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Letter from the Publisher *Reverend Sun Jo Hwang*

A Providential Turning Point

MAY the blessing of the Parents of Heaven and Earth be with all leaders and members who are working day and night to achieve the final result of the 400 Million Couples Blessing. I pray that Heaven's blessing will be with you, the family members who are always thinking about the will of Heaven, and going the way of faith, with the heart to heal God's sorrow.

As the international president responsible for the Unification family, I am attend True Parents who are guiding the history of restoration. Because of my very serious responsibility to encourage the members, I often cannot sleep at night. When I cannot sleep, I read True Parents' speeches and make a promise that I will think of more effective methods of doing activities.

Moreover, on reflection, I am pushing myself not to be weak, thinking of the expectations of True Parents who allow me, with scant qualification, to stand in so crucial a position, and thinking also of the unconditional sacrifice of members willing to go the difficult way of absolute faith.

Beloved church members, we are now facing an era of providential change. We have arrived at a great crossroads when an era of providential result is opening up in front of us. The providence has been continuously advancing. Most important among these advances was the substitution of the Family Pledge for My Pledge at the time of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of HSA-UWC. This was amazing evidence that we are emerging from the era of vicious fighting with Satan and entering the era of peace and harmony hosted by True Family.

The second development was taking down the signboard of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, and the opening of the age of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification on April 10, 1997.

Third, on September 9, 1999, the declaration of 9.9 Jeol (the Day of Nine Nines), whereby the conditions of indemnity weighing on the shoulders of humankind like a yoke were completely resolved. On September 14 at 7 o'clock in the morning True Parents blessed this great change: we greeted the era when we are no longer to pray in True Parents' names, but instead in our own names as blessed couples who have inherited True Parents' realm of victory through the blessing.

From the age of symbolic prayer made through an offering as a mediator, to the age of praying in the name of our lord (Jesus), and passing through the age

of praying in True Parents' names, the time is now at hand when tribal messiahs who have inherited the realm of victory of True Parents can pray in the name of their own family. Here we must understand the manifestation of providence as in the original created world, and how important a providential turning point this era reflects.

Beloved family members! The world is suffering myriad difficulties at the crossroads of the end of this century. Numerous lives are being sacrificed to natural disasters including earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and storms, wars and terrorism. We are anxious about when such events might befall us. Yet these phenomena seem to fly in the face of our preparations for a new era of hope in attendance of True Parents.

True Parents have given our church family members, born again through the blessing, an infinite grace. Ten years ago, True Parents blessed us as tribal messiahs, and today have opened the way for us to communicate directly with God in the name of tribal messiahs.

Beloved family members, we are thankful to be able to live in the realm of God and True Parents' infinite love with the qualification of blessed family and tribal messiah. We must accomplish our responsibility to fully inherit the realm of True Parents' victory at this swiftly approaching providential turning point.

Less than three months remain before the providential event of destiny in February next year. I sincerely ask you to live thirty years worth of life during this time. ◆

Sun Jo Hwang

PRAYER IN ONE'S OWN NAME

1. *The husband or wife of a blessed family: "I pray in the name of [name of husband or wife] of a blessed family that has inherited True Parents' realm of victory through the blessing. Amen."*
2. *A child of a blessed family: "I pray in the name of [name], the son/daughter of [name of father]'s family that has inherited True Parents' realm of victory through the blessing. Amen."*
3. *A blessed member with a public responsibility: "I pray in the name of [name and position of the person praying] of a blessed family that has inherited True Parents' realm of victory through the blessing. Amen."*
4. *People who are not yet blessed should pray in the name of True Parents, as previously.*

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JEON-BAN AND JEON-NEUNG DECLARATION DAY

DECLARED ON THE THIRD 7.8 JEOL, THE DECLARATION DAY OF THE REALM
OF THE COSMIC SABBATH FOR THE PARENTS OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
AUGUST 17, 1999
KODIAK, ALASKA

REPEAT after me: May Yahweh become the Victorious True Parent. [May Yahweh become the Victorious True Parent.] May Yahweh become the Victorious True Teacher. [May Yahweh become the Victorious True Teacher.] May Yahweh become the True King of Kings. [May Yahweh become the True King of Kings.] True Parents on earth will uphold and attend the subject ideology of the three blessings. [True Parents on earth will uphold and attend the subject ideology of the three blessings.]

Let's have three cheers of Mansei. Heavenly Father Mansei! True Parents Mansei! *Chil Pal Jeol* [Day of Eight Sevens] liberation, and victory of the realm of liberation of *jeon-kwon*, *jeon-neung*, *jeon-chaе*, *jeon-ban*, Mansei! (Applause)

Today is the day of *jeon-chaе*, *jeon-ban*, *jeon-kwon*, *jeon-neung*. Today is being proclaimed as the day when God can do such things. I ask you to believe that everything around you will work toward perfection if you have absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. Do you follow? [Yes.] What proclamation have we made today? [The day of *jeon-chaе*, *jeon-ban*, *jeon-kwon*, *jeon-neung*.] God, Yahweh, made this possible. Yahweh God was oppressed and persecuted for taking responsibility for His children's hardships, and for saving and forgiving them. Now He has gone beyond all of that. We have entered the era when God is proclaiming that He can freely do as He wishes.

I am saying that there is nothing to worry about. Leave everything up to God. Leave everything. Have absolute faith. Do you understand this? I leave everything to God. Absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience: I stand beyond all of these. Even God Himself cannot touch these. If you understand these tenets as our final motto and follow them exactly, you will always bring victory in everything you do. Amen. [Amen.]

THE JEON-BAN AND JEON-NEUNG DECLARATION

You should love Kodiak. [Yes.] South America and Kodiak are connected. The Original Focus Holy Ground, the Root Holy Ground and the Victory Holy Ground are all connected. When you pass through number three and go to number four, everything is concluded. The same for Unification Church proclamations. The remaining ones, the one nation proclamation, the national unity proclamation, and

the all of heaven and earth proclamation will all be achieved when we proclaim them based on our own sovereignty. (Applause. *Chil Pal Jeol chukha hamnida!*)

Jeon-chaе has meant the entire world, the entire satanic world. *Jeon-chaе* [indicating God's transcendence of all things, or at least a vertical and inclusive relationship] and *jeon-ban* [indicating God's immanence, presence in all things, or at least a more horizontal, expansive presence] are becoming one. *Jeon-kwon* [having all sovereignty / authority]

has been the absolute power in the satanic world. Satan could do anything since he had the nations. That is not *jeon-neung* [being all-capable, omnipotent]. *Jeon-kwon* is now connected to heaven and it leads us into the world of unification and true authority. *Jeon-chaе* and *jeon-ban* are becoming one.

Next is *jeon-kwon*: we have seen the era when the satanic world uses its full capability. The era of unification and capability. Therefore, the physical and spiritual worlds centered on *jeon-chaе*, *jeon-ban*, *jeon-kwon* and God should become one. When

God created, He maintained absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Since we have come back to the original state of creation on the foundation of *jeon-chaе*, *jeon-ban*, *jeon-kwon*, and *jeon-neung* we should also have a heart of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. With that heart, we should invest and forget, in the same way that God has done for us. We should be absolutely faithful, absolutely loving and absolutely obedient when it comes to giving to this world on behalf of God. We should give as if we are giving away treasures from a store. Since everything will be one, the world will be unified and find eternal peace. That is the conclusion.

The entire satanic world, the Old and New Testament ages and the entire Completed Testament age are sacrificial offerings. Everything has been divided, one by one. This was followed by Satan exercising *jeon-neung*. God, even, has been in chains, and True Parents were pulled out of their dominion. We all can be liberated from such a reality as the era of capability comes. And the unifying creation, the creation on earth and creation in heaven will be actualized. Amen.

Now we have had *Chil Pal (7.8) Jeol*, Heaven-and-Earth Parentism, and True Parentism. [*Father mentions some Korean letters common to the declarations.*] They are all connected. Heaven and earth will be connected. What proclamation day



What day is today? If we put aside jeon-chaе and jeon-kwon, it is the Declaration Day of Jeon-ban and Jeon-neung. And not in Satan's world: the Declaration Day of Jeon-ban and Jeon-neung just for Heaven.

is it today? Leaving out *jeon-chaе* and *jeon-kwon* it is the Declaration Day of *Jeon-ban* and *Jeon-neung*.

Because everything until now has been divided in the satanic world, we are proclaiming this in the name of Yahweh. Since this is done at True Parents' request in the name of Yahweh, you should understand that this canon will stand forever as the mark of the heavenly world.

What day is today? If we put aside *jeon-chaе* and *jeon-kwon*, it is the Declaration Day of *Jeon-ban* and *Jeon-neung*. And not in Satan's world: the Declaration Day of *Jeon-ban* and *Jeon-neung* just for Heaven.

We should love the water, love the sea and love the fish in the sea. The only things we can offer God as a whole offering—without their needing to be divided for sanctification—are the fish, which are free of any kind of judgement. So I have offered them to God intact. As an offering, you should spare the first one you catch. You should not kill it. At the time of Noah, the only animals free of judgement were the fish. However, all things, sons, families, heaven and earth all are under Satan's accusation. Since the entire world is under Satan's accusation, we should free ourselves before the unified realm of liberation is established in order for God to be free of accusation. We should go beyond the limitations of *jeon-chaе*, *jeon-ban*, *jeon-kwon* and *jeon-neung*.

TRANSCEND BARRIERS OF NATION AND CULTURE

I began to speak about this four years ago. True Parents requested to have this Declaration Day of *Jeon-ban* and *Jeon-neung*. Since God proclaimed it, Satan and all things are under that command. At the time of creation, God created us with a heart of absolute love and absolute obedience. On such a foundation, the Unification Church has served the heavenly parents and earthly parents, in the name of parents, with a heart of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. We can start a nation of the dominion of love by establishing the unified victory of all things centered on the ideal love of creation. Do you understand what I mean? Today is a meaningful day.

That is why there should be one nation under one God's dominion. Centered on God, you should build up a nation that is worldwide and unified on this earth, before and on behalf of True Parents. It is time to make a money offering. Do you know what I mean? [Yes.] I should not help you with the money from my own pocket now. We should follow Heaven's will. Therefore, Korea should fulfill Korea's responsibility. Japan should fulfill Japan's responsibility and the United States should fulfill the United States' responsibility. These three nations are one nation. Parent nations and elder brother nation. Do you understand? [Yes.] Until now, the right of the fallen first born was restored to the younger brother. So Satan could absolutely not believe God regarding the elder brother, and could not establish the elder brother. The same for younger brothers. Through a determination of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, the perfection of the ideal of creation of God, who holds dominion, can be realized.

There must be no ego. When God created, He had no



PHOTOS: SEH STUDIO, SEOUL

conception of His own ego, of Himself. He wanted to be the master of love. If things had gone well, He would have become so. Therefore, there cannot be "my own nation", "my own things", "my own house", "my own tribe." You should be able to go beyond your own national border. You should have such spiritual strength in you. Your family should be an exemplary family that lives for the world and heaven and earth. If you don't live such a life, you cannot be God's children. You cannot belong to God.

AN ERA OF CHANGE AND INHERITANCE

From now, we all should speak one language. It is a shame for you to need translation to read the records of your own parents. You may have to indemnify this over many years when you go to the spirit world. Those who cannot go beyond this will not be able to go back to their own hometowns even on the day of the liberation of their own country. You will have no residency as a citizen of your country. You are not listed. It is a serious matter. Do you understand?

When you meet me, you should greet me in Korean. When you have meals, you cannot just talk in your own language. You should be silent and ashamed. It is natural to learn your own parents' language. Babies learn their parents' language within some months. Do you understand? [Yes.] The cultures and backgrounds you are used to are your enemies. You must cut off from them. What you cannot cut off from will remain as your own, your tribe's and your nation's indemnity.

Jardim is the original land. It is the original land in which creation itself has been gathered together as if in one museum. It is the land of original focus. You must go and shed blood and tears for more than three years in that place, which all the original and primary things of creation inhabit.

You can become a people who can inherit from and live with God only by showing that you are determined to go through many more hardships than God and True Parents have gone through.

It is there that we must labor for three years. Why? For the sake of the restoration of the fatherland, in water. Since the world symbolizes water, you must understand this in the same way that True Parents have established it through the ideology of determining to build the Kingdom of Heaven within water. We will soon go beyond the global era. The age that is divided centering on the continent has therefore passed. Since now is the age of the Internet, and the age in which national secrets and other information was controlled has gone, when we look at any one nation, we can know everything about the world. Nothing can be hidden.

Why would these things be revealed? Even when something about an individual group is revealed, this is not for the sake of the individual but for the celebration of the realm of liberation, the realm of liberation of the Kingdom of Heaven, for the liberation of humankind. The celebration party must be the one which can unite centering on all the nations of the world. So burn everything away, and on a new earth among God's glory, put the idea of the unified Kingdom of Heaven on earth on the Internet and all people of the world of all nations will want to praise it eternally. They will want to live there eternally and will cry for it, missing it. The environment in which this will happen would be the Kingdom of God on earth. The Kingdom of God in heaven. Amen. Say Amen. [Amen!]

Where will you go from here? You must go to the Kingdom of Heaven. When you go to the Kingdom of Heaven, you must change the cultural background against which you have lived until now. This is like changing clothes centering on the relationship of blood lineage with True Parents. Without being able to pass through True Parents' nation, there is no way to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Can you go there according to your free will? It does not matter whether you are second generation or not. With a whip, God and True parents must resolve their sorrowful hearts. You can become a people who can inherit from and live with God only by showing that you are determined to go through many more hardships than God and True Parents have gone through. You must understand this clearly.

EDUCATION IN A NEW AGE

Don't think about meeting True Father. I have to go to the people who are leading an ascetic life in the Himalayas and educate them. I have the responsibility to educate and guide the ascetics to heaven. Seen from the viewpoint of people who live only according to their own free will, they are living as they would be in the spirit world. The place where these devoted people live is like the spirit world on earth. These people must not be thrown away like garbage.

Even though True Father gave directions, if you worry about your own sons and daughters, and if you demand to use your own land for your self saying that it belongs to you, you are all thieves. You should know this. I have told you so many times and yet you don't even seem to move. If you are told to even offer your house and everything, offer it before God. Did you think how prepared it must be to offer them to God? The era in which True Parents were pres-

ent to build bridges in front you is passing.

You should know that if God's anger is kindled there is only way of ordeals. You must not go to the schools of the satanic world. That is why I have created schools up from kindergarten, elementary school and middle school. I have even founded a university. Education must be done with True Parents. In this world people talk about Harvard University but Harvard University kicked God out. There is no need to study about this world on earth. Everything can be recorded if you have a computer. You don't need to know about it. If you put it in the computer you can find out about whatever you want to know about. Is now such and age or not? I can refer to all the materials in hundreds and thousands of different libraries. It is the same as having it in our heads. We have no need to learn these things. True love is the realm of unification. Now such a terrifying age will come.

The leader of Japan is not Mr. Otsuka, but Sun Jo Hwang. Otsuka has the role of Vice President. Moreover, Jeong Og Yu is an advisor to the two and a mediator for Father's world peace efforts. Jeong Og Yu is Kook Jin's father-in-law. Even though Otsuka is the leader, Rev. Yu should be bold enough to ask "What is he doing? Will he hurt someone by doing that?!"

True love sets up the Principle. Love also harmonizes with the law of the Principle. Love is above the Principle, isn't it? Freedom also is above the Principle, in the realm of dominion of the Principle. It does not deny the Principle. This is the same with Father.

After attending Mother I did not pray for 20 years out of the 40-year course. Why? Because I knew, and taught everything. There was no more necessity for it. This is the first time I have openly said that. Starting from August last year I started again praying. Even Mother thought it was strange not to pray and then to start again.

From that time onwards the world had to be brought under control. Only if that happens can substantial restoration come about. The principle is true, isn't it? Jesus brought complete victory on the spiritual substantial level and I had to bring victory on the physical substantial family level without the help of the spiritual world. I knew all this myself. Therefore even God has no need to give me orders.

The realm of family liberation can be reached only through Father. Only True Parents implemented a truce in all the fighting with Satan centered on the family. Even God could not bring such a truce about. But even after hearing these words you people just think that these are the words of a phantom. Even though Father has given every ounce of his energy and even pushed himself to the marrow of his bones, fighting through all sorts of hardships, you are just living comfortably. Let's see whether you live well or not! Let's see whether the 36 couples live well or not! Let's see how it will turn out! From now on the time has come in which one can volunteer or withdraw. Do you understand? God does not need people without accomplishments—accomplishments centered on love. Therefore no-one can go to the Kingdom of Heaven without having made 36, 72, 120 families and gaining dominion over the tribe. If you cannot do this, you cannot register. This conforms with the Principle.

You should understand the reality clearly and be inheritors of the realm of jeon-chaе and jeon-ban. You must win over the satanic world, over Satan's dominion.

From now on, only people with results will be able to gather here. Not just anyone can ride with Father on the boat. Because the Completed Testament age is an era when it is possible to go beyond perfection, those who manifest absolute faith, love and obedience according to the Principle will be able to climb up on the foundation of the realm of God's ideal of creation and become the chosen people of global peace and unification. The chosen people are not selected from the existing chosen people. Because the Israelites, Christians and so forth could not fulfill the responsibility of the chosen people, the new chosen ones have to be selected from amongst the people of the whole world. You have to know that I am working to accomplish this. You must wake up!

I have said that Korea, Japan and America are like one nation, haven't I? If the Japanese prime minister, the Korean president and American president unite, there will be unification on earth and in heaven. Isn't that so? Therefore if father and son become one then the family can be the son's family as well as the father's. Neither the father nor the son can do it by himself. How can the son become part of the father's family and the father part of the son's family by force? Father and son have to become one. Isn't it so that mother and son had become one for the sake of restoration? From now on, the unity between father and child will make everything possible.

The authority of the husband is not that of the archangel. It is the authority of love. Also, there is nothing that Mother does not know. We confer about everything before a decision is made.

Everybody thinks they cannot defeat Father when fishing, but you think you can do better than Mother, don't you? (Laughter). Therefore, even if you follow Mother, you eventually come to look for Father. Mother stands in two positions. There is the position of the mother and the position of the son. Therefore I am also saying *Omoni* to mother. If the mother needs to breastfeed the baby, is she allowed to do so or not?

Because Satan cannot do anything within the substantial realm, he slashes around with a knife in all directions—north, south, east and west—and as he cuts people's throats, everything falls. It is a fallen world that cannot put love

above life and chastity above love. One has to give up one's life for love. Even though when we give up our life for the sake of keeping our chastity some *han* remains, we cannot allow love to be destroyed. You have to know that this is a principle of heavenly law in the Unification Church that attends heaven. You cannot simply do as you please.

BE A REVOLUTIONARY UNTO YOURSELF

Father is not an educated person. He is someone who can control his own body. A disciplined person. If he were not, he could not be a son of God. We can only understand the heart of God if we have the heart to send one's loved one before one's enemy and hope that enemy can love that person instead of me. When I went to Kim Paek Moon's Israel church, I embraced Kim Paek Moon. You cannot love only your wife. If you cannot go beyond that level, you cannot be God's children.

Try it through being tickled. No matter how ticklish you may feel, you should be able to resist laughing. I did not blink my eyes for three hours once. So I overcame the number three! I have trained myself in such a manner. No matter how beautiful a woman allures you, you must not go over the line. Otherwise, you cannot build the individual, familial, clan, tribal, national and universal tradition of heaven.

The world is in a mess. That is why we have to protect each other. Do you understand? If I see someone fall, he might as well have died first. You should clearly understand that such behaviors create enormous resentments in history. I can be like the severest whip you can ever imagine. Can you go to nice places just as you wish? You should follow the path of indemnity. I never thought of just going as I wished. The path is the 180 degree opposite way. How can you think of your life (of suffering) of just a few decades in front of God who has suffered through eternity? How unfilial could you be? You should understand the reality clearly and be inheritors of the realm of *jeon-chaе* and *jeon-ban*. You must win over the satanic world, over Satan's dominion.

If national messiahs fulfill their responsibility they can come and live on the land in South America. There are many houses. There is no worry about what to eat. The Amazonian indians eat breakfast and lunch in different places. With one fork and one knife in their pocket, they go out to fill their stomachs. Poisonous spiders are what they like best. Two poisonous spiders can fill you up. Are you excited? [Yes!] If I cannot catch them, I will have you catch them. There will be nothing to complain about. With all the foundation being made, you are in the very happy position where you can move around in the Pantanal or Amazon like the ancestors of the indians.

You should be brave from now on and then what? If you are brave and then you should be daring. You should be people who can deal with matters bravely and daringly. Will you or not? Those who will, raise both of your hands. Lower

Father speaks on the third Chil Pal Jeol, the anniversary of the July 7, 1997 (lunar calendar) declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth.



To inherit what I have pioneered, you should at least have your own history of tears. Even if you have carried thousands of pounds of sandbags to follow in my footsteps, it will still not be enough.

your hands. [Referring to his plan to exchange leaders between Japan and the USA] From today, there will be a big switching around of personnel. From today. We have to cross over 50 hills to exchange 50 people. Do you want to stay on the summits of 50 mountains? Shall we stop right before the fiftieth hill or shall we go over it? [Go over it!]

If you educate teenagers, kindergarten pupils, elementary school students, middle and high school students as foundations for the natural surrender, then that nation will be the heavenly nation. So, what kind of education? Purity education. What kind of matching together? Pure love matching. Since the match in the garden of Eden was wrong, it is now the era of matching properly.

You have to protect your brothers and sisters while loving them more than your own physical brothers and sisters. What do you have to protect them from? They did not protect each other in the Garden of Eden. However, we should protect each other to purify the nation and the world. What do you have to protect? Our families! That is why you must learn the Korean tradition.

The Americans should stay in Japan not for 20 days but for 40. Since all your positions are to be changed as soon as you arrive (in Japan), you should try preaching as Japanese leaders. And also Japanese should go to America and take on responsibilities there. You should learn how difficult it is to work through translators. You should understand that I have pioneered such path.

Our Unification members should learn not only Korean but also English and Japanese since they are languages of representative nations you need to know. The Japanese should learn the languages of their Father nation and Son nation. The Son nation (America) should learn the languages of the Mother and Father nations. Let Otsuka be in charge and have Japan work with Korea. Jeong Og Yu is a woman's name.

[To Rev. Yu:] Is the meaning of Yu a willow tree or an ax? [It means an ax.] The ax clan of the Yu tribe is known to be revolutionary. The Yu family is famous for being revolutionary. There was a man named Sang Yul Eu [an alternative spelling of the name also pronounced "yoo"] who was Hyo Won Eu's uncle. He was put into the Shin Ui Joo prison for his involvement in the Mansei incident. He was such a radical. He was certain of his impending execution. He pulled his hands out of the handcuffs. His flesh was peeled off, and only the bones were left. Like that, he broke out of prison and ran off to Russia. We don't know whether he lived or died. He was such a revolutionary. Hyo Won Eu was the same.

Promise me that you will be entirely different person from tomorrow, be the leaders for our nation's liberation, be the select forces, the soldiers of the Independence Army. Do you understand? Even at the expense of your own families, you must save the world. To do that, you must lose your nation and your continent and fly high. I have prepared myself for that already. If have prepared myself so that I could stand before God with clear conscience even if I have to lose everything.

THE PATH THAT REMAINS

What kind of relationship is there between us? The relationship between parents and children is to be made by restoration through indemnity. It is the path you cannot follow without indemnity. So we offer conditions of indemnity. Eight stages of indemnity conditions. To inherit what I have pioneered, you should at least have your own history of tears. Even if you have carried thousands of pounds of sandbags to follow in my footsteps, it will still not be enough. Will you just walk right up without making any effort and be thieves?

You must make restoration through indemnity between

parents and children. You have no idea how many times God tested me. He never praised me. No compliments at all. In the past, God taught me everything, however, I don't even ask Him to now. I know my path. As I go onward little by little, the more difficult it becomes. All of you should leave your hometowns and make a foundation in the most difficult circumstances. That tradition must come back. All of your sons and daughters must come, too. Do you understand what I have said? I am telling you that such a path still remains for you.◆

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On a Cosmic Sabbath Declaration day that began with True Parents' prayer at 7 minutes and 7 seconds past 7:00 am, all gather once again for some lighter moments with True Parents



THE REALM OF LIBERATION OF COSMIC UNIFICATION FOR THE PARENTS OF HEAVEN AND EARTH (9.9 JEOL)

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LOVING Heavenly Father!, Today is September 9, 1999, 9 minutes and 9 seconds past 9 o'clock in the morning with True Parents at the age of 79. Centering on this condition, I have clearly revealed about the realm of number 9, which is Satan's perfection number, thereby liberating everything that was shackled by the fallen relationship in the spirit world and the physical world, through the Principle viewpoint.

