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## LETTERS AND REPORTS

Berkeley, California

Farley Jones

Dear brothers and sisters,

Hello! It has been a long time since you've heard from Edwin and me, but we've been waiting to write when we would have some joyful news for you. Well, we still have no new children, but the past few months have been very much packed with Father's blessings, and so we write to tell you.

The difficulty, in Berkeley as everywhere, is in getting people from a state of passive acceptance to active participation. To do this, we knew we needed a physical base and a more intense, magnetic spirit — Father's spirit — in the Center. Well, Father has in the past months filled these needs in very wonderful ways (plus, He has filled needs we weren't even aware of until they were filled!). First, we have a very good new Center, obtained through the usual "coincidences" (oh, no matter how often these things happen, does Father's love ever cease to amaze us and humble us?). It is a seven-room, two-story flat, about a twenty-minute walk from the Berkeley campus. It is bright and spacious and in front there stands a handsome pine tree, the Tree of Life, standing taller than the building, dominating the neighborhood.

Secondly, Father has blessed these past months with visits from many beloved brothers and sisters and has thus aided our work in very great ways. Over Memorial Day weekend, Judi Culbertson, Ray Barlow, and Gary Jarmin visited from Los Angeles. Also, Ernie Stewart stopped by for a few hours and left four days later. His departure orders [for Vietnam] were somehow repeatedly delayed. These visits were all very helpful in stimulating and persuading some prospective members.

Midway through June, Betsy O'Neill came from Washington, D. C., to stay for the summer. But it is difficult to think of her merely in terms of a summer visitor, because she has already become so much a part of Father's work here. She brought us news of the activities and developments in Washington and we are now patterning our work after that model. Although it may be difficult to follow initially, we have realized that this universal pattern is crucial to our long-term goals.

Later in June, Jon and Sandy Schuhart visited us from Los Angeles, and on behalf of the Los Angeles Center presented us with a beautiful living room rug. The next weekend Sue Miller came and she quietly perceived another need and bought us a cookbook. It is in such acts of thoughtfulness that we see the reality of God so clearly.

Surrounding all these events, has been our witnessing and teaching. We have been busy with these activities and feel confident that soon Father will have new children. We have, in effect, made a new beginning in an area that has had other beginnings. This one will be without an ending. Our love and encouragement to all our Family. In the True Parents.

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London, England

Marion Dougherty

Dear brothers and sisters,

As Doris would say, we've been "going day and night" here. Many people are responding to the loud trumpet calls, and Father's Family is happily increasing with new young members. Our meetings, three times a week, are holding between twenty and thirty people, all from different parts of England and her colonies. Few Englishmen would ever conceive of the Welsh, Irish, and Scottish in the same room together — especially for the purpose of discussing religion!

While some have been carrying on with lecturing in the Center, Doris has been asked to lecture in other areas, in the surrounding suburbs of London, and also Wales and Scotland. [Reports follow.] Therefore the new Principle books are going out as fast as they are coming in, and our mailing list is growing to the need of a filing cabinet.

Alexa and Wally Taylor, a couple whom Doris taught at Findhorn, are now in their home again, and have collected many of their acquaintances for weekly lectures. Although they are living outside the Center, they are very active in contacting people, and talk about our Leader and his mission to all they meet. Wally is a spiritual healer, and Alexa is a nurse in a mental hospital.

Three weeks ago two of the boys made a blue and white box out of orange crates and with the rest of us brought it down to Hyde Park Corner on Sunday afternoon. We spoke of the New Agē, of freedom with God, of the original trinity, of Jesus, and so on and on — we couldn't stop, the power and zeal was so great from God. What a blessed experience to be a messenger for Him! Many hungry people crowded around to ask questions and take our pamphlets. We began to feel more the immensity of the task of restoration. Between meetings, the last three weeks have been spent moving into the new Center, and learning how to live orderly on a larger scale.

Neil Winterbottom heard the Conclusion and joined our Family during this time and also an American boy, John O'Boyle.

Father's new Center is a house with twelve rooms, a beautiful garden, and a brooklet running through it. Dennis is helping us to plant vegetables and Teddy, who is visiting from Holland, is fixing the plumbing and waterfall that goes into the brooklet. We are blessed with fruit trees, and many flowers, and find it very strengthening after work, to come out of the city and dig in the earth a little. We are all extremely happy to be here for God.

Martin arrived this morning! He will spend three days with us, packed with news of everyone in Washington, we hope, and about the life, the new home, the living, and all developments. Through him we feel as though in a way we have visited too. Monsay for this month! With much love in our Parents' Name, The English Family.

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Report of Visit to Wales, June 27-30, 1968

Christopher Davies

Doris Walder was accompanied by June Darby, John O'Boyle, and Christopher Davies.

As we drove into Wales (my home country), I felt a deep sorrow. I left here because I saw no hope or possibility of anything ever happening here, and now as I came back and saw people and places of an earlier life, I realized more deeply the immensity of the task of bringing the world back to God. How infinite must be His love for His children that He continues to work to restore them no matter in what state He sees them.

We arrived in Cardiff and rang Mrs. Thomas, the leader of the Spiritualist Church, who had arranged our stay. She kept us as physically well fed as Doris did spiritually.

On Friday night Doris lectured at the Boucher Hall, off Newport Road. This was the first time Divine Principle had been lectured in Wales and the first public meeting in the whole of the British Isles. Doris said this was a teaching that had completely changed her life. She gave the Preface, Chapter I, and without a halt, Chapter III. After answering the questions Doris finished the meeting by singing "Jacob's Ladder" and several other songs, which were enthusiastically received.

