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Special News From Korea!

A new Princess was born on August 14, 1965 at 4:08 A.M. We send our love and heartfelt congratulations!

Portland, Oregon

Esther Carroll

August 15, 1965 marked another important event on this most important date.

The day before, August 14, Mr. David Kim arrived in Eugene, Oregon from California. The Portland family also travelled to Eugene. The important occasion on this day of August 14 was the graduation and receiving of his Master's Degree in Mathematics for David Bridges.

After David Bridges graduation we went to our beautiful Sacred Ground. Pictures were taken and a special prayer was offered on behalf of David Bridges and his work in that area.

After eating a delicious lunch in the same Chinese Restaurant where our Master and His party ate when He was in Eugene, we then travelled back to Portland.

Saturday night about midnight the Seattle young people arrived. Vernon Pearson also arrived Saturday night from Boise, Idaho.

On the morning of Sunday, August 15th we went to our Master's room for meditation and prayer. We then gathered in the Chapel where we read the 10 Articles of Faith. Following this we read of the significance of this special date in our United Faith, and the revelations that were received during the Declaration of the United Faith on August 15, 1963. We then reviewed: (1) the 20th Anniversary of the Korean Liberation. (2) the 2nd Anniversary of the Declaration of the United Faith (3) the 1st anniversary of the Portland manuscript on the Divine Principles. After this review we then participated in a 3 hour long examination on the first half of the Divine Principles. (Model questions on this exam appeared in the August 15th News Bulletin.)

Sunday evening following this busy weekend, the Seattle family and Vernon Pearson travelled back to their respective home chapels.

On Sunday, August 29, 1965, qualified members of our United Faith family gathered to participate in the examination on the second half of the Divine Principles. Members from the Portland and Seattle families took part in this examination.

Preceding the examination, which was held from 9:00 A. M. until 12:00 noon, a time of prayer and meditation was spent in Master's room. We then assembled in the chapel to prepare for the test.

Mr. David Kim, who has been recently in San Francisco, telephoned his blessing as he was unable to be in Portland at this time.

After the examination period, we had lunch and the Seattle family travelled back to their home chapel.

The examination questions on Part II are as follows:

- (1) Define "The Law of Indemnity and Restoration" and briefly explain:

(Examination questions, cont'd)

- a. The basic formula
 - b. The method of restoration
 - c. Four indemnity requirements to be restored.
- (2) What historical source materials are to be used to explain God's Restoration Providence?
 - (3) On what grounds was Abel chosen to represent God's side and Cain, Satan's side?
 - (4) Draw the chart of Bible historical synchronization. (Show the seven periods, give the names of the three periods and indicate the chronology and the corresponding periods, etc.)
 - (5) Why was Moses' striking the rock twice so sinful to God? What was the result of this action?
 - (6) In the dispensation centering Jesus Christ, explain the following:
 - a. The significance of the three kinds of temptation
 - b. The significance of the cross
 - c. The need for the forty-day period after the resurrection.
 - (7) The text mentions four reasons for the inevitability of world wars. What are they and explain each briefly.
 - (8) There are several theories as to the Time of the Second Coming. Explain the following:
 - a. Pre-millennialism
 - b. Post-millennialism
 - c. A-millennialism
 - d. Millennial Darwinism, i.e., the theory of the Russellites
 - e. The theory concerning His Coming in 1920 held by the United Faith.
 - (9) There are altogether seven theories concerning the manner of His Second Coming. What are they? Criticize them and explain your position.
 - (10) The text emphasizes that the nation to be chosen for His Coming must set up four conditions to God in order to be chosen. What are they?

Model answers to these examination questions will be given in a later News Bulletin.

Be Still

Chunghi Hall

Until today I had not realized how long it has been since I have taken the time to "Be Still" and to feel His Presence. Today as I walked along the beach at Cannon Beach, Oregon and looked at the surrounding beauty He has given us to enjoy, I could not help thinking of how we can shut ourselves off from God in so many ways. We think of man putting a gap between God and himself by his worldly thinking, but no matter what it is that takes over the heart and mind to the exclusion of taking time for meditation and

time for a deep quietness in the very center of one's being - this also causes a gap in our relationship with Him. We may think because we are doing His work that this is not true, but even Jesus in the New Testament days and our Master in this day take time to "Be Still" and experience the quietness and renewing of strength that comes only from our Heavenly Father. Physically resting is not enough and how many of us neglect even this? We must take the time to slow our thinking, also, if for only a short period of meditation each day. Without this time of quiet, we become both emotionally and physically handicapped.

Scripture tells us that we are to become the "Temple of God". We are told to "glorify God in our body". How can we glorify God if we are so emotionally and physically exhausted that we are nearing a physical and emotional collapse? There are some that will disagree with me. They say we must push on and He will give us the strength to keep going. This is true, of course, but only if we take that necessary time to "Be Still" and feel His Presence. In order for God to renew our strength we must Let Him do it. He cannot renew us if we insist upon doing everything alone with our rushing minds and bodies. We must let Him renew our strength.

When our minds and our bodies are healthy we have the energy to do His work with more power and vigor. Then we can truly "glorify God in our body".

Abraham....A Scientist?

(This article by Lynn E. Torrance was taken from the July, 1965 issue of The Plain Truth Magazine.)

Did you know that the Abraham of your Bible was a skilled scientist, astronomer, and mathematician?

The world of Abraham's day was enlightened, had already discovered physical knowledge which it took modern science nearly 4,000 years to rediscover....

....They had correct views of the structure of the solar system, and knew the order of emplacement of the planets. Archeologists have found in recent decades clay tablets written by the ancient Babylonians. These tablets prove the ancient world of Abraham knew the cause of eclipses, and by the aid of their cycle called Saros, could predict them.

The most startling proof of the scientific ability of the ancient Chaldeans was revealed when the world conqueror, Alexander the Great, captured Babylon. Callisthenes, the Greek philosopher obtained in Babylon a series of Chaldean astronomical observations ranging back through 1,903 years; these he sent to Aristotle....One map even represents the world - a round world with Babylon near its center....

The ancient Babylon historian Berosus records, "In the tenth generation after the Flood, there was among the Chaldeans a man righteous and great, and skillful in the celestial science." Josephus, the Jewish historian of the First Century A.D., said Berosus was speaking of Abraham. Josephus also spoke of the Greek writer Hecataeus who prepared an entire book about the accomplishments of the Abraham of the Bible.

Abraham published proof of a Creator. Abraham analyzed the "phenomena that were visible both at land and sea, as well as those that happen to the sun and moon, and all the heavenly bodies" as proof there is one Creator God. Abraham saw that creation was proof of a Creator. He saw that a creation which was subject to law was proof a Creator had made it so.....

Abraham declared, "If the sun, the moon, and the planets were gods,

they would regulate their own motion and not have to follow laws which had been set in motion by a Crëator God."....

Abraham knew that natural law which regulates the universe is proof of a Lawgiver. He knew a Lawgiver strong enough to establish control over the entire universe had to be God....

While in Egypt, Abraham left another record in history. According to Josephus, Abraham taught the Egyptians arithmetic, and delivered to them the science of astronomy....That knowledge prepared Egypt for world rule and made Egypt the one land in which the nation, Israel, could grow to maturity - as it did 400 years after Abraham....

Correction for August 15, 1965 News Bulletin

The essay, "I Have Seen Him, I Have Served Him, He Has Accepted Me", by Mr. John Schmidli appeared in the August issue of the Sung Wha Monthly rather than the July issue.