A realm of the unified ideal was to connect, centering on the blood lineage, the periods of fetus, infant, childhood (brother-sisterhood), engagement, marriage, parenthood, grandparenthood, and queen-ship. It was, however, blocked by Satan on all these steps up to the realm of kingship, producing the dividing line between mind and body.

The history of conflict between good and evil required much bloodshed from Abel's realm on the side of Heaven in order to naturally subjugate Cain and take back the eldersonship. Unification Church members understand clearly the sorrow (han) of restoration history that required such bloodshed and sacrifice in order to cleanse the tainted lineage and properly regain God's good blood lineage.

True Parents appeared on this earth to disclose a mainstream path for the fundamental solution to the problems of humankind. Humanity has walked a sorrowful path that diverged away from God over countless hills, because false parents united with Satan as their false spiritual representative and manifested satanic false love, false life, false lineage, false consciousness through their blood relationship with him.

The purpose of the providence of salvation is to fill up those hills. Your purpose for the ideal of creation was to establish Your lineage and mainstream tradition centering on the ideal of true love and thus realize the perfection of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven as the supreme victory of the history of the universe. Satan, however, violated the lineage and totally devastated Your purpose and ideal. From the position of false God, Satan established false parents, false children, false tribes, peoples, nations, and world. Humanity is lost in immovable confusion and is facing truly the last days of the apocalyptic world. It is Your ardent wish to totally uproot the evil lineage of false parents that produced the evil individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world,

and even Hell in the spirit world. The religious world until now has pioneered the course that enabled good people to subjugate evil people through natural submission, in order to realize God's single-minded longing, over many sorrowful hills of history.

Adam on the side of goodness cannot strike evil. In the ideal world of creation, only love can connect with the realm of true life. Thus, the ideal of creation sought to welcome the unified world, the united Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven, and the eternal life was to substantiate and perfect this ideal.

Everything that begun by false parents is represented in the number 9 and Satan came to rule over from number 1 to number 9. God, therefore, toiled through the providential history of the Old Testament in order to liquidate the satanic number 9 centering on one chosen people.

This number 9, the highest satanic number, should be subjugated on the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world, and cosmic level.

True Parents and God, as horizontal and vertical True Parents, prepared the physical world and the spirit world. True Parents broke down vertically and horizontally all the barriers existing in hell on earth and hell in spirit world and established the straight path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven centering on love. True Parents passed through the tearful history of struggle on the individual, family, tribe, (ethnic) people, nation, and world levels and expanded the ideal of the God-centered family on earth. As a result, the time is coming for God to be liberated and to freely rule over the whole world. Now the spirit world is welcoming the fourth anniversary of 7.8 Jeol, the declaration of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. We cannot enter into the new millennium unless we can totally liquidate all number nines that are clogged in the satanic world.

As the number 10 is added tomorrow, we can welcome the number that allows us to welcome the year 2000 from the year 1999. Centering on original familial love that is untainted by the fall, God can now return vertically from the individual to the family, tribe, people, nation, and world without hesitation. God's original will desired the physical and spirit worlds to connect and form a spherical, unified world. We can now shout out the liberation of that will and "Mansei" to



PHOTOS: SEIL STUDIO, SEOUL

I now declare in the name of True Parents that we can welcome the era of liberation, the era of heavenly fortune, the era of God's ideal Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven. Amen!

celebrate the liberation of the cosmos. Upon the foundation of the Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory on June 14, we can on this day declare the Realm of Liberation of Cosmic Unification for the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

The fortune for the unification of North and South Korea is coming. There was a gap and conflict between Eastern and Western culture because the East emphasized spiritual reform and the West emphasized material development. However, the unification of Eastern and Western culture is now at hand. The unification of North and South that can bridge the gap between the haves and have nots is coming. The ideal of the family centering on parents and brotherly love and the ideal of love that unifies the vertical and the horizontal are expanding to bring liberation to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Upon this day, we can finally proclaim the hegemony of the final and decisive victory that will totally abolish hell on earth and in spirit world, and manifest the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven. Through this, angels as well as ancestors in the spirit world can receive the benefit from blessed couples and be liberated. Therefore, families on earth and in the spirit world that were the base for the satanic world can now break down all barriers and declare the era of liberation. The top-down transfer of power from the age of satanic kingship, nation, tribe, family, and individual to God's realm and standard is taking place. Thus, Satan's very existence can no longer be permitted unless he follows the commands from God's total authority and omnipotence. Such a worldwide foundation and heavenly fortune for the unification of North and South Korea have come to us.

True Parents can now abolish the number 9 in the name of the cosmic True Parents, carry out the annihilation of Satan's work on earth and in spirit world, and declare a commemorative condition for welcoming the age of God's substantial authority. Satan surrendered himself for he cannot cross this boundary line and enter into God's domain.

We should resolve the environment from the national level, tribal level, familial level, all the way down to the individual level where mind and body are in constant conflict. From now, we should achieve unity between mind and body, between husband and wife, between parents and children, among tribes, peoples, nations and in the world.

Through their unity, God, the vertical parent, and True Parents, the horizontal parents, would unify everything centering on the vertical and horizontal standard. As the result, all nations and all people on earth and in the spirit world can now stand in the position of children and we can now declare the kingship of unified love centering on the entirety of vertical, horizontal, front and rear. We are indeed so grateful.

Satan has completely surrendered. According to God's command, Satan and all his party, instead of destroying the formation of good families, should eliminate the impure ele-

ments in the society that hinder the perfection of family and assist the cosmic liberation of heavenly blessed couples, as of today. I declare with the shield of True Parents' victory, that from today we are entering into such an era. The arch-Satan Lucifer has already surrendered. I declare that we can control in the name of God, all those groups of beings who are waging a guerrilla war in the lowest and darkest world. I also

declare that they must voluntarily surrender themselves in front of the mainstream ideological system and cosmos.

They should follow from today the name of Yahweh and absolutely surrender and obey God's proclamation. In so doing, they can change their direction 180 degree and acquire the name of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. The evil ancestor Archangel can indemnify his failure to absolutely love and have faith in Adam and his opposition to the Parents of Heaven and Earth, by absolutely believing and loving humankind and all things and absolutely obeying and following the

absolute realm of liberation. The fallen spirit world and hell can in that way be liberated.

True Parents announce this content and declare *Ku Ku* (9.9) *Jeol* to the entire cosmos in the name of True Parents. Evil world and good world unite with God and True Parents, so that only good will remain and be active. I now declare in the name of True Parents that we can welcome the era of liberation, the era of heavenly fortune, the era of God's ideal Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Editor's note: So free an expression of heart and emotion was Father's prayer that it challenged translators beyond their limits to render it in English. This translation by Jin Man Kwak was selected for Today's World because it is the most simple in its expression, and thus the easiest from which to glean Father's overall meaning. The painstaking efforts of Chong Moon and Lynne Kim in their (already published) translation are gratefully acknowledged here. In future years the providential timetable will no doubt permit more



We should thus realize the global blessing that transcends nation and race, where we connect life and lineage through love centering on God and True Parents, while standing on the absolute standard of brotherhood and sisterhood.

detailed study of the original words of our True Father.

Father's Words (Excerpts)

True Parents have connected numerous people through the blessing, transcending national and racial boundaries so as to cut off the satanic blood-lineage in this substantial world. Through this, the liberation of individuals, families, tribes, peoples and nations is being accomplished here on earth, rather than in the spirit world.

A foundation of heavenly citizens who form families, societies and nations of heavenly love, exists on the earth. Thus, the entire spirit world and physical world can be united and bring about a universal and total settlement centering on True Parents. A unified realm of blessed couples in both the spirit and physical worlds can be established as individuals, families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world and cosmos achieve the perfection of the blessing.

The ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven will be realized centering on the original Adam, and a position of independent value attained by all families throughout human history. As a result, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven will be actualized, and God as the center will be fully present. God is the vertical parents, and True Parents the horizontal parents, who can bring this world to an equal standard.

Chil Pal (7.8) Jeol declares the Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth. A new era will begin centering on the numbers 7 and 8. Number 9 had been protected by Satan; thus we should completely transcend this realm by *Ku Ku (9.9) Jeol*.

To explain the significance of number 9: Satanic sovereignty was established over the numbers 1 through 9, and God preserved the condition of one-tenth tithing to restore this. Centering on this sanctified realm of one-tenth, God toiled to find one individual Abel, one Abel family, one tribe, one nation and ultimately one world. God worked through Christian cultural realm to bring this about. However, there have been Cain and Abel within Christianity: Catholics and Protestants became enemies, as in the situation of Adam's family where the brothers became enemies. Both Catholics and Protestants, however, are on the side of God on the worldwide stage. Nevertheless, they should become completely united as we enter into the realm of the original Adam.

Jesus in the flesh was unable to become a parent after losing his body. He became a spiritual parent but not a substantial parent, and thus the feast of the lamb became necessary. The Lord of Second Advent should come and perfect the realm of True Parents through the marriage feast. Had Judaism united with Jesus, and had the marriage taken place, then Judaism and the state of Israel would have been unified. Moreover, the Satanic world, Rome, would have disintegrated and numerous nations would have united under the Abel nation, Israel. A cosmic pillar connecting the earthly world and heavenly world would have been erected by individuals, families, tribes, peoples, and nations under God and in God's love. The Roman empire, representing Satanic authority, was ruled by military, political, and economic power, and yet it fell short of emerging as such a cosmic center. Had the two camps clashed, the great Roman empire would have perished.

Had a unified realm of the world's religions been estab-

lished, it would have unified the world. It failed to materialize, however, and instead Communism devoured the world with the full authority of the Satanic realm. The ideology of the material versus the ideology of the spiritual. God's side versus Satan's side. Atheistic communism completely denied the world of the mind and spirit through the philosophy and culture of materialism. It cried out, "God is dead." But that cannot be so. The Unification Church emerged with a solution to such chaos.

A SOLUTION TO THE CONFUSION OF IDEOLOGIES

The Unification Church should gather the races of all five colors and establish true brotherly love. The realm of brotherhood was shattered in Adam's family; thus, we should realize brotherly love. The marriage that established the satanic lineage took place due to the breakdown of true brother and sister relationships. We should thus realize the global blessing that transcends nation and race, where we connect life and lineage through love centering on God and True Parents, while standing on the absolute standard of brotherhood and sisterhood. This is the worldwide blessing project of the Unification Church.

How much have we been persecuted for holding the international marriage blessings? We have received world-level persecution from individuals, families, tribes, peoples,



No one else can achieve unity of your mind and body for you. No one can break the love between a man and a woman who have perfected such mind and body unity. No one can break the sons and daughters who are born from such parents.

nations, and the world. The world and the religions united and accused the Unification Church of destroying traditional families, relationships between parents and their children, between husbands and wives, and among brothers—and between national and global ideologies. We should, in a sense, shake up these things—so that we can stop the conflict between mind and body within the individual. Mind and body are constantly fighting. No matter how great a person may be, his mind and body are in struggle. God cannot intervene when there is conflict. Mind and body must be united. With what? Not money, knowledge, or power. Everything will break apart when those things are deemed primary.

It is indeed the Last Days. America, with all her pride in money, power and knowledge, cannot end the ceaseless war between the mind and body. Then, with what? Only true love. You should understand this. True love. What is true love? It is a love that seeks to live for others. It is a love that invests the whole of the self and then forgets. You should know this. True love that invests, forgets and invests again—and then wants to repeat that ten, a hundred, a thousand times, and is still not satisfied. You should understand that only such a mind can connect with the tradition of true love. Only such a heart can plant and nurture the tradition of true love. That is why the Unification Church teaches that individuals should invest and sacrifice for the family, families for the tribe, tribes for their people, peoples for a nation, nations for the world, and the world for the cosmos. God has been investing Himself until now in order to cleanse all the filth left by the fall, and to re-create the great cosmos.

No one else can achieve unity of your mind and body for you. No one can break the love between a man and a woman who have perfected such mind and body unity. No one can break the sons and daughters who are born from such parents and standing in front of Heavenly Parents. Such a family cannot be shattered. This is for the sake of absolute love, unique love, unchanging love, and eternal love. Taking after God's attributes that are absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal, human beings should become the subject of absolute love, unique love, unchanging love and eternal love. This way, they become representatives of the Creator, God.

Subject and object partners must engage in give-and-take action. That is why relational philosophy is on the rise throughout the world today. Everything is in relationship: parent-child relationships, sibling relationships, academic relationships, teacher-student relationships, government relationships, diplomatic relationships, and so forth. What happens when a relationship is expanded? Unification comes after relationship. Unity. Through unity a benefit must come. The creation of subject and object partners was for the purpose of expansion through give and take. Everything engages in relationships for the sake of mutual benefit.

America is the Elder son nation and Korea is the Father nation. The elder son and father have to become one. Do you understand? Cooperation between mother and son was important in the history of restoration; however, the age of mother and son cooperation is now passing. The heavenly fortune for the unification of North and South is coming through the declaration of 9.9 Jeol; when unification takes



place, the age of father and son cooperation will dawn. Had Adam not fallen, another Eve could have been created very easily. Father engrafted Japan onto Korea because Japan has not been able to fulfill her responsibility until now.

Those who do not have mind and body unity cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. You should know that there is a seven-year course for the nation and family. It is a merciless course. The larger the snake, the more difficult it is for it to shed its skin. It is easier for smaller snake, but more difficult for bigger ones. How can a large snake find a hole big enough for its whole body to move through? It takes a great effort to squeeze itself and maneuver through its skin.

The Kingdom of Heaven will appear in front of your eyes after you go through the three-year course. You should understand that we are living in a great transition period. Who knows this in Korea? Christian ministers? Political leaders? Only True Parents know this. [Amen.] Who absolutely need True Parents? Individuals absolutely need them. Only True Parents have the teaching that can stop the conflict between mind and body.

All people of both past and present, without exception, absolutely need True Parents. To whom do True Parents belong? Absolutely, to whom do True Parents belong? They are mine. Mine. To whom do True Parents belong? [To me.] A man and a woman who possess True Parents are children who have inherited True Parents' blood lineage. There is not even a trace of Satan's blood lineage in them. Do you have any remnants left? To whom do True Parents absolutely belong? [To me.] A person who can claim absolute ownership of the True Parents is a person of absolute individual perfection. [Amen.] A woman who knows that the True Parents belong absolutely to her is a woman of absolute perfection. For what purpose do man and woman desire perfection? To make True Parents absolutely theirs.

I must struggle absolutely in order to possess the True Parents as absolutely mine. True love is like the sun. There is only one sun but sunshine fills up the entire universe.◆

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THE DAY OF THREE TENS (3.10 JEOL)

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ON this day, September 10, 1999, at 10 minutes past 10 o'clock in the morning, I have declared the Liberation of Cosmic Unification for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. I have proclaimed *Ku Ku (9.9)Jeol* upon the foundation of the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth [7.8 *Jeol*; July 7, 1997 by the lunar calendar] and the Declaration and Celebration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory [June 14, 1999]. Humankind as one great family can have relationships of brother-sister, parent-child, husband-wife, as well as the realm of kingship through True Parents who represent all these relationships. True Parents began their course on the earth, were able to proclaim the Parents of Heaven and Earth, to welcome the era of great cosmic transition that can glorify victory, and then, upon that foundation, proclaim *Ku Ku Jeol*.

Chil Pal Jeol stands as a dividing line of goodness for God. *Ku Ku Jeol* corrected all activities of the satanic world that went the opposite direction, and established a foundation upon which God can dwell. As the result of the indemnity paid today, on September 10, at 10 minutes past 10 o'clock in the morning, we can welcome this age of liberation. We are so grateful. We have established the grace of blessing that enables us, in the name of True Parents, to embrace the entire universe from the highest position through this Day of Three Tens (*Sam Ship Jeol*). The Day of Nine Nines (*Ku Ku Jeol*) which was going the opposite path, realigned its direction within the realm of 3.10 *Jeol*. The buffer zone between God's border line and Satan's border line united with a unified standard and was able to establish this day as 7. 8. 9. Day. This means the numbers 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8 and 9, which belonged to the satanic side in the past, have been restored to God's side by the offering of a new standard of 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10 to God.

I am indeed grateful that we can welcome the time when good people as well as evil people can be resurrected by investing in them the example of cosmic creation and total and complete love, so that they can digest all forces of evil, become Your children, and become the rulers of authority in

the heavenly world.

Father, Adam committed a grave mistake, became a false parent centering on the false ancestor, Satan, and thus inherited Satan's lineage. True Parents came to this earth and accomplished complete indemnity and restoration by going through the three eras—Old Testament, New Testament, and Competed Testament. Thus, True Parents prepared the time of blessing when God could emerge as the owner of the cosmos being joyful and completely liberated from grief. Therefore, the time when Satan can oppose us has now passed.

Heavenly Father, I declared yesterday that You can rule over the entire cosmos as the king of liberation, as the Lord of the ideal world of creation even in the realm of numbers, with legitimate authority over the realm of all numbers, from one to ten, one hundred, ten million, one hundred billion and beyond. The content of the 9.9 *Jeol* declaration was for the unification of individuals, families, tribes, peoples, nations, the world and cosmos. We surmounted all hills upon the foundation of 7.8 *Jeol* and 9.10 [sic] *Jeol*. Thus, we have victorious dominion over the numbers 10, 100, 1000, 100 billion without any restriction, and rule the former enemy of the cosmos from the position of owner. Your will for the fallen family and Your hope for the future purpose that failed in Eden can acquire the perfect standard instantaneously through the cooperation of the True Parents. You became the owner who can dominate all realms of the cosmos from one to 100 billion and beyond. By our knowing that this Lord is the eternal One who created this universe, You may receive everything that your true children offer. Please proclaim Your rule over the era of kingship in all happiness and love on the earth as well as in heaven in the name of Yahweh from the first moment of creation through the process and aftermath of creation.

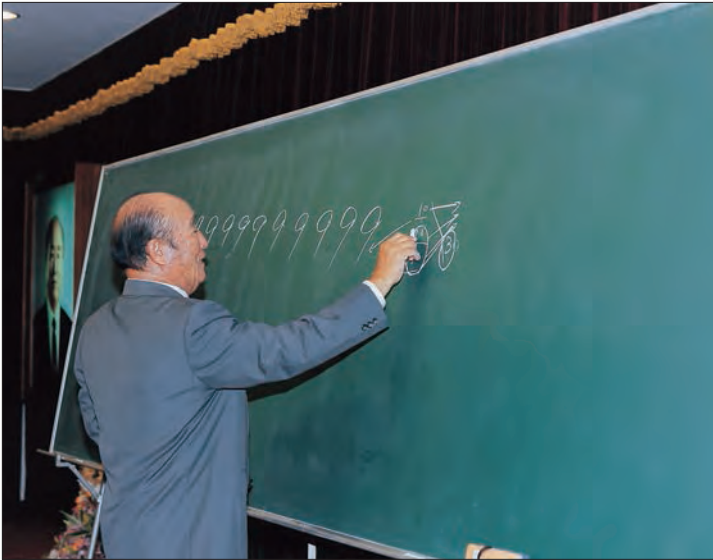
Today is the day I proclaim in Your place all that You have announced through me on this occasion of 3.10 *Jeol*. I proclaim this representing Yahweh. I proclaim in front of all the cosmos that a tradition that all creation will obey is to begin from this time on, together with True Parents and the vertical God, Yahweh. Amen, Amen, Amen.

Father's Words (Excerpts)

Repeat after True Parents. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. 1 The number 9 has returned as God's number. The number 7 was blocked but was liberated by 7.8 *Jeol*. Upon that foundation, Father opened the gate for the number 9 and completely removed all blockages for the number 10. Thus, I proclaim that the time has come for God to freely take dominion over the universe, which was numerically created. Do you understand?

As the sons and daughters of God who have inherited all numerical content you must repeat the numbers after True Parents call them. Until the number ten. One [one], two [two], three [three], four [four], five [five], six [six]. Seven was the problem. Seven [seven]. Eight is the number for a new begin-

Overcoming Satan and connecting with God's number 10 in three stages is historical. Do you understand? [Yes.] Perfection of the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Completed Testament.



Father explains the significance of the September 9 and 10 declarations in his Day of Three Tens speech

ning. Eight [eight]. The number of Satan can no longer hinder us so repeat: nine [nine]. Ten [ten].

Today is September 10. It is ten minutes past 10 o'clock in the morning. That makes the number 3. If you take out a number here, then it becomes the number 30. That means everything that is based on the number three is OK. The Old Testament age is OK, the New Testament age is OK, and the Completed Testament age is OK. The number ten is the returning number, the completion number for restoration. Thus, the number 10 is connecting with number 3 in September. Overcoming Satan and connecting with God's number 10 in three stages is historical. Do you understand? [Yes.] Perfection of the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Completed Testament.

Because this has been fulfilled, heavenly fortune for the unification of North and South, for the unification of East and West, and for the resolution of economic inequality between North and South, will be activated. We shall move into an era when the original ideal of creation is realized under the rule of love and where cultural differences, economic differences, heaven and earth differences shall all be neutralized. [Amen.] You have to raise both your hands and say Amen. [Amen.] Shake your hands twelve times. Mansei! Mansei! Mansei! Everything Mansei! That means all things will offer Mansei to Heaven. All things will cheer 「Mansei」 together in front of God. Mansei will be connected to the eternal expansion of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven and will expand it to the eternal world.

PROPHECY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF KOREA

Today is a joyous day. When you return you should hold a feast offering between one and three cows. God's blessing and heavenly fortune will be with every village that holds a feast. Amen. (Applause)

Until now all Japanese members could start their family

life only when they reached the age of thirty. They had to go over the hill of thirty. Now, however, we are entering into the era when all blessed couples can start their family from the day they receive the blessing. (Applause)

What you should understand is that even Father walked the 7 year course as a married person. Do you understand? I went the 7 year course. I walked that 7 year course to resolve world-level persecution of the family. I walked the path of the cross for the liberation of the family. You must believe only in True Parents' family.

From the dispensational perspective of the ideal of creation, the role entrusted to Adam was elder-son king in the family, parent king, and family king. The ideal standard of the whole of heaven was placed upon one family, an archetypal family of heaven, but it ended in failure. Everything was lost. Thus, from the first generation of Adam through thousands of generations until now, everything was lost. Centering on evil power and serving Satan as lord and owner, the false parents became evil parents who propagated evil life and evil love through their evil lineage.

However, True Parents have come and totally reversed this. True Parents connected God's true love and true life through the foundation of the blessing, changed the bloodline, and brought the world into the perfect form of Adam's family that has no connection to Satan. Do you understand? Today is the demarcation point from which we are entering into the era when the perfection of Adam's family, tribe, people, nation, and world will solidify.

This means Satan will be powerless. Satan who had been going the opposite direction was changed through this prayer. It means each will deal with his own level, and the buffer zone between the demarcation lines [of good and evil] will disappear by the coming together of the numbers 9 and 10 upon the foundation of the numbers 7 and 8. The buffer zone will disappear and be absorbed into God's realm of dominion.

The demilitarized buffer zone between North and South Korea should become a prospective land where God's ideal Kingdom of Heaven can be built. The religious world should therefore establish a parliament and should assume a religious authority based on checks and balances of the three sources of power. It must expand eventually to the world, and because it can make this start a global domain will emerge. The era of God's rule will be determined. Do you understand? Pan Mun Jom [Wooden Gate Place: the name of the truce village at the Demilitarized Zone dividing the two Koreas] will be the Kum Mun Jom [Golden Gate Place]. The tree of the satanic world will rot and disappear. The Golden Gate Place will enter into the world of eternal unification. The Golden Gate Place will become the main gate among the twelve pearly gates. The central nation will become the central nation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven. Amen.

