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and the True Family*



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Preface

Next to our True Father, there is perhaps no one else whose history has been so intriguing and mysterious as True Mother's. Her quiet fortitude and her presence in many church functions—her tender affection displayed to her children and grandchildren—her public presence to receive honors or to defend her husband—all give us images of a person who has achieved greatness in all dimensions of womanhood.

Yet none of these images even begin to tell the long story of her suffering course, beginning from an early age, or the unimaginable trials which she had to face in order to attain her present greatness. This book contributes to telling some of Mother's untold story. While we may never know all that she has had to confront and overcome in her life of faith, we are offered a glimpse through the window into her precious heart. It is a mosaic of the life of Hak Ja Han—our True Mother.

Besides the restoration of fallen Adam, the position to restore fallen Eve is fraught with great obstacles and tribulations. The challenge to restore this position is, in many ways, even more intense because historically women have been pushed below the status of men due to the fall. Rising above that humble state to restore the dignity of true womanhood and to do it with an obedient, uncomplaining spirit is a feat which is beyond our comprehension. Yet, with silent perseverance, unremitting faith and absolute obedience, it is apparent that True Mother has successfully walked the course and liberated all women in history.

It is almost impossible to pay adequate tribute to a person of such providential stature and accomplishment. This book is only a meager attempt to show honor and gratitude to our Mother,

without whom we would never have the hope of rebirth and salvation.

We ask the reader to bear in mind that much of the content of this book was originally delivered in Korean or Japanese. What is presented here, therefore, is removed from the source by an interpreter, translator, and two or three editors. The heart, sincerity and intense depth of emotion of the contributors still shines through.

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It is my personal hope that this book will inspire and encourage members around the world, and even the public at large to know and rejoice in the life of such a remarkable woman and to realize that we all can and must follow her example as True Parent.

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Chapter One



Testimonies by Father
and
the True Family

Father's Words About Mother's Course

The Fall began with a woman. How old was she? Sixteen. She was underage. A woman forfeited the standard of parents whom God could trust. Strictly speaking, therefore, following the principle of restoration, a person who is supposed to become a true mother should not be older than 20. This is the Principle. Because of this reason, I welcomed my wife as a young person and loved her as if she were my daughter. From my side, my Holy Wedding had to be held before I passed the age of 40. Then what period was the first seven years? It was the period when I raised Mother. I was supposed to educate Mother about heavenly family tradition and law. I did not do this in a careless way, but prayed about it so much every night before sleeping. Mother did not know it. In this way, I restored three things substantially: the daughter who was lost as a result of the fall, her reciprocal standards, and the standard of True Parents in front of God. This is the path that everyone should go as a fallen person.

The Ideal Spouse, February 4, 1969

When I left my children behind in Korea, I received many letters from them. But I intentionally cut off my personal feelings toward them. On the plane on the way home, for the first time, I confronted my sorrow. I felt sorry for them, for having to suffer nearly seven months and 20 days while I was away from home. But I had to cut off my feelings. When Mother wrote to our children with tears, I repeatedly told her that she should shed tears for God: she must not shed tears only for them. When it comes to missing our children, and yearning to see them, there is actually no difference between Mother and myself.

Single-Mindedness at the Risk of Your Life, July 8, 1973

You can understand my difficult position at that time. In those seven years I really had a very troublesome and bad time. The husbands of the earliest members said that their wives fell in love with Father, and that's why they left their families. More than anything, they had to go through abstinence. They were not told to do so by Father, but it happened very naturally because at that time everybody received revelations. That's why the rumors spread at that time, rumors of that kind. You can well imagine how easily that could happen. Some of the female members, when they fell away said, "I was almost living with this man," something like that. In choosing Mother, I chose one who didn't know about those matters. She didn't even know the Divine Principle. If knowing all those things she wouldn't obey me, then she would repeat the fall again. At that time I was 40, and Mother was 18. Why on earth would a man of 40 choose a girl of 18? It is because in choosing my wife, as in the case of my first wife I had to choose one below age 20 because Eve fell when she was in her teens. I had to do everything in accordance with the Principle. That's why I chose Mother without so much education. At that time, Mrs. Choi was there too—very intelligent and all prepared in heart, in the Principle, in everything! There were many other people there, but I could not choose one of them as my wife, because of age. She was in the senior year in high school in Seoul, and she was ignorant of the Divine Principle. It was natural that she would be in a difficult position. Many people were jealous of her.

In choosing Mother, it could not just be any girl of 18, but were many qualifications to consider. She was one with all the necessary qualifications. She was born of a woman who had devout faith and who had ministered to a founder of a certain religion where they were preparing for the coming of the Lord of the Second Advent. At that time, for Mother, it was only too natural for her to obey me because she was young, and Father was like a real father to her. All around him were many educated, brilliant young women, but he chose her and she was so grateful, and awed before him. All those things made it possible for her to utterly obey him. During those seven years, all the

women were trying to tear her down, because while Father was considering candidates to be his wife, many received the revelation that they were the one. After I chose Mother, they continued to receive false revelations saying that Mother is the “Mother for the formation stage, so the Mother for the growth stage and perfection stage will be you.” During that period of seven years, this inward sort of opposition or persecution came to Mother, and in utter obedience to Father, she had to get over all those things.

Providential Time Limits, April 17, 1975

Both Father and Mother have gone through difficult experiences so many times. Father has in a way trained Mother. She was often so tired, wanting to rest, but Father would just pull her around every place doing everything. She would be almost exhausted, but she was always willing to obey her husband, and whatever he did she would try to do; wherever he went, she would follow him. And in proportion to her loyalty to the heavenly way of life and to her husband she will be so greatly blessed, I know.

If she prays hard, if she asks for something from God, that will be fulfilled. And in living that way of life her children will be more blessed. I’ve witnessed many such cases. For instance, when she was pregnant, she travelled thousands of miles—all across the continent and around the world. She would arrive home barely before the time the child was due, and I’ve seen that child born healthier and brighter, full of wisdom and zeal.

During Mother’s pregnancy, we would sit together and talk about wanting to have this baby with these and those characteristics, and after his birth we would find the baby to be more than we expected. It is more than a miracle, and every time I am very much touched and amazed.

Mother is in the position of the restored Eve. My first wife left me, but Mother came to me to be raised by me. My first wife wanted to drag me back to the position of the fall again, from the position of the fallen Eve, but I would not yield to the temp-

tation. She accused me on the individual level, family level, and national level. Everything in her power was done to me. She was so hateful toward our members. She would call them names, and sometimes like a crazy woman she would beat our members; and she did everything in her power to disgrace our members. It was the expression of satanic power working in her, wanting to drag Father back into the old world of Satan. In opposition and persecution she went to the farthest extreme, and then she had to give up.

So Father had to receive this young girl of eighteen and raise her to the standard of maturity and perfection. Mother came to Father before the age of 20. In fact, she came at the age of 18. All through the difficult way in the Principle she has been obedient to Father. Until the time Father and Mother could cross over the worldwide level, Mother's physical mother has not been treated as she should have been. With the external things fulfilled now in the True Parents' family, she could be in her rightful position, as the physical mother.

To the 35 Couples Blessing, December 22, 1976

I must be sympathetic with Mother, because she has borne ten children and her energy has been drained. Her body has become an absolute offering to God. Sometimes people think Mother must be made of iron, but that's not so. In Korean custom, the wife usually gives her husband a massage, but never the other way around. Sometimes, however, I must ignore that custom and massage Mother's legs because she is too tired to continue.

January 1, 1977

Today Mother has become 34 years old. Jesus Christ could not go over the age of 33. He wanted to celebrate his 34th birthday with God, but he could not, because of his crucifixion. Now that Mother has turned 34, she is going beyond the level of Jesus' 33 years of physical life. Therefore, today is an even more momentous occasion. From this time on, Satan has no right to bring accusation to the throne of God; heaven will not allow it.

February 23, 1977

When you look at Mother and me, do we appear to be a happy couple? Actually, I do not care whether you say yes or no; I only care whether Mother says yes or no. I should also be in a position to answer yes if Mother would ask me the same question.

March 6, 1977

The one who knows me best is Mother, because she is the only one who watches over me 24 hours a day. Mother respects me because she has seen that I act first and then speak. When I speak, Mother always knows that it matches my actions. Mother is in a position to be with me on this level. She already leads a difficult life. I really have to give her credit because she simply does not have time to pray much and keep up with the children as well.

April 1, 1977

When I look at Mother and the children, I am gazing at eternity; she is my God-given wife for eternity, and they are my God-given children for eternity. There are always physical limitations and personality clashes in human behavior, and if you quibble and complain, you can find dozens and hundreds of instances every day. But when you look at eternity and your role of serving others, you bind yourself to these people, and you see only their beauty, grace, and God-given blessing.

God and the Building of the Kingdom of Heaven, April 17, 1977

The True Parents' wedding in 1960 was not held at my own initiative. God gave me revelation after revelation insisting, "The time has come, my son. You shall prepare the altar to receive holy matrimony, and I shall bless you."

Even Mother never considered herself to be Mother. She was just living as a member of the church, when all of a sudden her name was called to be married.

May 1, 1977

Mother sometimes thinks that I am made of iron, that God built my body in such a way that I do not feel fatigue. Her nick-

name for me is "The Brass General."

Our Pride, June 5, 1977

I never think of myself as one man or Mother as one woman; I look at the entire universe and the consequences every action will have in the spirit world. Whether Mother goes to a certain place or not makes a tremendous difference in the spirit world. If she is left behind, all of womanhood in the spirit world would be disappointed, and we just cannot leave this stigma in history.

Wherever I go, I want to be with Mother so we can feel sorrow together and feel ecstatic joy together. We will look at people from God's position and weep from the position of God.

I have had to apologize to my own children. One day I asked them, "I am always going out with Mother. I don't leave her at home so much, but you are often left behind. Do you still want me to take Mother with me?"

The children all said, "Father, we don't want you to go alone. Always go with Mother."

When I replied, "But we won't be here to take care of you," they said, "That's all right. For you to be with Mother is far more important than our staying at home alone." Basically, they know that if Mother and I go away, something important is being fulfilled. They know where our hearts are and what we are doing.

When we come home very late, maybe at 2:00 a.m., we go to the children's rooms and look at their peacefully sleeping faces. Then I really feel parental love in a silent way, more than at any other time. Distance can be comforting; separation means nothing as long as both are linked by God's love and express genuine trust and honesty.

December 4, 1977

Mother is probably the loneliest person under the sun. Her history has been an incredibly lonely path, but that was her destiny. She had to be like that. Now she has become a mother and has a respected position, and she looks like a tremendously fortunate person, but until she reached that point, she was a most miserable, lonely woman.

Placed in a difficult position at such a young age, Mother went through training to be totally obedient and totally sacrificial for the sake of her husband. She had to fulfill that condition and give total love to her husband. If she had had everything in life and had come from a big family, she could very easily have become arrogant. But she could not protest that her father or her older brother was superior to her husband. She could not even consider any comparison; she could not think that any man—whether he be her grandfather or any teacher or professor—was better than her husband. In the Garden of Eden, Eve had only one choice. There were no other men around, and she had to focus on just one man, Adam. This is why I picked an innocent young lady like Mother.

Before I could be a husband to her, I was a father and elder brother. Eve had to be restored in the proper sequence. Eve had lost God her Father, so she must first be restored to God and her Father. When they were growing up, Adam was supposed to be her elder brother, so next she had to be restored to her brother. Finally, she could be restored to her husband.

I was not looking for a worldly woman. In order to accomplish the perfect pattern and meet God's formula, I picked an innocent young lady, aged 17, to whom I could be a father, elder brother and then husband. I educated Mother on three levels: as a father, as an elder brother, and ultimately as a husband, in the tradition of total obedience, total sacrifice and total love. This was the road I myself had walked, and she was to travel it as well. By indemnifying what Eve lost in the Garden of Eden, I could restore everything at once, through one person.

There are many crosses of love. The Mother you see today has experienced a lot of pain. She met many tests and tribulations and has had to overcome each step of the way. I was very ruthless and cruel in testing Mother. One day I would be kind and loving, and the next day ice cold and tyrannical. She would cry for many hours. After the Blessing, we lived like separate persons for almost three years, not even in the same house. She could not even come to me freely.

I gave such harsh treatment to her mother as well. She was

given strict orders not to enter through the front door for three years. I told the mother of the bride, "You must not tell your daughter that she is to be pitied and that you wish she never had this position. You must never speak like that. If you do, you would be committing a tremendous crime, not only against yourself but against all women on the same level in the spirit world." I was so severe all those years that even now Grandmother Hong is very reserved and hesitant about coming before me.

You can imagine how many women in our church were jealous of Mother during those years. Many felt that the one who had been chosen was not capable or qualified for the role. Everyone criticized Mother for having this or that deficiency, and noted how her first child was a girl and not a boy. During the first three years all kinds of gossip floated about. Some even said that Mother was only in the John the Baptist position, and that the real bride was still to come. Can you imagine such jealousy of love that existed? All of this fell within the strategy I had mapped out for those three years. When people felt intensely jealous of them, I was strict with Mother and her mother, demanding total obedience, total sacrifice and total love. They gave themselves completely for three years. After those three years, everyone bowed down to Mother and confessed, "Yes, Father's choice was right and Mother and her mother must be respected. They are the genuine central family of heaven." After three years they were given open recognition.

