

Report on Ron Pappalardo's the 1st Blessing Advanced Seminar at UTS

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On the weekend of April 18-19th the campus of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) at Barrytown, New York was buzzing with excitement with two different seminars occurring simultaneously. Twenty-one participants attended the “Advanced First Blessing seminar” with Ron Pappalardo at the Massena House on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Ron is, by his definition, a mystic: “one who discovers truth not by studying it, but by experiencing it. A mystic is not so much interested in believing, but knowing.” He works one-on-one and in group settings to teach people how to have a mystical experience. “Experiences such as these are always life-transforming events,” Ron states on his site, “and that new transformation is always for the benefit of each person that has one.”



There were several of us present who attended Ron’s workshop back in March 2014 in Montreal, Canada. The one-day seminar at UTS provided an in-depth look at how to recognize one’s spiritual abilities and connect to the heart of God. Ron has conducted 27 workshops throughout the world since January 2014, including recent stops in Milan, Italy and Stockholm, Sweden. His goal is to enable each person to experience God’s unconditional love as a reality, not just an idea. Once we know the love of God in our

hearts, the rest of our lives can fall into place.



The following day, Ron gave a powerful morning address to the participants at the Project Fusion seminar being held the same weekend at UTS. He quoted True Father's words read at the commencement address of the UTS graduating class of 1985; words sent by True Father from Danbury prison:

"I have also endeavored for this campus to be a place where the students can develop deep personal faith and authentic spiritual communication with the spirit of God."



At the Project Fusion seminar former American Freedom Coalition (AFC) leaders such as Mark Anderson, Henri Schauffler and Mark Boitano spoke about personal financial management and core principles for attaining financial freedom. Others like Bento Leal, John Williams and Jim Stephens focused on the keys to effective communication. Guest speaker Susan Dunn offered sessions on the Real Love curriculum. Author Dr. Greg Baer taught that real love or unconditional love is "caring for the happiness of someone without wanting anything in return".

The two workshops were quite complementary in that the First Blessing seminar focused on the unconditional love of God, while the Project Fusion seminar explored unconditional love as a means of fostering better communication among human beings and as a tool for conflict resolution. The two workshops intersected philosophically and physically as participants from both seminars mixed and mingled in the Barrytown dining room, exchanging enthusiasm and insights.

Ron's latest book "Experiencing God" is expected to be released in the fall of 2015. Other works by Ron are available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



Ron Pappalardo has been published in several North Carolina newspapers and periodicals including The News and Observer, Raleigh, and the Greensboro News and Record. A history graduate of the University of the State of New York's Regent's College, he also studied religious education at the Unification Theological Seminary in New York State. His decades of work promoting political and religious reconciliation have brought him to numerous nations including Russia, Uzbekistan, Korea, Japan, and Honduras. He resides in Cary, North Carolina with his wife and three surviving children. Reconciled by the Light is his first published book. For more information visit: www.reconciledbythelight.com