Audience Response to Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusades' Celebration of Life

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"The world and the spirit of brotherhood is so much enriched by your coming and spirit. I really enjoyed the evening."

"Thank you, thank you all for, our marvelous contribution to Christ. The sermon was magnificent and truly inspired. A great joy to listen to and believe! God bless you all!"

"Very impressive, truthful, and inspiring. I really enjoyed it. It gave me a new, odd, and beautiful feeling inside. The most enjoyable program I have seen in all my life."

"The music and dances were very lovely-very beautifully performed. The young people were very warm and radiant. Thank you for a lovely evening."

"Very rewarding experience and a big inspiration. Dynamite."

"Very interesting program-and it is wonderful that so many young people give of their time and themselves for and to the Lord's work. The reception has been wonderful and the singing, folk ballet and solo has been great. The message was very good and I plan to return for another evening of God's word. Bless you each and every one-together we shall see the King someday."

"I would very much like more information about the workshop. This Crusade is very inspiring and captivating. But what thrilled me most was the word of truth. Because of my desperate search for the 'true' word of God, I believe my husband and I were led here tonight. And in some way or another I believe God is going to use my life. I do not confess to be a Christian, because Christ is not in my life... but in some mysterious way I believe God is working with me. "

"Words cannot fully express the lump in my throat that was put there by the beauty and humility of your people's spirit. Yours is the only answer possible for a world that has lost its spirit, as I have lost my spirit. Your great gift has rekindled a belief that love is possible through belief in love. God bless you all."

"Talent superb! Reveals hours and hours of excellent training. I thoroughly enjoyed the neatness and cleanliness of each young person! Surely nice to see. And of course, the sprinkling of wit and humor is delightful! I feel I experienced a high degree of intelligent observation. Thank each person individually for their contribution toward an enjoyable show. You all are to be highly commended. Hope all of you enjoyed Austin even though it was hot and humid during your stay. And do plan to come to Austin again - please."

"The most dynamic since time itself and most rewarding."



"This is a beautiful preview of how this world can be when it has been purified by the return of our Savior. I'm just sorry more Austin people didn't take advantage of this beautiful show and inspiring messages by the Colonel."

"Your Celebration of Life is truly an experience of joy. The sincerity evidenced by the New Hope Singers, the Korean Ballet Dancers and especially Colonel Pak is a very rare experience for me. While intending to come for many varied reasons to this celebration, I found myself returning here again for still another chance to hear your thoughts. I am very glad that my life was touched by your spirits and your hope. May you continue to be granted the rare and beautiful blessing of bringing your message to people of the world."

"The entire group gave a most inspirational and spiritually moving performance. I laughed, cried, sang and felt more in love with God than I did before I came in. I feel certain that they are all in love with God, because they express it so perfectly each in their own personal exuberant way! God bless ya'll! Please pray for my son. He is 17 years of age. I wish he could talk with some of your wonderful young people."

"Dear family, dear most wonderful sir, where does one begin when the message you are bringing through your faces, your music, your dance, your words are the most complete explanation of life in truth I have ever, ever heard, seen, and more importantly felt. I am young in life but old enough to know for certain that 'things' in life are not, as they are, right at all. And I am old enough to know and appreciate what I saw last night and tonight as the closest expression to what I in the past had considered the most wonderful expression of God's creativity -- the sunrise and the sunset. But you, for being human and (at least seemingly in the performances) overcoming all the frailties of the present human condition, are more powerful and wonderful than all those sunrises and sunsets. A decision of mine concerning a commitment to your family needs to be made, but whatever it be I must now thank you not so much for your song and dance (for those I understand as being an expression of God's love) but for the courage and strength to do what you are doing. There are not many things in life I am certain about. But one is that I know that you are making God most happy. God, we know, blesses you and smiles because of you."

"The young people are vibrant with love! Thank you for an inspiring experience. I loved the Korean Ballet and now understand why my nephew married a Korean girl. I have yet to meet her in Hawaii. When men realize that they can only convey our God by seeing him in each other's eyes, then the true revelation will arrive. Bless you all."

"We spent two enjoyable evenings here with our two girls, 3 and 4 years old, and found your program and Col. Pak's message to be most exciting-many new concepts to think about! Thank you. The choir, jazz singers and dancers were all wonderful!"

"The young people offer great encouragement and inspiration in these difficult times. God bless you all."

"The young joyful faces are an inspiration to all of us older people."

"Nothing shore of fantastic."

"I think the program was the most beautiful I had ever seen."