Resurrected Kingdom of God, March 26, 1978

When Mother first became my wife I was very stern and serious with her. I never gave her any freedom, because I was determined to make her perfect. If I followed her in some way without realizing the effect of such action, the consequences would have been very grave. Women always want to have pretty things and to fix their hair and wear make-up. Now Mother is free, and if she wants to do her hair in a certain style, that is fine. Even if she wears red or black clothes now, that is all right; she can buy clothes on her own now. But this was not always so. It was a long time before she was permitted to go shopping, and

even now she only goes once in a while. People have thought of Mother as very happy and carefree, and everybody envied her; but Mother has had a more difficult time than any other woman. If she had not paid all the necessary indemnity in Korea, then she could not have come to a foreign country and worked with me. Even now, her role is not simple.

Only a few years ago, Mother was required to give a full bow to me every morning. She has to live according to a strict code. Even though she loves me very much she cannot freely express her feelings as an ordinary woman would. She cannot kiss me at will, and even though she is tired, she cannot just sleep whenever she wishes. She always has to watch me. I made sure Mother could be free to do certain things. She had to pass through seven years of very rigid steps in order to pay the historical indemnity for all women and be liberated herself. I was the sternest of all husbands, a most fearful man during those seven years. Later, I became the one who loves her the most. It was not fair to her, but for the sake of all women, I had to do this.

This is why Mother respects me. She truly knows how principled I am and how everything that I do has its cause in God's will. She feels that I am like God. Once she became like that, then I could reciprocate and feel the same way towards her.

July 4, 1978

Mother was very young when she was blessed, and she said that she did not know very much. She did not know about the world of men at all. With a prayerful mind focused just on doing God's will, she accepted the challenge. Mother accepted everything in faith and service to God and came to be the True Mother of the universe.

Let Us Restore our Homeland and Fatherland, January 14, 1979

Even though Mother was installed as True Mother, we could not live as a happy family right away. A three-year period of purification and separation was necessary, a period which was crucial before moving on to the next stage of the dispensation. In

order to begin the second seven-year course, all conceivable indemnity was paid on the family level. In this first seven-year course, Mother had to be perfected as the True Mother; it was the period of growth for Mother herself.

As you know, the human fall occurred in the perfection level of the growth stage. Therefore, during the seven-year course which Mother and I went through together, we had to cross through the growth stage and reach the perfection stage; during this time I had to restore and install Parents' Day, Children's Day and Day of All Things. In the seven-year course, the most important condition Mother and I had to set was never to complain, no matter how difficult the obstacles and hardships which came our way. We could not even feel discouraged, anguished or rebellious in any way.

In this manner, God used Satan to give Mother and me the worst kind of test and tribulation. In this way I had to be tested and hardened as the True Parent. Satan created incredible situations one after another, not only for me but for Mother as well, during these first seven years. Mother could easily have given up and said, "Father, you are too great a husband; I simply cannot follow you. I am not worthy of you, so let me pack up and go." She could very well have done that many times during those seven years.

To make things worse, when Mother was so heavily burdened, I was not even a comforting husband to her. At the beginning, I had to act as the worst kind of cruel husband and put her through tests that were harder than even Satan's tests. Knowing that Satan was going to test her, I had to test her myself first. But even though my tests were worse than Satan's, still she could perceive some purpose behind them and understand the reason for them. That made them easier to bear than Satan's tests. In this way, we both grew closer and closer together, in those first seven years.

In the sight of both God and Satan, our victorious foundation finally proved that I was an invincible husband and that Mother was an invincible wife. No matter how difficult a standard Satan used to challenge us, God could proclaim justifiably that we had

passed the test. The many other couples who were blessed during those seven years knew that the True Parents had set the true standard, and they followed that standard and united with us, serving us without a word of complaint. In this way, they could obtain the same degree of perfection.

Those blessed couples, particularly the wives, could have protested to me, "I just don't understand you. What kind of husband are you? How can you treat your wife like that?" But the couples who passed the test had no doubt about one thing: regardless of how many incomprehensible things I did, I was undeniably and absolutely God-centered; whatever I did, it was for God. The 36, 72, 120 and 430 couples who were blessed within that seven-year period knew something of the difficult path Mother and I trod. Knowing the difficulties we had to overcome, they could never complain.

Grateful God's Day, January 1, 1980

On my journey in pursuit of this love I met Mother and met the children God gave us, and I feel only gratitude.

Way of Original Form, June 6, 1980

Suppose Mother's concept was that because I was her husband I should just spend a pleasant time with her and we would take care of each other. If she ever thought in that fashion, what would happen to the dispensation? Who would take care of you and the rest of the world? But Mother is the most obedient Moonie I have ever seen. Even if everyone else betrays me, I know she will still be my ardent follower.

Our Tradition, June 15, 1980

For Mother, I am not all sweetness and light. She had to go a bitter indemnity road. If Mother likes one way, sometimes I just go the other way. But she never decides to go her own way; she goes the way I go. Mother knows that no matter how undesirable it may be, she must follow me. She pays the indemnity of learning to like something she doesn't really like. She has to have better elements and internal qualities than any woman in

the world, so in order to collect that material I am very strict with her. If I gave such orders to American women, they would rebel!

Historical Standard of Indemnity, July 1, 1980

Sometimes I wonder whether I would be able to tolerate the discomforts of pregnancy like Mother does, or whether I would flunk that test. I sometimes think that the skin of men and women must be different, that there must be some force compensating for the downward pull in later pregnancy, enabling women to hold the baby up. If scientists check and find that what I am saying is true, then maybe I will be given a Ph.D.! Mother is embarrassed to be praised while she is present, but I don't want to miss the chance to give her credit.

In some ways I am not very considerate of Mother, asking her to come or bring me things like all husbands do. But she always does what I ask and I forget she is heavy with child. When it takes her a long time to do something I remember she is not as slim as she was three months ago. Sometimes I get aggravated, but Mother might say one small thing like, "Father, have you forgotten my situation?" and then my aggravation is washed away. Then I say, "You're right. I almost forgot." But even if she doesn't say anything, later I remember.

Christmas in View of the Will of God, December 25, 1980

God gave a fair chance to everybody regarding love. If for some reason a couple is being persecuted by their village, that harassment will actually drive them closer together. The power of their love will be most intense under those circumstances. In that couple there is a fire of love burning more brightly than in any other couple. That is very true with Mother and me. You know I have been persecuted by America. At home I will say to Mother, "You are my ally. You understand me." Mother will say, "Father, you are my hero, no matter what other people say." Although she is only one individual, with Mother's words I am comforted. There is nothing that compares to the way Mother supports me. "Besides," Mother will say, "it's nice in a way that

the rest of the world is persecuting you, because it drives you home faster!" Mother and I can really enjoy persecution.

Who Is God and Who Am I, January 25, 1981

Then the time came for Mother's seven-year course. Every woman has to go this path. Women of the early Unification Church wanted to love me at the risk of their lives, coming to see me even late at night. So people gossiped about us. Those women didn't even know why they made such visits to a man who they knew remained centered on God.

And when the Holy Wedding came, every woman, even the elderly widows, wanted to be able to stand in the position of Mother. Some women even claimed to be the True Mother, their eyes shining with confidence. An old lady of 70 said she would become my wife and bear ten children! Of course, she didn't know why she was saying such things. Women with daughters prayed to God with deep sincerity and said they received revelations that their daughters would become the True Mother. They were excited, as if it were a matter of life and death.

But the woman who would become True Mother appeared unexpectedly. She was a person whom few of them had met. Probably no more than a third of the members even knew her. Yet this unforeseen person was chosen.

I was 40 and about to marry a 17-year-old girl. If this were not God's will, who could be crazier than I? Just imagine, from that time on Mother's great responsibility was to carry all the burdens of the Unification Church. Many wonderful college-educated women were lining up and listing their qualifications, but I shook all of them off and chose an innocent 17-year-old girl as Mother. What a surprise it was! Old ladies and mothers exclaimed and rolled their eyes.

I had no choice but to live separately from her for three years. The task of restoration proceeds from outside to inside. Many female members of the church, even old ladies, were jealous of Mother in the beginning, but when they saw her situation they thought, "Isn't Father being too severe? He should live with

Mother since he married her, but what is he doing?" Because I put Mother away from me, living a separated life, old ladies sympathized with Mother and restored the things they had complained about. Women of all ages sided with her. Then Mother could take her position. This is an example of Mother's course of restoration by indemnity.

During this period, how anguished Mother's heart was! One woman received a revelation from the spirit world telling her she should be the Mother. She wanted me to give up Mother and take her instead. There were many other incidents. Spirit world taught strange things, and Mother had to undergo all sorts of trials like this. Mother is very patient, and all this was merely training for her to become much stronger and greater. It continued for seven years. But the most admirable point about Mother was that she believed in me more than in her own father, grandfather or elder brother. She believed in me 100 percent. Thus she overcame all the obstacles and established a firm position.

Since a man got the victory, a woman also had to gain the victory. Mother confronted the society and nation which opposed her and overcame everything during that seven-year period. During this period I set up Parents' Day, Children's Day, World Day and God's Day. What does God's Day mean in reference to Mother's course? Mother's mission was to have unshakable confidence in her husband, regardless of the circumstances and in spite of all opposition. Whatever happened, even if she should die, she had to keep an unchangeable attitude toward her husband. That must be her commitment even if the nation opposes her. Eve fell into a position heaven could not trust, and because Eve made Adam fall, Adam could not believe 100 percent in a woman. Therefore, Mother had to maintain a firm position in which heaven, God and her husband could have 100 percent confidence.

For the first time in history, when God and man could believe in a woman 100 percent, God's Day could be established. Do you understand? That was January 1, 1968. In order to restore the standard of restoration by indemnity for both men and

women, Eve had to go through the completion stage from the top of the growth stage. Upon entering the eighth year, after completing her seven-year course, Mother and I could obtain God's seal as a true, perfected family, and we could take our position on the earth. Then we could set forth to the world, leading our family and nation. Upon this foundation I could come to the United States with Mother.

You women may be thinking, "I am the right age for getting married. I am good-looking and I have an attractive body. Any man will like me. Therefore, my husband will have to be a very handsome man." Instead, you should think this way: "I was born such a beautiful person because of the grace of God's love, which is focused on solving all the resentment of humanity. So I don't mind even if my husband is ugly or a cripple. Please let me be able to live my whole life in loyalty to him. It would be so wonderful if I could become that kind of woman." If you think like that, heaven will come to you.

I have striven for this kind of attitude. I have confidence that I am a better-than-average Korean man, but I did not expect to marry such a beautiful person as Mother. I looked for a woman who could be loyal to God's will and who could sacrifice herself for the sake of her husband. There are many careless women, so I asked God not to give me a wife who would destroy the Unification family. I knew my marriage should be for the sake of the Unification Church, the nation, and the world. I found many promising women, but none who could sacrifice themselves with a pure heart and bring the seed of love horizontally to their husband. Such women leave God sooner or later. Finally I found beautiful Mother and educated her.

These days Mother has a higher reputation than I do. They say she has not only Oriental beauty but Western beauty. Therefore, I have learned many things from her. I received a great deal of Oriental training, but not so much Western training. For example, when I eat, I stuff a lot of food into my mouth at once. I don't eat gracefully, I just think of enjoying food. But Mother wipes my mouth each time I make a mess.

People say we are a very loving couple. Mother never stands on my right side, always on my left. Wherever we go, she walks beside me holding my hand. She takes my hand first. We do that in America, but it is not so natural to hold hands in Korea. The culture is different here.

*The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of
World Christianity, May 1, 1981*

I am very strict about money spent for my family. Even when Mother wants to buy something for the family, I check it carefully beforehand. But I tell her that if she sees any needy church members, she should even borrow money if necessary to get them what they need. As recently as three years ago, Mother had no freedom at all to spend any money. Only recently have I given her freedom. I am abiding by the heavenly tradition in my family to prevent their being caught by Satan.

Historical Children's Day, October 28, 1981

I can take care of myself, but I like to lean on Mother and be protected by her; I want to follow her wherever she goes. That's beautiful. Likewise, Mother always wants to lean on me. Even though she wants to be independent, she says she is better off leaning on me, since I have more security than I need. That is so beautiful.

In the Presence of God, April 11, 1982

Whenever Mother asks me, "How much do you love me?" I always tell her that I cannot love her any more than what we accomplish in building the Kingdom of God on earth; that is our mission. My response is always the same, even towards Mother. That is the principled way and I will abide by the Principle.

Let Us Protect Ourselves, May 1, 1982

In Oriental philosophy, the crane is a noble, sacred bird. Mother's name, Han, means crane. So the crane is a symbol for Mother.

The Road of the Saint and the Religious Man, May 2, 1982

Mother just returned from the hospital yesterday after giving birth, and it was a long ordeal for her. I was anxious to bring her here to Sunday Service today but the doctor said it was impossible. Why do I want Mother to be here? I wanted her to show a heroic example to all of you. Even though she is very weak, still Mother managed to come here and listen to three or four hours of the sermon. That is truly historic. When Mother does that, how in the world can any wives or husbands in the church complain about their situations? That is the kind of tradition I wanted to set this morning.

Do you think God will say to me, "Rev. Moon, what a cruel husband you are! How can you drag out your wife right after she came home from the hospital?" No, He will say, "You are indeed a wonderful husband. You truly love your wife." I know that is the way God sees it. What kind of husband do you women want? Do you want a husband who thinks like me? Sometimes a husband can do things that appear to be cruel, but they are motivated by pure love, as in this case.

When you cheer for us, I want Mother to receive the same joy and praise that I do from you. When you cheer Mother, I truly want to be the first person to cheer her. To become that kind of wife is not easy. Ordinary women would complain, "My husband doesn't understand women and their special difficulties."

Mother and I now have thirteen children. The number 12 was a good number and perhaps you wonder why we went on to have 13. Jesus and the twelve apostles together make 13. Now there are twelve children and one who will become like the central figure of the group. We have six daughters and seven sons; six is a number representing earth and seven represents heaven. Mother has consummated her mission.