On Saturday after lunch, Doris spoke at the Spiritualist Church to twelve people. She began with Chapter II and went on through IV, V, and VI! The atmosphere of the church was calm and quiet and very good for the meeting. While Doris was speaking Mrs. Thomas saw golden rays coming from her head as if she were standing in front of the sun. On the tapestry hung on the wall behind Doris she saw, as she described it, "the new Jerusalem building up."

The people were interested and wanted to hear more and all bought books. On Sunday we had to leave for Cheltenham. We left Mrs. Thomas and her dog Nicky and a copy of The Divine Principle at the front gate of her house and felt very sad at having to

leave her on her own. We pray that she and many more in Wales will soon come to know and accept our Leader and so grow to oneness with the Father.

In the Name of our True Parents.

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Report on Visit to Cheltenham, June 30-July 6, 1968

June Darby

Conducted by Doris Walder, who was accompanied by Christopher Davies, John O'Boyle, and June Darby.

The conference was organized by Iris Ratsey and Ellie Beever, who hold meetings in spiritual development and healing at a spiritual center called the Red House. They also carry a correspondence course for spiritual education, and Iris is leader of the Psychological Fellowship group of the local church. Fourteen people attended the series of lectures of Divine Principle, including Anthony Brooke, who came especially to hear Doris. The sessions went from 2:30 p. m. to 6 p. m. each day, with half an hour break for tea.

After the first chapter, people were interested to know more about the evolution of the universe, whether all universes were related, whether man exists on another universe, and whether the spirit world is on a higher level than man.

There was some resistance to Chapter III on Jesus, and much opposition by some to the denial of the theory of reincarnation, but the people's enthusiasm and excitement were aroused by the history chapters as they began to see how everything was fitting into place. After giving the Conclusion, Doris spoke further about the Leader's life, about Korea, and read excerpts from the Master Speaks Series. She stressed the importance of knowing and understanding the Word to keep in direct relationship with our Leader and gave her own testimony. Shortly after, Anthony Brooke gave a very moving testimony, and four people recognized our Leader as the Christ. The others were moved and affected by all that was said and experienced, and are sympathetic to our movement. They plan to visit us at the Center in London. Anthony Brooke told Doris that he'd never before felt the heart of the Father as much as he had during the conference.

Everyone attending the conference bought the new Study Guide. After Doris spoke about the Leader's life, he spoke through Iris Harrison saying, "This is now an hour of perfection. My whole Being now generates. I am the cosmic Christ. I am limitless love. I am the all-knowing One, for the entire world. This conference is unique and holds great significance. I am truth; I am all-embracing love. This meeting is nationally of great importance." At this point Iris felt a powerful vortex of energy: "Remember Jacob? This conference is a stone laid significant in the history of the Western World. I am the cosmic Christ."

Three days before Doris arrived, Mrs. Gething had a vision of a most beautiful lady, who appeared as entirely golden. The lady took Mrs. Gething's hand and said, "I am the lady of the sun." Mrs. Gething awoke with the word "shamesh," which is the Hebrew for sun, on her mind.

Love in our Parents' Name.

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Washington, D. C.

Hillie Smith

Dearest Family,

I am grateful to be writing to you from the new National Headquarters Center — a house restored to the Father's heart. It is because of His hard work, the conditions which you have helped to make, and the strong prayers of the whole American Family that we are free at last to form the nucleus which will generate Father's powerful light into every corner of this nation, from a house that belongs a hundred percent to Him.

Each of you is part of the very center of Father's work in your town or city, its source of life. In Washington, we humbly and gratefully accept the responsibility of functioning as the center of this nation. We experience so much joy and vitality as we begin to fulfill this purpose. And how do we begin? By orienting our thought and prayer toward Father's struggle in the field; by uniting with Him in concern for your advance in the frontier outposts of the United States; by embracing each one as you come to share with us the fruit of your labors.

Becky tells me that next month you will have a full report on your new Headquarters, but I can't resist telling you something about it. The Center has four stories, including the basement, which is a kitchen-dining room area. Upstairs on the first floor is a reception hall, two lecture rooms which become one long meeting room for Sunday, a convertible lecture-sleeping room, and Miss Kim's room. The second floor contains the office (alias Becky's room) and our Leader's rooms. The third floor houses all of your Washington sisters very nicely. The house itself is a large Victorian beige frame building, which, though great in size, looks warm and comfortable. We are surrounded by a rich green lawn and scattered trees — an oasis in the city.

And now, let me tell you of our welcome visitors and their activities, thereby providing you with what you might expect if you visit (!): If you walk by the side porch, you might see John O'Boyle, new brother from Chicago who found the Family in London, planing the doors so they will close. (If you had strolled past the back

porch several weeks ago, you would have found Pauline Phillips, from Kansas City, scrubbing the woodwork and windows, and through the window you would have seen Sue Barnett, enroute to Florida from Chicago, vacuuming the living room.) Pass through the basement door and you will find Judy Barnes from Denver and our new sister Therese Klein, recently arrived from Michigan, cooking dinner to substitute for regular cooks who work late. Upstairs on the first floor Wesley Samuel, with us for a week from New York, and Vince Walsh, the first son from Canada, will be working on the punching machine to prepare pages for the new songbook. On the second floor, if you hear a loud rumbling it's Gary Fleisher — soon to leave for his "home Center, " Los Angeles — on the sanding machine, refinishing our Leader's floors, or running the rug shampooer above on the third floor. Throughout the house are sounds and sights of cleaning, mending, building.

We have really immersed ourselves in long-accumulated dust and dirt to scrub Satan completely out of this house and bring it fully restored to our Father — a joyful task.

