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The first examination on the Divine Principles in the Northwest was held on August 15. This is the historical date of the twentieth anniversary of Korean liberation from Japan in 1945. To our United Faith it is the day when we proclaimed our Faith in 1963. On this same day in 1964 we published our book titled "Individual Preparation for His Coming Kingdom" - subtitled "Interpretation of the Principles".

Local leaders from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming gathered at the Portland Chapel and they took a three hour long examination on Part I of the Divine Principles. The examination consisted of the following twelve questions:

1. Draw the chart of God's Progressive Revelation based on Bible history, and explain
 - (1) the reason why in this day so many Christian denominations should appear as logical phenomena
 - (2) verify that new truth should come in the last days and
 - (3) give 3 scriptures to prove (2)
2. What is Universal Prime Power and how does it work in the creation?
3. Draw the diagram showing (a) the relationship of the spirit-man and the physical-body. (b) explain how the 3 types of spirit-man grow to perfection.
4. Give scriptures on 2 lines of prophecy, and explain why God gave 2 lines of prophecy on Christ. Some theologians believe that Christ should come twice in order to fulfill 2 lines of prophecy—suffering and Lord of Glory. Then how could you attack their position based on that part of your answer?
5. Explain briefly God's predestination (95%) and man's responsibility (5%).
6. What are the 5 conditions with which God chooses man to fulfill His will?
7. Make a chart of a comparison between the modern science and Bible notions of creation to prove the harmony between the two.

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8. Briefly explain the Processes of the physical fall and the spiritual fall in the Garden of Eden, drawing a diagram; also the Motives of deviation from the principle by Lucifer, Eve, and Adam, and finally the Proof that the fall of man is originated from the adultery to God.
9. Explain the 3 reasons why God did not interfere with the fall of man, although He is Almighty.
10. What are the existing objections to the doctrine on literal resurrection of the physical body based on theology?
11. How can the spirits in the spirit-world be resurrected if they have no bodies on earth? There are 2 kinds of resurrection, what are they?
12. Define the following terms:
 - a. Last days
 - b. Six phenomena which shall take place in the last days.
 - c. What are the outward signs of the last days?
 - d. How do you explain the modern development of science according to God's Restoration Providence?

(Model answers to these questions will be given in a later bulletin)

The examination on Part II will be held on the 29th of August.

Mr. David Kim came to Oregon after his 6 weeks work in practical observation in counselling in California to give this examination to the Northwest families.

Eugene, Oregon

On August 14, 1965, several members of the Northwest Family attended the graduation of David L. Bridges from the University of Oregon. David Bridges received his Master's Degree, and he will return to the University of Oregon in September to begin working toward his Doctor's Degree.

Boise, Idaho

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Several contacts have been made at the YMCA here in Boise, Idaho. One promising contact is a man of about 30 years of age. I talked to him for about three hours the first time and I will try to see him again soon. I told him about the fall of man. He was very surprised. I loaned him a manuscript.

Another contact is Rick Hanson. He is looking for assurance of truth and he wants to come to Portland to see Mr. Kim and other family members. He read the booklet on Sun Iyung Moon and also the report on Master's visit with General Eisenhower. Rick read Master Moon's story very intently and said, "It bothers me to know that the Son of God could be on this earth and I could miss Him." Rick said he will follow 100% if he is sure. Whatever he does he plunges right in. He definitely wants to meet all our family and Mr. David Kim. If he does meet them then I feel he will become one of our family. He could be a real tiger in our United Faith tank.

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If Rick comes to this faith, I feel Rick and I could really turn Boise upside down. I know within myself that I don't have this dynamic type of personality as he does. He told me that I am the type who could inspire and encourage people. This was a real encouragement to me.

A friend, Martin Gerike, and I went to a drive-in for a soft drink. The battery of my car went dead so we had to walk back to town after midnight. The walk was about 3 miles and I had an opportunity to witness to Martin during this time. I also loaned him a manuscript to read.

Esther Carroll, during her missionary trip this summer, met a man by the name of Tom Beavers. He works at a gas station here in Boise. I have talked with Tom, and I loaned him a manuscript of the Divine Principles.

"How Do I Know That God Exists"

by Young Oon Kim

(This essay is an excerpt from the New Age Frontier, July 15, 1965 Issue)

....Truth and good are one and inseparable - and that is God, the ultimate reality. Man can only imbibe and acquire good and truth, love and wisdom, from their source, God, through his faculties of feeling and thinking. God is the Subject, the source of good and truth.....

When we both understand and love good and truth, then our will to accomplish them become strong and nothing can stop us or change our minds...

What God thinks is Absolute Truth and what God feels is Absolute Good for humanity and all the rest of His creation.

Now it is clear to me that there exists a Source of truth and good and power outside myself. I derive my being from this Source - God - without whom my faculties of thinking and feeling could not operate, just as, without the light and heat of the sun, I could not live. So I affirm that God exists and is, indeed, the Source of life itself.

We may call this an ontological approach to the question of the existence of God.

My second approach is the historical one. The existence of God has been repeatedly affirmed in the past. There are a great many accounts of personal confrontations with the living God. I am and have been deeply interested in the life stories of great souls, both within the Christian Church and throughout world history. For these people, individual encounters often marked a turning point in their lives, when they received enlightenment, conversion or a call to a great mission. They have done much more than others to elevate the life of mankind. Their accounts strike me as trustworthy, and their evidence is given substance by their accomplishments. If you can trust them and their accounts of their experiences, you need no further proof that God exists.