I always want to be a good example for every member of my family. I work hard, go to bed latest, get up early in the morning, and spend many sleepless nights meditating. Nobody in my home can say I am not working hard enough. Mother recognizes this and tells me, "Father, I surrender. Your standard is absolute." Men should fulfill the man's role with a man's dignity. He should be in the position to educate women.

Mother worries about my health and tells me, "Father, you are not a young man anymore. You should cut down the length of your sermons to only two hours." But I knew that if I did that, she would say, "Two hours is a little too long, so why don't you make it an hour and a half?" Then she would suggest one hour, then thirty minutes, then maybe 15 minutes. I have a secret: whenever Mother gives that kind of advice for a Sunday morning, the sermon that day will be at least four hours. I can't work under pressure of any kind; I want to be totally free. Mother tells me, "I can't understand you; you are an incredible mystery!" But once I explained my logic to her about this situation, she accepted it and had to consent to my thinking.

Blessed Family, June 20, 1982

What characteristic do you suppose Mother finds most attractive in me? What would she consider my most unique, lovable point? I would like to know what you think! I can well imagine, but I won't tell you, because I cannot speak for her unless she is here.

But I know precisely what I like about Mother, from A to Z. Do you think I already appreciate all her good characteristics 100%? No, not yet. That means I have to continue doing research and make more effort to understand and cherish her. Even by the time I die, I don't think my research will be finished. Therefore, there is no time to be bored, because so many things remain to be learned. By the same token, there are many aspects of me that Mother still has to learn about. She is always telling me, "Father, how do you find so many different things to talk about? I thought you would have run out of stories yesterday after speaking for seven hours, but here you are giving another sermon!" She is constantly amazed at the depth of my thought.

The Day of All Things, June 21, 1982

Do you think Mother is a very fortunate and happy woman to be married to me? In one sense she is fortunate, but there is untold suffering because she has virtually no freedom. She does not determine her own schedule. She has no freedom to sleep

whenever she wants, but only when I allow it. It is not easy to be my wife. My life is absolutely public. Yesterday, Mother didn't feel very well, but I had said that we would visit Washington, D.C., so she just obeyed and followed. She had a headache and felt dizzy, but do you think Mother slept all morning? Absolutely not. Do you still think Mother is a happy woman?

I went to the *Washington Times*, and Mother was there with me every minute. You know my sermons don't last ten minutes but go on for hours, and Mother was there the whole time. I'm sure she thought I could give a great message in just a short time, but she sat and listened for hours. Even this morning I'm sure she would like me to give a short sermon because there is a celebration scheduled today at East Garden. Mother is anxious that I will get too tired. She feels anxious when I go on and on, but she still obeys and sits calmly. Mother does not have an easy life at all. You may think she is the happiest person under the sun with nothing to worry about, but that is not the case.

Mother knows that she must follow my will because everything I do is for the salvation and benefit of others. I care about the lives of the *Washington Times* people so I talked a long time to them. Mother knows this so she supports me.

New Family Given By God, July 5, 1982

The important point I am stressing is the significance of the woman in the family. If we were to compare, we could say that men are like the bones and women are like the flesh. Even externally, men are supposed to be bonier and women are softer and plumper. Difficulties often arise in marriages because the woman has the attitude, "When I get married, my husband will take total care of me." That is certainly the wrong attitude.

Have you men ever stopped to consider what it is in women that you envy the most? What do they have that you wish you had? If you haven't thought about that then you are very dull men indeed. How can you appreciate your wife in the future? You say "sensitivity," "softness," and "intuition"—what else? Let me answer this for you: women can conceive and bear your children and then nurse them at their breasts. That is one thing you

men can never do, so you must be very envious.

I was made most keenly aware of this recently. I was holding Jeung Jin Nim shortly after we brought her home from the hospital and before long I realized that she was very uncomfortable. So I gave her to Mother and she soon fell sound asleep, but she never sleeps in my arms! I felt envious of Mother.

Because of my mission, I cannot listen to anyone else's advice unless I am sure it is the best. I must be the total master of my activities, yet I find myself somehow spellbound by Mother! I always want to tag along with her when she goes somewhere. I am big and Mother is just a small person, but there is a universe of experience between us. I love Mother beyond all the things I must do in the future or the present. My love for her transcends everything else. Certainly between Mother and me there are complications and difficulties which we must overcome, but through love we are always able to do that. Mother is the one who must initiate the leadership in the relationship, not I. I have many different responsibilities and much more to accomplish than Mother in the outside world. However, the woman has the more important role than the man in their relationship.

In Search of Our Home, July 11, 1982

You think that I have taught you American women many things. You love and trust me, is that correct? From now on you must truly be different from all secular American women. Think of it: if I had been the sort of man who always cleared things with my wife before acting on them, there would no Unification Church today! I am speaking now of my first marriage. That woman was very brilliant and capable. She told me, "All you need to do is just love and pay attention to me and our child; I will make you happy. Just stay here; why do you have to go to North Korea, anyway? You have no guarantee that you will survive there!" However, I did not listen to her; I only discussed with God and obeyed God's commands. Even more than Abraham, I left everything behind and went directly to North Korea as soon as God directed me. I didn't even go to visit my own

hometown there in North Korea—that is not why God sent me. I went to North Korea in order to do exactly what God commanded me.

When I came to the United States, there was opposition, too. People said to me, “Father, you have success now here in Korea. Why must you go to another strange country and suffer there?” At that time, I left Mother behind and brought only those missionaries who could translate for me. So again I left my wife and children behind and took off for a foreign land. My immediate family felt unhappy, but I didn’t pay much attention. Mother felt that she would like to accompany me everywhere I went, but I had to leave her behind. I was coming to a place similar to a spiritual “combat zone.” I had to go to all fifty states setting up holy grounds in forty days’ time.

Mother has given birth to so many children and her body is not the same as it was; she endures incredible suffering. However, I still push her to go together with me everywhere. Do you object to that or do you approve of it? You approve? Does that mean you want Mother to suffer more? No, but you understand the Principle and you know the reasons why I push her. I myself am over 60 years of age and I don’t really have to work as hard as I do, but that is not the way that I want to live my life. I cannot sit complacently in a reclining chair for even one day.

The Harvest Season of God’s Providence September 19, 1982

I go to the Holy Ground every day to pray at 5:00 a.m. and sometimes earlier. It is not easy for Mother, but she accompanies me. Mother has her own accomplishments; she is only one woman and she has brought thirteen brilliant children into the world. That is very extraordinary and I could easily become sympathetic toward her situation for that reason, but I don’t allow myself to do that. I tell her, “You have your accomplishments, but I have my own suffering, too. My path is equally and even more difficult. Therefore, let us move forward without hesitation.”

Home Church is Our Land of Settlement, January 1, 1983

True Parents' family is the nucleus. Mother is always right beside me, but since I represent the universe, can I focus on loving her every minute of the day? No, not yet. Why not? Because we are still living in a fallen environment. In the original, unfallen world, we would face no resistance or persecution. Only when we overcome the realm of universal persecution can Mother and I enjoy a total love relationship. I can tell Mother that I love her with my entire heart and soul on a universal scale in an absolute manner only after we transcend universal persecution.

The Cain world is persecuting me every minute of the day. But being in the elder son's position, I have a duty to love them with my heart and soul on a universal scale. Even if the eldest son fell away and occupied a satanic position, it is still the universal truth that the eldest son deserves the most love from his father. Unless he first gives that love unconditionally, he cannot claim the second son. Therefore, if the Cain world persecutes me, I still have to love it with all my heart.

So what is Mother's role? To bring the unification between Cain and Abel and return to Adam. That is Eve's role. Since we are living in a fallen environment, I have to be a public person. I am investing myself entirely for the sake of the world, for the sake of the providence. After fulfilling all the required conditions, I will devote my entire life and love to Mother. That same principle can be applied to you Unification Church members. The fallen world is in Cain's position, the elder son's position, and you are in the second son's position. Therefore, first I have to love the eldest son, the outside world, before I can claim the second son. You are hit the hardest, in a way, because God's desire is to love the world by sacrificing you. Having to sacrifice you is torture for me. I have to sacrifice Abel in order to love the Cain world. By the same token, True Parents sacrifice their own children for your sake, because they are in the Abel position to you in the Cain position. Therefore, Mother and I love you first and give more time to you than to our own children. Do you follow? Our own children realize this and accept it.

This is a central principle to follow. Unification Church lead-

ers in particular should be aware of where their hearts lie. Rather than your own family, True Parents and True Children should come first. When we restore the world and the entire world welcomes True Parents, accepting our ideology and way of life, then we can love our own children and our own family. This is how the battle is fought. Cain and Abel should unite before they come and offer themselves to True Parents. Therefore, you should love True Parents' children, because only through them can you approach True Parents. For the same reason, the people of the world have to go through you in order to reach the True Parents, so you are their savior. Do you follow?

Actually, I have not yet loved our children as many dads in the outside world do. I have been unable to give them warmth and love, day in and day out, because we are still in a fallen environment. There is a big job yet to do. The mission must come first; the battle must be fought.

Because the Cain world has priority, I must first focus there. How can I even waste one moment? I am concentrating on loving the Cain world and bringing it to God. Mother's role is to bear the suffering endured by all the women of the world, past and present. In the position of Adam, I should be able to embrace and melt all the grievances and heartbreak of women throughout the world. In turn, Mother has to digest and melt all the incredible inner torments of Adam. So the first cross that Mother bears is to digest and embrace my suffering, which is that of Adam and all the men of the world. Her third cross is to digest with love the suffering of all the world's children. Her role is to digest with love. Mother is indemnifying the role of women, men and children. They are crosses of the family, the nation and the world. Mother has to carry her three crosses and follow me. I also have to digest the suffering of all men, women and children in history, in addition to my other three crosses. In that respect Mother is following me in obedience, without imposing her will. Until universal restoration is completed, Mother cannot say a word. Her spirit is the spirit of absolute obedience. This is the battle in which we are engaged.

Why am I expounding on this? Because we are your examples.

You have roles as husband and wife. You women have a husband; you have seen him working with other women as secretaries, witnesses, fundraisers or whatever. You may start to have doubts and wonder if something is going wrong with him. Women must never harbor that kind of doubt. You should trust your husband as you do God.

Likewise, you men should trust your wives. You should be able to digest everything, having wisdom and love as deep as the ocean. You should be able to swallow, digest and bury everything and anything.

Actually, Mother's spirit is one of total trust. That is the reason for her greatness. I always insist that she attend every public function because, while the universe is being restored, our destiny is to preside as a pair.

The Way God is Pursuing, January 23, 1983

Even Mother herself didn't understand what I was doing. All she had to do was have absolute confidence in me and follow my direction. This condition was very significant for Mother. If she was able to support me throughout all the trying times, she was also able to take the victory with me. Whatever I was able to accomplish was equally shared with Mother because she made me the success that I was. You, the children, had the same responsibility as Mother: simply to support the True Father.

Day of Heavenly Victory, October 4, 1983

Love is the source of the creation, the source of life. You were conceived in the love of your father and mother; you were born as a baby and grew up in the love of your parents. They changed your diapers and fed you every day, which is an expression of parental love.

Mother has had many babies and often, when they were almost ready to be born, they did a lot of "exercising" within the womb, kicking and punching. That caused a lot of discomfort to Mother and many nights she simply could not sleep. But I never saw her complain and say to the baby, "You stop that! It's my time to rest now." Even though she might not sleep for an entire

night and could only sit up in a chair, she felt joy for the life moving within her. She always looked forward to the birth. That is because of love. That life was conceived and was born because of love; a child is meant to grow up in love.

The Historically Highest Career, November 1, 1983

Recently, Mother has been taking members from other countries shopping, spending time choosing things for them to wear. Even when she is tired, she goes out for long periods of time. I was surprised and impressed, and I thought about how beautiful it was. Eventually Mother will get old and need a cane, and I can imagine young people joyfully following her around, like kids in a toy shop! What a beautiful scene that would be! She could never do that for money—only in the name of love.

Heavenly Life, November 20, 1983

Did you hear the singing of the birds this morning on the lawn? Everyone keep absolutely quiet for a few moments so we can listen to them.... What are they doing out there? They are singing love songs to one another. Nature is our textbook. When I hear those birds, I feel inspired to sing a love song to Mother.

The Day of the Love of God, June 20, 1984

There are a lot of long-time Unification Church members here from Korea. There was never a single instance in which I became indebted to them and for that reason I indeed became their central figure. Nowadays, my own children have come to a new realization about me. They have been somewhat empty-headed in the past, thinking, "My Dad and Mom are always taking care of the world and pay all their attention to the Church members. Why don't they care about me?" But lately they have come to tell me, "Now we can understand better why you did what you did. We see that you truly loved the world's children first, before you loved us. We love you for that and you are great in our eyes."

In order to become a true father and mother, Mother and I

have been living according to the Principle. Before we loved each other or before we loved our own children, we had to love the world and be willing to give up our very lives. This is now being understood by the East Garden children. Ultimately, the Cain world will say, "Father and Mother, you gave too much to us. Now we want to give something to the True Children. We want you to be with them and do things for them."

If my way of life had not followed this principle and if the Unification Church had not been guided by it, then we would have diminished and would not have survived up till now. It is only because of this principle that I have been able to prosper and continue this far.

If you think I am comfortable living in East Garden, you are wrong. Even from the secular point of view, I am miserable. Every day I am bearing the cross within my heart. Whenever it is a rainy day, I think about our members and think, "The MFT members must be soaking wet today. God, be with them." When it is cold and miserable, I think about our members living in Soviet satellite countries, some imprisoned and even on the verge of being executed. All of these thoughts are my constant burden.