I almost forgot to mention that Barbara Mikesell and George Fernsler (Philadelphia) brought two new students, Jim Cowen and Maria Varnavis, who joined fully in the house restoring and witnessing activity last weekend.

Our meetings, thanks to Father's love for His children, are becoming larger than ever. We are led in witnessing each non-meeting night by "captains" who scout the city for fruitful places to search for our lost brothers and sisters. Before each meeting (Fridays, Sundays, and Tuesdays at 8:00), we witness in a group, often singing informally in parks to attract people. Sunday is a great day, because it includes service at 10:00, church witnessing at 11:00, door-to-door or individual witnessing after lunch, and group witnessing after an early dinner.

So, life on Upshur Street has begun in full swing, and as we look forward to our Leader's coming the days of spiritual and physical preparation fly by. Let us all unite with one heart to be determined to accept the responsibility for America which he asked us to take.

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## ARTICLES

A Sermon

Sandra Schuhart

There are only a few of us gathered here this morning in comparison to those who are attending other services this day — so many hundreds of religious groups which are spread throughout the world, and even throughout this city, each of them trying to give their people what they are asking for and to grow in understanding and numbers. Yet there is a sense of restlessness in the air, a questioning overtone; and we find more and more people searching for more meaningful answers to their questions, searching for a better life, a deeper love.

We all know the situation of the world at this time and the great need of its people. Suffering of man continues around the clock. It is easy to keep the thought out of our minds of the hundreds of people that are killed needlessly each day. For we do not have close association with them, and our life is filled with activities which occupy our minds. But, if we are God-centered people, our hearts cry for the world and its people, our hearts cry for God.

There has erupted in the past years a search among the good people of this land and other lands for solutions to the problems that exist in the world, in the country, in the city, in the family: The problems that exist between black and white, parent and child, crime, delinquency, illegitimacy, drugs — this concern has been inspired by God. Man's conscience is telling him that a change must take place, that he cannot continue to live the way he does.

I often think of the many concerned people throughout the world who are working on the thousands of committees to find the answers to why there is so much disorder and how it can be stopped. And while these people are spending all their working time in this desperate search, negative energy seems to be increasing. How frustrated they must become wondering if they can find an answer before man destroys himself!

A man I would like to use for an example is our President. It doesn't matter if we are for his Administration or against his Administration, for I wish to speak of his heart. He has given the past five years of his life in service to his country, carrying overpowering weight upon his shoulders, a weight which seems to be increasing each day. How many thousands of people hate him! But out of the multitude that tears him down, I wonder, how many would be willing to take his place and stand as long as he has? He has made many mistakes, but so has everyone else. I read an article once which asked that, though Mr. Johnson has not been the best of Presidents, have we been the best of followers?



When I look at him I see a person deeply concerned for his people and his country and, even beyond that, concerned for the people of the world. But he, like so many people today, really does not know what is taking place, nor where it is all leading. So he lives a frustrated life. Because of this my heart is sad for him, as it is for many others.

John Kennedy is another man who was inspired to usher in the New Age. He tried to establish the New Frontier. He served God in bringing a new generating spirit to America but he was struck down before he could accomplish or bring into reality his many inspirations for a better world and a better people. His attempt was halted -- because someone was personally offended.

Another example is Martin Luther King. He did not understand what God was trying to accomplish throughout the world at this time. Yet he represented an aspect of God. Mr. King felt responsible to make a change come about for the betterment of his people. He tried to fulfill the dream he had. He became a servant of God, trying to manifest a change in the hearts and minds of people. So many people took personal offence at what he was trying to accomplish; thus they took personal offence at God. The evil that was directed toward him finally destroyed a man trying to accomplish what he thought would help many people. The message that he was trying to convey was silenced by a bullet that took his life.

It seems that good men always suffer in trying to accomplish their goals. They do not live just for themselves but their lives are given in service to their country, their people, their religion; and for this concern they suffer and are persecuted by those who take their actions personally and think they are out to destroy their personal, self-centered little world. The others have no love for humanity -- only for themselves. Their enemy is goodness and those who manifest goodness. Thus, they hate and attack God and His people.

There was a man who came to the Center a short time back to whom we tried to reveal the heart of God. In reply to our explanation he said, "What does God care if thousands of His children die? He can create more." In asking him if he were aware of the world situation and the suffering of its many people, he shook his head no. He had no time to think about that situation. He was reaching for ultimate truths and union with God.

He is not growing to union with God. For he is only concerned with his own salvation. Union with God is not achieved this way. One day he will be a very sad man -- perhaps he already is.

We can compare the time that we are living in to 2000 years ago. In our Bible studies we may have learned of the situation of the world before the appearance of Jesus

Christ. The world and its people then were greatly divided also. And just as today the world was filled with many evils. The Jews prayed constantly for the coming of the Messiah, for this was their only hope to end their most painful life. The situation of the people at that time revealed their desperate need of a higher truth which could destroy the evils which existed and unite man to man. But God needed to prepare the people for the Advent of Christ so that they would recognize Christ and follow him. This was never achieved, and the people failed to recognize and unite with Christ. Therefore, they could not benefit by the truth that Christ wished to reveal. Thus their suffering increased. The return of Christ became necessary.

Jesus, too, is an example of a man who was not only concerned for his people and his country, but was concerned for all people and all countries. He was universally concerned, for his truth would not only resurrect physical man but spirit man also. Thus everyone would benefit by the accomplishment of his mission. Jesus was greatly hated by the people until that hatred finally took his life. The man who had come to reign as King of kings now became the King of Sorrows, for his heart bled for all mankind. His heart bled for God.

Now it is 2000 years since the appearance of Christ and we find history repeating itself. There is a difference between the multitudes that are attending other services this day in comparison to those who have gathered in this room.

