Testament Age. All of us belong to God and must restore everything to its original position. This is an age in which we must offer everything—all things and our families to God. We must become one. All people who are blessed in the Unification sphere must go beyond and become one, follow this formula course and establish the Kingdom of God.

So again, the person who is the lord of love in the family must also become the lord of love in the nation and in the world and must have even more love than the Messiah. That is an expansion of this love; it is the same kind of love. We invest in the family with the same kind of energy, and this expands to the world level. Love is the ideal. You must become God's special assistant. In that way you can begin to liberate love itself, and God. We can achieve the liberation of the earthly world and spirit world. We must live for the sake of the nation and the world. That is the point of the age of love. That is what can bring about liberation. As a birthday gift for my eightieth birthday, I think you should begin to represent me as lords of love. Now we will pray.◆

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# No Explanation Necessary

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THERE was a book available in Korea in the 1970s, *Korean Patterns*, which tried to explain Korean customs. It had a section which struck me as very important. It explained that in order to be polite, it was important to match oneself to the other person's mood (*kibun*). It said that the Korean cultural emphasis on politeness often led to a lot of misunderstanding with Westerners. One example of this that was given was a Western customer going into a shop to order a handmade suit. If the customer insisted that the suit be done by the next Tuesday, out of politeness the shop owner would honor his desire by saying yes, even if he didn't think it was possible to finish the suit by Tuesday. If Tuesday was what the customer wanted, to say "No" would be considered impolite. Consequently in order to be polite, he would have to agree with him, and say "Yes". The Westerner, however, would take that "Yes" as a commitment, not as politeness. And he would really expect the suit to be done on Tuesday. If the suit were not ready the next Tuesday, there would often be unpleasant altercations which truly startled the Korean owner and angered the Westerner who felt deceived. These kinds of incidents created attitudes among American soldiers and residents that Koreans were scoundrels and their words could not be believed. And the Koreans thought that many Westerners were impolite and barbaric. Of course neither opinion was accurate. Rather,

the situation was due to the substantial cultural gap and difference in values.

In a similar situation, the American owner of a shop would probably say right away that it would be impossible to finish the suit by Tuesday, even if it meant losing the customer. Or he would explain under what terms he could finish it by Tuesday. I think that in a similar situation most upright Americans would put importance on the idea that they had to keep their word, and it would be better not to take an order for something they could not fulfill. The issue would be viewed less as having to do with politeness as to having to do with truth and fulfilling a commitment one had made—or informing the other person as soon as possible that one would not be able to fulfill the commitment if that became the case. In such a situation, Americans feel that a clear explanation is needed. But in my experience Koreans generally do not feel that need, nor do they want to hear another's explanation in detail.

In fact, sometimes giving an explanation is actually impolite. When Koreans or Americans feel someone has done something wrong, they both often ask why the person did that. But actually the meaning of the question is totally different. An American asking why someone was late is really asking for an adequate explanation or apology. If a justifiable reason is given in explanation of the situation, the offense will usually be forgiven on the spot, or an apology will be expected if the circumstances require.

On the other hand, a Korean asking someone why they did something is

very often just voicing displeasure or scolding, rather than asking for an explanation. This was very confusing for me at first. As an American, when someone asked me why I did something I was used to answering in detail. In America the person asking usually wanted to know about my motivation and difficulties. But in Korea when I tried to explain why, I was often cut off by the person who had asked and scolded more. And the more I tried to explain, the angrier the person would become. It was the same at home and outside. I finally realized by watching my husband and mother-in-law speak to my children that the word "why" was often used to scold as opposed to ask for information. The question, "Why are you so late?" when spoken somewhat angrily actually meant, "You're too late. Shame on you!" And the children were supposed to just be quiet and humbly accept the scolding rather than tell them why. To answer back when being scolded is considered insolence. And in fact if they tried to answer they would be scolded and told, "That's enough. Why are you talking so much after doing something wrong?!" The very attempt to answer was interpreted as brazen impoliteness. But it is also important to know that sometimes after the scolding had been given and humbly received, later that night the question would be asked in a more gentle, inquisitive tone. And the answer would be accepted—unless, of course, the child had been in the wrong. ♦

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## Rebirth in True Parents

became available to me like never before. I could sense Father's heart whenever I thought of him. I am grateful to Hyo Jin Nim for being a bridge to Father's heart. I pray he can come to know God deeply. Another even deeper breakthrough came when I worked at the blessed children's workshop. I began to feel the deep pain in Father's heart in his desire to create a better

environment for them. This depth of sensitivity has stayed with me. I cry when I think of Father. Many years ago Father said we would cry when we thought of him. This is because he loves us and suffers deeply for us. It used to be so hard to feel Father's heart. I can see how the physical common ground helps the flow of heart. My marriage is blessed, the blessed children come from the blessing. The blessed children came into being because of Father's investment. This is a strong common base they have with True Parents' own chil-

dren. If we do our best to take care of and invest in True Parents' children and the blessed children we can benefit from their physical common base with Father. When they are suffering and in difficulty they need us more than ever and I am sure they can benefit from our life of faith and our deep devotion to God and True Parents. ♦

*Tageldin and Josephine Hamad were blessed in the 2075 Couples Blessing in 1982. They have four children.*

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### The Value of These 365 Days

task given to us, we ourselves should be born again and clearly settled. The practice of Hoon Dok Hae should renew both husband and wife. Our sons, daughters, families and three generations of four-position foundation families should also experience renewal through Hoon Dok Hae. We are to live according to the tradition of true love shown by True Parents' example.

