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Testimony: "David Bridges Caught Up In Spirit World"

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Eugene, Oregon

I was sitting in the wicker chair in the living room studying, and I suddenly began to feel sleepy. So I relaxed in the chair with the intention of sleeping for a few minutes. Almost immediately, it seemed, I was in the spirit world. A giant, about ten feet tall picked me up and was going to throw me down on the floor as hard as he could in order to kill me. As he held me above his head, I could look down and see the floor which appeared far away. Then, remembering an old judo trick, I reached down and squeezed the giant's neck on both sides. This caused him to faint and I left quickly before he could regain consciousness. As I left I looked back and saw that he was just beginning to wake up.

After this, I found myself sitting (in spirit) back in the wicker chair at home (2064 Onyx). The room was filled with my ancestors or people talking about my ancestors. I listened to them for a while and then desired to regain physical consciousness. At this time, I became very clearly aware of my sleeping physical body at the same time that I was perceiving the spirits and everything in the room through my spiritual senses. I thought that returning to the physical plane would be accomplished merely by opening my eyes. But when I tried to open my eyes, I found that I could not move the lids. About this time, or shortly before, I became aware of a broom that was standing beside the chair that I was sitting in. It was very closely associated with one of my ancestors. I knew that one of my ancestors had used it a great deal, but I did not know which ancestor had used it, nor did I know why it was so closely associated with that ancestor. After noticing the broom for a few minutes, I continued trying to return to the physical plane. But I found that I had no control over my physical body at all. It was as if my body were paralyzed. I sat in the chair with my body slumped over and my eyes closed. My physical senses were active for I could easily feel my hands folded on my lap and I several times heard the bed creaking in the other room as the occupant turned over. At the same time, I was viewing the room and the spirits in it as if I were sitting erect with my eyes wide open. I continued to try to get control of my physical body and found that I could slightly move my left index finger. I could not speak or call except for some very soft groaning noises that could be produced with a great deal of

trouble. I was wishing that Mr. David Kim would come into the room and shake me to bring me out of the trance (or whatever it was). Suddenly I felt his spirit standing on my left side. He asked me something and I was unable to reply. I tried to indicate that I could neither move my physical body except for moving my index finger nor speak except for making the groaning noises. He just stood there for a minute without doing anything and I wondered why he was not surprised that I had not answered his question. Then suddenly the spell broke and I returned to normal.

The feeling that Mr. Kim had been beside me was so strong that when I came back to the physical plane I was mildly surprised to find that he was not actually there. The question that he had asked me when I first noticed his presence was something casual, such as "How do you feel?" The only part of the conversation that the spirits were having that I can remember is the following: one spirit had just taken a survey of my ancestors and announced that none of them had come to America on the Mayflower. This surprised me since my mother told me that I do have an ancestor who came to America on the Mayflower.

### San Francisco, California

A significant vision as seen by Mary Fleming on the occasion of the selection of "Sacred Ground" in San Francisco, (New Age Frontier, Vol. I. No. 8, February 15, 1965):

"The occasion was the selection of the Sacred Ground site. It was a calm, clear night with a bright full moon and the lights of San Francisco twinkling below us. Our Master stood on a rock on the top of the hill with representatives of His American Family grouped around Him. Facing East, and the nation of the United States as well as the continent of North America, He prayed. I opened my eyes and raised my head to look at Him, feeling a little guilty as I did so. As I watched, the light of His aura grew ever brighter and wider, until it encompassed all of us who were with Him. Then the white-gold light went up from Him and was met by the same light coming down from the heavens. It was as if we were all bathed in a giant spotlight from directly over our heads, centering upon our Master. I had never seen anything like this before, and wasn't quite sure I believed it. To test my own eyesight, I closed my eyes several times for varying periods, then re-opened them to see if the light was still there. It was. It slowly faded after the conclusion of His prayer."

Greeting From the Washington, D.C. Family, by Alexa Altomare

Letter to Mr. David Kim and David Bridges:

Dear Mr. Kim and David:

".....I wanted to at least express my joy at meeting both of you in San Francisco. I would have liked to talk to you more to find out about the other Oregon brothers and sisters..."

"How did your movies turn out? Ours turned out quite well. Mr. Kim, you appeared quite frequently in them and we in Washington decided that you should be a movie actor! Outside of our Master, we enjoyed your presence in the movies the most!"

