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## Master's Remarks on our Present "Physical Children"

"There are 3 blessings: the first is the blessing of religion, or by Our Unification Church. This is what has taken place so far. Then, the national blessing comes after the national restoration. When the whole world is restored, then comes the final blessing. So far it is within the scope of the Church.

"You must be blessed while I am alive! So you must hurry with your victory. I am not in a hurry, but you are. I am ready to bless. You better know why you are to witness. Whatever you do for God is for yourself. If I hadn't known this Principle, I wouldn't have suffered for 40 years.

"What is the Restoration? To win people into the bosom of God and to love people from the Satanic world and make them His sons, His Family. I could not have my own family until I loved others and won them by love. So you must follow the same pattern.

"Married couples must be aware that you have a long way to go. Some day you will regret that you found this movement and joined the group so late. So hurry up and work hard. You have to go your way. No one can take you there. You must do it yourself. The Principle is official. It is a formula. It does not make you an exception. Each one must travel his own course. Your present lineage or blood-line is not recognized by God. It must be changed.

"Your present children are not the same as your children of the future, but if they follow you, they will be benefited spiritually because of you. They will be blessed in their maturity, in the same way that you will be blessed. You should be sure to keep them pure. You can not leave them on the street.

"But you have to go your way which is so urgent. Since we know the urgency in witnessing to people, some of our members might have stressed witnessing and suggested sending away your physical children. Some wives had to make their husbands free to witness to find three spiritual children while their wives worked to support them. After they are blessed, they can take the children back.

"We would like to see a boarding house for the children of our members where some responsible persons could raise them and educate them at least for a few years. It will be ideal. This would release you for your

necessary witnessing. We have people in our group who are well qualified and willing to conduct such a boarding house and school. This is in the future, when we have money to support such a house and the children. It will be very good for the children, good for the parents and very good for our movement. No one can enter the Kingdom of Heaven as an individual, but as a family."

Further Information on the "Soka Gakkai" in Japan  
(Ref: U. T.B. Vol. 2 No. 25 Dec. 1, 1965)

Japan saw the growth of hundreds of religious sects at the end of World War II. Many of them are groups with their own blend of Buddhism, Shintoism and Christianity. One sect, for example, worships electricity. But in the last decade one group has rapidly established itself as the most powerful and cohesive religious body in modern Japan - the Soka Gakkai, or the Value Creation Society.

It now boasts a membership of 5 million household. With its pyramid structure, secret, cell-like organization and fanatical claims that prayer can cure everything from slumping sales to tuberculosis, Soka Gakkai looks like an Oriental blend of Christian Science and the John Birch Society.

Unlike Japan's other new religions, the Soka Gakkai not only claims to be the one true faith, it also requires its members to convert unbelievers through "SHAKUBUKU" (literally, bend and flatten)- a process that frequently includes badgering and bullying relatives, friends and neighbors.

Widows with families, young working girls and maids all are favorite targets for "SHAKUBUKU". Typically, its members give a grieving widow moral and financial support, then warn her that her only chance for happiness lies in joining the society; in the case of a single girl, Soka Gakkai "teams" may keep pressuring her to join.

Despite these tactics, most Japanese religious leaders failed to take the movement seriously until Soka Gakkai organized its own political wing, the Komeito (Clean Government Party) in 1964, and increased its representation in the Upper House of the Japanese Diet from 9 in 1962 to 20 seats last year. Now sensing a political threat to Japan's church-state separation, leaders of other religious sects have banded together to wage war on the Soka Gakkai.

There is wide spread assumption that the Soka Gakkai will try to obtain a majority in both houses of the Japanese Government, revise the national constitution and establish their faith as the national religion. One said:

"It is possible that the Soka Gakkai may take the most dangerous steps which the Nazis took in the past."

Vice General Director of the Soka Gakkai says:

"It is a fact that most of the existing Buddhist sects have formed a united organization to commence a movement against us. This is because they are apparently jealous of our rapid

development. However, the truth of Nichiren Buddhism held by the Soka Gakkai and the powerlessness of the other Buddhist sects are widely known to most people in Japan. Therefore, their attempt will eventually result in failure." (Source from "Newsweek", March 7, 1966)

Bishop Pike's View on the Concept of "The Death of God"  
(Ref: U.T.B. Vol. 3, No. 1 and Vol. 3, No. 6)

U. S. News Reporter asked Bishop Pike how he felt about the "Death of God" Theology.

"If Altizer (Prof. Thomas J. J. Altizer of Emory University) means what he means to be saying - that there once was a God and now there isn't any more - that is nonsense, in the strict meaning of the term. It doesn't make any sense. EITHER GOD HAS NEVER EXISTED OR HE IS ETERNALLY EXISTENT."

"I believe in God."

Question: Do you think of God as an abstract, impersonal force, pervading all of nature, or do you conceive of Him in personal terms?

Answer: I believe in a personal God - not in a sense of a being among other beings, but in the sense that ultimate reality has a personal character.

No stream rises higher than its source. It is inconceivable that intelligent, purposeful personality, such as we see in human beings, could have evolved in a mindless, impersonal universe.

Question: Do you believe that God answers prayers?

Answer: No - not in the sense of granting special favors to particular people. I don't believe in a God who tinkers with the universe, sometimes intervening to set aside natural laws, and at other times permitting them to operate in the usual way.