You must understand that such a time has come. All blessed couples should be mobilized in exchange programs between Korea, Japan, and America. Leaders from 52 States in America and 52 prefectures of Japan are carrying out such an exchange. You should inherit the tradition of True Parents. Elder-son America has lived according to its own desire, doing whatever it wanted. Thus, they should come to Japan, serve,

Heart and devotion became one with the offering; the offering became one with the person making it; the offering and the person united and determined the position of owner.

sacrifice, inherit all the tradition and then go back. America's population of 240 million people is nearly twice that of Japan. There are Cain and Abel in America. They should inherit the Japanese members' tradition of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, which can unite them.

There are aspects of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience that you couldn't fulfill, aren't there? However, I have gathered all those representatives who set the condition of absolute love while not being able to fulfill absolute faith, or who set the condition of absolute obedience while not being able to fulfill absolute faith and love. The woman in the Garden of Eden did not set the condition of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience to the Father; however, such conditions were laid by all those women in Japan. Now, centering on these conditions, the Cain and Abel elder son realm that is twice the size [that is, the USA] is to inherit the tradition. You should inherit the tradition by practicing absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience and also by offering the donation of total living sacrifice—your individual wealth, your sons and daughters, and yourself. Your material offering corresponds to the Old Testament age, your son corresponds to the New Testament age, and your couple corresponds to the Completed Testament age.

AN OFFERING THAT HEALS GOD'S PAIN

Our blessed couples should unify all of God's hopes that were shattered to pieces and left behind historical sorrow

(*han*) over three generations stemming from the fall. I do not want to see all material things divided into Satan's side and God's side. Everything should belong to God. Even our sons and daughters—a son whom his father is proud of, and whom his mother dearly loves, absolute parents whom all brothers love, a son or daughter whom all brothers love. Yet we have not become such a people. Jesus was indescribably lonely. Jesus did not have an absolute partner whom he could call his younger brother or sister, and thus he could not establish his own family.

As I mentioned yesterday, man and woman should have been born out of a blood relationship of love with the hope for eight stages and should have embraced all those relationships. However, Jesus could not walk such a path. He walked all alone. He did not have any partner, not even a baby in a womb. Everything was killed. Then how can liberation take place? What would be the fulfillment of his hopes? What would be the realization of the hopes at the perfection level for the eternal Adam? It would be the marriage feast of the lamb.

The position of true mother was not found and the providence was extended for two thousand years until Father's time. It passed through the offerings in the Old Testament Age and the bloody sacrifice of the Son in the New Testament Age. True Parents were driven out into the wilderness, yet they indemnified everything until now as the living sacrifice, without bloodshed. Through such a sacrifice, the time has now come for a unified foundation of your family upon which to offer all things to God without dividing a portion to satanic



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ownership. Your family must understand this clearly and accomplish this. In so doing, we can liberate the *han* of God.

The pain and sorrow *han* of the Creator, God, who had to share with Satan from His position of absolute eternal Lord, is indescribable. The things shared were conditional. Who is the owner of that blood? Who has sewn the blood as the owner? It is Satan. That means the offerings were destroyed and offered as sacrifice and when they were offered, God and Satan received them sitting right across from each other. How miserable! Do you understand?

Three major offerings were made through three ages: the age of all things, the age of children, and the age of parents. Heart and devotion became one with the offering; the offering became one with the person making it; the offering and the person united and determined the position of owner. However, things did not turn out the way God wanted. This potential realm of unity was marked by a sad history through the division of ownership between Cain and Abel.

Our families should become the driving force in this sorrowful history. Things you possess, even your clothes are not your own. Your home is not yours. You should not have the notion of ownership for yourself. What happened at the time of Noah? When Noah was sleeping naked, his son Ham in shame walked backward to cover him. The fact that Ham felt shame became the source of heaven and earth being turned upside down. Maintaining things with the traces of Satan in your own family does not conform to the ideal of re-creation for a new world and cosmos. Such a family cannot become the ideal, perfected Adam family. If you do this, you are turning upside down the privilege True Parents had perfected and given to you as the ideal heavenly family of Adam. This is a more serious sin than you will experience in hell. You will fall into the bottomless abyss. You should know how fearful this is.

BE A LIVING OFFERING WHO COMFORTS GOD

Father had to invest all kinds of offerings until now in the dispensational history through indemnity. Sacrifice, offering, material sacrifice. I had to offer everything again and again. I must connect and unify everything from the age that represented individual material to the foundation of cosmic material through eight stages. I must shed blood and sweat in order to resolve the individual material level and connect that to the family material level and resurrect it through the realms of higher and higher levels, tribe, people, nation, and world. Eight stages. All the resources I have invested become the plus, and the absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience of Cain realm's in the object partner position have to be added to the unified standard. Then things can go up to the next level. However, no one has understood or practiced this until now. You only made conditions at times. You have

not immersed yourselves from the first stage to the eighth stage. From several stages behind, from a remote distance, you devise your various individual schemes. However, I took responsibility for all those faults. You must never forget that I victoriously surmounted all this and am able to hold this declaration ceremony. This is a time of amazing, joyful, indescribable glory.

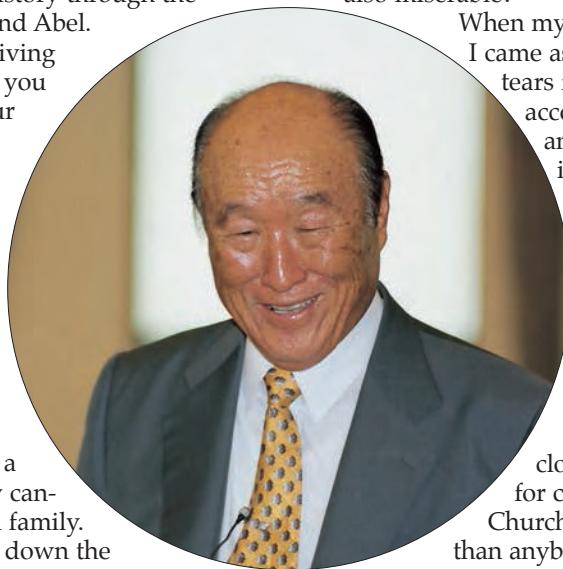
When I went to meet Kim Il Sung, I visited the tomb of my parents. My elder and younger sisters were sorrowfully wailing and said "Mother, Father, our elder brother whom you so longed for is finally here." Anyone listening to such a sad lament could not help but shed tears. However, I knew that I had not come there as a son of the Moon family. I came for the purpose of the unification of North and South Korea. There are numerous tombs of those who died miserably. How could I shed tears because my mother and father's tomb was also miserable?

When my sisters cried, I prayed, "I am sorry.

I came as a public figure and I cannot shed tears for you. When I come again after accomplishing the reunification of North and South, I will fulfill the responsibility of filial son and prepare a place of rest for you in front of all the world. I will attend you after the unification of this divided nation, after building the unified kingdom for all people in attendance of God." I could not do anything for my parents as a filial son. I did not buy them even one pair of humble slippers.

I have, however, bought so many clothes, houses, and all kinds of things for countless people in the Unification Church. I have loved the Cain world more than anybody by giving the word and everything I could. I did not have friends, relatives, teachers as I walked such a course. You must understand the history of True Parents. I shed tears, blood, and sweat and filled all those sorrowful, sad, and miserable valleys and hills, building this foundation for peace. Upon such a blessed foundation, I raised you and allowed the Japanese, American, and Korean people to welcome this day, and for people of these nationalities to come together at this place and offer congratulations on such a joyful day. This is indeed a historic and cosmic-level event.

We are welcoming a day which can quiet the stirring waves of *han* buried in the deepest part of God's heart, into calmness like a farm reservoir, and allow God to have a peaceful mind, look at the garden, enjoy a nap, sing a song, and welcome the way of peace. This reality is like a dream. It seems like a dream but it is not. It seems like a lie but it is reality. You, the people from three nations, should be unified and become a living offering in front of God and True Parents. A living sacrificial offering. Do you understand? Offer up your possessions, your sons and daughters, your husband and wife. You must remember this is a time of offering representing all people. ♦



TWELFTH FOUNDATION DAY FOR THE NATION OF THE UNIFIED WORLD (KAE CHEON JEOL)

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Father originally declared Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World on October 3, 1988, following the Seoul Olympics. In Korea, it is normally referred to as Kae Cheon Jeol [Day of the Opening of Heaven]. October 3 is also National Foundation Day in Korea (also called Kae Cheon Jeol) honoring Tangun, the nation's legendary founding father.

TODAY is *Kae Cheon Jeol*. "Kae" means opening the gate. You can see a similar form within both these Chinese characters, *kae*, and this one, *cheon*, representing heaven. It means you have to open this gate first before you can get into heaven. Heaven consists of two people, not one. Heaven's gate will be opened when two people come and push it. We see a lot of single, one person families in America, but as a one person family you cannot enter the Kingdom. It takes at least two. In today's *hoon dok hae* reading there was a section describing that it takes Cain and Abel unity. The fall of man can be interpreted as the imbalance between God and man, between the universe and human beings, all things and human beings. We have to balance them and then we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

When you go into the bathroom after waking up in the morning, before you wash your face, what part of your face do you look at first? [Eyes.] Then after that? [Nose.] Then? [Mouth.] Then? [Ears.] When you put your hands over your face, all of your five senses are together there. Do you have just one eye or two? One nostril or two? What about your lips and your ears, are they a pair or one? What about your hands, when you wash your face do you use only one or both? Every one of these organs exists in a pair. But not only the organs of our face. We ourselves consist of mind and body as a duality. Even in the mineral kingdom, the plant and animal kingdoms as well as among human beings, on every level there is the pair system. In our families there are parent and child, husband and wife, brother and sister, brother and brother relationships, and relationships between relatives. Also there is always a subject and object relationship between nations. Therefore, without having a completely united duality there is no sense of completion. Even happiness cannot be obtained by one person alone. People tend to think of freedom as their own, as individual freedom, but even when it comes to the concept of freedom, it takes two. Without having complete, absolute unity between mind and body you cannot have freedom. Without man and woman being united, they cannot achieve freedom. God

dwells where two become completely one. Even life dwells in, and life emerges out of, the unity of two.

The last character, *jeol*, is an inclusive term. It means all, a lot, all things. So the meaning is that this gate is on various levels: the gate to your family, to your society, to your community, the gate to your nation and heaven. It always takes two to open it. So what does *Kae Cheon Jeol* mean? By proclaiming *Kae Cheon Jeol*, I am opening the gate of the whole cosmos. God is omnipresent. That is heaven. It takes two to open even this vast heaven.

The most fundamental question for humanity is, how can we make man and woman, husband and wife one? Why do we like eating? It is because whatever I eat becomes one with me. These two, the food and myself, become one. Because love is the base from which life stems, originates. Then whatever helps and becomes one with life gives us joy and happiness.



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The father is bigger than the son, but if love is centrally positioned between them, don't you think the father will like that? ... Who determines the owner of love? The partner, the object, always determines the center of love.

THE SPHERICAL MODEL OF RELATIONSHIPS

Why do we need two? In order to make one out of two through unity. Even speaking of the function of our eyes, these two eyes are working in a circular motion. Your eyeballs can move freely 360 degrees, sideways, up, down, whatever direction you wish. Your eyes represent God on your face. In a way your eyes resemble God, because God is looking and watching over the entire cosmos, sideways, up and down 360 degrees. That is why our eyeballs move as they do. If we study the color of eyeballs, there are three colors, a whitish color, brown (though this may vary between races), and an even darker color, which is black. If you study the shape of your nose, two points, one, two and three. When you inhale, the air goes through two nostrils, and then at the midpoint they join and become one. The lips meet on a straight line. Even when you use your eardrum, sound travels through both eardrums and eventually merges. Again, through utilizing this four position foundation there is always vertical and horizontal movement. By doing so we become one. Studying this vertical movement, there are always three points, the lower, the mid and the high point. Horizontally there are the same. When we connect them, a sphere is formed.

When two become totally one, there is always a center being formed. What is the force forming this center point? It is the force of love. What kind or level of love? Not selfish love, but love that is giving for the sake of others. So love was originally for the sake of others, not for a selfish purpose. What kind of beings, then, are man and woman? Why was man born? For the sake of a partner, an object. There are millions of different levels of subject and object in the cosmos, but there is not one single subject or object that was formed or created for its own sake. Is that true? [Yes!]

Spherical motion is always centered on this power of love. Even when we study the relationship between father and child, the center is love, the center of husband and wife relationship is love and the center of brother and sister relationship is love. Whenever love is the center of a relationship there is spherical movement. This is like a soccer ball: from whatever angle you look at it, the center is one. Strictly speaking, if we speak about the center of a soccer ball there is no visible dot there, but we know there is a center and that any diameter that is drawn from whichever point on the surface passes through that center. We can draw millions of millions of lines through the center of the soccer ball, but all these lines are supporting this center. That is why the soccer ball exists where it does. Also, the force of the center point is supporting all these different directions. That is why the soccer ball is maintained as a sphere. It is like centrifugal force. Do you understand this? [Yes.]

When father and child, husband and wife, elder brother and younger brother become one in love relationships, a sphere is formed. The length of the lines, the size of the section, they are all the same, because they have the same center. The center of a sphere is eternal. No matter how vast the circle may be, the center is still the same, only one and unchanging. This planet earth is so big, the universe is so big,

but the center is only one. Why? Above and below, right and left, front and rear, all these relationships are taking place, but they have to be centered on this central point. In that way, they become one.

We know that there are eight different stages vertically and horizontally—from the individual all the way to the cosmos. What is the center? It is the same center, because all these individuals, families, tribes, nations, up to the level of cosmos have to accept this same principle of spherical motion. What does man want to possess most? Money? Knowledge? Power? What then? [*Cham sarang.*] What is true love? You don't know what that is. Without knowing God, there is no way you can understand true love. Let's leave true love out for now, but everyone can say love. Love is what man wants most. Of course every man wants to have love, but this love is contaminated, not perfect. That is why we have to put the prefix "true." In the relationship between parents and child, true love means this center point. Even between husband and wife, true love is the center. If this love is located slightly towards the woman's side or towards the husband's side, it is not true love. It must be absolutely in the center. The amount of love from both the husband's and the wife's sides should be exactly the same so that it can form the center. If it is one-sided, it is not true love. Above and below, right and left, front and rear, all these relationships must have an immovable, eternal center, not only the parent and child relationship. To have a spherical family shape, the center has to be the same. The center of the father and child relationship has to be the same as the center of the husband and wife's and the sister and brother's relationships.

BECOMING A LORD (OWNER) OF LOVE

So again, in order to enter the Kingdom it takes two people. Two have to become one, centering on one. Not by force but by love should they become one. Then where should this love between father and child be located, more towards the father's side or more towards the child's side? Well, the father is bigger than the son, but even though the child is small, if love is centrally positioned between them don't you think the father will like that? If the love center remains closer to the father and the child is far away, there is no oneness there. Who determines the owner of love? The partner, the object, always determines the center of love. For example, as the parent you cannot determine the center of love eternally without having children. Only after you have had children do they determine you, their parents, as the owner of parental love. No matter how famous you may be, without having children you cannot claim to be the owner of parental love. Isn't that so?

The power of love has such incredible and mysterious aspects. For example, when parents realize that this little infant—who still has a runny nose all the time—gives you the right to become the owner of love, this love power is activated. Why? Because the little infant baby has made you the owner of love.

As a mother, even by the difference of smell you can tell if your infant is sick, or has a stomach ache, diarrhea, or whatever. Isn't it true? Why is that? No matter how handsome

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your husband may be, or how beautiful your wife may be, without your children you may not claim, "I am the center of love, the master and owner of love." You cannot taste owner's love. It takes children. Forever. Is it true? [Yes.]

No matter how handsome a man may be, he cannot by himself become the owner of conjugal love. He has to have a wife—no matter how ugly she may be. The wife is the one who determines the husband as the subject or lord of the conjugal relationship.

What about you men, do you like women? [Yes!] Why? Because you are the owner of love who can provide love to women, that is why you like women. Is that true? [Yes.] What about women? In order for a woman to become the owner of love who can provide love to a man, she needs a husband. That is why you like man. This doesn't quite fit the American standard of extreme individualism. What kind of "ism" is necessary in the relationship between man and woman—extreme individualism or "Public-ism" (*kongdong-ism*)? Mutual sharing.

All things are more than willing to become one with whatever subject offers love and care. Therefore, for your wife to say, "I am the happiest wife and luckiest woman in the world," what would it take? In a community there may be hundreds of different couples and families, but if your wife among all those wives loves you, her husband, most, she is the happiest one. Isn't that true? [Yes!] All the wives in the community will eventually come to realize, "Oh, she loves her husband more than we love ours, so she is the happiest one." The husbands will come to understand this too. The whole community will come to understand this, then that kind of husband will be welcome everywhere, in every household and every corner of that community.

God is a being of dual characteristics, a being of the perfection of male and female characteristics. Therefore, we, the children of God, should be able to perfect ourselves by exchanging love between man and woman, thus reaching that level. Then God can love us, and we can love God. Only then will God come down and bow down before us and dwell with us, saying, "Now, humankind, I am your lord." Even the absolute God cannot become the owner of love all by Himself. Do you understand?

There is no library that contains this kind of teaching, not even in Heaven. Even if we sell the entire cosmos, we can-

not purchase this kind of precious teaching. What do eyes expect? What does your nose want to inhale? What is the purpose of your mouth, and what are your hands for? Put all of your five organs together and open your mouth and feed on the truth. What about you husbands, when your loving, lovely wife is offering you delicious food, do you open your mouth slightly and laugh at it, or open it like an alligator? You may want to open your mouth with your hands and eat

not just the food, but even the entire body of your wife! That kind of joy and desire is there. Just imagine your wife is offering that delicious food now and open your mouth, husbands. Let's practice! Open it! So when you go home with your wife tonight, practice it. When your wife is offering you a spoonful of rice, you have to understand: oh, her five senses are entirely concentrated here, then this is coming to me. This is my most favorite food, and on top of that my wife's five senses are here together, so I will take it with extreme joy and happiness. You should be good enough that after taking the first spoonful of food

your wife is willing to give the second spoonful and third. That kind of exchange and excitement should be there. You have only two hands, so the third offering should have to come from her mouth, so you should take the food out of her mouth. Everyone say "Amen" loudly! This is more exciting than dancing on this *Kae Cheon Jeol*.

We must become the absolute, eternal owner of love! Does anyone object? From the individual to the entire universe we have to shout it out. Why should I become the owner of love? By doing so I can occupy the true love center, God. How wonderful, how proud a situation to be in! (Applause.) You know well. I spoke in Korean, but you clapped, that means you understood. Did I speak in English or Korean; I forgot! In a public session I was not going to speak English, but I forgot.

BECOMING GOD'S HEIR

Isn't it true that Americans are in the vanguard of spreading the free kind of lifestyles to the world? Because I make these kinds of public statements, Americans think Reverend Moon is a kind of monster and dislike me. Eventually, however, from God's point of view who will be the ones who perish, those Americans or Reverend Moon? Because Reverend Moon



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has become the number one king of offering love for the sake of others and making them the owner and center of true love, therefore God must protect him.

We have to know we are born for the sake of our partner. Whoever one is, if he or she were not born for the sake of that partner, there would be no value for that person to exist. Man is born eternally for the sake of woman and woman is born eternally for the sake of man. What if you as a man or woman live your life just for yourself for just a few days? Do you break the eternal law or not? [Yes.] If there is a filial son or daughter, he or she is the one who lives their entire life, down to the level of even one second, for the sake of their entire family or parents. That is who we call a real filial child, a true one. The person who lives for the sake of the entire nation, for its people, even for the air, trees and water of his nation, is a true patriot. Whatever you deal with—be it tree, water, or stone—you have to protect them, you have to live for the sake of those things.

Can you find such a level of patriotism among Americans? You feel ashamed because you are not on that level, but if you answer with determination, you have hope to reach that level in the future. But those who just keep their mouths shut do not have any hope for the future. You have no chance of being educated. If everyone has that kind of attitude, America is doomed to perish. They have power, so they think they can control that kind of world by political power, military power, knowledge and the power of science. No. They cannot control the world. This is a warning from Reverend Moon. Don't speak with the concept of one nation under God. Expand yourself to the concept of one world under God and eventually one cosmos under God. Because God is ruling the entire cosmos, we should not stick with just one section or one nation. We have to expand our horizon to the cosmic level so that eventually we can become the perfect object of God.

Is Reverend Moon a bad person or a good person? Is God a good or bad God? Have you seen God? You should be able to say automatically, "Well I have not seen or touched God, but listening to Reverend Moon's explanation, there is no other conclusion but that God is a good God." Do you want to become a good person? [Yes.] But whoever lives for himself is a bad person. You know that. That is why Reverend Moon is teaching you how to live your life. Within the boundary of your family, if there are eight family members you have to sacrifice for and serve them all the time. That kind of humble offering should be your lifestyle. In so doing do you think you will prosper or perish? Even though you give everything you possess, will you still prosper? [Yes.] Why should we live such a sacrificial life? The only conclusion is that by offering yourself 100 percent you become the center of love of your family. Then everyone in your family will bow down to you.

As long as you keep a sacrificial lifestyle within the boundary of your family, you will become the heir of your family. On the national level you will become the heir of your nation. On the level of the universe and cosmos you will eventually become the heir of God.

Belief is conceptual, while understanding is reality. Do you believe, or do you understand and know? Understanding means you have to work and take action. Belief by itself can-

not take action. Since you know and understand everything, what should you say to God, "God, please help me," or "God, I don't need your help. I will stick with what I have learned and continue working"?

EDUCATION IN THE STAGES OF LOVE AND LIFE

Is blessing 400 million couples a problem or not? [No problem.] Suppose you know certain unmarried boys and girls in your community. If they are not listening to you about coming to this blessing, you have to be able to present it to them in a way that they can be attracted. You should be able to persuade them by saying that, even though you may live as husband and wife, if you marry with Reverend Moon's blessing at the blessing ceremony there, God will be able to travel back and forth between your house and heaven, and the king of the entire world will be happy to drop by. Such a family can be established. This is how you can persuade them.

We also should be able to educate them about the original value of a man and woman being born in this world and about what kind of level of family and of husband and wife relationship should be built. We should be able to teach them clearly. Do you want to know that content? From where were we born? Through what? From love. What is love then? Whose love? Father and mother's love. Do you wish your father and mother's love to last for eternity and be a cosmic sized love, or just a two-hour long love and this small size? You are all greedy! I didn't teach you yet but you have already answered "cosmic level." (Father laughs.)

We can explain to them the history of Adam and Eve's birth. Do you think Adam had a belly button or not? Suppose you received your bride and she did not have a belly button, where did she come from, then? The belly button is the symbol of our inheritance of our parents' bones and bone marrow, flesh and everything. So if Adam does not have a belly button, he is not the son of God. He should have a belly button. If he does, don't you think it means he stayed in his mother's womb? Have you seen Adam's umbilical cord? Well, for Adam there is an invisible umbilical cord. Even when it comes to the existence of God, God followed this natural universal law and came into existence. He did not just emerge through a big bang just like that. Then do you think God has a belly button too? [Responses of yes and no.] So discuss: which is the right answer? [Yes!] You can safely say that God has dual belly buttons, one is visible, one invisible. Therefore God bequeathed this visible belly button to Adam and Eve. Speaking of God being born, do you think God was being created or born as an infant, like a human baby and gradually became a perfect God, or that God came into being and was suddenly almighty, perfect God? How many billions of years do you think it took for God to exist? What do you think there was first, love or God? [Replies of both "God" and "Love"] You can continue arguing. The people in the back don't understand what we are talking about. Let's give them some time.

What comes first, love or God? We have two eyes. Do these two eyes exist for the sake of themselves or because of love? [Love.] Well, God has original dual characteristics. When they become one, what comes first? God Himself or love? [Love.]

We have to go through these eight different stages, becoming the owner, the master of the womb stage, infant stage, toddler stage, all the way to the king and queen stage. That way we can secure all these eight different positions for God.

Love. Do you think God can see love? [No.] Do you see God, love and life? [No.] What about God? In God's eyes, what kind of love can be seen, the original love or the subject and object level relationship of love? When you go down deeper and deeper underground, does it become darker or brighter? [Darker.] When it is dark, can you see anything there? Suppose love is at the bottom of this darkness. If God could have seen love manifest visibly, He would have grabbed it and never surfaced. That means logically speaking that God cannot see love, the original love. God does not know the power of love. People say this bright world is connected to eternity, but actually the darkness, the world of darkness is connected to eternity. What comes first, darkness or brightness? To create heat there has to be friction. When heat is generated, doesn't light naturally follow?