"...A month seems like a long time before seeing Him (Master) again but yet it is very short compared with what we must do. As the days go by we get more and more excited. If this keeps up we'll end up not being able to eat or sleep! We decided we should at least go on a physical fitness campaign so that we'll be able to keep up with our Master when He comes!"

"Mr. Kim, everyone in Washington is really looking forward to your visit here. Also, your song leading impressed me very much. I told everyone that you really put the spirit into the songs so they are anxious to have you lead a few hymns for us also."

"David, ....I know you are really helping Mr. Kim a lot there in Eugene. I think you and Mr. Schmidli really made a fine representation for Mr. Kim in front of our Master."

"...I found that when I hear someone else's way of expressing the Principles my understanding broadens considerably..."

"Please give my love to all the other Oregon brothers and sisters. Love to both of you - from all of us here in Washington..."

In His Name,  
Alexa

Chicago, Illinois

This is the full text in English that appeared in translation in the Relay Column of The Sung Wha Monthly, February issue:

"The First American Convert to the United Faith"

It is with the deepest gratitude that I have received this baton. It is a great privilege for members of the American family to send greetings to all the Heavenly Family in Korea, our Fatherland.

I was converted six years ago in Eugene, Oregon to the teachings of our Master Moon by Miss Young-Oon Kim, the first missionary to the United States. While studying

Miss Kim's manuscript I realized that the Lord of the Second Coming was on earth and that the Heavenly Father now works through Him. The proof through Jesus' testimony that the second coming of Elijah was fulfilled through another man, John the Baptist, made it clear to me that the Second Coming of the Messiah would be fulfilled by another Son of God living on the earth and that the Heavenly Father would transfer the Lordship of the Universe to Him.

Immediately after my conversion, it was revealed to me that I must go to Portland, Oregon. At that time I did not know why, but within one year everything in the revelation was fulfilled. During that period, I found that Mr. David S.C. Kim was working in Portland. From being with him I learned how important it is to have lectures with diagrams and that it is vital that people use the Bible to help teach the message. Christians cannot accept our Heavenly Father's new dispensation unless they can see how the Bible proves the coming of our Substantial Father and His work on earth. Because of Mr. David Kim's wonderful training in how to teach and lecture, I have been able to travel through many states and lecture to many of Father's children. How important it is for us quickly to train others to teach and lecture the Divine Principles which the Heavenly Father has revealed to our Master, Sun M. Moon.

I was the first convert in America, and the first convert to Miss Young-Oon Kim's group in Eugene. Yet I still cannot believe that I am so blessed as to receive this precious truth from the first missionary to come to America. But because the Heavenly Father has given me the blessing of being the first in America to receive this greatest message of all time, I feel a special obligation to witness and give my testimony to our Universal Lord and Christ. If only the American people were prepared and ready to accept the coming of our Lord! In America there are so many different religious organizations - hundreds of denominations, cults, and sects, many of which give false teachings and revelations so that there is great religious confusion. Because of all this conflict and confusion, people have become so disillusioned and skeptical that they do not know what to believe and cannot distinguish the true faith from all the false faiths.

Sometimes we should pray to our Heavenly Father for His mercy and grace on our nation. If our nation cannot fulfill its mission, it will be under judgment in this time of His Coming. We have to learn firm faith, divine love, and unchanging determination and courage from our beloved Korean brothers and sisters, as we should also learn endurance and humility and absolute obedience to our True Parents and Heavenly Father. It is because of the national temperament and characteristics of the Korean people that the Heavenly Father chose that nation for His Restoration Providence. Now the great work of salvation for fallen mankind is centered in our Master Moon, and it is the glory of Heaven and Earth and joy and happiness and comfort for our Heavenly

Father. As the Bible indicates, this is the time that "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." So we must awaken all of sleeping mankind who are in Satan's direct control sphere and restore them to the True Love sphere of our True Parents. This is our heavenly responsibility.

Praise be to God and His Christ Who shall bring forth this Victory!

I now hand the baton to Mrs. Chrystine Hilts, the founder of the United Chapel of Seattle, Washington.

Eileen Welch

Latest Report on Our Master's Visit to the United States

1. Our Master is in Washington, D.C. His schedule is a little ahead of the original plan.
2. Master dedicated two parks as "Sacred Ground" before He left San Francisco, according to latest information.
3. "True Parent's Day" is April 2nd this year. (This is March 1st according to the Lunar calendar). Colorful ceremony will take place in Washington, D. C. on this special day.

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