Since I cannot deal physically with every member around the world, Mother and I try to love and care for those leaders who come to East Garden, as representatives of all the rest of the members. Mother may buy them clothing or I may give them some gift. We want to serve the members by serving their visiting leaders. Mother and I discuss this often and we always have the criterion that we want to buy nicer things for the Church members than for our own children.

Therefore, those who have been martyred in the Eastern satellite countries have ended their lives shouting "Mansei" and facing East Garden. They have not felt complaint or bitterness about losing their lives. They have been victorious and grateful, even in dying. Such people are a great pride to their ancestors and all their future descendants.

Do you think I am setting the right tradition? When the missionaries and other Unification Church members come, I eagerly invite them to East Garden to visit with me and Mother, feeding them good food. Often Mother and I will take them out to buy clothes for them. Why? From the worldly point of view, I am giving special attention to people who are “nobodies” while virtually ignoring the “somebodies.” How do you think God feels about that—is He pleased or displeased? This is exactly what the Bible teaches. The person who tries to go up higher will be brought lower. The one who tries to go lower will be brought up higher.

Because my schedule is so arduous, it is impossible for Mother to keep up with me. Mother spends a lot of time alone, but she never complains because she knows what kind of person I am. She is always proud of me and she always speaks well of me. She has no complaint but rather gratitude and appreciation and support. Mother knows one thing: I do what I do for the sake of others and for the sake of God, not for myself.

True Way of Life, July 1, 1984

The entire world is watching the Unification Church and Reverend and Mrs. Moon. Many people are curious about Mrs. Moon and how she is taking the recent turn of events. Also they are wondering if the Unification Church is now shattered into pieces and destroyed. But on the contrary, under these difficult circumstances the Unification Church has found itself most powerful. If Mother sheds tears, they are not the tears of tragedy or defeat; they are the tears of unity, tears for bringing hope to the future.

Farewell Speech, July 20, 1984

I was born for this mission and I have preserved and suffered for this purpose. Now the couple has been created which is unique in all history because we won the victory for true love. For that reason, that couple is called the True Parents. True Par-

ents are the ones who are victorious with true love.

The Way of the Children, November 12, 1985

Mother, through no fault of her own, has suffered because of me. What about prison? Nobody can be trusted there. It is like the wilderness, without any protection. Mother went to the prison virtually every other day, like clockwork, rain or shine. The average woman would give up, saying, "Why should I do this? I am disgusted by my destiny." Without knowing the True Parents' ideal and the dispensation, she would have had an entirely different experience. Do you think that she shed a great deal of secret tears? Mother and the family had to go on and conduct five o'clock Pledge service each Sunday, painfully aware that I was in prison. I'm sure they shed a lot of tears.

True Parents and I, June 15, 1986

Whenever Mother sits down at home, all the children want to go to her. It doesn't matter to the children if she is tired or wants to be alone; they just want to be close to her and be embraced by her. Mother always responds to them when they come to her; then, instead of feeling drained, she experiences more power. Because of the give and take of love, she feels more energy. That's what produces happiness.

The Glory of the Victor, August 31, 1986

Reverend Moon has been faithfully practicing the principle and because of it, a lot of sacrifices have been imposed upon the East Garden family. Mother has had a suffering course because I have very seldom paid her much attention. Likewise, my children have not received much attention from me. Mother's life has been very difficult. When she was only a tender young girl, she met with her giant husband. Can you imagine the suffering her heart has endured? She has had absolutely no freedom. Mother has been bearing within her heart so many pains; she could never even speak about them. She has felt that it was her responsibility to bear her cross and support me. Now that I have accomplished on the worldwide scale, Mother has matured and

become truly a mother for the universe.

Road Toward the Ideal, September 7, 1986

Do you think Father and Mother are living in such a relationship of perfected love? Mother's role is absolute obedience and support toward Father. There is absolute trust and fidelity, as well as absolute purity; of course, those things are mutual. That absolute standard has been kept by both. All the children coming from such parents will be of extraordinary dimension on the worldwide scale.

God's Day, January 1, 1987

Any mother who has raised a lot of children simply cannot be an evil person. No one could be evil after the many challenges and experiences of raising children. This is the way God intended—that people experience giving birth, loving their children, and then expand that loving relationship to the society and all of humanity. God wants us to experience His love in that process. And it doesn't end here on earth; it continues in the spirit world, expanding throughout eternity to all of humanity.

Mother, for example, has twelve children on the earth now. In learning how to accommodate and care for those twelve different personalities and character types, Mother learns how to harmonize with the twelve different types within all of humanity. When you are ready and willing to harmonize with twelve different people, you can harmonize with virtually anybody in the world. When Mother looks at any of you church members, she can see that you fit into one of the twelve categories of the True Children. She might think, "Oh, I see. Your way of talking is like my second son, or my third daughter," and so forth. In that way, she can immediately feel an affinity and a loving and close relationship with you because you are linked to the True Children.

*God's Providential Course and the Course of Human Life,
January 11, 1987*

Now you have to inherit my mission. The only difference between you and the True Parents is that when Mother and I began our work, there was no path ahead. We had to pioneer on every level and encounter opposition everywhere. But in your case, you have no opposition and the highway has already been laid by True Parents.

This fundamental point, this basic formula, was first begun in 1960. This was the beginning point of the True Parents' Day. That is when the original seed was conceived. For the first time in history, there was a true perfected man's model—the True Father. Then perfected woman appeared—the True Mother. All men should be masculine and powerful like Father. All women should be loving and beautiful like True Mother.

Talking about the Kingdom of Heaven, we can explain it most simply. That is, anyone here in earth or in the spirit world can enter the Kingdom of Heaven only by passing through the gate of the True Parents. The Unification Church is providing a mold for true man and true woman. The first mold for true man is Father and the mold for true woman is Mother, so everyone can imprint himself or herself on those molds. However oddly shaped you may be, it doesn't matter. The Unification Church will remake you and you become a new person. You will be pressed down into the mold until you come out shining like Father or Mother.

Parents' Day and Our Path, March 29, 1987

Today in our world of scientific enlightenment we want explanations for everything. We research all fields wondering about the hows and whys. Even thieves research before they steal. If you asked established church ministers why God created man and woman they would say we must just believe that God did it because it was for the best. But that is not a satisfactory answer. Do you want to become like Father or Mother? If you say Mother, what kind of attitude is that? God created heaven first and then earth, not the other way round! God created man to represent the vertical and woman the horizontal. Why do

women not have beards? Because they were made to run around on the horizontal and their beards would get caught up on things. (Audience laughs.) We should say that we want to resemble God which means we should resemble Father and Mother.

Our Church and Korea, February 19, 1989

Today is the celebration of the 30th anniversary of Parents' Day, and it is actually the 31st Parents' Day. If Jesus could have accomplished his position as True Parents and had not been crucified, we would not have had to worry about restoration at this time. This thirtieth anniversary is particularly significant for True Mother. At age 30, Jesus began his public ministry, and he was supposed to accomplish his national-level mission while in his thirties. In 1960, the True Parents were installed. Now, after 30 years, Father and Mother have completely laid the foundation on the worldwide level as the cornerstone of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

During these past 30 years, we have seen opposition and persecution pass away. First of all, opposition of the free world, and then the opposition from the communist world has been easing away. Even Kim Il Sung's opposition is being chipped away. I have set the conditions all around for the consummation of the mission, not only the messianic mission but also the True Parents' mission. That means I have fully accomplished my purpose. When I ascend into the spirit world and leave Mother behind, this heavenly work will not stop. It will go on, without any change, toward the ultimate goal.

Actually, until the True Mother came into being, women could not be truly free. But now, because Mother represents all women of the world, complete liberation is possible. At 7:00 a.m. pledge service today, that was my declaration: Women are now liberated because of the accomplishments of True Mother. Therefore, you women are now able to take more of a front-line position. Women of the world must be united and bring about the restoration of all women. A women's league, in a way, must be created to cleanse all the unclean women of the streets of all

the nations.

Women have been used as satanic instruments since the fall. Through women, children of the fall were multiplied. This illicit love must be stopped now, once and for all. How can we do that? All you women who have been saved have to help liberate the rest of the women. Now you have the additional responsibility of restoring the women of the world, even by bringing them into your home and teaching them, cleansing them. Women must become truly heavenly instruments. Do you understand? That is your job.

Today the liberation of women has been proclaimed. Therefore, if I had to proceed alone from here, God's dispensation would go forward. If Mother had to proceed alone from this point, the same is true: God's dispensation will be consummated. Now the outside world is talking about Reverend Moon being 70 years old. That means I am an old man! Who is going to be my successor, people ask. But I tell you, don't even ask the question because Mrs. Moon, our True Mother, is only 47 years old! Not only that, but the True Children are lined up after us. So, what is there to worry about?

I would like to see special emphasis within the True Family to become the examples of the True Parents' way of life, as well as God's way of life. That will be more and more emphasized in the True Family. Eventually I will install a True Family Council, in which all church matters will be discussed and policy and personnel changes can be made. There is no reason to worry.

Another thing which I declared at Pledge Service this morning was that I am the first founder of the Unification Church and Mother is the second founder. So far, you women have always trailed behind men, but from now on, you can stand side by side with the men. From now on, if Mother alone should visit one of the Unification Churches around the world, nobody can say, "Why did Mother come alone? Where is Father?" That is because Mother, all by herself, represents and is the founder of the church.

Today our declaration is not only about the liberation of women and the elevation of Mother's position as second founder, but at the same time, all the blessed families of the world are now inheriting the power of True Parents. Once you can completely unite with the spirit of True Parents, just as the universe and God have been protecting the True Parents, you also will be protected wherever you work. Therefore, be bold and strong and go out to the front line. Do not retreat. Proclaim to the world, "I am a proud member of the Unification Church. That means I am a child of the True Parents."

Parents' Day and I, March 27, 1990

True Mother's Testimony

May 3, 1977

East Garden

Would you like to hear Mother's testimony? Father has asked her to give you her testimony and also to tell you some of her feelings on this wedding anniversary.

Col. Bo Hi Pak

Mother

I would like to talk for a few minutes on the background of my birth. Those who listened to Father's sermon at Belvedere last Sunday should have recognized that there are many special dispensational events that took place, secretly, internally, in order to welcome the True Parents here on earth. In Korea, there were many special spiritual groups which were unlike the conventional Christian ones which just blindly believed in the Bible and Jesus Christ, hoping to go to heaven. Those spiritual groups existed solely to receive revelations from God to prepare the way for the Lord of the Second Advent here on earth, and to search to find the heavenly bride.

Col. Pak

Mother was born in such circumstances to a very special family which had constantly been the instrument of God, receiving revelations of the coming of the Lord and the New Day, and what would unfold once he came.

(Mother was overcome with tears at this point.)

Father

Mother is very sorrowful because looking back on those days she remembers the impossible tribulation that those people, including Mother's own mother, went through. Those people who were receiving God's revelations had to suffer in so many incredible ways. They paved the way of indemnity, and many died in very unfortunate circumstances, sometimes in prison.

Mother

I was also sorrowful to think once again that those heavenly chosen instruments who were absolutely dedicated to God's revelations and whose one hope was some day to meet the Messiah never saw that day.

Col. Pak

They had truly prepared everything for the coming of the Lord, even food, clothes and everything.

Mother

God had precisely unfolded to them His plan for sending His son here on earth, and under incredible hardships they prepared for the day of the Lord. But unfortunately they did not see that day, and one after another they died away. Yet their mission continued on for three generations. As the culmination of one group which had such revelations, I was born. The final spiritualist to inherit the mission of unfolding God's plan to send His son here on earth recognized me at the age of six, and she said that I would be the bride of the Lord.

Col. Pak

That young woman received constant revelation and confirmation from God that this young lady, less than six years old, was destined to be the bride of Heaven.

Mother

In those days the circumstances in Korea were so difficult that it was almost impossible for anyone to uphold his faith in God and Christ.

Col. Pak

We were at that time under Japanese occupation and they denied all religions, particularly Christianity. Mother was living in North Korea at that time, which was under particularly rigid control. The Japanese imperialistic government was suppressing all Korean activities, and particularly church activities.

Mother

I was born in the province of South Pyung-yang. We called this Pyung-yang Nam-Do.

Col. Pak

This is one of the provinces of North Korea now. It is the same province where Father was born, and Mother's birthplace was quite near to Father's own birthplace in Chung-ju. They were born on the same day. Without ever meeting Father, her group still had all these spiritual revelations while Mother was in North Korea. Father has mentioned that these ordained spiritual groups were primarily in North Korea at the time. It was predicted that Pyung-yang, the major city of the northern part of Korea, would be the new Jerusalem of the New Age. Christianity was very strong in that area.

Mother

I did not meet Father in North Korea; after fleeing from the North to the South I first met Father in Seoul when I was 13. I had just finished primary school, and was just a child about In Jin's age. I had just finished 6th grade.

Col. Pak

Of course at that time Mother had absolutely no idea what was going to happen in 1960. She had just joined the church with her own mother.

Mother

The first time I met Father, he looked at me and asked, "What is your name?" I answered, "My name is Hak Ja Han." Then

Father closed his eyes and meditated for a moment and said, almost to himself, but I could still hear, "Oh God, you have given such a woman, Hak Ja Han, to this country of Korea." At that time I felt strange that this religious leader should have a special feeling or revelation concerning my future.

At that time I was living in the northeastern part of South Korea, known as Chunchon, and Father had his headquarters in the church at Chung-pa-dong in Seoul, so there was quite a distance between us. I continued to attend church and go to school; I finished middle school and then went on to high school. In 1960, one month prior to the day of the blessing, which was March 16 by the lunar calendar, a formal notification came to me, saying, "You shall hereby prepare for a heavenly engagement and forthcoming wedding."