Do you think God liked or disliked darkness? [He disliked it.] Then what does it take to lighten this darkness? The power of love. Just as when we study electricity, minus and plus come together and create a spark and that creates light.

LORDSHIP OF THE STAGES OF LIFE

When Reverend Kwak was travelling through his mother's birth canal, do you think he could speak? While in his mother's womb he was connected to her flesh and blood, and gradually he grew. That is why pre-natal education through the mother is necessary when the baby is still in its mother's womb. If there is a sudden impact on a mother while she is pregnant, or she or the baby's father committed a sin and are conscience stricken, the impact goes to this unborn baby. It is like a radio broadcast. If a radio station sends out sound waves that a radio receiver can receive just like that, in the same way if there is something wrong in the relationship between father and mother, the sound wave reaches this infant baby in the womb, who is influenced and impacted by it. While you have a child in your womb, therefore, should husband and wife fight or not? What kind of life should you live, then? If this fetus is a female fetus, she will start thinking about the male fetus, just like father and mother. If there is a minus there is always a plus. So even a fetus will think that way. There is the world of the womb. In other words, as a fetus in the womb we should live a perfect life. God is the king of education. So think about it: while God was bearing Adam as His child, don't you think God gave perfect education to Adam before he was born?

The era of the womb is followed by the infant stage. Then at the age of three children distinguish gender, whether they are a boy or girl, so brother and sister, brother and brother stage, then they go to kindergarten and they grow. So there is the womb stage, infant stage, brotherhood stage, then teenage and engagement stage, then marriage stage, parental stage and grandparent stage, then finally king and queen stage—eight stages. Beginning from the womb stage, all human beings desire to become the king of each of these different stages of life. Why do we need these eight different stages or positions? Because God needs to become the lord of all these eight different stages through covering the entire spectrum of human life. That is the way we are supposed to enter the

Kingdom and live with God, becoming the members of God's family. Do you understand?

Then why is man born? We have to understand that man is born for the sake of woman and woman for the sake of man. But as we grow, we have to go through these eight different stages, becoming the owner, the master of the womb stage, infant stage, toddler stage, all the way to the king and queen stage. That way we can secure all these eight different positions for God.

This is a vertical relationship. Each stage becomes bigger, going up higher and higher. When you look at a huge tree with branches about 30-40 meters long, no matter how big the branches may be, there is always one central top bud. There is like a circular movement within this tree, within the branches and twigs, eventually returning to the original point, the root. Therefore this central bud, if we may say, is related to the root, no matter how big a tree it may be. The vertical connection between this central bud and root is the base from which to spread all the branches, twigs, leaves and so forth. No matter how many and big branches and twigs there may be, they are all working jointly to make sure that the root and the central bud can constantly grow. Likewise a fetus is eventually born as an infant and goes all the way to the eighth level. Our families should be this way too. Therefore, we cannot live our lives just randomly and freely. We cannot sacrifice even one branch of the tree; otherwise it cannot be a perfect tree. When we look at American families there is no central point, no meeting point for these eight different stages.

Therefore, for the sake of your family you have to invest yourself, forget about your investment and keep on doing it. That way you can raise your tribe, your people, your world and cosmos even to the level of God. Even God's effort will be there to make sure the level of love becomes greater and greater. In other words, God will absolutely have to obey true love. Only after conquering this absolute love can we liberate hell. Hell means a world of darkness. Only when God stands in a position of giving absolute obedience to true love can this world be united and eventually become entirely liberated. This axis will then continue spinning eternally. There is no concept of even hell then. As long as it keeps spinning and turning there will always be light, no darkness.

IDEAL MAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CREATION

So from the fetal stage a person begins to seek for his or her spouse. The desire of the fetus is to eventually marry and then to become one with God. Infant stage, toddler stage, teenage stage, their ultimate goal is marriage, in other words, building family through marriage. Through perfecting, completing your family, you reach the level of perfection. It means the entire universe belongs to you and the entire universe can have hope to of perfection. When God started creating the world centering on love, what did He create first? Was it human beings or the smallest possible particles of insects? First the mineral world. But the plus-minus love concept already existed. When the plant kingdom absorbs mineral substances from the mineral kingdom, which consists of plus and minus, it does so to build a love relationship with

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the mineral kingdom. Every level consists of this love relationship. That is why every substance in the mineral kingdom is eager to be absorbed by the greater level, which is the plant kingdom. This is where we can derive the law of love from in this universe, which is giving or investing and forgetting. The law of love, for the sake of the greater level of love. I may be small, but in order to reach the center of the greater level of love I can be happily absorbed. Insects and animals are above the plant kingdom. The relationship is the same. From the point of view of the plant kingdom, when they are being eaten by cows or other animals, of course they feel pain and they struggle. But because they have dual purposes, although from the standpoint of the individual purpose they are suffering as they are being eaten, the greater purpose is that they are eventually reaching the love and life of humankind.

There are a lot of mosquitoes in South America. Sometimes people say we do not need mosquitoes. But without mosquitoes the small fish in the rivers cannot survive. They love to catch and eat mosquitoes. That is why the small fish stay on top of the water and as soon as they see a mosquito flying low enough they catch it. Man is the king, then. Who is the king of man, then? God. What kind of boss is God? He is the love boss, the love king. Once you reach the cells of God, God's body contains every cell from the mineral kingdom, plant kingdom, animal kingdom, even the human kingdom. That is the cosmic museum there, so without travelling you can find, see and taste all different levels of life from the min-

eral kingdom all the way to the human kingdom.

Can you eat a chicken without killing it? When you kill a chicken for food, what feeling comes first? "Oh, this must be delicious," or pity? Sadness or a feeling of delicious, what should we feel first? While killing a chicken should we not have some compassion and pity towards the chicken being sacrificed, a feeling of love? If we truly understand why we are killing that chicken, we will become humble and bow down to it, feeling, "By killing you, my son may eat your meat and his fingernails may grow an inch." You can have that kind of emotional relationship, and then suddenly you will feel humble enough to bow down to the chicken. "As a representative of God, a son of God, I kill you so that you can become part of me, and that means part of God." Then do you think the chicken will feel sad at being killed or will he be happy to be sacrificed for the sake of human beings? If you go through this kind of communication and exchange with even a chicken, with such an attitude, even though you kill the chicken it will be happy.

When I catch fish and feed them to those who probably will become the princes and princesses of the Kingdom of God, the fish are happy and proud to be caught. Suppose I catch fish today and all those fish become part of the cells of the bodies of the princes and princesses of God. Don't you think it is an honor and glory for those fish to be eaten that way? If you understood that this was the way to become the prince and princess, the sons and daughters of God,

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would you hesitate in going that way? You would go all the way. The fish also have that kind of attitude. All for the sake of love. Therefore, for the sake of God, I offer even myself through human beings, eventually reaching God's love. That is the attitude of the fish.

Why did I spend the last four years in the Pantanal? From above the level of the fallen world and casting a line into it, catching its plants and animals. The original form of God's creation is preserved in that Pantanal region, untouched. There is a vast number of species of insects there, and many plants and animals. We can feel that God created all these different levels of life to support human life. Therefore I feel I have to preserve them, love them, and keep them intact. Of course I fish in major rivers like the Paraguay River, but sometimes I go to a small stream, through different valleys and mountains. Everything is fresh and new, and I offer love.

To every insect, plant, fish or animal, I always have the mind and attitude, "In place of God I am giving you love. I come here to offer you love on behalf of God." Everything we see in the Pantanal region is like textbook material to educate human beings. They are like items in the museum of love. It will take hundreds of years to study it all. I continuously have this give and take relationship with nature. If I see one thousand different species, I give one thousand different kinds and levels of love, affection and care. Because of the fall of man, the descendants of Adam and Eve could not offer such a degree of love and care to the creation, so to indemnify that I am now here as the son of God, offering all this. After the celebration of *Chil Pal* (7.8) *Jeol*, *Ku Ku* (9.9) *Jeol*, and *Sam Ship* (3.10) *Jeol* in Korea, the indemnity period is over. There will probably be no more fishing period.

Last time when I went to the Pantanal for eight days, I caught no fish. The previous time, the day I departed from the Pantanal I caught 20 baku in one day. But after returning 40 days later, for 8 days no baku. So I feel the time of dealing with fish in the water is over, and I have to come back to the land and give my love and care to the plants and animals.

I am thinking now of building hunting grounds and fields and sightseeing areas for the hunters and sightseers in the world. We can bring them there, and maybe they can hunt some animals and feed people. I wish I could visit 10, 20, 30, 50 nations a day so that I could give my touch, my love and care to all the different levels of animals, plants and fish all over the world. When it comes to the world of fish, the water world, there is no national boundary. Salmon, for example can travel 5000 miles to the ocean.

PROPHECY

Suppose among the 185 nations there are those whose entire nation and people are ready to welcome Reverend Moon to come in and hunt, fish or do whatever he wants to do. That country and those people will be blessed. If father goes to such a nation and hunts some animals and catches some fish, all these will become items in *Facing page and this page: Father and Mother together at the evening entertainment commemorating the 12th Kae Cheon Jeol*



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a museum. Some people will even make carvings in the shape of those animals, some animals might be stuffed, and it will eventually be visited by millions and millions of people. Such a museum will be built. Of course there are many different hunting grounds in the world. But if Reverend Moon visits a certain place to hunt deer, it may become a place of pilgrimage for people because it was the place Father came to hunt. There will be photos that were taken that day and all sorts of relics there. Not Reverend Moon's name, True Parents' name. There are only one True Parents eternally: absolute, unique, unchanging, eternal. Once that kind of holy hunting place is established, not just people in this physical world but people from the spirit world will also come and visit there and celebrate. That will become the legacy or tradition established by True Parents.

What does the Bible say about the Lord of the Second Coming, he is coming in the clouds or riding on the clouds? What does that mean? It means by airplane. It's true! If Jesus had talked about an airplane 2000 years ago, no one would have understood. Therefore Jesus simply said it would happen in the clouds. It was a perfect explanation! (Applause) The Bible also says the Lord of the Second Advent will come like lightning from the East to the West. Perfect explanation. If the Lord of the Second Advent as the True Parents of humankind comes, don't you think people will be waiting in their local areas when and where the True Parents pass through? Besides those who understand True Parents, don't you think those dozing plants, sleeping fish and idling animals will also be excited and join in to welcome True Parents? The entire nation will join. I have been setting up conditions for the sake of all nature that they will welcome and love True Parents. Because I have done everything for their sake, wherever I go as True Parents they will welcome me. The entire world and universe will come to know and understand Father's character. Even if there is a hurricane, lightning, thunder, wind and waves, whatever obstacle there may be in secular eyes, Reverend Moon never stops marching forward. He always goes out and challenges and loves them. True love power can take dominion over all creatures.

THE MEANING OF THE RECENT DECLARATIONS

So all these things, all of nature under the sovereignty of the fall of man, should be liberated. That is why I proclaimed *Kae Cheon Jeol*. The world of the ideal, of liberation, of equality is here now with us because of this declaration. Even between the saints and the most evil people, those who are handicapped or crippled and those who are complete, insects and plants, everyone is on an equal level to enjoy their life to the fullest extent. That is what is called the Kingdom of God and ideal world.

In other words, in terms of value, True Parents and True Family and all the tribal messiahs and ordinary people are the same. No more indemnity is needed. The time has come that if anyone commits a crime or sin there will be immediate punishment. Who will punish them? Their own immediate family, parents, children or relatives will punish them. In the eras of the first Adam, second Adam and third Adam there

DECLARATION OF EE SHIP (2.10) JEOL

True Parents declared *2.10 Jeol (Ee Ship Jeol)* in Uruguay on October 10, 1999, at 7 o'clock in the morning. The Number 10 of October has the meaning of a new start centering on heaven and the number 10 of the 10th day has the meaning of a new start centering on earth. On this standard True Parents gave a blessing of concluding one era of the providence. Father said that now is the time when the providence of restoration through indemnity ends and God's sovereignty can settle substantially.

True Parents' declaration of *2.10 Jeol* has the meaning of entering the age of the Fourth Adam as the era of natural restoration (in contrast with restoration through indemnity).

had to be liberation. Indemnity was therefore necessary. But after this proclamation of liberation, which is the dawn of the era of the fourth Adam, there will be no more indemnity. The foundation day of *Kae Cheon Jeol* was declared eleven years ago. But twelve years is required. So we have one more year to go until we perceive the full extent of the blessing of the world and liberation of the ideal.

The globalization of the blessing ceremony was begun in 1992. In 1995, 360,000 couples were blessed. By the year 2000 we will celebrate the fourth *Chil Pal (7.8) Jeol*. What about the *Ku Ku (9.9) Jeol* and *Sam Ship (3.10) Jeol* celebration days? *Ku Ku Jeol* (Day of Nine Nines) is based on the year 1999, September 9, at nine minutes and nine seconds past the ninth hour [and Father's age of 79]. And if we add one to the year 1999, it becomes 2000. If we add one more thousand it becomes 3000 and one last thousand, 4000. *Sam Ship Jeol* is the Day of Three Tens. Ten minutes after the tenth hour on September 10 was the basis for declaring the Day of Three Tens. These three days are three different stages—formation, growth and perfection—representing the Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament eras. And through this the years 2000, 3000 and 4000 will see the completion of the history of restoration centering on the blessing. The celebrations of *9.9 Jeol* and *3.10 Jeol* are now completed. Therefore, from now on, if powerful, developed nations team together and invade underdeveloped, smaller nations, they will be punished by God. There will be renewal in the United Nations and that body will become the vanguard to protect and guide the weaker, smaller nations so that there will be equal opportunity and equal rights among all the nations of the world.

After World War II, if worldwide Christianity, in particular Protestantism and Catholicism, had accepted True Parents as the Lord of the Second Advent, within seven years, by the year 1952, the Kingdom of God on earth could have been established. In that case, the expansion of communism would never have taken place. But because of the failure of Christianity worldwide, Father walked a wilderness course for forty years. Moses walked a forty year course to establish his national foundation, but the Lord of the Second Coming, after establishing the true family level, expanded all the way to the

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global and cosmic levels, paying all the necessary indemnity. Think how much persecution I had to endure these past forty years because of this family issue, history. The label on my forehead was always thief: thief of children, of wife of parent, family, nation and world. That is the view of the satanic world, but in the eyes of God, everything was being restored.

VICTORY OVER THE TEMPTATION OF THE FALL

Do you want to hear my concluding words? [Yes.] When Eve was growing up in the Garden of Eden, what was the snake there in the Garden? Was it a real snake? We know it was the archangel, but the real snake was man's sexual organ. It was symbolically expressed in that way. The fruit of the knowledge of good and evil was the depiction of Eve's love organ. That is why God said not to eat it. What does the snake like most in the Garden of Eden? The fruit of Eve, woman's sexual organ! Do you understand? The fruit that makes people know what is good or evil. It is either a good descendant or an evil descendant.

Symbolically, man is carrying a snake on his body. What does a man use to seduce a woman? Money? [No.] The snake itself. What does man like? Something concave, open: a female snake's mouth. Man's sexual organ is like a snake's head. This American snake is moving around in every country causing problems in the world of women. Don't you have a snake? Every man has one. When you meet a woman more beautiful and better than your wife, doesn't that snake attached to the center of your body start moving? All women have to consider man's love organ as a poisonous snake, a cobra. Because of one bite from this snake the human lineage has been completely satanic for thousands of years. Once the grandparents' relationship is destroyed because of wrong use of this snake, your entire family is broken.

Suppose you are naked and a beautiful naked woman comes and tries to touch that snake, will you accept that hand or kick her away. [Kick her away.] Kick away! Repeat it once more. [Kick away!] I wonder if you would truly kick her away. For women, particularly American women, you have to know that you are the representative of the concave form. So when this kind of snake-like stick comes, you have to make sure your door is closed. Your husband is the only one with the key to open it. Your husband's snake head is that of the true blood lineage, so it is not poisonous. It is the representative and extension of God's sexual organ. [Father asks Rev. Chang Shik Yang:] "When a beautiful most ideal type woman appears in front of you is your tongue split in two or not?" He has that possibility. He is at least honest, so now he is forgiven.

The same for women. When your ideal type handsome young man appears, is your door starting to open or not? [No!] You may say no because you already became a grandmother, but a young, restless, enthusiastic woman may not say no. There is always the possibility. Do you understand?

In the Garden of Eden there were the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil representing the sexual organs of Adam and Eve. When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman about the living water, he was talking about the sexual organs. If Christians truly understood this meaning

they would be shocked. Because illicit love was sown in the Garden of Eden, now in the Last Days everything is being harvested through the phenomenon of free sex, homosexuality and so on. The result of the fallen sexual act in the Garden of Eden was the corruption of the lineage. There is fearful activity going on now in America. As long as the practice of free sex continues, AIDS will spread throughout the world, culminating in the extinction of the human race. So how can you embrace a stranger? When American young men and women go to a dancing party and touch their bodies to one another, does the man's snake start moving or not? [Moving.] I don't know. You had experience! [Moving.] It's true. That snake head you are carrying around is more dangerous than a pack of explosives. Once it explodes, not only you but your entire family and nation will be destroyed. Is that true? American people do not know this clearly. Having heard Father's speech you know this clearly. Take action then. Think about the crimes and sins people are committing. Not only homosexuality, but all different kinds of incest are going on. I was told once by one of our members that her nine sisters were all violated by one father. Not even animals do that. Even God would not want to spare fire and the dungeon of hell for such a person. Therefore particularly young women, when the new season comes, do you prepare new garments to attract a man or just wear something plain? What about putting on thick makeup? Many women are now putting this dead blood color on their fingernails and even toenails. Maybe some people will put such a color on their tongue and even teeth. That's the end. They will truly become devils then, monsters. My hands are natural, not even a ring. I have a ring, but I don't wear it. Nothing artificial.

There is no woman Unification Church member who does not like Father. Because I came as the Lord of the Second Advent, the True Parent to humankind, you love True Parents. It is natural for you to like and love me as a father, but sometimes women go beyond that level, liking me not just as a father, who want to come to an equal level, with a male-female feeling. That is no good. True Mother is there. Of course spiritually you may feel encouraged that way. In your dreams you may receive some such revelation. But you have to remember it is not as a partner, but as a father that I am offering love to you in many different shapes and forms.

I know all these secrets and truths. Therefore even if all heaven and earth were to come together and try to seduce me, I would never move an inch. No matter how beautiful a woman were to appear in front of me fully naked and try to seduce me, I would not even blink. We have to train ourselves to this level. Even if you are at the last moment of finishing your lovemaking, at the final moment you have to be able to go down to the zero point and completely stop.

I have spoken plainly, genuinely opened everything, revealed everything. There is nothing else to teach you. So the history or restoration, providence of restoration is completed. In one generation, Father's generation, everything has been completed. ♦

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TO SECOND GENERATION WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

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Hyun Jin Nim guided a workshop for some of the younger adult second generation members, and in informal, outdoor surroundings shared the following words reflecting his vision for the future.

ALL of you are in your late teens and early twenties. Soon you will be receiving the blessing. Soon maybe even some of you will become parents. You have to start developing a different kind of attitude.

I look at this workshop as a leadership training workshop to instill in you the right perspective, the right values for someone who has any kind of leadership position and responsibility. When you think about leadership, you should think about stewardship. Stewardship means that you're acting on behalf of an owner. In other words, you're taking this responsibility for the sake of those whom you lead, and for the sake of those in place of whom you are leading. Do you understand what I'm saying? This is a truly important distinction. Some leaders in our movement do not have this concept. If you want to be a leader, not just hold a position, you have to have the right mindset and value system. That is why you have to have the mentality of a steward. A steward has to be aware of attendance. He is attending that responsibility for the owner, as well as attending those whom he is leading. It is a unique position. That is why a sense of attendance is so important.

Blessed children, regardless of whether they are Korean, Japanese, American or European, have to have the same tradition. Sadly, that is not always the case yet. But slowly we can start changing that if you start making an effort and try to build one common standard or tradition. That means you take seriously what you learn here, And you should take it back to Germany, or to Korea, or to Japan, as an elder brother to set the tradition there for your younger brothers and sisters.

The second generation stands to inherit the foundation that the first generation has built. I am making tremendous effort to build a foundation so that you will have more opportunity than your Hyungs (older brothers) or your Nunas (older sisters) did. I'm trying to open a door. Yet I want to be opening a door for young people who truly have a sense of mission and sense of purpose. You have to be the one who shows me that there is a future in the second generation. When I talk about opening opportunities,

opening doors for you, the ball is in your court. It's up to you. Do you understand what I'm saying?

The second generation has the responsibility to establish victory on the foundation that the first generation erected, which is going to be tremendously challenging. That is why I expect you to take this workshop really seriously, and show me that you have the metal to become the future leaders of our movement. If you do that, then I'll put my neck on the line to open up the road and create opportunities for you to truly fulfill your potential.

Remember, although you might look to a leader for strength, inspiration and vision, eventually the bottom line is what you do, what you accomplish, what you establish, what you fulfill. I'm going to speak honestly to you, not as juveniles, not as children, but as young men who will eventually carry the responsibility to bring the providence into the next millennium and beyond to build the foundation for the third generation—your own children—if you can think that far ahead. The road ahead is not easy. The challenges are not small. There are a lot of rocks, a lot of obstacles on the highway that have to be cleared. And it is the responsibility of the second generation to fulfill that.

The providence will move forward. It is a matter of who fulfills the responsibility. If you cannot, there will be somebody else: God's providence will find someone who can fulfill the responsibility. But remember this. Failure after failure accumulates and the indemnity or burden carried by subsequent individuals becomes greater. Why? Because they will inherit the baggage from their predecessors.

The Principle does not change, regardless of who you are. You have 5 percent responsibility. And that 5 percent responsibility translates into blood, sweat and tears on your part in preparing yourself for whatever challenges are to come in the future. That is why we are having a workshop like this today. That is why I am trying to give you guidance on what you have to do in the future, what you have to learn, what kind of challenges you will face.

Christianity focuses too much on faith—that somehow some divine intervention will come in and miraculously change things. Yet we are considered heretical because we are saying that it is our efforts that will advance the providence of restoration. It is our efforts. It is what we do. It is our 5



Hyun Jin Nim's vision is for the second generation to actively inherit and conscientiously build upon the existing foundation

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percent responsibility. That means you have to earn whatever right you have to stand in the position of a leader. Just being a second generation blessed child does not give you that right. You have to earn it. You have to prepare yourself and show that you are the most qualified out of a group of candidates.

When we talk about the internal foundation, what does that mean to you? You have to be a man of conscience. You have to be moved by conscience. Yet the reality is that not everyone has the same level of conscience. Conscience is something that we develop and deepen as we grow, as we mature. How can you deepen your conscience? Can you deepen it when you live your life frivolously from day to day? You develop it through

enduring difficulty and being grateful. Enduring difficulty and being grateful. That is the food and nourishment that allows your sensitivity of conscience to grow, deepen and broaden. Do you understand? That is why this kind of workshop is good for young people. When I look at the young people especially in modern society—even some blessed children I'm sad to say—living in America or in a modern country, I feel as if they are dying morally, in their conscience, and I really wonder how these people can become future leaders for humanity.

If you are a leader you will affect many people's lives because people will depend on the decisions you make and example you set. Therefore, you have to be the most conscientious. You have to take account of your actions, how you present yourself, what you say and what you do. Everything is connected. It is very difficult for those without the proper attitude to broaden or deepen the sensitivity of their conscience. You have to be sensitive. This is the most difficult thing to learn. Anybody can learn management or communication skills. But not just anybody is a person of conscience—the kind of person that people want to follow. Don't think that just because you become a leader people will automatically follow you. You have to earn their respect. At the same time, you must become the kind of person that they want to follow, that they want to emulate. Only then do you truly stand in a leader's position. Without that you are like a thief. One of the things I try to tell your parents, the first generation is, "Look. Now that our movement is in a transition period from working on the level of family to the level of a nation, you

cannot look at your leadership responsibilities on in terms of your personal relationship with True Parents. You have to include those whom you are leading in the equation." From my viewpoint, this is truly the beginning point of true leadership. And it falls within the definition of what I mean by a

steward. You're a steward for the owner and you're a steward to those you lead. Do you understand? It is more difficult for the first generation to make the transition to this new era because the time of the first generation was operating on a level of a family. So the older brother took responsibility. Leadership has been based not so much on ability as on seniority. The first generation had to create the foundation of

faith. They focused more on their relationship with True Parents and did not spend enough time taking care of the flock or the organizations they were leading. Now with the second generation the era is changing.

