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The Day Of God Is Established By Our Master

On January 1, 1968 at 3:00 o'clock AM sharp our Master proclaimed the Day of God for the first time since human history began. He prayed in the presence of the blessed family assembled at Seoul Mother Church in Korea:

"Father, this is the first day of 1968. The year of 1967 was filled with sadness and grief and it has been a very complicated course of Restoration. During the past years the Parent's Day, the Children's Day, and the Day of All Things have been proclaimed. This day, at this hour, I am proclaiming before all nations the Day of Victory, of Glory, of Consolation of the Father; namely the Day of God.

"May this day be a day of blessing for generations to come. I dedicate this day in the Name of the True Parents."

The Day of God could not be declared as long as the Satanic world blocked the way. In order to establish this day, enough indemnity had to be made to surpass the point of the Fall, in the Restoration Course. The Parent's Day was not instituted at the point where everything was completely fulfilled, but at the very beginning of fulfillment; at the first level of the Perfection Stage. After the Parent's Day was declared, the Children's Day, and the Day of All Things were established while they were still in the process of being fulfilled.

On the other hand, during this time, through the Blessings of 30, 72, and 124 couples in the Sacred Marriage, the primary foundation for God's sabbath was laid. With the declaration of this Day of God both the 7-year-course since the blessing and the entire 21-year course of Our Master's mission have come to the point of culmination.

Subsequent to the next 7 years, God will hold direct sovereignty through His Blessed Families. Then God will have rest from His battle and will remain victorious in dominion. Because of this day, the prophets and saints in the spirit-world will be able to act freely to promote God's work on the earth. Up to this

point the Heaven also has been under the condition of Satan's accusation, and has been required to compensate Satan. From this time, however, Satan can not demand a portion of the harvest. Rather, we will reap 100 percent of what we sow in the future.

As the motto of the next 7 years Our Master says: "Let us mount a full-scale advance." He elaborated it more in this way:

1. "Study the Principle and live with the greatest honesty and sincerity. With the Heart of the Father, accept responsibility for the spiritual life and the growth of others. With constant activity, multiply your life in new followers of the Principle.
2. "You must have vivid consciousness of the goal. We must win the recognition of the established churches and turn the country into the Heavenly sphere.
3. "You must imagine the feeling of the loser. If you seriously feel the bitterness of his sadness, you will be a winner in our battle at all costs. If you can feel how sorrowful and miserable it is to be defeated, you will never yield. We have a long way to go and so much to do.
4. "The secret of victory is nothing. It does not fly down from the sky. Victory depends on how much time you spend, how much effort you put forth. It is a struggle won by investment of Time, Brain and Effort--nothing more.
5. "To win the battle, you must know your enemy. We have two kinds of enemies, one visible, the other invisible. They are working jointly. There is an enemy for every region, district, church, and every member. You can imagine how subtle and crafty he is who has troubled God for so long. We must know this enemy whose subjects are 30 billion people. To defeat this enemy, we must not work individually, but co-operatively.

"Considering all this, I want you to Mount a Full-Scale Advance to make 1968 the year of victory, that God may rejoice with you."

The Secret Of Sensitivity

By John Kord Lagemann

A few years ago, I heard a story about a teacher who had gathered his small pupils around him for a botany lesson. "The other day, I saw something about ten inches high coming up from the ground," said the teacher. "On top of it was a little round ball of fluff, and if you went whoof, a whole galaxy of stars flew out. Now, what was it like before the little ball of stars appeared?"

One boy said it was a yellow flower like a sunflower, only smaller.

"And what was it like before that?"

A little girl said it was like a half-closed, upside-down umbrella with a yellow lining.

"And before that?"

Another child answered, "It was a little circle of green leaves coming out of the ground."

"Do you know what it is?" the teacher asked. The youngsters yelled back, "Dandelion!"

"And did you ever pick a dandelion?" the teacher asked.

"Yes," chorused the children. Whereupon the teacher said, "That's impossible. You can't pick a dandelion. What do you get-- some of those balls of fluff, or the little green umbrella, or the leaves? No, whatever you pick, you get only a fragment of the whole. You can't pick a dandelion, because it isn't a thing-- it's a performance. Every living thing is a performance--even you."