There is a difference between the many concerned people of the world who are trying to find out what is causing the chaos throughout the world and the solutions, in comparison to us who have gathered here and the many people throughout the world who have been drawn to the teachings of the Divine Principle. That difference is that we know what is taking place today and why it is taking place. This puts us in a most responsible position to God and to the world. It places us in direct conflict with the enemy. It calls for continuing deep study leading to a change of mind and a change of heart. Thus our life must become more directed in the service of God so that we may grow from a self-centered person who takes things personally, to a universally-centered or God-centered person.

The old heaven and the old earth are passing away, and a new heaven and a new earth are being established. Thus what we have held as most important in our life may not be to God. For He is asking for the establishment of a new world. The foundation is to be laid by His Son, the Lord of the Second Advent.

For this, He must prepare the people that they may recognize the Lord and follow him. This the Divine Principle is able to do — to prepare the people for the Lord of the Second Advent and reveal who he is.

We do not need to be frustrated as many people today. For the Principle reveals the fulfillment of the will of God and the unfoldment of the action He is taking.

Upon hearing the Principle and understanding the Principle, a new course of action must be taken in our life. If we accept the Principle, then we must begin the work for the establishment of a new world. A universal mission. We cannot live for ourselves and our immediate family. We cannot work for just a new car, a new home, our own educational goals, for then we are excluding the rest of the world and we will never know God.

Satan has deceived us long enough. We cannot allow him to continue to deceive us. We cannot get caught up in our everyday life and allow small problems to divide us and separate us from one another and finally from God. Life is too short. The age we live in is too great. We cannot live only to regret our life at the time of physical death. This would be so sad. God has called us; He is revealing His heart. We cannot give a quarter of our life or half of our life. We must give Him our whole life. Then He will return it to us filled with His love and truth. Then we will be God-centered people.

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Active Idealism

Rebecca Boyd

Someone recently told me about an experience he had the other day, where he was struck in the middle of other thoughts by this question: "Why do you resist me? Excel!" I think that sounds familiar to each one of us. Who has not heard that question? Why do we resist God?

God is justice itself; yet we trust Him so little in our lives. God is truth itself; but so often we do not believe Him. God is love itself; yet we do not respond to Him.

What is truth for? What does it mean to us? Man's faculty of reason seeks truth; he longs to unite with it, to believe it, to reflect it by living it. Man's very reason longs for, is drawn to the truth. They were made for each other — the faculty of reason has purpose in seeking and uniting with truth. What are ideals for? The word "idea" comes from a Greek word meaning "to see." Ideals are goals by whose light we are guided to see through the maze and disorder of "things as they are." Ideals and happiness are goals which — every discouragement to the contrary notwithstanding — man fundamentally expects to reach. For thousands of years, despite every attempt of Satan to destroy hope itself, despite the failure of generation after generation, man has persisted in seeking happiness and the realization of his ideals. Somehow it doesn't matter to man what logic and experience say; something in his essential nature, something in his inmost heart drives him on. Even the most defeated, miserable person is still seeking happiness and employs every device to obtain it.

By making everything out of Himself, by having the creation His body, God really created the universe out of love itself. God is the Source of love out of which everything grows. When everything is in harmony with Him, when the circuit of give and take is complete, everything becomes completely beautiful and good. Ideals of charity, honesty, purity, faithfulness are aspects of life which come to life, become reality, when the give and take between God and man is maintained.

I often think of the famous allegory of the cave in Plato's Republic, where he describes the disparity between man's life and the Ideal. In this story, people are chained as prisoners in a cave — though they don't know they're prisoners and they don't know they're in a cave. They see only the moving shadows of people and things cast upon the wall they face. Real life is going on outside the cave, yet they are bound to face the wall and know reality only in the shadows before them. What would happen, Plato asks, if these prisoners were to come out into the bright sunlight of reality?

First, he says, the brightness of the light on eyes used to darkness would be painful, and they wouldn't be able to see anything at all. As the eyes adjusted, they would first see faint outlines and shadows. Later, Plato suggests, they would see the reflections of things in the water, like trees, for example. As they raised their eyes more and more to the light, they would begin to see the reality of those reflections, the trees themselves. Someday they would be able to look at the sun itself and even understand at last that not only is the sun what makes things visible, but it is responsible even for existence. Then they would understand even what the shadows in the cave were all about.

Having lost the reality of God, man has been living in a false world where only the material is real. Through painful history, God has been leading man out of this cave and more and more into the full light. Through greater and greater truth He has revealed more and more of His love. Many ideals came through the Law as God gave it. Purity, honesty, obedience that God commanded were given value for the first time in history. Yet these are outer forms of life. Throughout the New Testament Age Christians have centered their sense of ultimate reality on the person of Jesus, the reflection of the heavenly Father. Jesus embodied truth and goodness for man. As man incorporated these values into his life he came still closer to the ultimate reality. Today we have the opportunity to come face to face with God Himself — and even more than that, to become one with Him! St. Paul's longing can be fulfilled today:

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.  
Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even  
as I have been understood. (I Cor. 13:12)

The nature of love is that it is the most powerful uniting force. It is magnetic. Only through having the ideal and its expression become completely one is the original ideal fulfilled. These things are made to be together. Love is so powerful in man's life because only through it can his nature bloom, can his purpose be fulfilled; and this is true because only through the fullest give and take of love can God be one with His creation. As a plant automatically turns toward the sun which it needs, man seeks love. His whole being is directed toward this full give and take of love.