What I want to instill in you if you are to be future leaders is that you have a conscience. With that you must recognize that your responsibility is not only to True Parents and True Family, but also to your flock—to your congregation if you are a minister, to your organization and employees if you are a business leader. Whatever the field, you are the conduit, you are the nerves. Any future leader of our movement has to be a person not only of the greatest character and integrity, but also a person of greatest ability. That person will earn, and everyone will know he earned, that leadership position—because he will be the most qualified.

Show me that you are worthy to be here at this workshop. That you're not a freeloader. You are not here just because you are blessed children. You are not special just because you were born without original sin. When I reflect on my life, I was never just handed anything. Moreover, I never wanted that. I wanted to do everything myself so that whatever capability I had would be irrefutable.

I want you to have that kind of spirit, because such people will be the leaders of the future. If you are given handouts, the only one who suffers is you. If your course is rocky and difficult, the only one who benefits is you, especially if you are able to overcome it.

That is why we come out here in the wilderness like this. That is why we try to have workshops that are more challeng-



TRUE PARENTS IN KOREA

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True Parents sing on a visit to inspect the nearly complete Cheonsung Wanglim Palace at Chung Pyung, in mid-September



True Parents pray at the Yoido Holy Ground on their arrival in Korea

True Parents open a new student facility at Sun Moon University on September 12. Father wrote "Choong Joong Shim" which can be expressed "Place the center of your heart in loyalty."



True Parents visit and pray at the Wonjeon during their mid-September sojourn in Korea

TRUE PARENTS IN BRAZIL



*Right: True Parents meet with a group of Jardim workshop participants at the HotelAmericano
Above: Saying farewell*



*Left: Father speaks at the Ideal Family Education Headquarters at New Hope East Garden
Below: Father, Mother and leaders admire a large baku*



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Remember that conscience is something you develop through enduring difficulties and being grateful. And for that you need an attitude of attendance.

ing, not only internally but also externally, workshops that are going to shake every fiber of your being. You have to earn the right to lead. That is why you have to make a determination now. For some of you it may be too daunting a task. Some of you, however, will rise to the challenge. Our movement, and thus God's providence, will benefit.

The time will come very quickly when the second generation will start taking more and more responsibility in God's providence. Sooner than you think. How well you prepare yourself for that time is up to you. My hope is that each and every one of you can make a substantial contribution, and be recognized in history. But once again, it is up to you. I can only pave the way for you. Whether you walk that road or not and how fast you go is up to you.

What kind of precedent are you setting for the third generation—for your children? Regardless of where you are in the next five or ten years you should always have the desire in your hearts to fulfill God's providence of restoration, to make a significant contribution. If there is a vacuum in the leadership among younger members, then you will feel the need to rise to the challenge and take on that responsibility. The kind of conscientious second generation members we need are those who feel called to come and make a contribution. Frankly speaking, everyone thinks about going off and doing their own thing—even me—because there are so many challenges to be met, so much that has to be endured. But you can never run away from your responsibility. You can never change who you are, the fact that you are the second generation blessed children of this movement. Almost by birthright you have been born with a certain responsibility—whether you like it or not. Some of you are going to fight this. Some are going to accept it. "I cannot run away from what I am, who I am. I have to face my responsibility. I have to make my mark. I have to make a contribution in God's providence." I hope it is sooner rather than later.

It won't be easy. There will be tremendous internal and external challenges to face. I want you to come to terms with this now rather than later. I will be expecting a lot from you, especially if you make that determination. I expect a lot from myself. I hold myself to a very high standard, so I expect that same standard from each and every one of you.

You have to develop your character, your integrity. You also have to build up your ability, in whatever field you feel is your calling. If you feel you have a special talent or ability you have to develop it. In the future our movement is not going to be only about faithful members: it's going to be about faithful members with ability. Though the first generation, Father built the skeleton. It is the mission of the second generation to flesh it out; in other words, take the foundation that Father has established, and make it successful.

The purpose of God's providence is to bring unity between the spiritual and physical self. God's ideal was to establish ideal man and woman. Why did God need this? So that He could be made substantial through ideal human beings.

If mind and body are united, God can come and dwell: this is the meaning of ideal Adam and Eve. Organizationally, the spiritual, religious aspect is subject. Then the non-profit organizations, the businesses are the physical aspect in the posi-



tion of object. Union of the two is necessary. In the first generation there was tremendous focus on foundation of faith. As times change, you must remember that new standards arise. A foundation of absolute faith, love and obedience is fundamental. On top of that you have to make a substantial foundation. That age has now come. The standard of excellence is not only to be internal. You have to have an external standard of excellence too. That is a lot to ask, but it is necessary if you wish to qualify as a leader in our movement. It starts with conscience. Remember that conscience is something you develop through enduring difficulties and being grateful. And for that you need an attitude of attendance. That is why all these small things are important in developing and molding a person.

People might not be judging you, but you have to begin judging yourself. The second generation is participating in the restoration process. Therefore, you have to be morally, consciously responsible individuals.

It is crucial that the first and second generations work together because a precedent is being set, and inter-generational precedent. Transition points mean new attitudes and a new focus—not just spiritually, but externally. Substantial victory requires a substantial foundation. ♦

UNIVERSAL BALLET COMPANY RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR THE ARTS



Representing the Universal Ballet Company, Hoon Sook Nim (Julia H. Moon) receives the 1999 Presidential Award for the Performing Arts from President Kim Dae Jung of Korea, in a ceremony held on October 20, 1999, at a theater in Seoul



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The above company has been selected for the group-level award in the performing arts section of the Republic of Korea's 31st Culture and Arts awards, and is awarded this certificate.

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Universal Ballet in preparation for the company's November premiere of La Bayadère at the Sejong Cultural Center in Seoul



The Meaning of the Liberation of Cosmic Unification for the Parents of Heaven and Earth and Sam Ship Jeol

REVEREND SUN JO HWANG
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 HEADQUARTERS CHURCH, SEOUL

As president of the church in Korea, Rev. Hwang maintains the tradition True Parents began long ago of holding a 6:00 a.m. Sunday Service in the Headquarters Church. Many church leaders attend to deepen their understanding of Father's declarations and words in the context of the advancing providence. Today's World will publish those sermons whose content is the most helpful in this light.

BROTHERS, sisters. How are you all? I am sure that God's blessing will be with all of you who came here this morning in the hope of seeing True Parents. On this particular occasion, True Parents came to Korea and, for the sake of everyone, carried out a special providential event.

True Parents graciously instituted the September 9 as *Ku Ku* (9.9) *Jeol*, "Day of Nine Nines," and the September 10 as *Sam Ship* (3.10) *Jeol*, "Day of Three Tens." [Editor's note: 7.8 *Jeol* is similar in concept, but the integers are reversed. Thus it could be read, "the Day of Eight Sevens"] The basis of the name *Ku Ku Jeol* is the number 9 being repeated 9 times precisely on the ninth second past the ninth minute past the ninth hour of the ninth day of September, the ninth month of the year 1999, the year of the 79th anniversary of Father's birth. As you all know, the number nine is a precondition for a new start, and is a number claimed by Satan. For that reason, after True Parents arrived in Korea and dealt with many providential matters, they chose this day and declared "The Realm of Liberation of Cosmic Unification for the Parents of Heaven and Earth," thus graciously instituting this day as the Day of Nine Nines. If 1 is added to this number it becomes 10. So again, Father offered a benediction at the tenth minute past the tenth hour on the tenth of September, when the number 10, which is the foundation for a new beginning, was repeated three times, and instituted this day as the Day of Three Tens.

On many occasions, we observe such providential events yet we are given over to habitual thinking. There have been many anniversaries and days of declaration, and often we do not really take the meaning into our hearts.

Providential record of a special history

As we see in the words we studied and learned today, God's history of the providence of restoration began after Adam and Eve fell. The Bible is the record of events in the long history of God's providence. There is a lot of content in the Bible, and certain parts of the Bible are particularly concerned with historical records.

In the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, there are spe-

cial records related with history. These records are not concerned with the history of nations in the secular world, nor with world history, the history of civilization, or the history of religions. They record God's history of salvation—namely the acts by which God is saving this world. The history of God's providence, carried out over 6,000 years, is divided up and put into these skimpy historical chronicles. The events themselves are rather simple. There is the story about the incidents in Adam's family, the story about the incidents in Noah's family. The entire life of Noah is not recorded. Only what occurred centering on the ark Noah built are recorded.

Records concerning Abraham also appear in the Bible, but these too are not concerned with the entire life of the man.

Only the records that center on Abraham's offering of the sacrifice appear. The same is true for the records related to Moses, and the same is true for the records related to the nation of Israel. The same is true of the records concerning Jesus; the Gospels record his life, but they do not record his entire life. Two thirds of the Gospels deal with a three-year period of Jesus' life. And of those two thirds, a large portion, more than half, is the record of a six day period. If we think about what this tells us, we find that, while the Bible does record and chronicle the history of God's salvation of this world, it only records the important and major providential events that occur during that history.

If we compare these records in the Bible, namely these various incidents in biblical history where God won victory, with the providential events that happen as True Parents walk their path, one can get a keen sense of the importance and value of the event True Parents oversaw here a few days ago.

True Father, born upon this earth, is walking the course as the central person of the providence to fully restore, through indemnity, the entire history of the human race. Accordingly, each of the many events True Parents carry out during their lives has meaning as an event of the chosen race.

The time of fruition for the providence

What time is this in which we now live? To be succinct, we can say that now is the era of providential fruition, when True Parents' providential lives, finally, and in all matters, are coming to fruition. It is also the time of fruition for the restoration providence of human history. Furthermore, from the viewpoint of our church it is the time of the fruition of the history of the Unification Church; from the viewpoint of our individual faith, it is the time of the fruition of the history of

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our individual faith.

Since True Parents have been on earth, they have spoken to us about many providential occurrences. Beginning with the 1990s, there have been many declarations, particularly so after 1993, when the providence entered the Completed Testament era. Why so? The reason is that we have begun the process of fruition for the providence. Moreover, as Father explained on the occasion of this recent event, True Parents have carried out many providential matters that started with *7.8 Jeol*—the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth—which was declared in 1997. Within the framework of a providential and historical understanding of these series of providential events, we can reflect on the providential meaning of *Ku Ku Jeol* and *Sam Ship Jeol*, which True Parents recently instituted.

Do you know just how precise True Parents are in everything they do? You would not believe how precise True Parents are in the way they take care of their appearance. Recently when True Father was here he recommended to the president of *The Segye Times* newspaper, Mr. Byung Jun Song, who is more than 70 years old, that he dye his head of white hair. Father told him, "You are now a public figure. Why do you go around with such a shock of white hair on your head? You should dye your hair and present yourself with more grace and dignity." Mr. Song said he had never used dye for his hair, not once in his whole life [although it is very common for senior Koreans to do so—Editor]. Nevertheless, as Father personally requested him to dye his hair, Mr. Song appeared yesterday with a completely new look. Dying his hair has made him look 20 years younger.

This is just a small example, but really, it simply is not possible to describe in words how thorough True Parents are in their daily life. Brothers and sisters, if you take a careful look at True Parents' lifestyle, you can really feel this. The image of self-control that Father makes when he puts on a tie...if you or I are busy, we are usually not so meticulous about a tie. Sometimes our tie is a bit too long, sometimes a bit too short. But the neck tie that Father ties, it always extends exactly to

the tip of his trouser belt. Of course, this is just a small matter, but it shows the kind of thoroughness that permeates Father's life. If Father is so meticulous with such a small aspect of his personal appearance as his tie, how thorough would he be when carrying out providential events?

The standard of Father's life

In 1986, I was involved, together with our student members, in dealing with the students from the radical movement. On one occasion, I took 120 of the radical student movement leaders from Seoul University, which was the prime base and headquarters of the radical movement, to the United States. They were very passionate, almost fanatical students. Nevertheless, their time in America, when they had the opportunity to observe all the different activities of our movement, made a deep impression upon them. They were quite moved. Then, at the very end of the tour, True Parents invited them to East Garden. In taking them along to East Garden I felt a heavy sense of burden. I did not know how they would behave. What if they made a demonstration, or puffed away on cigarettes all the time, or asked awkward and inappropriate questions? Can you imagine how nervous I was as their leader and guide?

So, before we went there, I really worked on them. I even got them to promise to make a *kyungbae* (full Korean bow) to Father, and to not smoke under any circumstances. So they all dressed in suits, nice and clean, and off we went to East Garden. They really had great expectations. "Now that we are going to meet Reverend Moon, we'll hear some really interesting stuff. The (North-South) unification problem, the Korea-America problem, current political issues, the problems of democracy, and so forth. We'll be hearing about a lot of things, this should be great." They had such expectations as we left for East Garden.

After dinner, Father began his speech. The first thing Father said as soon as he stood up to the speaker's platform was "You guys know what concave and convex are, don't you?" That was the first thing he said. Concave and convex.

Rev. Sun Jo Hwang Appointed Vice-Chairman of *The Segye Times* Newspaper

HSA-UWC Foundation chairman Sun Jo Hwang took office as the third vice-chairman of *The Segye Times* on September 1, 1999. Byung Joon Song, the *Times*' executive vice-president, was inaugurated as president on the same day. The inauguration ceremony was held at *The Segye Times* main auditorium at 11 o'clock in the morning on September 1, with approximately six hundred distinguished guests, executives and employees attending. In his inaugural speech, Vice-Chairman Hwang said, "*The Segye Times* has a clear, basic vision provided by the chairman and founder of the newspaper, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who, throughout his life, has taken initiative in the movement for world peace and unification."

He emphasized the need for an all-out renewal and for facing up to the reality that there can be no retreat. In that light he stated, "To achieve this, it will be necessary to ascertain whether the founding ideals are being realized, where we stand as an established opinion paper, and how much influence we are having on government policy." He added, "I cannot but give special attention to the company members as they are the driving force for the newspaper's development. To be a first rate paper we must create the conditions under which employees can make optimal use of their abilities. I therefore hope to re-examine everything from the starting point." ♦



Rev. Hwang delivers his inaugural address

He spoke for five hours, and right up until the end, concave and convex. Do you think those folks had ever listened to a speech about “concave and convex”? They endured it for about two hours, but with Father going on and on about concave and convex, some people came outside and lit up smokes, some folks got peeved and irritated...all kinds of things happened. But Father paid it no mind at all and just went ahead talking about concave and convex.

After we got on the bus—the speech finished at two o’clock in the morning—all the students just sat in their seats with their eyes shut tight. They were so disappointed. They thought that when they met Reverend Moon they were going to hear something incredible and precious, but after five straight hours of nothing but concave and convex, they just sat there with their eyes held shut.

In the morning, Father called me over to East Garden again, so off I went. After I arrived, Father asked me “How was the response?” So, just as it was, I told him. “After we got on the bus, they all just sat there with their eyes closed. It was completely silent.” After I said that, Father, smiling and laughing, told me: “In all my life I will meet with the members of the radical student movement only once. There is no reason for us to meet again. So, in this situation, what can I leave them with, what kind of seed can I plant? They probably won’t understand it now, but after 10, 20 years, they will understand.” And that’s what Father said.

That is the standard of life for Father. Even if he is just meeting one of those students, Father meets him based on eternity. Whomever Father meets, he always speaks about principle-related content. That’s because Father’s philosophy of life, Father’s path, is “Whenever you meet someone once, you may not be able to meet that person again, for eternity. Therefore, even if they do not believe what you say, declare the truth. Even if they do not follow you, talk to them.” With True Parents living this kind of cosmic life, a life with such eternal value, could the providence enacted and created by them be simplistic or unsophisticated?

Lessons that Father’s life teaches us

On one occasion back when True Parents visited Korea in June, they happened to go down to Cheju Island, where they visited the botanical gardens. When, after walking around the gardens, Father came across the lotus flowers, he stopped and said “All of you, take note of the lotus flowers. The reason it is possible for such beautiful flowers to blossom in the midst of this dirty water is that the roots are driven deep. In the same way, we carry out our life of faith in the midst of a dark world, and we have to have roots if we want the flowers to blossom. Make your lives of faith like the lotuses.”

On another occasion one spring, True Father came back from the bathroom and said “I looked at the flowers in the bathroom this morning. They’re two centimeters bigger.” Father meant that they grew that much in just one night. “The laws of creation are so exact, but what about all of you?” Another time, Father was riding in the elevator at the airport when the elevator made a beep sound because too many people had gotten on. Hearing this, Father said “Machines are so exact. We should reflect on what our own life of faith is like.” Those were Father’s words.

How does this kind of life of True Parents impact us in the

present? It was no accident that True Parents came to Korea and made a special report to Heaven, then declared one day of liberation before all of history, our descendants and all the spirit world, setting the time at 9 seconds past 9 minutes past 9 o’clock on the morning of the 9th day of September, then again at 10 minutes past 10 o’clock on the 10th of September. It was also not just a temporary action. It was something Father decided upon with eternal cosmic value in mind.

True Parents have come to this world and have revealed to us many providential events and also created many commemorative days, but the institution of a commemoration over a three-day period, as done with this last event, is unprecedented. Furthermore, it will not occur again. I want you all to mark well and keep in mind that this last event was of that kind of important historical significance.

In Christianity, a most important ceremony, which has been carried out for the last 2000 years, is the Eucharist (Holy Communion). It has its origins in the last supper of Christ with his disciples, the day before Christ entered Jerusalem to be crucified.

It was a very small ceremony. However, that small, apparently insignificant set of actions has remained as the most important tradition of 2000 years of Christianity.

Taking this into consideration, what kind of great and amazing providential event do you think that each one of the providential declarations and commemorations made by True Parents will become? The same goes for the spiritual world. The time will come

when we pass over to the spiritual world and testify to these things. Whenever we celebrate and commemorate the Day of Nine Nines and the Day of Three Tens in the spirit world, we will all be able to say “Yes, I was there when it all took place!” We will have that kind of eternal testimony.

Simply by the fact that we participate in such important events, we can understand that just one event is an important pledge of the eternal life we are to live after our life on earth.

The creation of God’s sovereignty

Now let me briefly explain the meaning behind these events. In order to understand any one providential event, we need to examine the background that both precedes and follows the occurrence of the event. This enables us to grasp the meaning. For example, Father has recently explained that 7.8 Jeol and Ku Ku Jeol are the two important pillars (axes) of the period of providential fruition.

Then let’s take a look at 7.8 Jeol. 7.8 Jeol was declared at 7 seconds past 7 minutes past 7 o’clock on the morning of the 7th day of the 7th month (lunar calendar), in 1997. There were many providential events before 7.8 Jeol, and there have been many since. However, the meaning and value of all of those providential events are completely different when seen from the viewpoint of 7.8 Jeol being the standard. All the events, blessings, rallies, and the like, that took place up until 7.8 Jeol, can be described as incidents belonging to the providence of restoration. They are providential events that took place to restore of the realm of the elder son, the realm of the parents, and the realm of kingship away from Satan. When we say True Parents carry out restoration, that is not just some simple throw-away comment.

I think the simplest way to express restoration is to say there are eight vertical and eight horizontal stages to restora-

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tion. However, there are many different layers to these, and the meaning varies a lot accordingly. So, generally speaking, we can divide all events into two categories. All the providential events that took place before the 7.8 Jeol were events in restoration, and those that have taken place after 7.8 Jeol are events of creation, carried out by Father as he creates the original world after having completed the restoration of elder-sonship, parenthood and kingship away from Satan.

Events before 7.8 Jeol are events of restoration, and events after 7.8 Jeol are events of creation. Through them, Father is building up the original world of creation with the sovereignty and authority of God. To give one rather simplistic example, we made donations to the providence before the 7.8 Jeol, and we have also made donations after 7.8 Jeol. Just the same. However, all the offerings that we made before 7.8 Jeol were not entirely received by God. These were offerings through separation. Do you know what separation means here? It means there were two masters, two owners. Heaven owns a portion, and Satan also owns a portion. Therefore, because there are two owners, offering is only possible through a process of separation.

However, the offerings we make after 7.8 Jeol are not offerings made through separation. They are "Total Living Offerings" [Chong Saeng Chuk Heon Mul]. What this means is that these offerings cannot be taken by Satan. This is an incredible

change. The same goes for providential incidents and events. Before 7.8 Jeol, providential events were continuously carried out for the sake of restoration, but after 7.8 Jeol providential events have unfolded as the accomplishment and completion of all the promises of history. The full authority of True Parents is being manifested.

For example, True Parents say that they are liberating the spiritual world and that they are liberating hell. This cannot be done in a careless or purposeless way. How exacting do you think True Parents would be in their fight with Satan? If one gets caught by some condition, the power of heaven cannot be manifested. If Satan accuses, God cannot manifest as the omnipotent God, but in fact becomes a powerless God. If we fall into a situation where Satan can accuse us, God cannot come and help us. When there is a condition for Satan to accuse, God, who is omnipotent, is brought down to the level of powerlessness. That is the reason True Parents' fight with Satan is so intense: so that there is no accusation.

Back when I was blessed, as another example, it was necessary to undergo a seven-year separation period in order to receive the blessing. Why was that? Because of Satan's accusation. Without such a condition of indemnity, one was not able to go before Heaven. However, that indemnity condition has gradually decreased in size. Seven years became three years, three years became 22 months, seven months,

United Nations NGO Conference in Seoul

WFWP-Sponsored Workshop on "The 21st Century and Family Ethics"

ON October 13, as part of a United Nations Non Governmental Organizations Conference held in Seoul, the Women's Federation for World Peace (which has NGO status) held a workshop on "The 21st Century and Family Ethics." This was one of several seminars organized by participating NGOs. Rev. Sun Jo Hwang was invited to speak on the theme in his capacity as international president of FFWPU. Distinguished Women's Federation representatives from the United States, Thailand and Taiwan also gave presentations.



Rev. Hwang with WFWP representatives after the workshop

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From Rev. Hwang's words to the NGO Conference workshop:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, where is it that we can learn about and re-create humanity in its original essence? It is in each one of our homes. East or West, ancient or modern, families are the community of love beyond ideology or religion. I therefore believe that Family Ethics to be the most universal value system for the 21st century, both in the East and in the West."

"Only a pure love movement holds the key to the realiza-

tion of a society of true ethics and morality, and it will become the compass by which humankind initiates a new cultural civilization. When chastity and pure love are installed as the foundation, then a happy family will be realized—and happy families make a healthy society, and a healthy society nourishes a rich and powerful nation, promising a bright future for humankind..."

four months. Is the reason because Satan did not make any accusation? No. Satan was just the same. Then why did the conditions get smaller? The conditions decreased in size to the same extent that the heavenly sovereignty expanded.

The great departure

With the establishment of *Ku Ku Jeol*, we entered the age in which God, Hananim, was able, without any condition whatsoever, to extend blessing even to Lucifer, the originator of the fall. This is the manifestation of God's omnipotence, and is possible because of the extent to which God's sovereignty has been extended.

This is the kind of providential change that has now arrived. In declaring *Ku Ku Jeol* recently, Father blessed the world with an age in which no indemnity conditions are necessary. The indemnity conditions for receiving the blessing have been eliminated. Isn't that so? Back in the old days, the holy separation period was seven years. Then three years. Quite a lot of different conditions were required then, such as the successful restoration of three spiritual children. And after the blessing was received, there were still more *tang-gam* (indemnity) conditions to be fulfilled. One was the period of public mission work to be undertaken after the blessing. However, now this period has been reduced, and the *tang-gam* conditions prior to the blessing have disappeared.

If anyone just walking down the street wanted the blessing, he or she could receive it. On the other hand, the period of missionary work after the blessing had been maintained. This means that there were still indemnity conditions. However, through *Ku Ku Jeol*, in addition to the conditions formerly required prior to the blessing, which had already been eliminated, the three-year period of public life following the blessing has also been removed. Thus the course of public life both before and after the blessing has been removed. This means that the providential age has changed. Of course, the world does not know the difference. Who amongst the citizens of Korea would know about such a change in the providence?