Col. Pak

This first heavenly proposal was more than a proposal; it was a heavenly mandate.

Mother

When this instruction came from Father I felt totally selfless. I felt, "Who am I to decide whether this is good or bad? So far my life has been governed by God. Whatever the will of God, whatever His purpose of dispensation, I shall be His servant. I shall obey in everything." That was my feeling.

Father knew me well. Particularly in those days, at the age of 18, in that early springtime I just did not want to analyze my situation. I wanted to totally give myself for the heavenly will. At that time I had a reputation for being rather on the quiet side. I enjoyed tranquility and quietness, reading and music. I was known also as a rather intellectual young lady. I was not too emotional, not excitable. In a way I was slightly chilly and cold toward newcomers who met me. My basic character was such that I was not outgoing. I always withheld myself and isolated myself from the outside world. I enjoyed my own world and was almost scornful of the world of men.

Col. Pak

Everyone recognized her brilliant academic ability, but at that time she lived almost like a nun. She shied away from all activities with men, and felt it was somewhat sinful and impure even just to look at men. She absolutely isolated herself from the external environment. Of course we know now that this was heavenly preparation to purify her to meet the Lord one day. However, she did not know all these things.

Mother

From an external perspective, knowing who Father is, people commonly come to the conclusion that I must feel very honored and be very happy to have Father as my husband. They think that God made me in such a way that I was born perfect and that I haven't had to make any effort. They think that I just met Father and we had a very happy family life, and I am just enjoying my position, and so forth.

This is the general view when people see me. But on the contrary, as much as Father walked the road of the cross and tribulation to be ordained in his position, I also was given an incredible cross to bear in order to become Mother. I had to reach for perfection. That standard is so high that sometimes I felt it was virtually impossible to reach the goal. Through that tremendous ordeal and hardship, patience, perseverance, and extraordinary faith were needed to achieve the expectation of God. (Again Mother wept.)

Col. Pak

When she thinks of the path she walked it automatically brings her to tears because it reminds her of all her hardships and tribulation. This is why, as you can see, Mother is very emotional and sorrowful this morning. Just thinking of the things through which she passed is incredible torture. God tested her again and again, just as much as God tested our Father. Satan was always trying to test her just as he tested Jesus and Father. This delicate young lady had to go through the same ordeals; it is all given in a secret chapter of history. But once we can even

glimpse such implications, knowing the Principle we can just imagine how hard her path was.

Mother

After just a glimpse of my mission of being married to such an extraordinary person who was carrying such a universal burden, I felt it was virtually impossible to even think of fulfilling it.

Col. Pak

Furthermore, she had grown up like a beautiful flower in a greenhouse, in the most peaceful surroundings and atmosphere. She felt almost like she had been plucked out of the greenhouse, and thrown into a very rough sea. There were all kinds of temptations and tests and all kinds of incredible political and spiritual circumstances around her. She was like a little ship in a rugged sea.

Mother

But during this period I felt the grace of God constantly upon me. When I was in agony God revealed Himself to me and gave me messages and guidance. When I was not receiving guidance from Him directly, God used people around me, loving people, protecting people. Through them God gave me constant guidance, daily instruction and leadership. Those days were a tremendous ordeal of difficulties and tribulations, but at the same time those days were truly most beautiful, at a time of grace when God's presence was indeed with me. Now that I have come to this point, when I look back, all those memories of hardship have turned into joy, something that I can converse about and have fellowship with Father over.

Col. Pak

Between Father and Mother there are endless subjects of conversation, limitless realms of understanding. Even though they don't talk too much, they understand each other's situation so deeply because the circumstances through which they have each passed are very similar. They understood one common purpose

and they persevered and were victorious. They overcame the difficulties, reached out for perfection, came up to that level, and now satanic infiltration is no longer possible. When Father and Mother see each other they have such a victorious feeling, and that gives them tremendous comfort and peace at this time.

Through her experiences Mother has learned so much about God and God's way of doing things. In her life she passed through heaven as well as hell. Both experiences were needed to make her perfect and mature enough to match heavenly expectation. If she had lived through only the joyful and heavenly side she would not have appreciated that heaven, but she also went through the bottom of hell. Sometimes she felt that it was impossible to continue, just absolutely impossible! She wondered how God could even ask her to go that way. Such situations were too numerous even to count. During those days what was needed was untiring faith, determination, perseverance and patience. Those made her what she is today. By the same token, she would like to give you the following message.

Mother

On your way to heaven you must not expect only the heavenly side. You must taste the dungeons of hell too. That will finally be the most precious part of God's grace. By doing so you will become strong and you can mature all around into a wholesome personality, God's personality. Then you will appreciate heaven better and some day you will have something you can be proud of: your record of victory and perseverance. It will give you pride.

Even in the last couple of days, during the fishing expedition on which Father took you, there may sometimes have been a moment, even a quick moment, when you thought in your mind, "Why is Father asking us to do this silly, impossible thing? Who would go into the water in this weather? It is so deep we may die." I am sure that every one of you had a glimpse of such thoughts.

That is the moment when you must not react quickly; you must not make a quick judgment. That is the moment when you

must call on the name of God, and think, "This is the time I must prove how worthy I am." Then the difficulty can become a joy. You can find a joy in going through that ordeal. My message is that you must be persevering and not make quick judgments. Do not react quickly. Then all your ordeals can turn into joy, into something you can be proud of.

My tears this morning have two meanings: sorrow, but not only sorrow, also the joy of victory to be here with Father this way. In the future I would like to shed only tears of joy, so I ask of you not to question me about the past from this time on. Let us only talk about our victorious future and our great vision of the great days to come. Let us rejoice in tears of joy for the future days that we will gather together. Thank you.

Col. Pak

To add more to Mother's statement, Father would like to give you further explanation.

Father

Before the heavenly wedding in 1960, for more than 15 years I was alone, single-minded for the mission. Yet everyone who knew the Divine Principle knew that I would marry someday. That was apparent to everyone and each woman received in her own way a revelation that she could be a candidate to be the bride of heaven. God revealed this to them because in a certain respect everyone takes the bride's role to the Messiah. Therefore God can certainly say to anyone, "You shall be a candidate as the heavenly bride." But through the Divine Principle we can see that also one physical person will culminate that prophecy, and that is Mother.

Knowing the Divine Principle, I am sure that you can understand that when God sent His son in the position of True Parent, the Messiah truly comes as the bridegroom of all mankind. The Messiah is truly in a position of bridegroom to all. Therefore God wanted to have him adored by more people than anyone else in history. God must set that record, and for that reason this kind of phenomenon was seen. This was the background of

the heavenly wedding, and then all of a sudden I chose Mother, who was in Chunchon at that time and who was relatively unknown, as the heavenly bride. You can imagine the shock wave that went through our church.

There were many families who believed that the heavenly bride might come out of their own home because of the revelations they had received. Not only one family but many firmly believed that. Think what a shocking event it was to those families to have Mother chosen. There were also many spiritual old ladies who were like prophetesses between God and mankind. I had listened to them as instruments of heavenly revelation on many occasions, and they had participated in many dispensational events. Therefore they had a certain pride and authority, and felt that they were the ones who would decide the bride of heaven. But all of a sudden, without consulting them, I chose Mother.

So many young women who were fully qualified from a worldly point of view were sure that they would be the one to be hand-picked. They were beautiful, had graduated from universities and had all kinds of social education and a good home background. They thought, "The Messiah must come to me. Someone like me shall become his bride."

Furthermore, in 1960 I was 40, a most significant age. In their own thinking the people concluded that the heavenly bride should be someone around 35, maybe 34 or even 30. As a result the people in that age group thought that they were the most blessed age group and that one of them would be chosen.

In addition, they knew that the role of heavenly bride would be a role of tremendous leadership. How could any young woman, a teenager or someone in her 20s, fulfill that position? How could she exercise the leadership that would be needed in Mother's role? It would be impossible. Thinking of Mother's role in the church, they thought that the candidate should be mature, somewhere between 30 and 40. Again, it was a very logical conclusion.

Since their hopes were so great, and their expectations so high, when those hopes and expectations were betrayed, their

reaction was equally deep. Their disappointment and disenchantment were great. This is the first time I have spoken of this.

Knowing about this impossible, tense background, as soon as the Holy Wedding was conducted in 1960 I asked Mother's mother to confine herself; she was not to come see her own daughter too often, and if she did she should come secretly through the back door. That put Mother's mother in such a miserable outcast position that nobody envied her role. Everyone had thought that becoming Mother's mother would be glorious, like becoming an empress' mother. But I just silenced all those expectations and pushed her into a sacrificial role, not letting her come to see her daughter freely.

Furthermore, in the first year I treated Mother almost like a servant, instead of a wife. We were bride and bridegroom but that honeymoon period was nothing but an ordeal on Mother's part. She started out as a servant because I wanted her to start out from the very bottom. The important internal meaning behind my actions in that period was as a test of faith for grandmother and Mother. No matter what the circumstances, they should not complain or rebel against me. They had to accept and persevere. That was the real goal, what I really wanted. And they met that expectation.

It was the Cain and Abel situation all over again. In order to understand Cain's position you have to suffer for the sake of Cain or you have no way to become Abel. Grandmother and Mother were in the Abel position to all other people, but they had to be in a position to embrace all those who were despondent. I was already victorious in all the dispensational levels, from the individual to the universal level; Satan had no right to accuse me. However, Mother was at the beginning, so the first seven years were Mother's training session, Mother's seven-year fishing expedition. The first three years were for her to struggle for her own victory as an individual woman, to be victorious in the sight of God by winning over Satan. The next four years were for the whole family to go through that incredible testing period. Mother started out at the bottom, moving toward perfection.

During those years, all kinds of things were said, even that Mother was a failure, and that I was going to hand-pick a new bride. You can imagine how heartbreaking that kind of rumor was to Mother. Furthermore, when it came out that our birthdays were the same day, some people said, "She is just creating a false birthday to make the days the same." It was all Satan's doing. Under those circumstances Mother had to be silent, persevere, and win out.

As the days and years passed, what happened? Since Mother continually persevered, since she was patient and silent and upheld her faith in me, eventually the whole environment of accusation was reversed into respect and admiration. By then everyone was nodding and saying, "She really deserves to be the Mother of the universe. She is really Mother."

Because the reason for all this was to restore the center of love, you can imagine how extreme the passions became. Heavenly love and heavenly jealousy were all involved. It was a fierce battle in a way. I came to conquer the heart, and restore the heart. Therefore I had to pay indemnity for love, be victorious over love, and restore all love for heaven. That was truly a cross of love, the most extraordinary cross of all.

At the time we never even discussed these situations. I never said to Mother, "You must understand this, persevere and win out because I am doing this on purpose." If I had explained and comforted her that way, then even though she had won, it would not have been valuable. Mother had to figure it out for herself, persevere in her own understanding, in her own right. I have been explaining this in depth, revealing it today to you as I never have even to Mother; this is the first time in my life that I have ever explained it in such depth.

Through their victorious demonstration of faith, their untiring devotion and absolute dedication to me, Mother and Grandmother Hong were victorious. Therefore, after achieving this condition of universal victory, I have now decided to give Grandmother glory as the mother of Mother. In her own lifetime she must receive the respect, admiration, and glory that are due to her. If she died without receiving that glory, it would

affect the coming generation of children. It is according to the Principle point of view that I am treating her differently.

The restoration path is that difficult, that extraordinary. You don't even know anything about it. Your heart will decide everything; your heart is the decisive matter. It is the same in my dispensation. When my own heart is set right then everything can succeed, prosper, and expand. By the same token, when your heart is set in the right position, in relation to the True Parents and God, then everything will start to work out around you. Until your heart is settled, however, nothing will happen.

As you can see, Mother and Grandmother were both chosen for a glorious responsibility and position, but they started out their journey at the lowest level. This is your lesson. The blessing of the glorious heavenly throne is not given from the highest, most glorious position. That blessing must be won at the lowest level of human misery. Blessings never come in high places; blessings come down to the lowest places.

The other Sunday I clearly explained that the Messiah's role started down in the dungeon. I applied that principle to Mother and that same principle shall be applied to my own children. Therefore it cannot be changed for you. That is why I push you. Can you complain? Suppose that in those days of hardship Mother had complained against me, given up, thrown up her hands and said, "Father, no matter what you are, I don't care." Then she could not be a Mother to you all. In your case too, if I place you in a certain position and you start to complain, then you lose your position entirely. When you become self-centered and begin to complain, then you begin to lose. Selflessness is the key.

A Picture of Mother

Ye Jin Moon

May 3, 1991

See before me a picture of Mother so beautiful, so peaceful, I dare not touch it lest I spot it with my fingers. I gaze at it, lost in thought, lost in deep memories. Then, gradually, I begin to see what is beneath that smile that is so serene, so picture perfect. So much patience in silence. So much pain in loneliness. So many stories untold and kept, only inside.

Mother's childhood was a lonely one. I remember Halmoni confiding in me that she had left her husband after only one month of marriage and that it had been prompted by her revelation that the conceived child in her womb would be a special person. This revelation gave Halmoni a special sense of mission which served as a driving force in her pursuit of a spiritual foundation upon which her child, Mother, could later stand. Although Mother had Halmoni's spiritual support at her side, the love and support in the physical sense was not abundant. Halmoni's totally devoted religious life in early years, consisting of prayer vigils and rigorous church work, left Mother alone most of the time, and when Mother was in secondary school, she even had to stay with her uncle and aunt who did not necessarily appreciate her presence at their house.