This is the most powerful knowledge. We have to realize that man, like the Father, can never rest until he has reached his goal. No human being can really stop looking for happiness. No human being can really stop seeking himself, the realizing of his potential. No human being can stop seeking love. The ultimate quality of being human is that man, in the image of God, is essentially the potential quality of loving and responding. No matter what our mode of life, no matter what direction we assume in it, no matter what counterfeit we may choose as the center of our life — when that doesn't work we will go on searching. And why? Man's complete despair is impossible because of the vast love of the Father, who never gives up; His magnetic love has been drawing mankind through the centuries. So long as there is still that spark, still that fragment of His image in people's hearts, they will continue to be drawn onward. Truth in itself has no drawing power. Truth may enlighten, but only love is compelling.

We are today in the position where God can speak clearly to us because He has given us the truth through which we can understand Him and through which we can eliminate our bondage to Satan. We have the possibility to respond to this great degree, and God expects us to contribute our 100 percent effort.

Well, the question of why we resist God ultimately becomes, Why do we not perfect our love for Him, our response to Him? Let's look at another side of it. It isn't our whole self that resists the Father; most of us is longing to respond to Him. Sometimes, though, our resistance wins and somehow comes out sitting on top. Every time a new idea or approach is presented, every time a new kind of opportunity arises, every time a new challenge appears, we face the dilemma of whether to resist or respond. It is a kind of judgment. Whenever something turns up that we both resist and desire, we must choose.

What's wrong with negative thinking? Well, it can be destructive. Sometimes the problem is that it's just not constructive; it's not inspiring. But I am forced to realize that in this final dispensation of action negativity, unproductive criticism, just like sheer intellectuality, is an expression of the desire to push circumstances away. Negative thinking is a repelling force. It doesn't act — it just postpones. We seem to be doing something when we criticize, but we really are not. It is

pseudo-action. Because we dislike circumstances, because we don't want to make a decision, we seek to push the whole thing away instead of mastering and recreating the situation. This is certainly not reflective of God's nature.

God wants to give man lordship over everything. But we must earn lordship by, first, mastering ourselves and our relationship to God and people and events. Nothing in our lives is an accident. Everything has its purpose and opportunity. We can just plunge into our living, tackle every problem and situation positively, seeking what can be created out of it. That's a realistic attitude. As in Plato's allegory, the Ideal (reality) is the sun itself; the more direct the reflection, the more real things are. The more positive we are, the more realistic — because the more directly we reflect God's nature. Criticism may be true, but it's a lower form of reality — a lower standard of truth than a positive point of view would be. Resistance and objections to new situations or ideas may have validity, but they have less value in terms of relation to God. To look at everything as an opportunity — no matter how much a hardship or a problem we could consider it — is the most realistic view. Every step we take forward, even over obstacles, brings us closer to a true understanding of life. Positive thinking is powerful, because it connects to the constructive power of God.

Knowing these things, we must get to the point where we not only proclaim the truth — whether others reject it or not — but we must plunge into life for the sake of the heavenly Father, undismayed by setbacks, unconcerned about what on the surface may appear to be failures. Because we cannot but eventually succeed, since we are aligned with the purpose of the Father, we can do this most realistically.

In our life we have nothing to lose but our bondage to Satan. Every accomplishment, everything good attained, every truth realized, every talent developed — these things will remain forever when they are built on the eternal foundation of the give and take of love with God. As our movement expands, idealism is becoming more aggressive. Truth in this age is no longer the passive object of man's search and contemplation. Having found the ultimate truth, we are wielding it in an active, positive way as the sword of judgment. The standard of love at this time is also active, positive, aggressive, as we assume the position of parents to humanity. Here in the heart of life we will meet the Parent of all.

This is how our Leader became victorious. He used everything. Realizing the ultimate value, he made victory out of the most sad and painful events. He asks us not to walk beside him, but to walk behind, or best — run ahead. Compete with him, excel all previous people in dedication, determination and love.

(A sermon.)

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Let's Move!

Neil Salonen

The need to rebuild America is being felt with increasing urgency throughout our country at all levels. The response to this need has been varied, according to the ability to perceive the cause of the difficulties — but since no one has ever fully understood that cause, no complete solution has ever been found — often, even the hope for one is feeble.

The progressive breakdown or collapse of all the institutions and traditions through which our society functions, has caused tremors which have shaken even the most stable elements in this country. As the signs of the times continue to verify that these are the prophesied "last days," our people are following an almost miraculous pattern of transformation — from complacent, to concerned, to confused, to an eventual end in catastrophe.

As we go about our work, it is vitally important that we correctly perceive our function to be not one of generating the restoration as quickly as we can, but of desperately racing to intercept humanity somewhere between its complacency and catastrophe. To intercept all men with a message of absolute hope in a time of despair, with a standard of truth in a culture almost based on falsehood — in short, with the only complete answer to the questions the lack of an answer to which has always compelled man to look away from.

I want to talk today about how we can define our responsibility to America, and unite with our people to fulfill America's mission in the world.

Often our lives are so hectic and filled with activity that we cannot stop to contemplate the enormous significance our every act, both collectively and individually, has on the speed of realization in this final dispensation. During this past week, however, with so many hours spent in physical labor with the mind free, I became overwhelmed at the significance of these very days.

I'm sure that we can all empathize with the wandering Hebrews, entering the Promised Land at last after repeated prolongations. When the movement first started in America, it was a cause or purpose — and as such it developed a spiritual reality. But neither spiritual nor physical restoration alone is possible — and therefore the cause had to become a material reality. In a symbolic way, this first permanent U. S. Headquarters completes a circuit for which God has been working over nine years.