It would be strange if they knew about changes in the providence. Only people inside the sphere of the providence know about changes in the providence. So, when declaring *Ku Ku Jeol*, True Parents said that this time blessed couples should start family life directly after receiving the blessing and passing through a 40-day holy separation period. In the past, one had to be over 30 to start family life, but now it is possible to begin family life straight away. This is a prime example of just how much the sovereignty of Heaven has been established on the earth.

The event that Father declared was the Liberation of Cosmic Unification for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Now, everything becomes part of a unified whole, in the context of being centered on Heaven. Mind and body, every single thing, experiences unification. Husband and wife experience unification, couples and their offspring experience unification, different neighborhoods experience unification centering on Heaven, human beings and all of nature experience unification. The special providential meaning of the recent commemoration is found in a great providential turning point, with everything being liberated from Satan.

The completion and perfection of all these providential events will be accomplished through True Parents' 80th birthday anniversary, to be held on the coming February 10. When we reach that time, all things will be liberated. Up until now, True Parents have only given conditional liberation for all the mistakes we have made in the past, including situations where blessings were broken, or where members fell and suffered the subsequent burdens, and so forth.

The other day I asked True Father, "When you gave the blessing, you asked all the people who had made mistakes in the past to attend the ceremony and receive forgiveness. I am curious....when will those who received forgiveness actually be restored to their original state?" Father answered me "They have been liberated conditionally, but the completed liberation still remains to be given." Complete liberation will occur next year on February 10.

Up until the present, Father has been continuously moving ahead, aiming at the complete liberation of the True Parents providence. One crossroads was *7.8 Jeol*, and starting with that there was the Declaration and Celebration for True Parents' Cosmic Victory on June 14. Now, True Parents have come here and declared the Realm of Liberation of Cosmic Unification for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. So, the *7.8 Jeol* and the Declaration and Celebration True Parents' Cosmic Victory on June 14, the declaration of Liberation of Cosmic Unification for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and finally, on February 10 next year, the completed liberation of the entire providence; the accomplishment

of this perfected liberation is the reason we are now walking the path of faith.

An offering for the sake of liberation

True Parents recently emphasized a special donation. Donations are rather a large burden for us, aren't they? Don't you feel that way? It's kind of frightening to meet True Parents, isn't it? But that way of thinking is actually rather negative and limited. Even if you cannot make the donations, you should not have that kind of attitude when dealing with donations. The path that we are walking is one that takes place only once in human history. And who are we? Considering this question centering on individuals, we are walking this path as representatives of our clans, our ancestors and our descendants. Looking at us in our entirety, we are walking this path as representatives of all of human history, and all people. And so, as we walk this path, there is a burden we have to carry.

That burden is one which is designed to resolve all things completely. Therefore, this offering is not an offering to bind and imprison us, but an offering for our liberation. It is an offering so that God can liberate us. It is the smallest possible token so that it can be said "That is mine." Please remember and mark it in your hearts that this is the meaning of this offering, and do your best.◆

[Translated by Andrew Hirota-Lauserg. Edited for Today's World]

Second International "Hoon Dok Hae" Seminar

SEPTEMBER 17 TO 20, 1999, WASHINGTON, DC

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ON September 17-20, 1999, in Washington, DC, the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, along with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, the World University Federation and the World Media Association, sponsored the second International Seminar on "True Families as the Foundation for World Peace in the New Millennium," also known as the "hoon dok hae" seminars.

This seminar attracted more than 200 participants from fifty-five nations. Drawing from the constituencies of the respective sponsoring organizations, the participants were primarily political leaders, religious leaders, academics and persons from the media.

Through the study of Father's words, people of all faiths and nationalities come to a greater appreciation of our common values and shared concerns. Moreover, those who have studied at these seminars graduate with a broader, more inclusive vision of world peace, and they come to appreciate the contribution that True Parents are making at this time in history.

The seminar participants were challenged, stimulated and ultimately inspired by their direct encounter with the words of True Parents. As Dr. Gor-

don Anderson of PWPA noted, "In many past conferences, we Unificationists stood as interpreters or mediators of True Parents message. In these seminars, however, the participant has a direct encounter with the word. They seem to be more transformed in this way, than they were in the past when we presented lectures ourselves."

In fact, with this second seminar, the participants received an even more direct encounter with True Parents. Although True Parents were intending to travel to South America the day before the seminar was to begin, we learned the day of the seminar that they had changed plans and decided to come to Washington, DC and be present at the Closing Banquet on September 19.

One account stated that True Parents' change of plans was stimulated by the presence of the hurricane which made air travel impossible on the scheduled day of departure; it was reported that Father took this as a sign that he should "do something for North America" before heading south. Indeed he did. At the Closing Banquet, at the conclusion of an inspiring three days of reflecting on True Parents words, Father personally delivered a speech he had given on February 21, 1980, in New York City, on the occasion of Father's sixtieth Birthday.



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The speech was entitled "God's Fatherland."

The theme of this speech, "forgiveness of one's enemies" as the key to success and the primary quality of God's nation or fatherland, was very well-received by the participants. Having spent so much time studying Father's words, they had a great foundation for receiving True Parents at that moment. As part of the banquet program, True Parents personally presented seminar graduation certificates to a representative from each continent. In turn many participants presented gifts they had prepared for True Parents. There was a joyful and loving spirit. In fact, there were several reports of participants who had come with a somewhat cynical or distant attitude who, by the close of the banquet, were overflowing with warmth-heartedness and gratitude. In the words of one participant, "The peak moment of the seminar, its greatest blessing was meeting Reverend Moon."

One other surprise feature of the seminar was a visit from the Vice-President of Uganda, Dr. Specioza Wandira Kazibwe. She was in New York for a series of meetings at the United Nations. At the invitation of Mr. Neil Salonen, the Vice-President agreed to attend the seminar and speak to the participants. Having come to feel very close to True Mother as a result of her visit to Uganda

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FORTY DAYS SPECIAL FISHING WORKSHOP FOR JAPANESE NATIONAL MESSIAHS

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TRUE Parents called all Japanese national messiahs to Olimpo in the Pantanal, and 100 Japanese national messiahs gathered for the 40 days fishing workshop. About same number gathered in November and December last year for a 40 days fishing workshop, but it turned out we could not fish at all for it was a closed season so we all worked building the Olimpo Training Center. Unlike last year's 40 days, this time we could fish every day from 7:30 in the morning to 5:00 in the afternoon. There were two major purposes for this 40 days: to inherit True Parents' spirit and tradition through fishing and hoon dok hae, and construction of the new Training Center at Farm Leda. True Father wanted us to read three times during the 40 days Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom (I) and Earthly life and Spirit World (I) and (II). We had three hours of hoon dok hae per day, an hour early in the morning and two hours at night. Half-way through the workshop we had to select good fast readers from among our number in order to finish the three readings on schedule.

We have bought a farm of 80,000 hectares 70 km north (upstream) of Olimpo. The farm is called "Leda." Farm Leda runs 20km along the Paraguay River and 40km deep into Paraguay. I heard from Rev. Oyamada that 80,000 hectares is bigger than the city of Seoul. True Father wants to construct a base camp at there

Olimpo Training Center



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for the development of the area. This 40 days special fishing workshop began officially from August 1 with only 13 Japanese national messiahs together with True Parents at Hotel Americano. Though there were only 13 Japanese national messiahs gathered, True Parents inaugurated the workshop with prayer and a speech. We could see, through True Father's inaugural prayer and the speech, the vision and determination of True Parents and their deep heart poured into the development of the Pantanal.

God's creation as it was

The Pantanal is a vast and ecologically rich area that extends over parts of Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia. It is about 200,000 square kilometers of flat wetland, the most extensive in the world. The Paraguay River runs North to South through the middle of the Pantanal. The land slopes only 6 to 12 cm per km in the East-West direction and from 1 to 2 cm per km in the North-South direction. This means that the area is prone to flooding along the Paraguay River, the only drainage out of the Pantanal.

Considering its uniqueness and ecological importance, the Pantanal is not yet well known. I had never heard of it before. If one compares it with other areas of the globe, the Pantanal is an ideal area—with many of the necessary qualities for the construction of a model city. True Father said "I can feel that Heavenly Father prepared the Pantanal through His love. If not for the Pantanal, this part of the world would



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True Mother prays at the opening of the special forty-day workshop for Japanese (Eve-nation) national messiahs

not interest me much." There are about 700 species of bird, 80 mammals and 50 reptiles, as well as 240 species of fish.

Around 1992 True Father began to come to the Jardim area to fish for dorado. He went to the Jardim area for the first time in December 1994, and I was fortunate enough to be with True Parents at that time. They stayed in a countryside house that belonged to a relative of one Brazilian member. From there, True Parents went to see the farm property where we now have New Hope East Garden. The first international leaders' meeting and fishing was held at Jardim at the beginning of April 1995. And that time, True Father made the *New Hope Farm Declaration*. True Father says that the Pantanal is a place where God's creation has remained as it was, unharmed and uncontaminated by fallen human civilization, a place where we are not stimulated or influenced by the fallen elements of human society. If we come to the Pantanal we can approach Heavenly Father and the purity of nature much better, and it can stimulate our God-given original nature.

Hotel Americano

The Hotel Americano, at which True Parents have been carrying out very important ceremonies since May 14 last year, 1998, has now been purchased. It was at this very Hotel Americano that True Father made a special prayer condition for three days to forgive the most evil figures in human history. Also on



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the same day this year as last, True Father received the repentance of Lucifer and conducted a ceremony to forgive Lucifer so that he could return to his original position. The hotel is located a little upstream from Olimpo Training Center, maybe about 20 minutes away by high-speed boat; it is a branch of the HotelAmericano at Porto Murtinho. They were both acquired at the same time. Porto Murtinho is a Brazilian town on the Paraguay River, the transit point to come to Olimpo from Jardim. From Jardim to Porto Murtinho takes about 4 hours by bus. It took us more than 10 hours from Olimpo from Porto Murtinho in an old wooden cargo boat. A Good Go boat from Master Marine takes only 2 to 3 hours, but during the workshop we utilized whatever was available. We even rode a cattle boat from Olimpo to the HotelAmericano to meet True Parents, but it went aground—the hotel is not built along the main river channel, so when the water is low the pilot must know the exact passage. The main channel of the Paraguay River is deep enough for large cargo vessels, and True Father would like to see the development of a transportation system connecting major cities along the river.

HotelAmericano has an old main house and five relatively new bungalows. All are constructed on high wooden pillars as protection in case of flooding. The buildings are

elevated about 2.5m from the ground. True Parents stayed in one of the bungalows. On July 27, Father declared, at HotelAmericano, the Holy Ground of holy grounds. In his prayer, True Father described it in three words: the Holy Ground of focused origin, the root Holy Ground, and the victorious Holy Ground. I think the Holy Ground at HotelAmericano is not a holy ground in the sense of conditionally claimed land in the Satanic world, but it is a holy ground that is completely separated from Satan's hand. It is therefore

the first foundation of God's blessed nation. On the foundation of True Parents' declaration of the completion of restoration, we can now begin to build up a new Eden. God's Kingdom will start from there.

A fisherman's guide

Our goal for fishing was to catch a total of 160 fish, 40 each of 4 kinds and we could not count those less than a certain length: baku had to be at least 40 cm, poga 30 cm or more, dorado 55 cm, and at least 80 cm for a pintado. During August we were able to catch many fish, but as the water subsided the fish also gradually disappeared. I was at Olimpo from August 17 until September 29 and the water level went down more than

two meters during that period. The fish move deeper when the water goes down and they become harder to catch.

We were using crab as bait because piranha do not eat crab, but that was the biggest reason we did not catch many dorado and pintado. Tubira is small eel-like fish ideal as bait for dorado and pintado, but when we use it we must be ready for a lot of frustration because of so many piranha are waiting to eat it. We bought 1,000 crabs a day for use of 100 of us. A man brought them every night during our hoon dok hae and we distributed 10 crabs each for the next day. Since these 10 were not enough for one full day of fishing, we had to buy another 10 crabs or so by ourselves the next morning before going out. In the early morning, many native people would be waiting just outside of the Training Center for the end of the morning hoon dok hae so that they can sell us bait. There were crab, tubira, river snail and other things. Each person averaged 15 crabs a day or more, so by simple calculation, we came to use about 60,000 crabs in all during the 40 days. This helped me understand why the local people were saying that it became more and more difficult to catch the crabs.

Crab is also good to catch baku and poga. Of course, each fish bites in a different way; even the same fish takes the bait differently depending on where they are. For instance poga, similar to a carp, has at least three ways to take the bait. In a strong current, they bite sud-



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denly and try to swallow the bait quickly, so it is not so difficult to hook them. It generally stays in quiet spots without much current, where they bite very gently so that it is hard to know when to set the hook. Sometimes they eat only one crab leg at a time, and we were often quite frustrated with this. If we hit a spot where many poga live, however, then it would first try to bring the bait somewhere else, pulling the fishing line smoothly as if it were a dog carrying food to a safe place to eat. Poga often live under water plants. In the Pantanal there are many water plants on both sides of the river; I saw one field more than 100 meters wide. When we used a small aluminum boat, we would usually lodge it into the plants to hold it in the same place. Sometimes we would see a crocodile among the plants just several meters away, but we just continued to fish and the crocodile stayed put. We didn't bother each other.

Fishing for baku is very good because it pulls so strongly; a 40-cm fish puts up a good fight. They first touch the bait, then bite strongly. Baku have a hard lower jaw which makes it difficult for the hook to penetrate, so we lift (strike) the fishing rod very sharply as the baku bites the bait and let no slack into the line. After the first strike of the rod we have to hold it high and close to the body while winding in the reel, then pull the pole again with the body arched backward. If the baku is still on the line, then it can be caught. It is so exciting to catch a big baku but it is not only the piranha's mouth that one must be aware of: the baku has also strong teeth.

Still, the famous golden fish, dorado, is the best to catch. Many people come to the Amazon and Pantanal areas hoping to catch dorado because of their sudden strike and powerful fight. The dorado prowls the river over a large range. It can swim very fast and grab the bait at once. After it is hooked the dorado will jump high out of the water—maybe one meter or more—in an effort to escape, sometimes making two and a half mid-air turns. Suddenly a shining golden color appears at the surface of the water and everybody shouts, "Dorado!" It is also quite delicious. We often ate piranha sashimi but dorado is the best fish to eat raw. The pintado is also very good to eat; the native people love it. Since we rarely caught them we were able to savor pintado soup only twice, but it was clearly the best fish soup I ever tasted.

During the 40 days, I caught the big-

gest fish among all Japanese national messiahs, a pintado of 103.5cm (about 41 inches). Though we caught many baku and poga, it was not easy to catch dorado or pintado. Only 17 dorado were caught, and just 6 pintado during the whole 40 days; I caught 2 out of those 6. Including baku and poga all together, we caught more than 1,700 fishes of permitted taking size. The reason why we did not get many dorado and pintado is because we used crabs for bait. Though we confirmed that dorado and pintado do also eat crab and river snail, usually they have no big appetite for this type of bait. And another reason we didn't catch many pintado, is that they are more active at night than in the daytime; we would have had to fish at night, and we did not do that very often. All the fish we caught were added to those caught by our Korean national messiah, that is, we were allowed to count our 160 fish by nation rather than as individuals.

True Parents organized a fishing tournament for us at the end of our 40-day workshop, for three days from 24 to 26 September. We all were very excited. There were four prizes: first, second and third for the biggest fish and a prize for the most fish. During the tournament I caught the biggest fish, a 99.8-cm pintado. But True Father

judged that a baku of 74 cm was even rarer to catch than a pintado that size, so the first prize went to Mr. Sato, National Messiah for Eritrea. I received second prize. Mother put the prize money into an envelope and Father wrote on the envelope in Chinese and Korean characters. As a 21-year missionary, I have received gifts or money from True Parents on other occasions, but this was the first time Father wrote my name personally and put his signature alongside it. This is my greatest souvenir from this 40-day Olimpo fishing workshop. I caught this 99.8 cm pintado from a boat. The most popular way to catch them is to troll a line from a boat with engine stopped, floating freely downstream. A one-meter pintado gives

you a good fight.

Pantanal project

True Parents came to Olimpo on September 21st and gave us new direction concerning the building of a Blessed Land in Pantanal. As you know, each nation has an area of 50 km along three rivers, the Paraguay, Parana and Amazon Rivers. This time, True Father made two groups: one is a Pantanal development group consisting of nations along the Paraguay and Parana Rivers, and another group is the Amazon development group, nations along the Amazon river. Countries of from numbers 1 to 83 are in the Pantanal group and those from number 84 to 190 are in the Amazon group. Each nation should invest money and manpower into their 50 km area on both sides of the river. At this moment, however, all effort needs to be concentrated into the Pantanal area, especially to build a Training Center at Farm Leda. True Father wants to build up this Training Center with a capacity of 500 trainees at Farm Leda as a base camp for the development of the project. Thus, with regard to our work in South America, the formation stage is in Jardim, the growth stage in the Pantanal, and the completion stage in the Amazon region. The main responsibility to build this Training Center and work

in the local area has been given to the Japanese national messiahs, and True Father instructed all of them in the Pantanal group to stay at Farm Leda and work for the construction of the Training Center. True Father also instructed the Japanese national messiahs of the Amazon group to support the Pantanal national messiahs financially. True Father nominated Rev. Kamiyama as head of the Japanese national messiah group, and to take a charge of the Pantanal project. True Father named this new organization the Association for the Development of the Blessed Land in North and South America. Japanese national messiahs will work from now on not only in their mission countries but also for this new organi-



Rev. Nishijima with his prize-winning pintado

zation with Rev. Kamiyama.

In response to a question by Rev. Oyamada about those Japanese national messiahs who have already moved to their mission country with their family, True Father clarified that the family members should stay in the mission country and reminded us that the national messiah mission is for three generations. He said that from the year 2000, many Japanese would come to this

area to build God's Blessed Land. Each district church in Japan will be able to send many members to the Pantanal every year. Father's invitation is also to extend to people from all over the world, with a view to establishing an international ideal village at there. We all are working hard to transform this fallen society to a heavenly society; but progress is gradual. Building our kingdom will allow us to establish heavenly

tradition and customs so that we, and all humankind, can live together with Heavenly Father. ♦

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Celebration of Chusok Traditional Korean Holiday

True Parents celebrated the most important Korean national holiday in Olimpo in the Pantanal on September 27. Traditionally, Korean people honor their ancestors at their family gravesites and give thanks for the fruits of the new harvest.

Photos: top left, True Parents give a Chusok benediction to leaders; above, also at the celebration, Father presents Mother with a water melon in honor of her having borne so many children; left, in Korea, church president Rev. Sun Jo Hwang leads a commemorative service at Heung Jin Nim's tomb. The small boy facing the camera in the middle of the picture is Shin Chul Nim.



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International Hoon Dok Hae Seminar

earlier this year, the Vice-President felt very much at home, and delivered a moving speech to the participants. Her visit culminated with the premier performance of the song *Soulin'*, written by David Eaton of the New York City Symphony, and performed by the singer Mzuri. This is the theme song of the bless-

ing initiative which the Vice-President is promoting in Uganda.

Father recently directed Rev. Kwak to organize an additional four seminars, making a total of seven, between now and February when we will celebrate True Parents' Birthday. This means that the participating fifty-five nations will each have sent a total of twenty-one participants to these seminars, thereby making a foundation both for the convening of similar seminars in their country and for bringing about the complete restoration of the nation. ♦

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INHERITING THE HEART OF THE PARENT NATIONS

An American on Special Assignment in Japan and Korea

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FROM the island of Kodiak, Alaska, on August 18, 1999, Father announced an exchange between Japanese and American leaders, the key point being to create one nation of three: Korea, Japan, and America. Father directed 52 American leaders to go to Japan for 40 days; and, concurrently, 52 Japanese leaders to go to America, beginning September 1st. (It was determined that 30 days be spent in Japan with the final 10 days in Korea). America, the Elder Son nation, needed to make the condition to inherit the heart of the Mother nation, Japan, and to learn the tradition of the Father nation, Korea. Father said that America will receive blessing from this and that very meaningful things will arise from it. Having attended that whirlwind meeting, I found myself embarking two weeks later for Japan, still uncertain of many details. Though expecting to experience something exceptional, I never could have imagined the extraordinary course into which I walked while in Japan and Korea for 40 days.

Assigned to Kumamoto, Japan, on the southern island of Kyushu, I went through some of the most humid weather available in Japan. Because Japan is surrounded by water, and the humidity had made me extremely sweaty, and it had rained a lot, I described being there like bathing in the water of Mother's womb. And more water—tears—would swell inside as I substantially felt the life of sacrificial offering from the Japanese members. All to give new birth to America, the elder son. Father had asked us to inherit the heart of the mother nation from Japan. Though I had for

years worked with them in America, nothing conveyed their true course more than being on their own soil with them. Not just myself, but all the Americans assigned to different places in Japan, witnessed and absorbed their overwhelming life of quiet, tearful sacrifice.

for God's Will. They exhibited an unrelenting determination, day after day, to reach their impossible sounding goals in support of the worldwide movement. The Japanese described it to me themselves as the heart of the mother who is willing to give even her last drop of blood for her children.

For the most part, the spirit and regimen was very similar to my old American MFT days. To me, being assigned to stay with the Youth Church offered me a special blessing. Their schedule began with hoon dok hae at 6:00 a.m. It ended with prayer service and testimonies at 11:30 p.m. Every night the leaders and several members would stay up past 1:00 or 2:00 a.m.

Every night. As the deadline for their goal approached, the schedule became more intense with the nighttime prayer service lasting well past 1:00 a.m. and often past 2:00 a.m. But they continued to rise at 6:00 a.m. I loved their schedule.

Going out with them, though I was limited, allowed me to meet the people of this land directly, albeit approaching them in broken Japanese. We felt a powerful bonding in this joint activity. Some previously unfelt feelings of love emerged. My Japanese wife of 18 years, a former fund-raising star and team mother in Japan, had many idiosyncracies not understood before by this feeble American mind of mine. This time in Japan, however, my mind expanded along with my heart to grasp a deeper respect and gratitude for my wife's uniquely Japanese characteristics. I cherish her more now.

One day, we drove 100 kilometers to visit the Shiro Memorial in Amokusa. Shiro was a very faithful 16 year old

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With Japanese "micro bus" fundraising team members

I actively sought to embrace their heart and could weep in prayer each day, feeling united with my Japanese family. After three days there, I had a dream that I was held by my mother, Japan, and taken to Korea and embraced by True Father with such a love as I had not known before, a warm, familial comfort. It became crystal clear to me the principle that we cannot but go through the Mother to get to Father.

This was the time to inherit the Mother's heart, to know her situation, intimately. The Japanese Family lives on the front-line of God's Providence, with many young members witnessing and fund-raising, eagerly and endlessly. Their spirits shine bright and energetic as they pray in tears, desperately seeking results, huge goals, and to fulfill the conditions given by Father for Japan. Of course, many are tired. I observed some quality, quite remarkable—and as such unnamed by me—about the character of the Japanese to consistently sacrifice

Christian boy martyred there about 350 years ago along with another fifteen thousand Christians as the Japanese elite decided to eliminate the growing influence of this strange foreign religion. One sister could see many angels at the shrine where we prayed with marble vases. I sensed the happiness of the spirit world there at my presence representing Christianity from America. I believe American Christianity needs to join hearts with these Japanese martyrs. They pioneered but were never able to establish a ground for Jesus in Japan as the Christians did in America. Upon True Father's foundation we can now work side by side with them.

The next day, I was inspired to visit a local Christian church. I met the minister's wife and prayed in the church with her—a long, tearful prayer such as my heart felt. I could see the minister's wife drying her tears, too, when I left. The next day, I returned and met the minister himself. We talked for a good two hours—a rich discussion. We prayed together. We hugged, and he invited me to speak at his service the next day, Sunday. I told him the name of our church, but the translation may not have been clear. And I mentioned the name of Sun Myung Moon three times, but he wasn't fazed. He said to me that he felt as if he had known me for a long time as a brother.

I spoke the next day at his church service about how Jesus has touched my life. I spoke about the suffering course of Jesus' life, and, therefore, we should not just ask Jesus for things in our prayer but ask what we can do to comfort Jesus, instead. It was very well received. Though he later turned passive, I will never forget this minister original heart

of acceptance and joy at receiving me. This I offer to Heavenly Father.