That little story....moral is simple: Life never stands still. You must look at the world around you not as a collection of ready-made objects and past events, but as something that is happening right now. "One should not ask, 'What's this?' "...but rather, 'What's going on here?' "

It is the basic question asked by scientists....I've found that this question works a special magic in helping to understand people and interpret their behavior. If you just ask about a person, "Who is he?" or, "What is he?" all you get by way of answer are labels--the little umbrella, the yellow flower, the ball of fluff; you miss the dandelion. The secret of understanding human beings, and just about everything else in life, is to ask, "What's going on here?"

....some people seem to have a special gift for dealing with others. Without groping they know the right thing to do or say, or when not to act at all. They have the gift of sensitivity-- which is really nothing more than an awareness of what's going on.

Henry Clay Smith...defines this quality as the ability to predict accurately how another person will think, act and feel in a wide variety of situations. Naturally, the better our predictions about other people's behavior, the better our ability to get along with them, to spark their interests, to inspire their self-confidence. Under this kind of treatment, they usually respond by doing the same for us.

Sensitivity to others actually develops and reinforces a person's individuality. In closing himself off from the world,

he becomes less a person and more a thing. At the root of most conflicts in marriage and friendship is the failure of an individual to respond fully and sensitively. What gets in the way? It is usually preoccupation with self.

....Our thoughts when we talk to another person are dominated by such questions as, "How much is he like me?" "What can he do for me?" What we fail to ask is, "What does he think of himself and why?"....

Since predictive understanding is so essential to all human activity, why don't we try a little harder to develop and use it? Because most of us still think of sensitivity to people as something fixed at birth and unchanging throughout life. Actually... research has shown that sensitivity consists of traits and talents which can be developed through practice. In some ways, learning to grasp "what's going on" is like learning how to appreciate a dramatic performance in a theater.

Get the facts about the performers

Before you can put yourself in another's person's place and sense how the world appears to him, you have to grasp the background from which he came, the customs and beliefs and ideas which have shaped his thinking....

Listen to the performance with "the third ear"

Outside of detective fiction, the occasions when people deliberately try to hide their real thoughts and feelings are fairly rare. Most people try very hard to "tell all" about themselves. But there is much they cannot say in so many words, just as there is much an actor cannot convey about his role simply by reading the lines.

When you know what to look for, you can find revealing insights in everyday behavior. Psychiatrists train themselves to watch for "silent signals": the interlaced fingers, bitten nails and hunched posture that indicate tension....

Don't prejudge the performance

Snap judgments are very likely to be wrong. The longer you can put off final judgment of a person or event, the more accurate that judgment will be.

...."Once you make up your mind about a person, it colors all the information you get about him later." That's why it's so important to avoid snap judgments....

Once you've made a habit of asking, "What's going on here?" you begin to see under the surface of events and to find explanations for otherwise puzzling or disturbing situations. Instead of merely learning all about someone, you come to really know him. In short, you gain insight, one of the most powerful of all tools for achieving successful human relations.

(Source: "Reader's Digest," March, 1968)

Member of the Month

Gerald R. Johnson
Oakland Chapel

I am a 28 year-old man who, at the present time resides in Oakland, California. I am employed by the Packaging Company of California. I was born in St. Helens, Oregon in 1940 and graduated from St. Helens High School in 1958. I attended Portland State College and Lower Columbia Junior College in Longview, Washington for a little more than a year. I was raised in a Lutheran background and started attending Pentecostal churches after graduating from high school.

I enjoy sightseeing, swimming and basketball and far superior to all these hobbies, I like to sing. I sing popular music or religious music.

As to explaining how I became involved in the Divine Principle Movement I will start by explaining my deepest need for God was felt when I was nineteen years old. I wanted to find out more about spiritual things, because I was dissatisfied with my life as it was. I had spiritual experiences in the Pentecostal Church but I still wanted something more. I attended many meetings and finally found a group which seemed to have what I was looking for. Through Mr. Hans John Schmidli I met some people who were teaching the Divine Principle. I feel that God led me to this work, because it is the truth and it is what I was looking for.