America has been called to a crucial mission in the ministry of the Second Advent, for which her history records unequalled preparation. Our loving Father has blessed

this land with material abundance unexcelled anywhere in the world. Already, we produce more than we can use, even more than we can waste, of everything we need. Now, in a world of scarcity and destitution, we find it necessary to limit our production to maintain the present imbalance. This abundance is certainly not our reward for past actions or inherent merit. Yet God is a God of purpose and the kingdom of heaven is a kingdom of use. How must we utilize our resources? What is our role?

Our Master alone has pioneered the path to perfection; he has given us the pattern and the truth which will enable our spiritual growth. Realizing the joy this allows us and the joy that can be felt in the Father, we understand the need to quickly ready everyone by every means possible. To do this we need many teachers — even the immediate need is for more than we have — but the real limitation is not that. Our work often goes slowly here and around the world for the lack of material resources.

America, the land of plenty, has a missionary role — both in providing teachers and in providing physical support. To earn her place in the New Age, she must justify her wealth by using it for God — in His final dispensation. This is why our Leader has said:

America is the kingdom of heaven on earth in the outward sense, not only because of its cultural achievements, but because all races are represented and intermarriages are freely done.

Out of 180 million people, 80 million should go out to other countries to serve as our missionaries. If the money wasted in this country were spent to send these 80 millions to other countries, the whole world would be restored in a very short time.

(From MS-2, page 5.)

The real wealth of America is obtained as the profit for enterprise rather than in selling our ability to add value to someone else's goods and services — our goal has been to develop our own business, and our continual efforts will bring success, but this success will be in proportion to our dedicated effort and the willingness to pay the necessary indemnity. It should be obvious that this is the real mission of America. Then this will be the front line of our war with Satan.

Miss Kim calls for leaders with universal scope of thinking — this is a large part of what is meant. To busy ourselves in less direct pursuits, even exclusively



witnessing and teaching will not absolve us if we fail our mission.

The fact is that we fool ourselves if we elect not to serve in this way but in another, for the choice was made even at the birth of this country. We are reaping the benefits of the efforts of generations whom God prepared — and our judgment will be on that basis.

There is a responsibility even above this outer mission of America to the world, which is the inner mission of this Family to America. To reflect God, to really communicate His love and purpose to our people, to inspire them directly and indirectly in our outer mission, we must exemplify the pattern of life. Not only by our constant efforts to earn money individually and as a group, but to establish the condition — our five percent — necessary for Father to fully work with us, we must consciously approach our use of material possessions with wisdom, and with love.

To curb the waste in America, we must use all of our goods and waste nothing. To turn America's wealth from frivolity to function, we must cut off our selfish or childish expenditures and apply them to a higher purpose.

Only slowly does the pattern of life change. I think we all need to really work on this one weakness. I think it's the crucial point. In moving, it became clearer again to me: Do we really need what we have? Why should we have even one pair of socks that we don't use? Isn't that the pattern we want to set for America?

In a land with a gross national product in 1966 of \$713.9 billion, I keep thinking of what our Leader said:

If the money wasted in this country were spent to send the 80 million to other countries, the whole world would be restored in a very short time.

Out of the twelve general categories of personal expenditure by U. S. citizens, education and religion and welfare activities ranked tenth and eleventh. Do all American families need color television, two cars, swimming pools, fur coats, country clubs — before our South American brothers eat?

If we love America, won't we above all want her to fulfill the heavenly mission? Isn't that what love for America really means? Our theme of witnessing for the last two weeks made very clear our Leader's hope, and his expectation.

I consider that America has a great mission. You consider yourself as leader of the democratic world. You may be proud of your civilization and wealth. But how many are there who will take the responsibility and are willing to pay indemnity for the whole world? You will not be qualified for this noble mission unless you are willing to give to the people of the world the most precious things you possess. I have seen many things in your country which represent the high civilization of our century. I see many beautiful houses, and wonderful highways on which one can drive 80 miles an hour. Cars run like streams of water. My heart is heavy when I think whether these things are being used for God or not. I long rather for those in Korea who are crying out to God in order to bring His blessing to earth under the most miserable circumstances and physical environment. If this country is the place where God can abide, then you will be greatly blessed. Otherwise, what will happen to you? You must realize where you are. You must realize that you are on the borderline of good and evil. Where are you going with all your possessions? Where will you go with the civilization of which you are so proud? Where will America go as the leader of the democracies?

(LA, 2/20/65, p. 6)

Our relationship with this house is very much like a microcosm of our relationship with America. We found it in decline, out of repair, crumbling, and we have had to fight to restore every inch of space. Our work has been done with love. We all feel that because this is a permanent headquarters and we own it, our sweat and toil is not lost as it would be in a rented house.

Now is the time we must really identify with America. We aren't visitors here; we own it. Our work, however difficult, will not be lost. We will have to fight to restore every inch of space, but it will respond with heavenly beauty. Think of the beauty we have realized in return for our love to this one house! How much greater will be our Father's joy in the restoration of this whole country!

We are now forming the pattern of true Americans. We must remember America in more than our prayers, more than our contributions, even in our finding the lost children of our Father. We must remember her in our every action, even our thoughts and our feelings.

How can we be selfish or possessive about that which never came to us through merit anyway, but is the blessing of God? How much greater to pass on everything we can to where it is most needed, to do God's work by becoming lords of creation — using all of the material world to manifest His love.

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## TESTIMONIES

London, England

Neil Winterbottom

It seemed like a happy accident when I heard the first chapter of Principle from Doris Walder at the beginning of June. I was immediately drawn by the spirit of deep truth emanating from Doris, although I did not understand what she was talking about. Although only six weeks have passed since then, my serious life seems like a dream.