I experienced Japan as the substantial Holy Spirit. Just as the Holy Spirit convinces Christians to repent in tears and to come to Jesus, I felt the Mother's heart of Japan convince myself and my fellow American leaders there to feel the tears of God in a special way. It is this substantial Holy Spirit quality that Japan, the Mother Nation, represents. As the Japanese sisters tour America, I believe they have the potential power of the Holy Spirit to convince our Christian friends to cry in repentance as we witness to our True Parents anew.

Literally, Japan gave me the opportunity to bathe in sweat in the intense humidity, and to bathe in tears amidst absolutely sincere sacrifice and dedication. I soaked it in. One example was at 2:00 a.m. in a meeting room filled with 195 brothers and sisters who did 210 bows together. Even an air-conditioned room will not prevent the sweat from rushing down backs during such a bowing session. This demonstration of their determination to reach their goal was normal. I sensed no resistance from the members with this condition as directed by the central figure. When I returned to my sleeping place about 3:30 a.m., I went to sleep right away, but some of the youth team members knocked on my door at about 4:00 a.m. to have me pray with them for the next day's area. I slept through their knocking and was only informed of it the next morning.

This kind of effort is naturally created by the atmosphere of the Japanese leaders who lead with uncounted tears. America has been dry, for the most part. In America, we have not uncovered, but sparsely, the hidden heart of God. But

I believe this must and will change. Now that the American leaders have been baptized in the spirit, so to speak, in Japan, members in America can inherit this foundation by mixing their tears with the Japanese members now in America. Mother's heart will revive America.

One concluding thought about what this "condition" means in the Providence. Previously, America in the position of Archangel Nation could not receive directly the love of the True Parents as did Korea and Japan. Father speaking through translation,

in one way, represents the indirectness of Father's ability to give to America. But today, Father has bequeathed to us the position of Elder Son nation. This means not only that our responsibility increases, but that we must understand the internal situation of the Father completely. We must no longer seek to receive love but be in the position to give mature love back to them as True Sons and Daughters. By going to Japan, through this bath of tears, Americans understood Mother's situation and could inherit the realm of the Mother's true heart, exactly as Father requested of us. Emotion so quickly fills me now just by looking at the photos of my brothers and sisters from Kumamoto. My heart has been relieved by Mother's love, and I continue to be bathed in the mystical heart of tears induced by my precious Japanese brothers and sisters. I wish that such gracious feelings will touch each American member.

On my very first day in Korea, within hours of landing, I felt a victory of heart in the fatherland. The first day, the Americans stayed at the Ilhwa Central Training Center. Many historical photos of our True Parents line the hallway walls there. Upstairs from my sleeping quarters, I discovered a huge, elaborately framed photograph of Father and Mother, relaxed amidst a background of an autumn forest's resplendence, smiling charmingly at each other. Literally, engaged, I felt swept up by the scene. The Parents' love emanated from this photograph. It felt magical. I had arrived home, not literally, but home in a spiritual sense. Home, where my heart is at rest and at peace. Home, from countless years traversing the wilderness. Home, as cannot be felt but through the desire of a lost and loveless child to be with his true parents again. Such an answer it was to my long prayers.

The following days added icing to the cake. Staying with three churches over the next nine days, allowed me to see and experience Korea from the unique viewpoint of being both an honored guest and a longtime family member. To mention the land of Korea now invokes images and feelings in me both vast and intimate. To describe them fully means dipping into the *kochuchan* (hot pepper paste) of Korea.

This time the Americans were matched with the Japanese brothers who had just spent a corresponding month in America. We traveled in pairs everywhere in Korea. An amazing fact to consider is how much—because of Father's training—we share a similar

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With the minister in his church



The leaders from the United States sing at the ceremony to welcome them and their Japanese counterparts to Korea, October 2, at the Down Building in Seoul

heart with our Korean Church brothers and sisters. Who could believe such a common feeling transmigrates over the oceans and cultures between us? Only due to Father's training, by the hand of our True Parents' love, have we become one. This trip by American and Japanese brothers and sisters who went to Korea confirmed what we know deep down in our hearts already: we are one in heart. It takes not 40 days to realize this. Members in America can realize this immediately based on the foundation of heart now existing.

But I learned something deeply special in Korea. Two words encompass the totality of my experience there: parental love. With each Korean church leader I visited, I put myself in a position of son. I would think of True Father and how much he would be wanting to show us his homeland himself. I took everything like that. Father expects us to learn the traditions of heaven from the Korean church. One point that I could not have learned but by going there, was how close the family feeling is shared amongst all the Korean people.

Once when going follow-up witnessing to a home where the son is not married, the church leader spoke directly to this person's mother about her son going to the Blessing. I felt, "Well, this is pretty strong. No informalities to ease into the situation." Afterwards, I asked my Korean leader how he could talk so bluntly to this person who is not even a member? "Because we are all family in Korea. We don't need informalities with those we feel are our own family members."

This consciousness of a nationwide family had to seep in to my Americanized brain. Americans cannot readily do that kind of talking. Because we come from a myriad of diverse backgrounds, we do not live with one national family culture in America. Instead, we try to be sensitive not to hurt another's feelings. This family underpinning of Korea

must be lived to be felt. This became my search while there: to feel at home in this family and to live as one in this family culture.

In Korea, people hold hands freely. In America, if two men hold hands it would make people think they are homosexual. But in Korea nothing of the sort is considered. It is a natural as apple pie in America. Often I would hold the hands of the church members during picture time. With the "Sa Mo Nim," or church minister's wife, I became like a son, too. Occasionally, I witnessed her tears. Well, this one Korean "mom" took me in as her son. We would rub close to each other. She laundered my underwear despite my persistence to do it myself. She hugged me in the end and even patted me on my bottom, pushing me along. Such is the taste of closeness available to the direct children.

Another powerful lesson that I experienced during this short heavenly sojourn in Korea is the anguish of the language barrier. Korean leaders in America communicate with us in English, though not smoothly, but we feel something from them. In Korea, however, it was *Hanguk mal* all the way. More often than not, in every city in

Korea no translator rescued us from sitting together and being empty of words. So much went unsaid. To make a simple inquiry such as What Blessing are you? sometimes took such an immense toll on sign language skills, producing awkward smiles, that these simple informative conversations never took place. Of course, we smiled and laughed together over jokes half translated.

The real test of Kingdom building together will be the language. No amount of frustration can express how difficult is the language barrier that prevents the family of God from uniting. For Father to dream of initiating a one world language is alone beyond conception. We resist it by nature. Father asked us to give sermons while in Japan through a translator to understand his situation when coming to America. The empty pain at not being free to communicate with our brothers and sisters in Japan and Korea shall never be forgotten. I have regenerated my resolve to rapidly learn our True Parents' language, the language of heaven.

For ten days in Korea, I lived in the Korean churches, eating, praying, witnessing, and doing fellowship together. Fellowship is what they do as art in the Korean churches. For example, the members of the Chonan church located in a countryside community of about 30,000 people would drop by the church center in the morning and settle in like family. Exchanges of greetings, of smiles, and of comforting fraternal laughter, would predominate. Food would be served. I vow never to forget those ebullient times etched in the memory of my heart.

My pinnacle experience occurred on the ninth day in the third church at which I stayed. That afternoon, I went with two Japanese sisters and one Korean sister to revisit their contacts in

the countryside. We stopped at what looked like a shed, but it was the home of a grandmother. Her son who was interested in the Blessing was not home. She invited us to sit and served us *cha* (tea) on her quaint porch, it being a beautiful sunny day. A **Father, Mother and Elder Son Nations find a common bond**

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cute, little white dog with brown ears yapped at us trying to get our attention. A faucet dripped continuously into a big water basin. About a dozen ceramic food pots filled the humble yard in front of us. The radio played some quiet Korean music in the background. The sun shone perfectly on a temperate day. We all sat on the porch, I with my glass of cha, slowly sipping it, slower than most days.

As I sat, feelings of peace warmed over me. The serene atmosphere melted my eyes to watering. My handkerchief kept absorbing the soft, peaceful tears silently seeping out. The invisible graciousness of God's love in such a simple country setting welcomed my spirit as if coming home to the home of homes. The peace of such a place would not let me alone. I looked down in an effort to not look at anything, to quiet my tears away, but the plastic floor mat looked so beautiful my tears would not stop! Why this place? Why these tears? Why this absorbing tranquility?

A couple of days later, we visited the first Unification Church headquarters church at Chungpa-dong. There I stole away quietly to one of the rooms and sat, again sensing the very peace as on the countryside porch: the quietest of quiet. I knew this was not just the peace of Korea but the peace of our True Parents. This absolute stillness lies in the bosom of our True Parents, where they beckon us ever patiently, ever anxiously to join them. This is our original home. Who could dream of this mind that car-

The representatives of Korea, Japan and the United States at the farewell banquet, October 13, at the Segye Times International Training Center in Seoul

ries on the task of restoration amidst severe turmoil and distress? The realm of True Parents' heart contains such victory and comprehensiveness.

How can I take my experience and translate it for Americans? How can it become everyone's victory? An undying love has been born in this American for my Japanese and Korean cohorts across the sea. This amazing 40-day experience submerged in the "womb" of Japan and, then, dipped into the *kochuchan* of Korea, as Father called it, seems unlike any other expedition of faith in our entire movement. I might describe it like a bubbling glass of McCool, or like a wind-whipped Unification flag, or like those big beautiful, juicy pears they cut up and serve here, or like the serenity of a marble vase.

I have to be ever grateful. To recall the faces of my Japanese and Korean brothers and sisters, the simple moments, the hands held, the Sa Mo Nim's touch, the terrific determinations and internal spirit of the leaders, the upright joyous expressions of victory from their mouths, the hugs, the bows, the parental fondness expressed in gifts, their level approach to witnessing—to pass those images in my mind again overwhelms me with gratitude.

This 40-days interlocked our spirits forever. By fusing with the Japanese and Korean Family, Americans have

unlocked the global realm of God's Family. I hope that all Americans sense what we have created between our nations: "one nation," as Father sees us. Americans need no longer breathe archangelic feelings of insecurity, or inferiority, in America. After twenty or more years, we have grown up as elder son. That is not just our position, it is our heart. Out of this time in Japan and Korea, after feeling intimately the tears of Mother's sacrifice and the immensity of Father's tears of reunion, the Elder Son's victory of heart has been won.

In America, we can now develop as a true son. We can achieve what we always felt was ours to do. We can bring total expansion of the True Parent's ideology to our fellow countrymen and to the fellow nations of the world. Without doubt, we can do it in united step with our Korean and Japanese brothers and sisters. Our three nation's destinies are intertwined as we proceed to build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. And the more we three work together, the more the gates of heaven will open.

It is a great time to be on the front line. ♦



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The Blessing of Seven Generations of Ancestors

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I congratulate you on the blessing of your first through seventh generations of ancestors.

According to Father, the providence at Chung Pyung is the work to help members be reborn, and the work of the Holy Spirit in place of True Mother. Whatever our position, we should in this great providence in order to be born again. We know this through True Parents' speeches.

Since the Chung Pyung providence began on January 19, 1995, 350 sessions have been completed in four years and seven months. So far 343,000 have registered for the workshops. Truly this could not have been done by any single person's power. It has become possible because of True Parents', Heung Jin Nim's and Dae Mo Nim's sacrificial foundation. It has really brought about the resurrection of members. Of course there is much difference from member to member, but there has genuinely been a renewal in our members' lives of faith and in husband and wife relationships, and improvement in financial situations. All kinds of individual problems are being solved. This providence truly has contributed so much toward the growth of our members.

Dae Mo Nim came to help us be resurrected, and raised us to a higher spiritual level. She is working to contribute to God's providence by helping members to grow and mature to be able to unite with God's will and with True Parents. This is the focus. Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim are always focused on this point and have worked very hard for this.

Today we will be liberating the eighth through fourteenth generations of our ancestors—and the first through seventh generations of ancestors of those who are participating for the first time, because you have to first liberate the first seven in order to go to the next step. Today, therefore, those of you who participated in the first seven generations' liberation in April can take the next step. We will have a different

spiritual background after this point. Then the 15th to 21st, the 22nd to 28th, and so on. According to Father, our ancestors must be liberated up to the 120th generation. Then, as time goes on, the spiritual level will rise and an even stronger power will be active in this world providence.

We must understand that a foundation for this had to be made. We were not doing the seven-generation ancestor liberation in the beginning. We had to first liberate and remove evil and resentful spirits from our bodies. We can only experience rebirth after cleansing ourselves spiritually. Physically we look like members, but unfortunately we do not even look like human beings spiritually. We appear dark and black because our bodies are completely covered by evil and resentful spirits. Just like spiritual viruses inside us, they are hurting us, hurting our spirit and body. We need to get them out of us so we can be cleansed, born again. By clapping we are uniting mind and body. From a spiritual viewpoint, our bodies are hardened like rock. So there is no way the angels can go in. The angels have to go into our body and get the spirits out, but there is no crack for them to enter by. So we need to sing holy songs and clap. This is the time we can, so to speak, open up our hardened body so that the angels have a way to go in.

The more deeply we repent, the more deeply we will feel the benefit of their having more power to get the evil spirits out. We need to understand there is a definite purpose for this. We have had many bad thoughts, and we have complained. Unless we clear this up our hearts cannot be resurrected, we cannot get rid of our fallen nature, and we cannot completely unite with True Parents and God's will.

At the beginning of the Chung Pyung providence, therefore, Dae Mo Nim urged us to cleanse ourselves by repenting and removing all the evil spirits from our bodies. To cleanse ourselves, we need to repent sincerely and humbly for our and our ancestors' sins, with the awareness that we are truly sinners, and with an attitude of someone who has

been sentenced to death. If we do this in faith, after a while we do see the difference.

One good example was a family in Chicago. When the father parked the car and came into the meeting place and started singing, he saw spots coming out from his hands. He was afraid and automatically hit the spots to get them out. There was also one person whose body was half paralyzed. As he did *ansu* on himself during the session he was healed, so he felt very good after we finished the liberation session!

Dae Mo Nim has now brought so many angels; so many couples and people from the spirit world are here to help you in this liberation session.

This providence continued until November 17, 1997, when we first had the opportunity to liberate our ancestors. The liberation up until that time was not of our direct ancestors, but rather of spirits who had attached themselves to our bodies because of historical resentment toward our ancestors and were therefore bringing us difficulty. So the liberation of ancestors started on this level. We continued this way month after month, with Father directing us to hold a special ancestor liberation ceremony at the end of each workshop.

Then on November 29, 1997, there was finally a blessing of the spirits who had been liberated, along with millions of people in the physical world, centering on RFK Stadium in Washington, DC.

Originally, Father said there would be no blessing of spirit persons, but because of the victorious foundation and authority of True Parents, spirits could be blessed. There were people who had been married before they went to the spirit world, and those who had never married. Those who were never married were matched to each other. So people in all these categories could



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Representing True Parents, North America continental directors Rev. and Mrs. Chang Shik Yang conduct the Ancestor Blessing Ceremony in New York

receive the blessing.

There were a total of seven blessings of spirits done from November 29, 1997, through June 7, 1999, in America, Chung Pyung and an Olympic gymnasium in Seoul. So far the number of spirits blessed has reached the amazing total of 70 billion. These are the spirits who were separated from our bodies, or those whom Heung Jin Nim or Dae Mo Nim brought from different areas in the spirit world. They completed Heung Jin Nim's 100-day workshop, changed into good spirits, and then received the blessing on the earth. They have had their original sin removed, and have come to know the cosmic value of True Parents and the secrets of the spiritual world. They know what their responsibility is and how they should be working with people on earth. Therefore, the blessing of spirit persons is not just conditional. When evil spirits participate in the blessing they are completely changed into absolutely good spirits who look pure and beautiful. We should be truly grateful that they will be working with us down here on the earth. Only True Parents' incredible victorious foundation,

authority and right can allow this.

Today we have experienced the blessing of seven generations of our ancestors. On the foundation of blessing to those who used to be evil and resentful spirits, Father directed Dae Mo Nim on January 8 [See May issue, page 8] by offering a special

prayer that allowed our ancestors from the first 120 generations to be liberated. Originally, Father said that by August 31 the first seven generations' liberation should be completed and the eighth to fourteenth generation liberation begun but the time has been extended.

More than 6,000 couples participated here (in the USA) altogether. Members are now paying a lot of attention to liberation of their ancestors. Many have also experienced changes in their lives. Some have experienced their ancestors spiritually or seen the effects of their ancestors' presence by how well they are doing financially, in family relationships, and so forth. Those who have been seriously and faithfully working

are the ones obtaining the best results.

Through liberating seven generations of ancestors we want to help True Parents open a new era, which we can then enter all together. But without True Parents' authority, without this mission being given to Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim, and without True Parents' special prayers, this cannot be done. Not just because someone is open spiritually would they be able to save those ancestors from those difficult realms and bring them to liberation and the blessing. It could never be possible without receiving the mission and prayer from True Parents. This is part of the providence.

Heung Jin Nim has created a training center in the spirit world through his dedicated effort. He has been successful, not resting even for one minute while working so hard for the sake of the resentful spirits and our ancestors, with a heart of filial piety. It is not easy for evil spirits to change into good spirits. Dae Mo Nim, (who has been working through Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim), is also working very hard. She is doing the work of the Holy Spirit every single day, focusing completely to accomplish God's will. Father said she is the representative of those who have totally dedicated their lives.

Dae Mo Nim has been preparing by making conditions and going to the Holy Ground every day. Prior to arriving here, she has been making spiritual preparations so there cannot be any accusation from Satan. She has been trying to find your ancestors' spirits. And





Right: Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim is greeted by New York area members at the conclusion of the ceremonies



when she arrived here she had to go down to where they are, and of course angels and good spirits are going down there with her. This is how the first through seventh and eighth through fourteenth generations of ancestors have been found. A little later, after we sing holy songs for about thirty minutes, we will pray in unison for six to seven minutes. Though this will be a short time, during that time we will meet with our ancestors. You must know that your ancestors will be beside you. Of course those of you who are sensitive spiritually can feel your them beside you, or can hear, smell or see them.

Many have had such experiences. In Washington, DC, yesterday, someone testified that right after the blessing and liberation session he saw his ancestors standing there together in a straight line from the first through seventh and eighth through fourteenth generations. The first through seventh were wearing beautiful white gowns, pure and shining with light, but the eighth through fourteenth looked very dark and miserable. So the ancestors from the first through seventh generation have been helping those from the eighth through fourteenth generations.

There were about ten key families from St. Louis. Every one of them had the experience of seeing their ancestors preparing, cooking, and decorating the house—all these families experienced this at the same time. On the earth we may not feel this to be real, and we may not know if it is true or not. But in the

spiritual world truly this is an incredible blessing, and they are very grateful. They truly glorify God and True Parents when they are blessed. They know its value. Then when our ancestors look at us they feel frustrated because we are not responding, not feeling as they do.

In Chicago one member kept receiving the same message from the spiritual world. First of all, the ancestors kept telling him he must fulfill their donation responsibility. This is important and the members need to understand this. Secondly, they were told that the seven generations of ancestors who receive the blessing will be the first group to receive True Parents in heaven. This is wonderful. Dae Mo Nim also said that they may be the ushers who line up to welcome True Parents on their way to open up the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We had our original sin cleared away, but all of our ancestral and collective sins have been coming down to us through the generations, causing us problems such as illness and affecting us in many different ways. Without cleaning up these ancestral sins it will be difficult for us to live. We committed personal sins, too, because of the burdens we gained from our ancestors sins. We must clear up these spiritual burdens through straightening out our ancestral lines. Then we can have them witness to the rest of our horizontal tribes very easily. The seven generation ancestors will be able to work broadly. According to Dae Mo Nim, those ancestors will be our spiritual children. How

wonderful! We are witnessing to them. We are making them blessed couples. If we restore our parents, this is truly a wonderful thing.

When we think of this, we understand that we need to fulfill as tribal messiahs. We will be connecting everyone to God and True Parents and saving our lineage. With this help we can connect the rest of our tribe to True Parents and restore them very easily. Starting from here, not finishing with just the first through seventh generations, we want to continue on and on.

At this time, as blessed couples and members of the Unification Church, we must be grateful for this privilege. This is the love and the gift of God and True Parents. We cannot liberate spirits with our own power, never mind bringing them to the blessing. We do not even know where they are in the spirit world, whether in hell or somewhere in the middle realms, or inside ourselves or someone else. Dae Mo Nim is finding all of our ancestors. She has to do this work one hundred percent honestly. She has to stay up all night long if we have not made enough conditions. Yes, she then makes the conditions for us: fasting, bowing. Even now we are participating in this great event, so you must have an open heart and mind and listen to her carefully, so together we can quickly be liberated and become filial sons and daughters in front of our True Parents. ♦

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Seventy-Two Minutes

THE SPIRITUAL POWER OF THE WORD IN THE LIVES OF ORDINARY PEOPLE

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I am a tribal messiah in the state of Santa Catarina, in the south of Brazil. Our small city is a 12-hour bus journey from São Paulo and even further from Mato Grosso [where Jardim is] where True Parents are developing many interesting projects.

Before I entered the movement, I was a successful businessman. Then I received a revelation from God that I should be a missionary. I started my mission in 1980 in Florianapolis, the capital of Santa Catarina.

When I entered the movement I studied the *Divine Principle* every day. If I studied in the morning I had good results during the day. If I did not study I encountered problems. I started a condition to study *Divine Principle* for forty minutes, I also fasted until 5:00 p.m. six days a week and fasted all day on Friday. I also took a cold shower. I did these conditions for seven years and began to have spiritual power. I also made a twelve-day vigil without sleeping and became spiritually open.

After my blessing in 1989, my central figure forbade me to do more conditions and told me to concentrate on teaching *Divine Principle*. I was sent to Bahia as a missionary and began selling *Divine Principle* books for profit and giving people the condition of studying every day.

After a 40 day workshop with Rev. Zin Moon Kim, I began giving people the condition of reading *Divine Principle* aloud for 72 minutes every day for 3, 7, 12 or more years depending on their spiritual situation. I give the condition of 72 minutes because $7+2=9$, which represents the nine stages of growth which Satan invaded through the fall. It also represents a tithing of our time.

Our mind needs to understand what is wrong and to establish conditions in order to change. We need to strengthen the part of us which is

Arcanjo (back row, far right) with Brazilian leaders and some of the couples whose lives have been changed by his work who attended the Blessing in Sao Paulo last year

connected to God and weaken the part connected to Satan through the conditions we establish. We need to pay the debts which we have in the spiritual world; unless I can convince myself that I have debts, God cannot work.

Our problem is asking other people to forgive us. It is difficult for us to see our defects. Satan does not allow us to look at ourselves.

When I talk with people, I do not forbid them to smoke or drink, for example: I just ask them to read *Divine Principle*, and this way they find the solution for their problems.

One Protestant minister was an alcoholic. His business was a mess. I told him to read the Fall of Man for 120 days. After this he began to change and his business began to improve. He wakes up at 5:00 a.m. and studies *Divine Principle*. Last year 30 percent of the same type of business in his city became bankrupt, but his business increased 500 percent.

The owner of one supermarket began reading *Divine Principle* and has now established groups of employees who read 72 minutes at home and 72 minutes in the store. He is gradually solving his economic problems and has gained hope for his life. In gratitude for the hope that they have found through *Divine Principle*, these businessmen are helping me a lot in my mission, and I have recently received many material blessings through them.

All of my time as a missionary

is spent exclusively to serve other people. If we love all humanity from God's point of view (which is the First Commandment) the whole world can change. If we only look at the qualities of the person, and strengthen those qualities, automatically the defects will disappear.

Through the reading of *Divine Principle* people's lives begin to change. This is a testimony to others that has built up a chain effect which extends far beyond our hometown. Businessmen have been saved from bankruptcy, couples have been reconciled, people have been cured of cancer and other diseases and many people have been saved from depression and suicide.

I have tremendous gratitude to True Parents for everything I have learned. For me they are the models of true parents, a true family and true love. If humanity understands the value of True Parents, we will be heading for the true world where God's love dwells in the minds and hearts of all humanity.

First a man becomes rich in spirit and then becomes richer through love for his true family. Then he is qualified to receive all material blessings and have dominion over the world of creation. Only in this way can we become heirs of God and True Parents. ♦

Arcanjo and Jennifer Espindola were blessed together in the 1275 Couples Blessing in January 1989. They have one daughter.