At such a tender age of sixteen, Mother was confronted with the challenge of becoming True Mother. Almost inevitably, the way to the True Motherhood did not come so easily. Before the final selection of Mother as the one to be wedded to True Father, there were plenty of well-educated women vying to take the place. The envy and jealousy these women must have felt

toward Mother can easily be imagined. Many of them thought Mother to be immature and uneducated.

After the Holy Matrimony, Mother's first seven-year course began. During her course, she was discouraged from seeing her own mother and led a solitary life in the middle of the bustling and crowded Chung-pa-dong world. With tears and prayers, she had to endure repressive loneliness behind closed doors. At the same time, however, she was expected to become an exemplary member and prove herself worthy of True Motherhood in front of many members who still viewed her with critical eyes. It was to take many more years for Mother to gain respect and love from those around her.

The extraordinary process of disentangling the webs of evil and purging the sordidness that the Eves of human history have spun would not call for mighty soldiers under arms but for tender souls with tearful hearts. Halmoni and her mother before her who carried these hearts persevered to prepare for Mother who would in turn shed tears to flood out so much pain, hatred, jealousy, anger and suffering in the history of Eves. The human drama of this heartistic indemnity formed a distinct part of my own childhood in those early years of Chung-pa-dong life.

I return to Mother's picture still smiling and beautiful. How I longed to understand her heart when I too faced loneliness. How I ached for her love and encouragement when in reality her response could not be felt through physical presence but only through choking silence. I recall those few, precious times when I sat close to her. She did not say anything. Only her eyes rested on mine eagerly as if imploring me to understand something.

Suddenly, visions blur. I thought I saw sparkles shimmering over the picture. Sunlight, seeping gently through the window sills. It is a morning light. I return to the picture still the same. Only this time, I see the beauty of the picture in its entirety. I see the beautiful smile, and underneath, indiscernible with bare eyes, a faint trace of wet drops, trickling down ever so gently. I smile and lay the picture down and say, "Now it's understood."

She Is My Inspiration

Hyo Jin Moon

April 9, 1991

Mother has faced many difficulties and much persecution. True Mother's position is the most important position next to True Father's. Without Mother there is no bearing of the seed of True Father. This position is indescribably important demanding great personal sacrifice, loyalty and perseverance as well as the ability to cope with the tremendous difficulties of the dispensation itself. People's selfish concepts often brought suffering and scars to Mother but she overcame these things and forgave. She bore fourteen children. Two are in spirit world. Twelve exist in the physical world. Although her life during the period of giving birth to the True Children demanded tremendous personal sacrifice, she overcame by her trust in her own faith and her trust in Father. Her trust always enabled her to know God's will.

She gave birth to all of us. I can feel the value of my brothers and sisters. Without her there are no True Parents for me or humanity. No matter how I relate to her as my own mother or as the mother of humanity, I only see her as pure. She is caring. She inherited Father's standard. And when it is needed she can be a pillar that we can hold on to, so we don't sway in our life of faith.

More and more I can understand her value. She never forces me to do anything but believes I have within me the ability to understand what I should do. She has always emphasized this ability to me. She was always there when I felt discouraged or had lack of faith. When I was fatigued, she nourished me as any

normal mother would, but she understood the scope of my mission and never doubted for a moment that I would become all that I should become and accomplish all that I should accomplish. I am truly grateful to her. She is my inspiration. She is my solace. She is my love.

Knowing the Principle, I understand that the mother and son relationship is the most important in uniting the family. I am absolutely united with Mother and she is absolutely united with Father. I will always attend her the best that I can so that the spirit of True Father can always be with us.

The Two Most Important People in Our Lives—Father and Mother

by *Un Jin Moon*
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Belvedere (excerpted)

Because Father and Mother are never going to talk about themselves, I think we are the ones who really have to let the world know what kind of people True Parents are and be proud of them and represent them in the best way possible. I would like to talk a little bit about Mother. Mother's mother received a revelation that her daughter, True Mother, was to meet somebody very great. The Korean War was going on at that time, and they had to escape from North Korea, with True Mother holding onto Grandmother Hong's back all the way down to South Korea. They somehow met Father in South Korea.

Mother never thought of Father as a potential spouse in any way, and she certainly never expected to marry somebody who was more than 20 years older than she was. Mother related to us that when she looked at Father's face, she saw the face of her uncle, and because of that she was able to accept Father more easily. You can't imagine how difficult it must have been for a 17-year-old girl just coming into womanhood to marry someone more than twice her age! That was pretty difficult and amazing in itself, but more incredible was the great persecution she endured following her marriage—unknown, I think, to all of you. There were many elder sisters in the church who had received revelations that they were to marry Father and become True Mother. They really believed this with all their hearts.

When the real True Mother was chosen, nobody could believe it! They said, "Oh my God, she's only 18! She doesn't even know the Principle! What is she doing here!" They despised Mother. None of us can understand how much Mother persevered and how much she went through to achieve the position of True Mother.

Mother was not allowed to stay in the same room or use the same stairs as the other members. She could not stay with Father or even eat with him, and she could not see him whenever she wanted. When Father was giving lectures, or spending time with the members, she always had to sit in the back. She could never think about the conventional image of becoming a mother or a spouse. The most painful thing was that she could not complain. That was her test. She had to indemnify what Eve had done 6,000 years ago.

I don't know if you can understand what that must have been like for her. Maybe the sisters can more readily connect to that because, as a woman, being in an object position, there are times when you are lonely and you need someone you can tell all your problems and your sufferings to, someone whose support can help you go on. But at that time, Mother did not have any children yet, and she could not even talk to her own mother whenever she wanted to. She was basically isolated from everyone, and nobody appreciated her. And when she had Ye Jin Onni, she was even persecuted for having a girl first. In Oriental custom, especially in Korea, having a son is very important, because the son carries on the name of the father. Therefore, when Mother had a daughter first, everyone said that Mother was incompetent because she could not produce a son. For that, she was persecuted for two years. She could not be accepted by members or by anyone as True Mother because she had not made a foundation yet.

She had to go through this kind of suffering without a word of complaint until all of us were born. Then upon that foundation, she accomplished her position as True Mother. The saying is so true that behind every great man there is a great woman! How much True Parents went through together for the sake of

mankind!

Father and Mother have already done what they have come to this earth to do. The only thing that is making them carry on is the fact that we still have not set a strong enough foundation for the whole world to accept Father and Mother. In other words, True Parents have to suffer more because we, as children of our True Parents, have not become their pillars.

Did you ever stop to think how old Father is physically? Though we are much younger, we feel very tired sometimes. Yet Father and Mother never complain or use anything as an excuse not to do their mission. Somehow, one way or another, all of us seem to be able to justify ourselves if we don't feel like doing something. I'm talking about myself, too. Yet Father and Mother have never ever made an excuse not to do their mission. What I want to say to you is that all of us have absolutely no excuse for not being able to do our work. You cannot be tied down by your spouse or by your own children. Can't you see that those are all strings tying you down?

As human beings, we all have wants and desires. For sisters, it might be jewelry or nice clothes; brothers might wish they had a sporty car or even just a Volkswagen! Or maybe you'd like to have a nice suit, or to be some kind of leader, or to be able to support your family. If you have those human desires, then don't you think True Parents have desires too? You cannot put Father and Mother in a different category from ourselves; they're human beings, too—they have feelings! What if Father and Mother got frustrated as all of us do? We can't even get along with our own brothers and sisters! We get frustrated, and maybe we don't like the food or we just can't seem to get out of bed in the morning, or we're just upset. Yet Father and Mother have no excuse; they can't be that way. They have no outlet. Even at home in East Garden they have no private life. From 7:00 a.m. until 12 midnight or 2:00 a.m. the following morning, Father is always up working. They've always led a public life. Even though you might think Father is living a life of luxury, you could take that all away from Father and it would not matter to him. In other words, he has absolutely nothing tying him down.

Actually, Father and Mother have given us all the tools we need in order to save this world; they have shown us the way to live by their daily lives. What are we waiting for? You can't ask them to give you anything greater than true love. With that as our weapon, we can win over this world. We can, in Father and Mother's lifetime, bring about a Kingdom of Heaven on earth. I realize that sometimes our physical body hinders us from being able to do our mission, yet we have to look beyond our own suffering. No matter how difficult our situation might be or how impossible our goals seem, if we can hold on to the fact that Heavenly Father is on our side and that we have the greatest weapon in all of this universe, then there should be absolutely nothing holding us back. This is not only Father and Mother's battle; it is also our battle. We cannot expect Father and Mother to do any more for us than they have already done.

The Model Course of Harmony and Love

Hyun Jin Moon
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As we understand, True Father and True Mother represent the ideal, the relationship that should be established between an ideal man and an ideal woman. This is understood in our movement and it is clearly illustrated in Principle, but without Father and Mother to manifest these “ideas” into flesh we, as fallen men and women (sons and daughters of Adam and Eve), could never fully realize this ideal that God intended us to inherit. In other words, we can understand the Principle intellectually, but we need a “standard” by which to make it substantial.

That is why having True Parents in this world is a very special thing, as they are setting the “model course” by which we, as men and women, could live in harmony and love. From this, as Unification Church members, we can spread or diffuse this ideal to the rest of the world by inheriting it as our tradition and standard. If we fully internalize this tradition we would set the stage for vertically making it the tradition of our own family. We would expand this understanding to our own children—ultimately to our own brothers and sisters. In this way, we would be able to harmonize our own individual family, tribe, community, nation and world.

By our understanding of God’s dispensation and of our providential course, we know that Jesu Nim [Jesus] was not able to have a True Mother as his bride. But we are living in that providential time when the True Mother is on the earth.

The most important ideal we can inherit from True Mother is the ideal of the True Love relationship. We need a symbol, a substantial representation of the True Love relationship between a man and woman, and that exists in True Parents. Especially it is known in True Mother, because she brings life to this world. She is the reflection of Father's love for the children. She is the unifier and harmonizer within the family. Our family has many children with widely differing types of character, and Mother is able to bring us all together through her love.

We really cannot consider True Parents separately from each other. "Parents" is always plural; it means two entities united into one. By uniting into one they produce love, both physically, in the form of children, and spiritually, in the substantialization of the four position foundation—love between man and God, man and wife and parent and child.

If not for Abba and Omma, I could never understand this world, since they are the standard by which I see myself and the world.

Our Mother is also a model of self-denial in her course of establishing a true love relationship with True Father and becoming his wife. In order to fulfill her mission she had to rip away all previous standards of the world which she held before marrying Father. This was the case because Father, as the restored Adam, is the pivotal point of God's dispensational course. If Mother wanted to inherit the position of True Mother she had to totally receive True Father's standard. For their first three years of marriage they did not live together. And she received antagonism from many of the members. She had to deny her relationship with Father constantly. The first wife, Sung Jin Hyung's mother, could not do that, because Father stood against the norms of this world, against her concepts. Therefore she couldn't receive Father as her true husband. She was called to totally sacrifice and give herself, so that Father could then reciprocate. She could not do that, but our True Mother accomplished that standard.

In the course of restoration, women have to be that sacrificial, because women initiated the fall. Therefore the wife initiates

the action in the three-day ceremony. Especially this applied to True Parents' own relationship. She had to take the True Love position. This was difficult for anyone, especially at the age of 17. Omma said that she thought of True Father as a father, not as her husband. This reveals the purity of her viewpoint. Her position as True Mother did not go to her head in the least. She did not use it to increase her own dignity or status at all. She only showed continual respect and gratitude to Father.

Without True Mother, there would be no True Parents. She is a true complement to Father, without which we would never understand and feel their vertical, parental love.

The Path the True Mother has Followed

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My mother was an earnest Christian. When I was born, I was named Soon-Ae (“obedient love”) by the minister of her church. My mother guided me to become a Christian and trained me for three years under the guidance of Rev. Young-Do Lee. After that period I moved to another church. I could not feel satisfied with the same old church, so I had been looking for a new church on a higher level.

Next I met Mrs. Sung-So Kim (“Grandmother Kim”) and became her disciple. For fifteen years I was taught by this old woman who, I think, had the mission of John the Baptist. One day Grandmother Kim received a revelation and said to another old woman, whose name was “Kamsa Halmoni” (“Grandmother Thanks”), “The Heavenly Kingdom is going to be established in Korea. From your house there must appear a man and woman who fulfill the mission of Joseph and Mary.” She also said that her own brother was in the position of Joseph and that his wife was in the position of Mary. But they could not accomplish their mission. As a result, the wife was taken into the spirit world, and the husband became miserable.

The Mission of the Inside-Belly Church

Next, God chose Mr. and Mrs. Il-Dug Lee, a couple who were the members of Bogjoong-gyo (the “Inside-Belly Church”), and gave them the mission of Joseph and Mary. They were supposed

to clear up the grudges of Jesus.

What is the meaning of the grudge of Jesus? Two thousand years ago, when Mary became pregnant and her belly began to grow big, Joseph decided to divorce her. But an angel came and dissuaded him from doing so. When Jesus was born in a barn, he was very cold. Mary had no cloth with which to cover baby Jesus, and so she covered Jesus with her veil. Thinking of that situation, Jesus says, "I did not die because I was the Son of God. An ordinary baby would have frozen to death. Even a beggar of this world would make his child new clothes. I was not given even a single new one."

When Joseph looked at the face of the newly born baby, he said the baby did not resemble him. "A baby cannot be born without a father. Who is the father of this baby?" Joseph was always hard on Mary, asking this question. As Mary had to raise Jesus under those circumstances, she could not give Jesus as much milk as he wanted.

Through revelation Mr. and Mrs. Lee of the Inside-Belly Church knew about Jesus' sorrowful heart. In order to pay off all his grudges, they prepared and offered all of the things that Jesus would have needed from the time of his birth, such as diapers, to the time when he became 12 years old.

