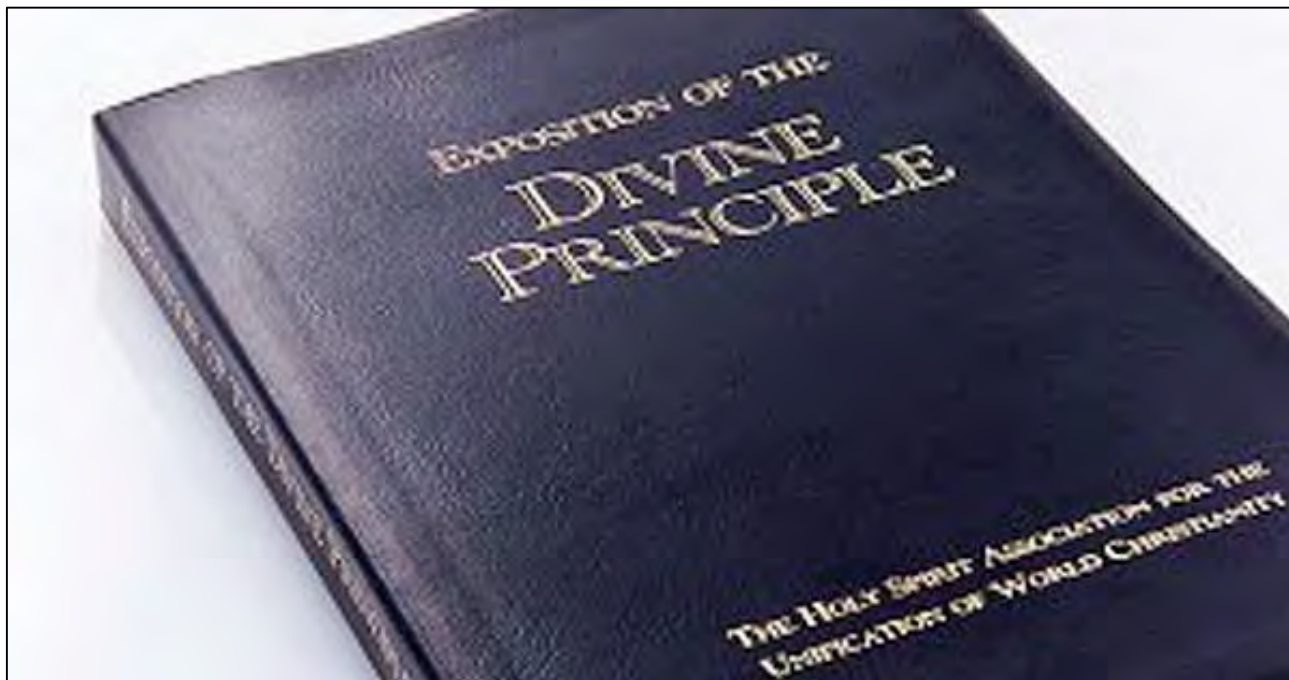


One-day Lecturer Training Workshop

Chislehurst, United Kingdom, 21. December 2013



What a workshop it was! - The one-day lecture seminar in Chislehurst, set-up and promoted by Mieko Davies and Tomoko Harris, and organised by Dr. David Hanna. Fifteen people, mostly second generation blessed children, including our Japanese missionaries, gathered to learn new skills. Perfectly prepared (the material was sent out beforehand), we were asked to bring, if possible, a laptop with us.

The schedule was rolled out from 9:00-21:00 on Saturday, 21. Dec 2013; the cost: £15 including lunch and dinner. The first half was lectured by David Rennie, the second part by David Hanna.

David [Rennie] covered the morning and included the share of his experience as a

presenter. We were told, 'Never belittle yourself in front of the public such as by saying "I am sorry, I am not a good presenter..."', instead you should always stand up for yourself and have confidence: "I have something to say and I say it." Try your best.' Following that, we each had to give a two-minute presentation on the topic, 'My plans for 2014: Who is going to join me?' This was for many their first experience to give a presentation or talk in Public. David Rennie was commenting on each speech with lots of praise and some constructive criticism. In addition, participants were asked to evaluate each speech by giving marks from 1-5. We all listened to each presentation, looking for aspects to adopt ourselves, or avoid, as an important way of

learning (second only to doing it ourselves). Each presentation was video-taped so the presenter could watch themselves afterwards.

David [Hanna] guided us through the afternoon. We were working towards giving a ten-minute Divine Principle lecture. To prepare us, David shared some general thoughts about good presenting practice as well as lessons from his own experience. This was followed by Rev Moon's words on public speaking. 'When you organize a good lecture, you feel God's heart and the heart of True Father ...The most important thing is for you to realize that you are the mediator between God and the audience.' Finally, each of us was asked to prepare a lecture.

We established a list of ten people (you could opt out, with no shame attached!) who were volunteering to give a mini-lecture. As broad as the topics of the Divine Principles are, so were the speeches, 'The relationship between the Spiritual and Physical World' was just one, 'A

short Autobiography of True Father' another. This time, three participants in turn were asked to give a verbal evaluation - some instant feedback for each presenter. And again each speech was video-taped for the purpose of seeing and listening to oneself, and everyone gave a three-fold score to each lecture - according to "Spirit and Power", "Knowledge and Understanding" and "Delivery and Technique". Replete with newly gained skills and having climbed a valuable learning-curve, we went for dinner to replenish our energies. Our last session was a reflection time including True Father's words on lecturing.

In the end, with all the newly-won abilities and with all the helpful material (David Rennie left us his guidance in print whereas David Hanna sent us scripts, quotations and Power Point slides) no treasure in the world could have paid for such seminar. Excellent! Thank you!

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