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International Conferences for University Women Presidents and Educators

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THE International Conference of University Women Presidents, the first international meeting ever of its kind, was held from June 28 to July 1 in Seoul, Korea. Sun Moon University and the University of Bridgeport jointly organized this conference under the theme "The Role of Higher Education in the New Millennium—The Women's Perspective". The World University Federation and the Korean University Presidents Association sponsored the event, which was especially important in this Era of Women declared by Father in 1992.

The vision for this conference derives from our True Parents' conviction that women, especially women educators, are the conscience of society who have the responsibility to bequeath moral values to their students. In this epoch of moral breakdown and confusion in the choice of direction in life, women must play a pivotal role in guiding the younger generation.

Dr. Kyung June Lee, president of Sun Moon University, was the conference chairwoman for this conference. President Lee has had a long and distinguished career in education, including the areas of counseling and social service. She came to Sun Moon just five years ago, as professor and dean of the College of Social Welfare. Then, a mere two years ago, the Korean academic world was stunned by the appointment of Dr. Lee as President of Sun Moon University. The appointment caused a stir because until then distinguished Korean women educators had been named presidents of women's colleges only. Dr. Lee is thus the first Korean woman to become president of a co-educational university.

Dr. Lee convened this first conference of women educators with only two months' notice and gathered over forty women university presidents and vice-presidents from 22 countries and representing 38 institutions of higher learning. At the welcoming banquet, Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak explained



Conference hosts Professor Richard Rubenstein (President of the University of Bridgeport, USA), Professor Kyung June Lee (President of Sun Moon University) and Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak (Chairman of the World University Federation) greet the participants at the opening of the conference for university women presidents

to the participants the vision of our True Parents for a reform of education led by women. Congratulatory remarks by the former prime minister of Korea underscored the importance of this conference for Korea and the world.

At the Opening Ceremony the following morning, the Deputy Minister of Education of Korea delivered congratulatory remarks in which he shared with the participants Korea's educational reform plan for the beginning of the new millennium. Two keynote speeches were given, the first by Dr. Nora Bell, President of an all women's school, Wesleyan College, in the United States. She spoke on the important role of women's colleges in preparing women to be the loving leaders of society. She concluded that "women must take the lead in helping women" in order to create role models to help the world at large. The second keynote address was delivered by Dr. Richard Rubenstein, president of the University of Bridgeport, who was as brilliant and articulate as ever. Dr. Rubenstein spoke on the

history and mission of the world's leading universities and the challenges they will face in the future. Notably, he gave warm praise to the women in his family for their devotion to both scholarship and family life.

European universities as the place where people can turn to the "one and only" and not merely as providers of knowledge of the past was the theme of the luncheon address by H.E. Dr. Radmila Kiprijanova, the current Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia. She urged a new paradigm for the university, which would direct it towards spiritual goals and include new subjects necessary for coping with the problems of the world at the end of the twentieth century.

Three session themes highlighted the conference program. Session I addressed "Higher Education and Societal Changes". Dr. JoAnne Boyle, president of Seaton Hill College in Pennsylvania, USA, inspired the women to dare to become entrepreneurs in the male-dominated world of business by describing

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the work of the National Education Center for Women in Business at her college. This session was chaired by Dr. Hele Everaus, Vice-Rector of the University of Tartu in Estonia and herself both a Ph.D and an M.D.

In Session II, entitled "Women, Higher Education and the Family, and chaired by Dr. Anne Deming, President of Notre Dame College for Women in the USA, Dr. Young Hee Suh, Vice-President of Sun Moon University, introduced the participants to Sun Moon's College of Pure Love, now in its very first year of courses. She spoke of the need to balance education for skills with the education of heart, based on morality and ethics. She also described the cornerstone of education at Sun Moon, the education of the student's whole character. After her address, there were many curious questions from participants who had never before imagined the study and practice of the ideal of pure love at a university.

The participants were further impressed by Korean hospitality that evening, at a banquet in their honor hosted by H.E. Dr. Jong Pil Kim, the Prime Minister of Korea. This banquet was attended by high-ranking members of Korean society, including presidents of universities, members of the diplomatic corps and politicians. Dr. Kim is well-known for his interest in improving Korean education and supported the women educators in their desire to re-affirm the excellence of higher education in their respective countries. He also enchanted the ladies by posing for many pictures with them.

The final session on the last day of the conference was entitled "The Trend of Future Education Reform" and was chaired by Dr. Ofelia Carague, President of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. The presentation, also by a representative of the Philippines, was given by *Sun Moon University President and Conference Chairwoman Dr. Kyung June Lee* welcomes her peers from around the world

Dr. Amelou Reyes, Chancellor of Philippine Women's University, was entitled "Evolving Women-Centered Paradigms for the Next Millennium". This presentation spoke of women reclaiming their place in history, a desire we know has already been accomplished by our True Mother. Dr. Reyes's presentation also mentioned the mission of her university which, like Sun Moon's, is to develop in students a good moral character and personality.

The mission of universities to teach values and ethics and to develop the whole character of students proved to be the watershed of this conference. The women university presidents from Asia wholeheartedly accepted this mission since their universities already endorse and already teach from a value-centered educational plan. For the Western participants, however, the inclusion of moral education within the university's curriculum posed a dilemma.

The differences in the ultimate goals of university education appeared most clearly when the women university presidents adopted the "Seoul Declaration", a powerful statement calling on women to shape the moral and spiritual, as well as the social, conscience of the new generation. While many of the distinguished women educators from the West at the conference supported this goal personally, they felt that their national governments would not allow such value-oriented education in light of the constitutional separation of church and state. It seems, however, that the societies of the West need to re-introduce spiritual values into education

since examples of the breakdown of family values and of traditional morality are most evident there.

After the spirited closing session, with its passionate discussion of the Seoul Declaration, the participants were treated to a luncheon offered by Dr. Dae Pyun Sim, the Governor of Chungnam Province, where Sun Moon University is located. Having spent the afternoon sightseeing in Seoul, the participants were moved by the songs and traditional Korean dances of the Little Angels at the farewell banquet.

On the successful foundation of the first international conference centered on eminent women educators, Father directed President Kyung June Lee to organize a second conference of international women educators with only a month's notice. Since there was little time for the participants of this conference, women vice-presidents and deans, to research and write scholarly papers, and since there had been great interest and debates on the merits of value-based education at the first conference, it was decided to invite lecturers from the International Educational Foundation to present a series of presentations. The theme of this second International Conference of University Women Educators, held October 15-18 in Seoul, was "Towards a New Paradigm for Value-Centered Education". This conference was organized by Sun Moon University whose President, Dr. Lee, was the Conference Chairwoman, and sponsored by the Asia University Federation and the World University Federation.

This conference was a much smaller



and more intimate one, consisting of 30 distinguished Vice-Presidents, Deans and Professors from 12 countries representing 21 colleges and universities. The welcoming banquet allowed the women educators to hear the gracious remarks of the Conference Chairwoman and to receive congratulations from a vital member of Korea's present government, Ms. Gui Won Kang, Chairperson of the Presidential Commission on Women's Affairs, who informed the participants of Korea's newest laws to counter sexual harassment and to insure the equality of women in society. The relaxed and friendly atmosphere of this meeting made itself felt that first evening with a surprise birthday cake and celebration for one of the participants. Afterwards, the women introduced themselves and spoke of their personal and professional development in their universities.

Opening remarks were offered by Dr. Lee of Sun Moon University who impressed the participants, as one said, by her well thought-out remarks and vision for her university. Dr. Lee was also praised for spending the entire time with the participants despite her busy administrative schedule at the university. Congratulatory remarks was presented by former Ambassador Heung Soo Kim, who headed several missions in South America and who now is Director of the Latin American Research Institute

at Sun Moon.

There followed a series of lectures by Mr. Jack Corley and Mr. Thomas Philips of the International Educational Foundation. Both lecturers presented informational and serious reflections on the need to educate for character, value education, and the importance of preparing youth for marriage and family. After each presentation there was time for discussion and comment from the participants.

Once again, it was evident that a model for moral education was enthusiastically accepted by the participants from Asia, while the Western participants were considering the possibility of this type of education in their respective societies. The model of character-based education presented by the two lecturers provoked much discussion and the participants continued up until the last possible moment before dinner discussing the lectures on the last night of the conference.

On the last day, we met one educator who had just arrived at the conference! The Dean of a university in America had been forced to wait due to a hurricane, had her plane cancelled by the time she arrived in New York, but had waited for any flight to Korea, so determined was she to attend this conference. Despite her late arrival and all her baggage lost, she charmed us with her introduction just as we were

finishing the conference. She was tired from her long waits and fourteen hours flight to Korea, but joined with us on our sightseeing and final dinner. At our farewell banquet, the participants made their own entertainment and offered songs from their native lands. Songs in Korean, Indonesian, Tagalog, English and a song and dance from Thailand were offered. Despite differences in curriculum designs, the participants shared their visions for an ideal education in a friendly atmosphere.

These two conferences for international women educators have now given to many women, experts in their fields, the vision of our True Parents for transforming the concept of education from a knowledge-based curriculum to a character-based one. Many of the participants have identified the need for this type of education in their own countries and many have begun to question systems of education that claim to be "value-neutral" and consequently leave students with no guidance or direction for their lives. The majority of women educators who attended these historic conferences desire to meet again in the near future to pursue our True Parents' ideal of education centered on purity and spiritual values. ♦

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ADDITIONAL IMPRESSIONS FROM THE WORLD UNIVERSITY FEDERATION CHAIRMAN

From Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak's testimony at Belvedere at the conclusion of the first conference

The eminent educators who participated were exhilarated by Father's vision.

Until now, no one

had thought about having a women presidents' conference. They were so amazed by the vision of the conference itself. Upon gathering together they recognized what a wonderful idea it was, but until then no one had thought about doing this. Many of the delegates and many VIPs from Korean society were amazed by this historical conference.

On the second day Prime Minister Jong Pil Kim of Korea held a banquet for all the delegates. Of course he is quite a busy man and originally it was not his plan to stay until the end of the program, but after he arrived he enjoyed the conference so much. Usually the prime minister's schedule would not

allow this, but he stayed until the last possible moment and then took pictures with delegates and women leaders. He thus gave his full support.

Of course the participants wanted to focus mainly on the role of women in higher education, but Father's vision is more deep and fundamental. I believe Prime Minister Kim Jong Pil even urged them, "Why not hold this kind of conference every two years? Next time I will come again." He made such a promise. He doesn't know what Father's plan is, but even the prime minister is asking to have this kind of conference every two years. I believe this kind of conference will develop amazingly.

Dr. Rubenstein, in particular, was intoxicated by how Father always plans such noble and high-quality conferences. He was so excited and he praised Father in many ways. In front of Dr. Bell he testified that he had attended a conference of Father's 22 years previ-

ously. He told her the reason he had attended our ICUS conference was that many people had advised him not to. When he asked why they were trying to dissuade him from attending, they said that if he went they would try to brainwash him. Dr. Rubenstein had said, "Oh, then I am interested! I want to check this out." Then, after he arrived he realized what an important and good quality conference it was. Dr. Rubenstein shared these words with her.

On account of this conference the reputation of Sun Moon University and its president, Dr. Kyung June Lee have been elevated. The conference was covered by all of Korea's major media outlets and Dr. Lee herself was interviewed by a television broadcaster and many news media representatives. Through this, Sun Moon University has jumped to another level. ♦

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Relationship Intelligence

by Richard A. Panzer

In his book Relationship Intelligence, Unificationist Richard Panzer, who is active in the field of youth purity education, explores the different forces that pull human beings together. With his permission we are reproducing a section here (edited for space and minus footnotes).

The aptly named Pat Love, a family therapist from Texas, defines four stages of love and intimacy. The first of these is "attraction", the second "infatuation", the third "connection" and the fourth "care taking." This section excerpted deals with the third and fourth stages. Although the work is aimed at a readership of younger men and women, the author's insights on this view of love relationships will likely be of interest to readers at any stage of life.

As if afraid to face the future, many couples break up. When the intense feelings wear off, they wonder what they ever saw in their boyfriend/girlfriend and try to find some one else, as if they were romance junkies" literally addicted to feelings of love. They try to find a new partner to stimulate those "love drug" feelings again and again.

Such people often find it difficult to enter the third stage of intimacy, what Pat Love calls "Connection." The relationship is in transition from passion to companionship and a more lasting love: from irrational need and obsession to mutual affirmation and acceptance. Ongoing physical contact, not just sexual excitement, leads the brain to release continued high doses of oxytocin and increased levels of morphine-like substances, endorphins, that lead to feelings of calmness, security, a general sense of wellbeing. In this stage one can feel the joy of clear-sighted unity. This deep kind of friendship depends less on passion and more on stability. Tender looks are the pieces of treasure at this stage. As Peter Ustinov once said, "Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit." We all enjoy being passionately desired, but even more fulfilling is to be deeply accepted. For your "soulmate" to accept you when he or she knows most, or even all, of your weak points and sees you at your worst, is to experience a deeper

level of love.

Lucy says about her twenty-one-year-long love and marriage to Rick: "It becomes so comfortable, you know, like an old shoe." Rick just smiles and says thank you at being compared to an old shoe. Lucy continues, "It's just not that crazy feeling anymore. There's security and caring and it just gets better and better." (So the infatuation is gone?) "You just bring it to another level." In this stage the character of the other person becomes a very important issue. Whether that person has good or poor qualities of character can lead to your enduring happiness or misery, whether you can feel proud or ashamed of your boyfriend/girlfriend and yourself. Whether your partner is really "cool" or sexy-looking becomes much less important than whether he/she is honest, sincere, trustworthy, hardworking, giving, unselfish, etc. We all know of countless Hollywood couples who rate on the top of the "Sexiest Man" or "Sexiest Woman in America" lists, whose marriages broke up within just a few years.

As the high of passion recedes, you will begin to see each other more realistically, with the strengths and weaknesses that all human beings have. The habits of relationship this person learned in his/her family will now be revealed more and more. Dr. Joel Bernstein, a New Jersey-based marriage counselor says that a mix of deep respect and a good sense of humor works best, "The teasing, and particularly a sense of playfulness, absorbs the aggression in relationships and fosters love."

People who never achieve this third stage of intimacy, connection, are like leaves blowing in the wind, or like shiny, windup toys. They attract a lot of attention for a few hours, but break easily. They have no root and gravitate to this or that person for a while, but are never able to establish the love and intimacy which are based on real trust that comes with commitment. In most cultures in the world, a couple shows their enduring committed love by getting married. While marriage ceremonies may differ because of religious or cultural differences, all known cultures in the world have the institution of mar-

The Fourth Stage of Intimacy: Care taking

riage.

The fourth stage of intimacy involves care taking. Now the couple who spent much of their time in passionate embraces and long walks in the moonlight shifts their attention to the hoped-for birth of a child as a fruit of their love and a chance to pass onto future generations their ideals, traditions, and dreams.

Even though having children often means the shifting of time, resources, and energy from other goals, most parents find the sacrificial, care taking role to be very rewarding as well as very challenging. The transformation of the couple into a family will change all of them forever.

After birth and while nursing, increased levels of oxytocin help to bond mother and child. The support and caring of the father relieve feelings of anxiety and concern for the future the mother may have.

There are sacrifices. Before the couple could spend their time and resources primarily to enjoy each other. Now they may spend much of their money on baby formula and diapers. They can barely remember the last time they could afford to go out to eat at a nice restaurant. If they have not prepared their minds and hearts for these sacrifices they may even become resentful towards the new child, blaming it for taking away their youthful freedom. We've all heard of tragic cases where a young parent takes out feelings of resentment on a child or abandons the child and other parent to seek "freedom." Isn't such a turning away from one's own children and partner also turning away from oneself? Deep down, parents who abandon or abuse a child and a spouse must know they are turning away from one of the deepest fulfillments of being a man or a woman. Yes, the lifelong commitment of getting married and becoming a parent may look like a mountain one hesitates to climb. Yet, as pointed out by Academy Award winner Gwyneth Paltrow, when we pour ourselves out for another per-

son, we learn what love really means. Mother Teresa, the woman who started homes for homeless people who were dying on the streets of Calcutta, once said that "Love hurts." And sometimes it does. But few who have experienced it would give it up for more passing pleasures. When we love in this unselfish way, our awareness of what life is about changes deeply.

It is fortunate that most parents have a natural desire and willingness to spend large amounts of time giving love and attention to their newborns and young children. The connection these children develop with their mothers and fathers will help them to develop empathy and sensitivity for the feelings of other human beings.

A special edition of *Newsweek* magazine with the title, "Your Child: From Birth to Three," reported that "Cutting-edge science is confirming what wise parents have always known instinctively; young children need lots of time and attention from the significant adults in their lives." The article goes on to state that "The long-term effects of inadequate nurturing can be devastating" and hamper brain development. Babies "who are hugged often and feel loved and cared for are much more likely to grow up confident and optimistic." During World War II, doctors identified a mysterious, deadly disease they called "Marasmus." It was discovered in a group of orphaned babies who were placed in an orphanage with brightly colored toys, new furniture, and good food. In spite of the good physical living conditions, the children were getting sicker and sicker. They stopped playing with their new toys and lost their appetites. Their tiny bodies weakened and some children died.

United Nations doctors were flown in to find out what was wrong. After a short time, the doctors prescribed a treatment which cured the problem within days: for ten minutes each hour, all children were to be picked up by a nurse, hugged, kissed, played with, and talked to. With this simple treatment, the infants became more lively, began to eat again and to play with their toys. Their marasmus was cured.

The fourth stage of intimacy, care taking, coincides with the crucial need of babies and young children for lots of time and attention from emotionally mature adults who are capable of giving

Pure love youth rally in Moscow, Russia. The promotion of pure love and family values is expanding on many continents

them a loving, secure environment. The circle of love is made complete when we, who were once taken care of, now give our love, attention, and kindness to our own children. Their experience of love as children and in their friendships will prepare them for their future adult roles. The parental, care taking role is one of the greatest opportunities most of us will experience to learn the meaning of completely selfless, sacrificial love.

Couples need to have shared interests and spend time together doing them. Otherwise they can become strangers, roommates sharing the same house. Intimacy, commitment, and compatibility are needed to create a marital house that won't fall apart when the first strong wind comes along.

The four stages of intimacy are 1) attraction, 2) infatuation, 3) connection, 4) care taking. Many people get stuck in stages one and two and never fulfill stages three and four. It's as if they are addicted to having certain feelings of excitement and passion. The minute those feelings begin to fade, they look for someone else. They are never able to achieve the deeper qualities of love that require sacrificial giving. Even as they hurt others because of their immaturity and self-centeredness, they hurt themselves by never growing up.

These four stages of intimacy are part of a larger life cycle where we experience different qualities of love. First, as children we have an enormous hunger and capacity to receive love from our parents. This receptivity could be called children's love. As we grow older we

form friendships on a more equal basis and begin to learn how to give, not just receive. We should also be learning how to relate to the opposite sex in brother/sister relationships. This second stage could be called brother/sister love, or more simply, friendship.

On the basis of having experienced children's love and real friendships we have the capacity to proceed through the four stages of intimacy and upon realizing them to enter into marital love. The 1998 movie *Ever After* in which Drew Barrymore played a dynamic "Cinderella" figure called Daniella displayed these four stages. Daniella, whose mother died while giving birth to her, developed a strong bond with her father. On this foundation she was able to deal confidently with the opposite sex, including a boy she wrestled with as a child, and even the prince of France. The movie made it clear that sound romantic/marital love comes on the foundation of the two previous loves, children's love and brother/sister love. Developing these three loves prepares a couple for the sacrificial love required in the stage of parental love. ♦

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Araso Hada: Doing What You Think Best

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A column from our sister with two and a half decades experience living in Korea

THERE are so many differences in the underlying attitudes and expectations of Korean and American people. There is an expression in Korean "araso hada". It means to handle something on one's own, to figure something out by oneself and do it, or to do what one thinks is best. It is a very important concept in daily life and it seems to complement the importance of obedience in Korean culture.

Americans generally seek to be independent and expect to figure things out themselves and to do what they think is best, but, more than Koreans, they also prefer to do things in consultation with someone else. In connection with that attitude, Americans ask and answer a lot of questions that Koreans usually do not ask and if they are asked those kinds of questions, they seem to consider it a burden to have to answer them.

The Korean expectation that one will figure out things by oneself and do what one thinks is best was one of the big challenges for me as the international wives of Korean men [*and for others who live here also!-Ed*]. The men generally want their wives to handle the home and family affairs on their own, and to do what they think is best. But in the beginning when one still does not know the culture or what is expected, this can be very challenging.

I once saw a skit put on by the Japanese wives in the Pusan area. At one point in the skit the wife mentioned that next week was her mother-in-law's birthday, and she wanted to prepare a present for her. Her husband told her to go ahead and get one. Then the wife began asking many questions, "What would she like? Something practical? Or something pretty? What is her favorite color? Does she like music? etc. etc." The husband didn't have any answers and got irritated. He told her to do what she thought was best, and he went off the stage. The wife sat down and cried. The skit presented several such episodes.

I think Americans would definitely expect answers to such questions, even if the answers were nothing more than a confession that the husband did not

know. Americans tend to want to discuss and agree on things before moving on them, and hesitate to do something they are not sure about. An American wife would assume that her husband knew his mother better than she, but a Korean husband may well assume that his wife would know what is better because she is a woman. And besides, since women usually do the shopping he would just want that she do what she thought best. Of course, if she did well, she might get a compliment, but if she did something inappropriate, she might very well be scolded. That makes doing what one thinks is best all the more challenging before one is familiar with the culture and the people.

In American homes, the wife will often ask her husband what he would like for dinner. She will mention what they have in the house, and he will choose something. She may go on to ask him what kind of vegetable, salad or dessert he would like, and he will usually answer each question happily and look forward to a dinner of exactly what he wants. But if I ask my Korean husband what he would like for dinner, he always tells me to make whatever I think is best or what I want to give him. If I question him more, he seems to find it almost irritating. It just does not seem to be in the culture or in his bones to hear and answer such questions. In cases like this, once a responsibility has been given over, Korean people seem much more comfortable having the other person do things as he or she thinks best, and consequently Korean people often seem more confident than Americans to do what they think is best without consulting anyone.

If one stops in an office in Korea, a drink will usually be offered. Until very recently one was not asked what one wanted, or, for example, how one wanted one's coffee. One just received something, whatever the giver wanted to give and how she wanted to give it. An American would worry whether the recipient liked what they were given, and would certainly want to ask about what the recipient would prefer if a choice were available.

Something that makes doing what one thinks is best even more difficult at first is the Korean custom of politely refusing things, which almost makes

it seem as though they are speaking in opposites. Before I understood this aspect of relationships, I made many, many blunders. In Korea, a daughter-in-law should do the cooking and certainly prepare breakfast for her parents-in-law. But since I worked, mornings were very busy. And since my mother-in-law is a very kind woman, she would say, "Don't worry about my breakfast. Just get the children and yourself ready and leave." As an American who takes most of what people say at face value, and who had been told to obey my parents-in-law, I believed her, obeyed her, and did what she had told me to do. I got myself and the children ready and left.

But when I mention that in lectures to Koreans, they nearly faint. They laugh and groan. They all know that even though my mother-in-law said that, it was just a polite greeting, and that I should have done what I knew was best and prepared her breakfast, anyway. They know that she must have been very surprised and disappointed at first when I just made my own breakfast and left. I know that now, too, but it took several years to be able to know what really was expected so I could figure things out on my own and do what I thought was best without disappointing or shocking other people. At first it was very difficult for me emotionally to do the opposite of what someone had said even if I knew it was right.

For me as an American this was very frustrating. I could not understand why people couldn't or wouldn't just say what they really wanted or meant. But I have found that in so many situations people want you to just "do what you think is best" even if they say the opposite out of politeness. And now that I understand the cultural expectations and the people in my family more, I feel much more free to do just that.

It is just one more example of how we need to understand each other on a deeper level than words and need to understand each other's cultures in order to live together comfortably. ♦

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Belief is conceptual, while understanding is reality. Do you believe, or do you understand and know? Understanding means you have to work and take action. Belief by itself cannot take action. Since you know and understand everything, what should you say to God: “God, please help me,” or, “God, I don’t need your help. I will stick with what I have learned and continue working”?

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