With much appreciation to my teachers and fellow members, I want to express my sincere feelings and gratefulness to them and to our God.

Editors note: One of Gerald's finest qualities is his thoughtfulness toward other people. Everyone knows Gerald's greatest love is his music. He often receives inspiration in composing religious songs. Those in a group gathering may be delighted by the spontaneous songs he sings about each one present.

NEWS REELS

Oakland, California

In the month of April the Oakland Chapel held meetings every Thursday night. Members went to the University campus and witnessed to students other week nights. During April Bob Sparks brought Austin Ely into Principles. He is the newest United Faith member in Oakland.

In early May John and Bob drove to Utah to see the Kims. During their visit they attended a lecture by Anthony Brooke a former king of Sarawak. Mr. Brooke has directly and indirectly proclaimed the Divine Principle message in several countries. After his talk to a gathering of about 15 people, Mr Brooke called upon John and Bob to give their testimony as members of the United Faith Movement. At this time they sold two of Mr. Kim's books.

Portland, Oregon

We recently had a visit from Galen Brooks of Seattle who has been discharged from the Army. Previous to his visit here he spent some time with David Kim in Utah. It certainly seems good to have Galen in the N.W. area again.

We (Marine and Vernon) recently returned from a trip to Layton, Utah, where we visited the Kims. On the way to Utah we stopped in Boise and talked to one of Vernon's previous contacts. Shortly before arriving in Layton we ran into a severe dust storm that delayed us for at least an hour. We encountered winds up to 75 miles per hour and 'zero' visability. During our stay in Utah we had the privilege of meeting Bod Sparks, a new member of the Oakland Chapel, and seeing John Schmidli again. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual upliftment with the Kims. On the way back to Portland we drove to Spokane to visit the Rick Hansen residence, who was one of Vernon's contacts in Boise.

The following letter is from Sarah Witt. This may help in placing the new books in book stores.

Open Letter to Book Dealers:

Gentlemen:

Permit me to share with you an experience that has given me an almost unbelievable insight into the true causes for the rapidly degenerating, chaotic state of our world today. This comprehensive understanding of the significance of today's frightening events--wars, riots, mass murders, assassinations, widespread corruption--was gleaned by reading and continuous study of a book that bravely explores the very heart and core of the problem.

The Revised Second Edition of this book, "Individual Preparation for His Coming Kingdom," has just been released for sale to the public, as of March, 1968. The First Edition of this prophetic biblical treatise, published in 1964, was a direct translation from Korean to English. It embodied the author's interpretation of "The Principles," a new concept of world religion based upon reason, logic, and proper application of universal laws. It was used primarily as a textbook for a dynamic lecture series.

The author, David Sang Chul Kim, a native of Korea, has resided on the West Coast for the past nine years. He holds an M.A. degree in Counseling, and works with teen-age boys and young men.

In October 1965, I had the good fortune to meet a woman who was willing to share with me her extensive knowledge and understanding of "The Principles." This book goes beyond established concepts of today's religions, and she was astounded by the endless source of wisdom contained in these new teachings.

Knowing I was a Jewish mother of two teen-age sons, responsible to raise my sons in the traditional manner of my people, she nonetheless offered me a copy of the book after we had been close friends for several weeks. Though I had never read the New Testament because of my Orthodox Jewish background, somehow I found the courage to read this book which contained, among other things, scriptures from the New Testament.

The author refers to this work as "The Complete Testament," and it opened to me a vast new world. This new dimension of life is as far beyond the New Testament concept as Jesus' teachings were beyond the Old Testament concept.

Many people today lack sufficient understanding in their own religious doctrines and yet are afraid to seek further understanding.

The "Complete Testament" seems to be the means of fulfilling the prophecies of all religions. The result may well be our long-awaited "Impossible Dream" come true!

In conclusion, may I humbly ask that you offer to your readers the same opportunity that my friend offered to me. Let them discover, if they will, the world of tomorrow, far beyond the limited teachings of today's religions. Allow them this opportunity to search and find within these pages the new dimension that comes to fulfill every religion on earth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah M. Witt
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