No matter what, we have to realize True Parents' deepest desire, which this year is "The Cosmic Expansion of the True Blessing and the Rooting Out of the Satanic Blood Lineage." We must do this by guiding unmarried men and women fully along the road of the blessing. This is what True Parents have ordained according to the heavenly fortune that has now arrived and with the cooperation of the spirit world. I would like you to show your determination with loud applause.

Beloved brothers and sisters! There are times when life is exhausting, when the hearts of brothers and sisters are not in

harmony. But we feel good, secure, glad and grateful when we see True Parents and are with them. Think about the family of true love in which, having cut off from the satanic blood lineage and attained the cosmic true blessing, we cross over the hill of Cain and Abel, attend the precious Parents of Heaven and Earth in the world where Satan cannot move, and live together with the noble True Children, regarding them as our elder brothers and sisters. Where in the world can we find people more blessed and happy? Would one be afraid of death? What is there in the world that we would feel envious of? What could we desire more?

Reflecting on this, as I look back upon True Father's 79 years of life and True Mother's 56 years, I repent of what a shameful past I have had in relation to theirs and resolve to be loyal and filial before them from now on. With absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, let's offer our greetings with strong applause, wishing a long life to our noble True Father and True Mother!◆

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### Preserving the Pantanal

Reverend Moon's religious teachings naturally led him to champion the careful and systematic preservation of the Pantanal. Briefly, the Divine Principle explains that God created humanity to grow to maturity, receive God's Blessing in marriage, form an ideal family, and rejoice in God's nature. These three aspects of life are called the three blessings. The cause of damage to the environment stems from human immaturity, and impaired families. Such people do not have the sensitivity to love and protect nature, even though they may have the intelligence or skills to control enterprise. The corporate rape of fragile environments may be seen as stemming from the same sort of insensitivity as a cruel child torturing one of God's creatures. Neither could be possible if that child, and later that adult were raised in an atmosphere and family of true love.

The only place we can inherit enough loving care and sensitivity is from mature and harmonious parents. This is

why Reverend Moon's life-long labor is to establish and honor true families. And this is why his passion for environmentalism is a natural outgrowth of this life-long work.

So far Reverend Moon has taken up two projects to protect the Pantanal. The first is the International Family Education Center in Jardim which is just outside the Pantanal. Here he has plans to establish an elite education center where experts from all areas can teach the ideals of true families. They can thus slowly elevate people from all countries to live as loving couples and raise children in a loving way, so that they can inherit a natural sensitivity to God's environment and ecology. When this is done, it will be far more effective than external legislation trying to thwart fixed bad behaviors which lead to environmental violence.

Secondly, he has initiated a project in which 185 nations take responsibility to

protect and preserve a specific designated sector in the Pantanal. This is not a matter of land ownership or any such thing. Rather it is a matter of global stewardship, to guarantee that the pressing matter of preservation is not just left to chance. It will be at one and the same time a global support system, and a global watchdog to ensure that the pristine, environmental conditions are forever preserved.

This would best be served by the establishment of research stations from which scholars and environmentalists could monitor ecological changes on a regular basis. These could be maintained by the World University Federation.

Thank you for your time and attention. Once again we are grateful indeed for your life's work, and we pray that God may bless all that you are doing for the Pantanal.◆

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### "...their country loved..."

see Liberia's name, with the root "liber" which is the Latin for "free," and then "i" and "a" standing for "in Africa," as an indication that the country was to be a model through which God wanted to show liberty for black people.

Liberia was not always inhabited. It was just a forest. But many tribes gravitated there. Then some were taken to America. I believe God cultivated in them a Christian heart there, then brought them back as the Abel figures to create the first free land in Africa for black people to be able to worship God and create a new culture. I believe our country, Liberia, has a heritage, and a responsibility to guide

Africa as a model nation of righteousness, justice and liberty for all. In my heart I have a deep yearning to one day either help raise up a leader who can have this kind of heart, and help him and work with him, or, if it's God's will, even try myself to become such a person. This is my final, deepest vision.◆

Gerald and Chung Ja Coleman were blessed in 1982. They have four children



*Mother celebrates a successful speech in Osaka, Japan, February 14  
(Photo: Kogensha, Japan)*

This year, all manner of  
fruit will be harvested.  
We are going to  
liberate God and  
liberate love itself.

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