When Jesus was young, he was always hungry. When he was a small boy, he felt so hungry that he took some sand in his hand and said, "Turn into rice! Turn into rice!" Then the sand became rice, and Jesus ate it, so it is said.

When Jesus was young, he was playing with his friends on a mountain. One of them fell down from a high place and died. The parents of the dead boy said, "It is Jesus who killed our son." Jesus was surprised to hear that and said to the dead child, "Even if you are dead, please clear this false charge against me." Then, the dead boy opened his eyes and said, "I was not killed by this boy, Jesus." After saying that, the boy died again.

Anyway, Mr. and Mrs. Lee thus cleared all the grudges that Jesus had had until he became 12 years old. Then they received another revelation which said, "Now that you have cleared the grudges I had until I became 12 years old, you should make prep-

arations for the Lord of the Second Advent.”

So, all the believers of the Inside-Belly Church, about 300 in number, united in making preparations to welcome the Lord of the Second Advent. When all the preparations had been made, Father came to North Korea. I was waiting for the Lord of the Second Advent, too, with my three-year-old daughter (Mother).

Physical Father of Mother

Mother was born in a village named Sinli of Anju District in what is now called North Korea at 4:30 a.m. on January 6 (by lunar calendar), 1943, when I was 30 years old. Her physical father had been a disciple of Rev. Young-Do Lee when he received a revelation which said, “Marry a daughter of a man named Yoo-Il Hong. Her baby, if it is a boy, will be the the king of the universe. If it is a girl, she will be the queen of the universe.” I met him at the end of February, and became pregnant at the end of March. In my family lineage, there are seven generations which performed meritorious deeds. Three generations of the seven had only one daughter respectively. I had a younger brother. But he was studying in Japan, and it was not certain whether he would ever come back to his house, so my parents wanted Mr. Han (Mother’s father) to be adopted into my family. But, as he was very independent-minded, he rejected the offer and left me. It was when I was seven months pregnant. He did not come back to me even after the baby was born because my parents did not want to give up the baby to him.

Satan Comes

In Korea it is the custom that women who have just finished delivery drink seaweed soup. When I was drinking it, Satan came to me and said, “If you leave this baby girl as she is, the world will become terrible in the future. So, you must kill her now.” I embraced the baby, saying, “How can I kill my daughter?” At that moment my physical mother came to me and asked what was going on. I told her that Satan had come and ordered me to kill the baby. One week after the incident, when I was wondering why Satan wanted to take my daughter’s life, Grand-

mother Sung-Do Kim appeared to me from the spirit world and said, "Soon-Ae, this baby is the daughter of the Lord. You must raise her as if you were her nurse."

Exodus to the South

When Mother was six years old, she and I were arrested by the communist regime in North Korea. We had to stay in a prison for 11 days. In those days, I knew through revelation that the Lord of the Second Advent was in the South. I keenly felt that I would have to go to find the Messiah. My physical father told his wife and me to escape to the South. Mother was a very pretty girl with a fine physique. Her manner of speaking was also very good. She spoke very carefully so that no one could accuse her. So, even the communist government officials were kind to her and sold her apples and other goods although they were not kind enough to sell anything to us grown-ups.

My physical mother and I and my six-year-old daughter (Mother) escaped from the residential area at midnight, and walked to the boundary between North and South Korea. When we were crossing the line, Mother asked me, "Do we have to sing the songs praising Kim Il-Sung any more? Can I sing the songs of South Korea?" When I said to her, "Yes, you can," she started singing. While we were walking on the boundary area, the soldiers of the South started shooting. But when they heard Mother singing, they stopped. We told them that we had come from the North. They welcomed us warmly, saying, "You must have had many difficulties in coming with such a cute child." They gave us money necessary for us to travel to Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

Everything Guided by God

Although we had many difficulties on our way to the South, God protected us all the time. Knowing that the Lord of the Second Advent lived in the South, we often offered three bows on the way. Mother had started participating in the three-bow ceremony at the age of three. So she, too, offered three bows on the way to the South, even on roads.

We came to Seoul for the first time in our lives. Fortunately, my younger brother was staying there as a soldier. Wondering how we could meet him, I offered a prayer as soon as we arrived at the city. Then a friend of my younger brother happened to pass by on the street, and we were able to see my brother.

We stayed with my brother in Seoul. Mother began to go to an elementary school. After a while, however, the Korean War broke out. We had to escape to the southern part of the country. Families of soldiers were allowed to get in special trains ahead of others. As soon as our train left Seoul and crossed the Han River, the railway bridge over the river was destroyed by bombs. We went to Taegu and stayed there until Mother became a fifth-grader.

Going to Cheju Island

Since I had received the revelation that “This child is the Lord’s daughter,” I made efforts to raise her to be pure and not tainted with sin. The older she grew, the more beautiful she became. She did so well at school and was always so popular that she was always the target of attention. I knew that the boys in this satanic world would try to tempt her by writing letters, etc. So I let her quit the school when she was a sixth-grader. I took her to Cheju Island, where we lived a life of prayer and ate only vegetables.

As I had received the revelations that the Heavenly Kingdom on Earth would be realized in Korea and that the Messiah would come to Korea, I raised Mother in such a way that she could not be attracted to anybody else until she could meet the Messiah. In other worlds, I took a child of playful age to an isolated island and gave her spiritual training. I trained her severely even when she cried. At the sight of it, Heaven must have felt sympathy for her. After a while, I was told by revelation to take her to Choonchun, where my brother was living. We stayed at his house. Mother went to elementary school in this city and eventually graduated from it.

Joining the Unification Church

I had always been looking for a new religion. Soon after we came out of Cheju Island I met the Unification Church. When I read the *Divine Principle* book, I found many similarities to what I had learned through the Inside-Belly Church. Therefore, I thought that the author of this book must be an extraordinary man. I went to Elder Jeong, the physical brother of “Grandmother Thanks”, for consultation. He said, “The Unification Church teaches the same things as what I was taught by the Inside-Belly Church. The central figure of the Unification Church is a young man. He is handsome, often sings songs, often goes to movies and speaks ill of others.”

I said to him, “Is he not the man who is to come?” Shortly after that, I became a member of the Unification Church.

Before I joined the Unification Church and met Father, I had a dream. In the dream I saw a river streaming from the East. I saw white sand in the stream. A tortoise-shell boat came out of the water. On hearing the noise of the boat, a golden dragon jumped out of the water and came to my bosom. Surprised, I woke up. I did not know at that time that the golden dragon symbolized the Messiah.

Being Informed Through Dreams

As soon as I joined the Unification Church, I thought that I had to live a life of service. Since I had learned the importance of dedication while I was a member of the Inside-Belly Church, I decided to dedicate myself to the Unification Church. I asked my physical brother to take care of my mother and daughter.

In the Unification Church I lived a life of attendance for eight months, starting with serving as a cook. I attended Father with such a dedicated heart that I became ill and had to be hospitalized. While I was in the hospital, Mr. Si-Jong Kim had a dream in which Father, wearing a crown and golden robe, bowed in front of me. I had a dream too. In my dream all of the women of the Unification Church wearing white robes were entering into Father’s room with a pink flower in each hand. When I looked back, I saw women who were not church members also standing

in line with pink flowers. At that time, I thought that since God had lost women, He had been looking for women for 6,000 years. I also saw Mother, my daughter, walking directly to Father. While she was walking to his seat lightning flashed with thunder in all directions in the sky and then gathered at one point. Tens of thousands of people were watching the scene enviously. Seeing the vision, I wondered what it meant. I had no idea that my daughter would become the wife of Father.

For a long time, Mother had been raised for the purpose of meeting the Messiah. Therefore, even though she was clever, she was used to being absolutely obedient.

The mother of Sung Jin Nim tried to keep Father housebound, thus hindering Father in fulfilling his mission. Later, she divorced herself from Father. Father, who could not help but promote the providence, had to look for his spouse again.

It was when Mother was a 14-year-old junior high school student that she met Father for the first time. I took her to Father, saying to her, "I will let you meet the Lord of the Second Advent." When Mother saw Father, she bowed deeply. Father said to me, "You have such a pretty daughter, don't you? Does she do well at school?" From that time, Mother had no chance to see Father until she became 17 years old.

True Parents

When she reached the age of 17 in 1960, many people gifted with spiritual power were inspired and said that the bride of Rev. Moon had appeared.

It was announced that Father had decided to have the engagement ceremony on March 1, 1960. The day was approaching, but there was no announcement as to who would be the bride. Both God and Father must have been impatient, for the ceremony absolutely had to be held to promote the providence.

In those days, I had another dream. A phoenix descended from the heavens. Another phoenix ascended from the earth. They got together in the sky. The eyes of the heavenly phoenix looked very much like Father's.

One day when I was observing the pledge service after taking a

cold bath in the early morning, I saw a vision in which I was told that the heavenly phoenix symbolized Father and the earthly phoenix symbolized Mother. I was very inspired and danced around, shouting, "Heavenly Father, we are no longer orphans. Our True Parents have come, haven't they? We have become True Parents' children, haven't we?" From that time on I no longer had the feeling that Mother was my physical daughter.

Since then, I received revelations day after day. Although it had been announced that Father's engagement ceremony would take place on March 1, no one except me knew who the bride would be. So, I bowed in the direction of Mother who was staying in a high school dormitory. I bowed towards Father as well.

Mother looked childish while she was 16 years old. But when she became 17, she looked more mature. Whenever she came to the church, the atmosphere became very bright. Father seemed to be staring at her fixedly. His eyes fixed on her even though many other people were there. A 17-year-old girl would have felt embarrassed if someone looked at her in that way, but Mother remained calm and fearless.

One day Father said to me, "Bring your daughter immediately to me!" Then Father met with Mother face to face. At the meeting, Father investigated the internal quality of Mother. He asked her questions for nine hours. Watching Mother answering the questions boldly, I was surprised at her inner fortitude. Finally Father said to her, "From now on you shall have a good tutor." He told me to go out, and called in Mrs. Won-Pok Choi.

For one month until March 1, Mother lived a life of attendance to Mrs. Choi. When other members saw Mrs. Choi and a young girl eating the food which had come from Father's table, they said to one another, "Who is that girl?" Some people with deep faith thought she must be a woman of great significance.

At last the engagement ceremony took place. The wedding ceremony was held twice on March 16; once at noon and once at night. At the wedding ceremony holy salt was used for the first time. Because True Parents have come into being on the earth, we have come to use all things consecrated with holy salt.

The old members of the church, especially those old women who had been with Father almost 20 years, had various complicated feelings toward me. It is because I had been a member for only four years and yet was given the greatest privilege of giving my daughter to Father as his wife. As a matter of fact, even though I had spent only four years as a member of the Unification Church, I had lived a life of faith to receive the Messiah for a longer period than any other member. The people surrounding me were jealous because I, who had no money or position on the horizontal level, had my daughter chosen as the spouse of Father.

Then I went through a three-year period of indemnity. It was a period of trial for me. The daughter had become the Mother. The mother had become the daughter. Whenever I became arrogant, I was struck by Heaven. Father also gave me tests. Even when I greeted him, he would not say a word to me or even look at me. It seemed to me that all the members of the Unification Church treated me in the same way. I had stomach pains as if I had cancer. Satan tested me in that way. I had to spend this three-year period eating nothing but a cup of rice soup a day.

Since I had experienced suffering in the course of my life of faith while searching for the Messiah, I was determined to endure this period by not becoming arrogant, but grateful for the suffering trials.

Seven-Year Course of Suffering

I do not think it is possible for anybody except one sent by Heaven to change the position of an 18-year-old girl to that of Mother.

The seven-year course following the wedding was indeed a period of indescribable difficulty. The people surrounding Mother, who was very young in age, were very strict. Because Mother was beautiful and so young, the senior women members could not accept her as their Mother. They did not know how to treat her. Even the wives of the 36 blessed couples did not know how to behave properly. But 18-year-old Mother persevered through all the difficulties in silence. She achieved victory, giv-

ing birth to children one by one. Until Un Jin Nim was born in 1965, I always had the same dream. It was a dream in which Mother with her hair loosened came to me, saying "I am very tired. Let me rest by your side."

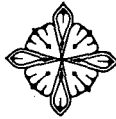
It was only after Heung Jin Nim was born in 1966 that Mother allowed herself to be relaxed in the church. Before that she could not be relaxed because of too many hardships.

Victorious Mother

The purpose of the 6,000 year course of restoration was to look for one victorious Eve as well as Adam. No matter how great Father may be, he cannot be truly successful without finding a victorious woman. Unless Father found such a victorious Mother he would have been a total failure.

When the seven-year course was over, Father proclaimed God's Day on January 1, 1968. On that day, Father blessed Mother, crying in his prayer, "Heavenly Father, please look at your victorious daughter."

Chapter Two



Testimonies by Church Members

Reverend Won Pil Kim

We can look to our True Parents' course for the example of the perspective we should maintain. Usually we suppose that a couple's married life should include some private time for conversation, but our Father and Mother rarely had such time together. Even after their Blessing, they did not live in the same house; in the beginning, Mother lived separately, and Father sometimes went to visit her. As you are aware, Father leads a totally public life, spending all his time with the members. Even after the first children were born, only occasionally did he go to visit Mother. Although he had a wife and children, his public life did not diminish, but became even busier.

Father's house was next to the church building, and we often held the leaders' meetings there. Even then, our church's activities extended beyond Korea and included many different departments. At all hours, leaders would come to ask Father's guidance. Whether it was a special day or not, whether a meeting was in progress or not, people would come to seek Father's advice, and his room was always crowded.

Sometimes the church building was too small for Father's activities, causing many inconveniences, but Father would not build a new one. Furthermore, Father's room had poor ventilation, and in the summer it became quite hot.