Question: Where does Jesus fit into the picture?

Answer: Jesus was in every sense a human being, just as we are. Like us, He was free to make decisions, including the big decision of what He would do with His life. He freely chose to do what He believed God wanted Him to do. Because He was not preoccupied with Himself, and because He was so committed to His mission of serving others, there were no barriers in Him to God. He was the fully open man - and so God was able to reveal Himself to and through Jesus in a way that has never been possible in any other person.

San Francisco, California:

On Easter Sunday morning all the Bay Area families visited Sacred Ground. Altogether 14 members attended. After the visit to Sacred Ground, Bette Adams conducted the morning service at the Japanese Unification

Church. She gave her testimony on her faith in God by presenting several beautiful poems she had written.

After the service everyone went out to witness in the established churches. Two teams went to the down-town San Francisco area. One team went to the Unitarian Church; the other team went to the Presbyterian Church. Included in these two teams were Daikan and Young-soo with Mr. David Kim and Mrs. Lim, Herb Kregel and three Japanese students. Several contacts were made on this Easter Sunday morning. Always there are ready-made souls in the established churches, but we must desperately look for them.

The Robinson family went to Los Angeles to spend Easter vacation. They returned to San Francisco after having a very good time with our Los Angeles family there.

Early each morning the Japanese family visits Sacred Ground to renew their daily dedication and to promote their strength in witnessing. It is a very good example for us to realize how important it is to visit the Sacred Ground often and receive spiritual blessing.

#### Berkeley, California:

Esther Sanematsu safely arrived in Tokyo, Japan, receiving heartfelt welcome from the Japanese brothers and sisters in the Tokyo Unification Church. She is enjoying her visit to Japan and mentioned her double joy to see the Los Angeles families and Mr. David Kim who went to the Airport unexpectedly, in order to see her off on April 9, 1966.

#### Los Angeles, California:

Mr. David Kim spent the weekend of April first with the Los Angeles families. He showed film slides from the Bay Area.

The next day, on Sunday, after visiting Sacred Ground, the morning service was conducted by Mr. David Kim.

Mr. Kim is very impressed to see the zeal and dedication of the Los Angeles family centering John Pinkerton. They plan to march on for the victory for Our Master, spreading this message of salvation to the city.

In the airport they sang "Ariran" to Mr. David Kim when he left to return back to Oakland Sunday evening, April 4. Prayers are needed from the entire West Coast to Los Angeles family for their "Sacred Battle."

#### Vancouver, B.C. Canada:

As a result of the long trip to Oregon and California, Terre Hall is sick but is recovering her health now. She is staying for awhile at St. Helens Chapel. John Schmidli is taking care of her full time. Pray for her quick recovery.

Portland, Oregon:

Glenda Moody from the Oklahoma family spent an evening of fellowship with the Portland family on April 6th.

For dinner that evening, we also had David Bridges of Eugene and Maxine Adamson and Charles Anderson of Portland.

Charles is a new contact and is really a prepared vessel. In just a few visits to Portland Chapel he has been given the complete Principles and when he was told the possibility of Christ coming as another person, he was excited and exclaimed, "I know He will come as another person and He will be an Oriental!" Needless to say, it was a thrill to tell him about Our Master and this work more fully.

He is anxious to meet the Seattle young people as he makes rather frequent trips to Seattle. Also he is anxiously awaiting the next monthly meeting in Portland in hopes of meeting several of our California family.

He looks forward to his visits to Portland Chapel and is reading and enjoying the Divine Principles.

He belongs to a single adult group with a mailing list of over 200 and plans to have me speak at one of their meetings. Very possibly we will have them meet in the Portland Chapel in the near future. What a tremendous ready-made harvest field that will be!!!

The wife of a very prominent and well-to-do couple in their late 40's has also been responding to Principles. When she heard about Our Master it seemed so real and logical. We have discussed Principles quite a few times and will soon begin a weekly study at their home. She has reservations yet as to Our Master as she, through some prophecies, had thought the Christ would be a small baby, thus Master's son as the Christ. Yet, she is leaning very favorably toward Master as the Christ and knows as soon as our regular study begin that many questions will be answered.

Her husband was the original target, but by working with her then I feel we will have her husband as well. He is a very powerful and influential Portland businessman.

If we can win this couple to this work it will open the door to many influential people as prospective members for our family.- Esther Carroll

Seattle, Washington:

Suzanne Pitts made a short business trip for her company to Fairbanks, Alaska.

This was a wonderful opportunity to get the feel of Alaska as she plans to move to Anchorage within a month.

With her zeal and enthusiasm we know that soon a solid work will be established there.

Important Days to Remember:

April 17: This is the actual Resurrection Day of Jesus and in Seoul, Korea, as usual, this year special services and celebrations will take place. If you remember this day, you may synchronize with Headquarters.

May 1: (Not according to the Lunar Calendar which is the Day of All Things). This will be the 10th anniversary of the Holy Spirit Association in Seoul, Korea. As usual, meaningful ceremony is planned in Seoul, Korea. Every chapel in the northwest should observe this day according to their programs and spend this meaningfully.

In 1954, Our Master and His few followers set up this organization at Seoul, Korea. Now this movement spread all over the world. Portland will send a congratulatory cable to Korea showing our determination and loyalty to Our Master.