I spent my childhood in much sadness, although outwardly I was fortunate and lacked no material thing. I often used to cry by myself for a long time, after which I would feel very comforted. I could not understand why everyone else was always so happy; I thought there was something wrong with me. I had lost faith in the church by the age of seven, but at fourteen I felt my need for God and began searching. I was at this time very withdrawn, with few friends. My studies were terminated by eighteen, and I spent the next few years trying to fortify my character with strong doses of Chinese philosophy. By this time I had overcome my adolescent problems, but the price I paid was selfishness, arrogance, and laziness. Now I can become like a little child again through our beloved Leader. Thank you, Father.

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Rome, Italy

Mark Lewis Whitman

In reaching Principle I had to cross many physical barriers as well as spiritual ones — namely, coming to Rome from California.

I am fourteen years of age. I was born in a small town near San Francisco called Kentfield, California. I have not been to church for years. I began to study Yoga for a while and then gave it up. It never helped me very much spiritually, only physically; and what it taught be of Father seemed to make Him a giant, wrathful and wise Force.

Then a friend of my Mother's mentioned Principle in an offhand way because she had only run across its name. After I had heard all of Principle, I was told that we should pray to our Father through Sun Myung Moon and our true Mother, but nothing happened for almost two months. Then one day I was taking a nap when I thought that I was dreaming. My heartbeats grew louder and bigger and moved to the center of my chest. My pulse seemed to be rising inches at a time. There was bright gold light on the inside of my eyelids, and I seemed to be bathed in joy and happiness. I thought of Father, and the joy seemed almost too much. When I awoke I felt that it wasn't a

dream but a true experience. I told Barbara, and she said that I had experienced the Father's heart.

I am grateful for Father's waiting such a long time before my experience because it teaches me to go on even though the road is dark at times.

I've slept a few nights at the Center, and one day I hope to stay permanently.

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Rome, Italy

Marisa Autenzio

One world was on the outside, and a different one in the inside. One was bad, the other good. The contrast there was induced me to put the two worlds on different lines. Being the beginning force, I was their mediator. I followed both. One served for growth, the other for the destruction of that growth. Such a relation produced an ever-growing separation between the two. The gap continued wider. I knew that either could have filled it. I did not want confusion. The world that surrounded me could not be part of the other; even the comparison made me shiver, and I tried to keep them far apart. This concrete world offered pain, lies, hypocrisy; how could I accept it and make everything one?

I looked sadly at this world which had enslaved man and deceived him by letting him think he was happy. Men tried to transform it with new inventions. Yet man taps his forehead and interrogates the world: "Why am I not happy?" He tries to satisfy his heart with his mind. How can intellect satisfy the infinite capacities of the heart? Science and technological progress only increase his desires and create a constant imbalance between appetite and food.

I saw that this world was egoistically loved by man without his Creator. Naturally, neither of them have found harmony; on the contrary, I saw that man and the world tried to destroy each other. When I asked myself, "Who is to blame?" I knew I could not find an answer in this world, and I tried to create another one made of pure things, truth and love. I looked for truth or God Himself. I looked for love, but this was limited to my world made of dreams. I could not love tangible things without understanding their essence, their creator and their enemy.

Neither of these worlds was complete. I knew they needed each other; but I kept them far apart. I knew that the union could not have created harmony without truth, and I feared that the concrete one would have destroyed all that I had drawn with so much love on a canvas of dreams. I don't know for how long I could have divided things between the conflicting worlds.

The great hope of a better world gave me the strength to continue. I now understand the reason for this strong hope. The world had begun to live with a true man and I did not hope that this hope could have become a reality. Completion and harmony, idea and expression had taken form in unity.

The day I met Martin was just like any other, but for me true life started then. I have known the Italian Family, which has raised me with great patience and love. They have all helped me through their different personalities, formed by this Word. I have had many experiences with dreams or intuition that have contributed to help me understand the importance of this message, which has given me such happiness.

It is this joy that makes me understand the importance of taking it to all hearts, as only by knowing that others are happy we can enjoy it in its fullness.

Contributing to the development of this Word I can thank Martin and the Italian Family, Doris who has formed this Family, and Miss Kim, who has formed Doris. The Father who is the Source of truth itself has made all this possible. I unite with His Family and I hope that soon it will increase and increase, until the entire universe will be His Family.

(Translation by Dawn Faroni.)

## MISS KIM'S WORDS

From Letters: On Leadership

Our movement is not just an intellectual teaching. When there is lack of binding love, a Center is just an assembly of individuals. When individuals are only assembled without binding love which harmonizes them, there is no power in that assembly. When they are harmonized by their love and dedication, they produce energy as a group.

Father's standard of leadership is very high. When you are just a follower at the Center, Father is concerned about you less. But if you are in the position of leader, He sets a high standard. If you don't rise to it, Father chastises. This is not just for your sake, but for the sake of the whole group. It is a mistake to think that by becoming a leader you are free and there is no one above you.

A leader works harder than others, receives criticism rather than praise and appreciation. If you are not prepared for this, you haven't grown mature yet.

The first and last quality to be a leader is inclusiveness or the capacity to embrace everybody, giving them opportunity to develop their ability and thus to grow in their dedication. A poor leader always excludes somebody, assuming he can do everything all by himself.

I am sure that at times there will be much difficulty in carrying out all responsibility as a leader. Sometimes your nerves will be worn out. Many times you will cry to God, but it is your privilege to suffer with the Father, carrying all the troubles and loads on your shoulders. Thinking of your heavy loads, I think of you every day in my prayer. Many times you would have felt that no one in the world understands you. It is exactly the heavenly Father's course. Even now, no one understands the depth of His sorrow and frustration.