My third affirmation is made on an empirical basis. I know God in my heart and through my experience.

I was led to the Christian faith by an inner voice when I was 16 years old. Since then, I have been guided at every turning point of my life by voices speaking to me, sometimes audibly, sometimes inwardly. These voices have been so insistent that I could neither ignore nor escape them. Who is this? Who could be so concerned about me? His voice has guided me

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along a consistent and purposeful path. Sometimes there have been warnings of dangers ahead. When I think or do something really constructive in a positive way, I am filled with joy and power. On the other hand, when my thoughts and feelings are negative, I am conscious of a lack of power, of sorrow and depression. Then He comes to me, and His power causes me to put aside such thoughts. Sometimes He fills me with willingness to make sacrifices for the sake of the supreme good, despite the contempt and rejection of others. His voice is greater to me than that of any worldly power.

I can readily understand the wonderful experiences of conversion which have brought about such radical changes in the lives of great men and women of the past and, for that matter of the present day. The inner voice is neither hallucination nor imagination in my case, but most solemn and consistent law, power and love. The voice makes me courageous, bold and persevering in the cause of righteousness and love. So I know exactly how the same voice works in the hearts of others. I can readily believe that their biographies are entirely honest accounts of personal confrontations with God.

In my heart I know that God exists. Through my experiences I know that God exists.

"I Have Seen Him, I Have Served Him, He Has Accepted Me"

(The following is a translation of the relay essay by Mr. John Schmidli which appeared in the ~~July~~^{August} issue of the Sung Cha Monthly)

I feel so humble and undeserving of this great blessing I have to express my love to my Heavenly Family in Korea and throughout the world. To realize that I am a part of this wonderful family is truly a blessing beyond description. I want first of all to send greeting to all my Family.

I look back over my life and remember the time when I had all that money could buy and yet even then I knew I had nothing. For me life was always so empty. I struggled many years looking for something that was always beyond my reach. I know now that God, even then, was laying the groundwork for my membership in this Heavenly Family.

I left my home in Switzerland quite a number of years ago. In the eyes of the world, I became quite successful; but to God's point of view I was a complete failure. Finally through a series of events I began to attend a church regularly. I was always so faithful to attend every meeting. I found a wonderful relationship with God at this time, even though the minister was so far away and dead. I wanted to leave that church but God said to stay. Even after that I still attended regularly. I was among them but not one of them. I had to struggle in this hell for seven years. I did not know why but I knew some day I would be released.

Then one day a man walked into the church and into my life. I knew this was the reason I had to struggle and wait for seven years. This man's name is Mr. David S. C. Kim. From the very beginning, he told me about his work, why he was here and he also told me about his teacher who was to fulfill all things on earth.

From that day on, I served Mr. David Kim and the Divine Principles the

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best I knew how. I knew that the day would come when I could meet for myself the Lord of Heaven and Earth, Mr. Kim's teacher. I prepared my home and myself as best I could in anticipation of that blessed event.

The time I had been waiting a life-time for finally arrived! I have seen Him! I loved Him! and I served Him! My Lord stayed in my chapel, slept in the special bed I had prepared for Him, ate my food that I prepared for Him myself. And He has accepted me as His child!

I am so undeserving and unworthy to receive such a great blessing. How can it be, that I am one of the chosen ones to be part of such a great blessing? I still marvel at this privilege I have, and desire to be more deserving of this blessing.

Have You Found God's One True Church?

(This article by Mr. William H. Ellis was taken from the July, 1965 issue of The Plain Truth magazine)

Why is Christianity torn by more than 250 major denominations. - not to mention hundreds of smaller sects? Is God the author of this religious confusion?

Does Jesus Christ found many different churches - each teaching a different "gospel", each practicing different doctrines - yet all doing His work? How would one recognize the True Work of God?....

Jesus called it the "Little Flock", despised, persecuted, scattered by the world - totally separate from the world - yet living in the world. A scattered few - but never divided. Always ONE CHURCH - speaking the same things - never many different squabbling sects....

Jesus joined none of the religious sects of His day. On the contrary, He called His disciples out of them; out of the organizations.....

Each new "reformation" has brought more error into the world under the guise of "restored" truth. Today the Christian world is in hopeless confusion, not a single one of the sects and churches being able to agree on exactly what constitutes the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each may have a slight portion of a truth in its doctrine, but each has a great deal more error that is deceiving the many....

God's Church must exist today. It must be doing God's Work or it would not continue to be God's Church. It must be preaching "the Gospel of the Kingdom ..in the world for a witness".

There is only one work that is preaching the true Gospel - the good news of the Kingdom of God, the rule and the reign of God, to bring peace and salvation to the nations....

Very few really understand what the true Church is....Joining a local church congregation does not put you into God's true Church. Any church you can "join" is not God's Church. Church attendance is not the most important thing. Church attendance does not, by itself, mean Church Membership in God's sight. Some people view "church going" as an end in itself. But it most definitely is not....

You need to thoroughly examine yourself in the light of God's plain Bible truths. You need to be sure!.....