With Father's heart, in the shoes of a servant is the hardest way because you serve and serve and serve, and love and love and love, and yet no one understands you and no one rewards you adequately. You have to love and serve others until you are exhausted. Then you must forget completely what you have done. Otherwise you will be more frustrated. Forget the good things you have done yesterday and start again each morning with Father's love, in the shoes of a servant. Never expect reward in the visible future.

Farewell words to Linna Miller and Marie Leckrone on the eve of their departure  
for Canadian mission

Of course, your job is not an easy one. But think — you are going to conquer a nation.

How can it be easy? And you are pulling the best person or persons from Canada. Until now you have been just a member here, but on arriving in Canada you will be father, mother, general and servant. You will suffer mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and physically; but you will gain from it. Even in sleep you will think of it — you feel you have to do something. Often I felt responsible even in sleep — I thought of my work every moment.

The first missionary in India was William Carey, who came from England. He took a small boat from England and sailed around the Cape of Good Hope. He had a rough trip, was seasick and almost died. When he arrived in India he didn't understand the language and had a hard time communicating. He had to translate the Bible. The life work of such missionaries was to convert one or two! A famous missionary in China found one person in three years!

Now we travel by jet. This is the same with our spiritual pace. (I often thought of Paul's long journeys — how he must have suffered!) We are in a much better situation. We have no problems with language, food, and transportation. Also, the whole spirit world and Father are with us. Just think of the great pioneers of the Christian Church. Now you are taking their positions. They envy you. In a sense, your work is easier; but greater, and the suffering is less.

In Christian churches at a farewell party they sing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." But we sing "Unified Soldiers" because we are marching in a heavenly war.

#### Discussion on revised Chapter I

Adam's creation was brought about through the extreme intensity of give and take within God. (God "begat" Adam.) Then Adam's loneliness and God's intense desire to fulfill that loneliness begat Eve. Thus, Eve was created by the longing of Adam and God. A child is born out of the climax of love between parents. The same climax of love within God created Adam. Eve's creation was the result of the strong desire in God and Adam. Everything is created of strong desire (not just out of clay).

Adam and Eve couldn't have been created together. In that case they would have been twins, and subsequently twin births would have been the normal pattern. Therefore they were born one at a time.

The man should be a little older because he gives power and life. The man has the muscle, power, and bone. He gives power and love by doing the heavy work. Woman is not a symbol of power. She will rest under the shelter of man. Narrowed down to the sexual realm, it is from man that the power comes. This must also come externally.



All prehistoric people are after Adam. Human beings were human from the beginning, however low their culture. What is civilization? It is not all good. Eating bananas half-naked is not evil. You can still have a spiritual life. Spirit and physical body grow together.

Spirit world was created before man. The physical world is a reflection of the spirit world. Man's feeling, thought, and will fill the spirit world. Therefore the spirit world was void and empty before man was created. It was only a frame for the picture.

How valuable life becomes as you participate in the whole work of creation!

Our Leader's famous statement is, "Before becoming the ruler of the universe, become the ruler of yourself!" As a young man, he took the position of servant. He cooked and served the other students. He prepared himself in this way to build his humility.

You have to shed your blood, sweat, and tears. Unless you have the experience of completely ruling yourself, you cannot rule any part of God's world. There must be perfect give and take in all human aspects: feeling and reason, body and heart, and in relationship with other people.

God is perfect. Why? He is the ideal mate and father to every person. He is perfect in all human relationships. He is perfect in heart. Therefore He is Father of all — Russians, Vietnamese, everybody. For this perfection, group life is very good training. You are forced to correct your attitude and human relationships.

Always be prepared to see a better member than yourself. Let them go ahead of you. Always stand back, for then you will be always peaceful. You are the only one to play your role in the whole cosmos. The cosmos is like a great body and you are a cell. Why do you want to do something you are not meant to do? Why hinder or block others' ways? Open their ways — let them go ahead.

How do we block others? In heart. We are uncomfortable if someone does better. But for Father whatever is better, is better. There is always competition between those who are close in ability and talent. But it is good also to have competition, otherwise you become lazy.

Another aspect of perfection of character is to get rid of original sin. You must change your status. Up to now you have been enrolled in the Satanic world. Now you must enroll in God's world. Before the fall, only the perfection of character was needed. But now we must also get rid of original sin.

Forming the four positions on earth is so important because it is through them that we develop all dimensions of love fully. The dimensions of passive, mutual, and parental love are all contained in the four positions.

Who is your enemy?

There are two concepts: 1.) Those that hurt or destroy you personally. (Jesus talked about these.) I can still love them. I don't dwell in the feeling of being hurt. I forget and forgive. I always think of how Father forgave me when I hurt Him. This makes me very generous. So I can forgive my enemy. Often it is God who then judges that person.

2.) God's enemy, therefore my enemy. I must watch this person and prevent him from acting. I feel no personal animosity. This is really another dimension of love. We must have many enemies in this sense. Thus we become like stones and are not easily hurt.

#### NEW HEADQUARTERS

As you read elsewhere in the NAF, the Washington Family has finally moved into the new Headquarters. We are currently repairing and remodeling, but we hope to be in good order in time to present the new Center to you in the September (next month's) NAF.

Please address all mail to: 1611 Upshur Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20011. The new telephone number is (Area Code 202) 726-1155.

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#### SONGBOOKS

New songbooks are now available with the same kind of plastic binding found on the new Study Guide. The covers are of a sturdy green vinyl. There are 100 songs, familiar ones with words only (due to copyright restrictions). A number of songs written by Family members are also included, some of which are newly translated songs from the Korean movement. Please send a \$1.00 contribution to HSA-UWC for each songbook you wish to receive; address your orders to Department of Publications, HSA-UWC, 1611 Upshur Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20011.