After about three years, Mother moved to the church building to live with Father. But as they had more children, for Mother to find even a corner in which she could give birth to her baby was so difficult; there was not enough space for her. Nevertheless, her first concern was always for Father's welfare.

Before True Parents set out on their first world tour, Mother called me and quietly discussed her plan for rearranging the

rooms, because her heart was so pained at seeing Father living in such inconvenient circumstances. However, when Father returned and saw this new set-up, he became quite angry; the room held so much historical significance, he said, and our changing it without his permission upset him. From our point of view, it was much better to rearrange the room for Father's convenience, but Father's perspective was different from ours; he did not want to alter the room, because of God's heart which was planted there.

At that time, all meetings were held in Father's room, which was of course Mother's room as well, for she slept there. The leaders would linger there with Father until he dismissed the meeting, usually late at night. When Mother was pregnant, she often needed a place to rest, and since there was nowhere in her room to rest, we arranged a small bathroom next door, where she could lie down. In our church life, we rarely have had to sleep in a bathroom, but when True Mother was tired, that was the only place she could find to sleep. We should never forget this point.

Still, Mother always considered the meetings so important for the advancement of God's will that she willingly offered her place as a meeting room. Father was aware that Mother had to rest in the bathroom, but still he had to fulfill God's will, regardless of the circumstances. Although he knew Mother's situation, he had to sacrifice it for God's will.

Sometimes we held our meetings at another location, but we were limited by the midnight to morning curfew. One night when the meeting was still in progress at 11:30 p.m., Mother became concerned about Father's health. She tried to signal the members to end the meeting early, but we did not recognize her preoccupation and care for Father. Finally she said, "The curfew will begin soon. Will you please end the meeting and go home?" Still, Father would not close the meeting. Mother was pregnant and because of that often felt tired. Father knew her condition, so he told her to go to the next room and rest while the meeting continued. Just before the curfew, the meeting closed and they took a car home. This is just one testimony of Father's and Mother's sacrificial course to gain the victory through home church.

Mrs. Won Pok Choi

(True Parents were in America in early 1976, leaving again in February. True Father instructed Mrs. Won Pok Choi to speak in his absence. Over the next four Sundays she gave vignettes from the history of the early church in Korea. The following excerpts are from those sermons.)

When I look at Mother, she reminds me of calm and clear water. When a lake is calm and clear, it reflects the whole sky. As the moon reflects the sun, Father's image is reflected by Mother, shining back to reach the rest of the people. I always feel that. When I pray for Father, I feel alert and dynamic. When I pray for Mother, I feel calm, tranquil, profound and sincere. Sometimes I feel more of the image of Heaven reflected to me through Mother. Compared to the wind, her character is like a breeze. Compared to a flower, her character is fragrance. In the balmy spring air, you feel something embracing and warm, so in your mind, you feel that there is something beautiful developing in the world. Mother Nature gives out life after life. Our Mother reflects Father's active nature, but in a passive way, returning it and shining out to reach everyone.

Mother is always soft and fragrantly calm and reflective. When she is deeply hurt or she feels that she must scold the members around us or her immediate children, she looks very sad. Sad, that is all. She looks at the members or her children without saying a word and with a deep tearful heart. Sometimes she says a word or two in a whispering tone. She always says, "I trust you." When you are told that you are trusted and that you are expected to do something for others by someone who loves you, you are more encouraged and more repentant than when

you are ordered to do something or when you are scolded or even punished.

Father is not only the Father of love but also of judgment, but he always withholds judgment until the last minute, hoping that the conditions for judgment will be dissolved. Before he scolds someone, he prays first, forgetting his sleep or his food. Sometimes we feel that Father is so loving that we can relax and take it for granted. Then the next moment we may feel dark inside, holding something fearful that we dare not take to him. But in Mother, we find the soothing element coming to her children. Whenever we are hurt, we turn to her. Even just looking at her calms our hearts. Still we feel the great serenity, fragrance and soothing tone coming to us in full vibration.

Father is like the light; Mother is like the warmth. Father is like the sun; Mother is like the moon. Father is the cause and Mother is the effect. God wanted Adam to have a bride to complete himself. We must have our True Parents' reflection in ourselves. In doing that, we must be receptive. We must have the same frequency, the same resonance, so that they can perform the act of give and take with us. Sometimes we may complain that the sun is not shining. But in every case it is the clouds created in our own minds that are blocking the sunbeams from reaching us. But the sun is always shining there, just and fair to everyone. Even when they are away, we feel their vibration all around us, if our spiritual posture is facing them.

You must always set aside a place for Father and Mother. In Korea, the blessed families always have Parents' room ready; when they eat, they have the Parents' food there. They eat, sleep and live with them. Spiritually living together in that way is very important. We must encourage ourselves and each other to remember our True Parents and live with them in heart.

For providential reasons, Mother was supposed to be under the age of 20 when she met Father. Father was supposed to take a blossoming virgin maid as Eve before the fall. He could have been blessed when he was 20, 30 or 40, but he had to wait in order to find a really qualified and prepared young lady of divine choice. It happened in such a way that it seemed like a flash.

Before the engagement took place, Father asked me to live in the same house with Mother, near the church, so I could observe her closely and so we could deeply touch each other heart to heart. Father meant for me to talk with her about the Principle, especially his search for a bride and what she would be like. But I did not need to do so, because she was already prepared. She was such a blossoming, innocent young girl. Her way of observing things had great depth; she would speak little, but whatever she believed in she would act out.

I would accompany her to Father's place to meet him. I shall never forget the occasion when she met Father. She was in the traditional Korean dress: a yellow chogori, with a red ribbon to match her red skirt. All of a sudden, Father asked her to sing. Mother sang a folk song with the following words, "When spring comes, mountains and fields, valleys and river banks are decorated with azaleas. My mind, too, is blooming like azaleas. When you come and pluck the flowers, don't leave mine alone; pluck mine, too." It is very meaningful when I think of that now. She was not embarrassed at that moment but sang so nicely, so full of zeal and beauty. After that, Father took her up to his room and asked several questions. Mother was not at all shy, but articulately responded to the questions one after another. Then Father wanted her to make a drawing, so she drew a landscape with a figure.

Every day, Father would take her out to the mountainside. They talked and talked, mainly about the core of the Divine Principle. Mother's understanding was so illuminated that she could answer every question. It was a thrilling experience. In this way, Father nurtured her, bringing her up to the stage when he thought the engagement ceremony could be held.

The engagement ceremony took place, with Father and Mother dressed in beautiful garments, surrounded by colorful decorations. It was held upstairs in our small church headquarters, with some of the oldest members in attendance.

The heavenly Blessing followed, on April 11 by the solar calendar. The shabby old building which used to be a Japanese temple (the old Chung Pa Dong church) became the greatest

historical place, because of Father's own Blessing. The paper screen doors between the rooms were all removed, giving more space. That building will be kept as a museum for all eternity.

Father and Mother marched towards a decorated stage, with all the members in white robes standing on both sides. Father walked as though his path were strewn with flowers, bowing with his bride every seven steps. We were all very awe-struck; we were very happy, but at the same time sad, because the place was so small for such a great event. After making the last bow, they exchanged vows and rings; then Father and Mother went up on stage. Facing the audience, Father announced his Blessing and offered a tearful, deeply touching prayer.

If he could not have located a bride in that year, when he was 40, where else would he have found one? To find a person who met all the heavenly qualifications was incredibly difficult.

Mrs. Mee Shik Choi

(Mrs. Mee Shik Choi gave her testimony at Barrytown in 1975. The following excerpts are from her talk.)

I was among the few people able to attend Father's engagement ceremony. Father prayed and explained many kinds of meanings behind the ceremony. At that time, Father told Mother to give some kind of speech. Thinking of how young and inexperienced in church life she was, I waited to see what she would say. When she spoke, she said that she did not have any foundation like we did, but that she would try her best. She said she really needed our support, without which she could not accomplish her big mission.

After I heard this, I started to cry, because I realized that finally someone would take the responsibility for the historical position of women. I sensed how difficult this would be. Someone was going to undertake it and sacrifice her life. When I heard this young girl Father had chosen speaking to our members and telling us, "I will try my best, but I need your support," I really appreciated her, because from then on her life would be a sacrifice for me and for all women. At that time I decided to try my best to really support her. I felt I would try my best all the time.

The engagement ceremony was followed by a reception. As you know, Father is very capable in every way. Mother, however, had just graduated from high school and did not know much of anything. When Father started to dance, she began dancing with her mother in a very natural way, following the same pattern he was using.

I was surprised at her attitude, first at the engagement cer-

emony and then at the marriage ceremony. We had been trained directly by Father for five years, but we were not like her. We were not as mature as she was. I was so surprised, because behind her young appearance she was very strong. She had already been given so much by God.

Mrs. Hong (Mother's mother) had a Christian background, originally being a Presbyterian. North Korean Presbyterians are very famous and very strong; many of them received revelations that the Messiah was coming very soon and that the New Jerusalem was Pyongyang, now the capital of North Korea. They were waiting in prayers and tears for the Second Coming.

Mother was born in Anju. Her mother was born there, and her grandmother as well. Mother was the only daughter of her parents. Moreover, in the two generations before her, only one daughter was born. Father said that there were many conditions which played a role in choosing the bride; one of these was a very simple lineage, in this case, only one daughter in each generation. Also, she had to have a certain last name. Father pointed to four or five last names, and the name Han was among them.

When Mother was growing up, Mrs. Hong said she never caused any trouble; she was always an exemplary child and much beloved by her grandmother, great-grandmother and grandfather. Mother was such a good child at school and at home. Mrs. Hong always spent her time at church, so Mother was actually raised by her grandmother and her uncle.

Father passed through much suffering and by overcoming it paid indemnity for us, finally bringing us to this victorious foundation. In contrast, Mother was somehow sheltered by God from the satanic world; from her birth and during her childhood she was protected by Heavenly Father. Although many dangerous events happened around them, when Mrs. Hong was with Mother, everything went smoothly. In those days, Mrs. Hong never dreamed that someday her daughter would be the True Mother of all mankind, but later she remembered all these experiences.

In everything, Mother was protected by God, so she herself

did not have to endure physical suffering in the way Father had to. Our Father treats Mother with so much love.

Mrs. Hong is so strong and has never shown any of her feelings to the members. She often said that she was surprised that Mother was her daughter, and that she was a little bit worried. Mother had just graduated from high school when she received such a great mission.

You know that Eve failed at the top of the growth stage, so Mother, representing Eve, had to pass through that growth stage during the following three years, by the time she was 21. Her first baby, Ye Jin Nim, was born before Mother was 21. Since everything has to follow the Principle, we thought that the first baby would be a prince. "A prince has come, a prince has come," we sang and sang, waiting for the birth of the first child. But it was a princess.

Speaking to us later, Father marvelled at how much Heavenly Father truly loved us; he knew that everybody had expected a son, but Father was worried about trouble during this three year period. If the first baby had been a boy, it would have represented Cain's position, and there might have been a lot of fighting.

I cannot talk to you about the kind of suffering and burden Mother has had to carry. She has had to bear a cross which others cannot fathom. Her smile is very sweet, but from the moment of her Blessing until 1967, her seven-year course was the hardest torture. Many times I saw her crying. I never asked her why she was crying; I knew how she had never gone on a 40-day mission, how she had never done any pioneer mission, witnessing, street preaching or fund-raising. Although she never had this kind of experience, I knew she paid indemnity. Through the seven years, she went through great suffering, but her strong will and strict mind carried her through.

We members were surrounded and sheltered by great blessing and great love; of course we suffered very much as we were growing spiritually, but we never felt that suffering, because we lived together with Father, and around him something exciting was always happening. Father told us that if we did not know what

way to go or how to reach our destination, we could always ride on his shoulder; then the path would be easier. For myself, I feel that I did not suffer, but rather it was Father, the one who knew all things, who bore the suffering. Now, if you know how to ride on his shoulder, you can grow easily.

When I joined, I just thought of Father as teacher, never as Father. Then after his Blessing, he told us that he stood in the position of Father. One day he was an individual, the next day there were two in the pivotal point, Father and Mother. They represent 6,000 years of human hope, the longing to meet True Parents. Our ultimate goal is not to find our teacher, but to meet our parents. That is why the book of Revelation concludes with the Marriage of the Lamb, the establishment of parents. If we do not have parents, we cannot change our blood lineage, and we can never be a heavenly child.

Through Father's family, I can see what Heavenly Father originally wanted. Because Mother is here, we can really feel hope and happiness. There are many things I do not know about Mother, but still I am so grateful that Heavenly Father provided our Mother. God kept her hidden a long time, but one day Father gave her to us, for our benefit and for the benefit of all mankind.

From our point of view, we wondered why Mother did not know how to lecture Principle, the reason she had not been on an M.F.T., how come she did not pass the VOC test; but I am so happy and grateful when I see Mother. Mother's conversation is just like the original word, not the fallen word. She is the original woman and has been given tremendous love by her subject. What more could you ask for than the love and beauty of this original subject and object relationship?

Mrs. Woo Ok Lim

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Sunday Service, Belvedere

Translated by Rev. Joong Hyun Pak

(Mrs. Lim, blessed in the 72 Couples Blessing, spoke to church members about her experiences with Hong Halmonim and True Mother. Hong Halmonim lived together with Rev. and Mrs. Lim in their home in Korea from 1980 until her Seung-hwa in 1989. Following are excerpts from her talk.)

At that time our True Parents did not have their own house, but lived in the Chungpadong headquarters church center. Pioneering brothers and sisters throughout Korea had very little food, so True Family also had a very small budget. We prepared a small dinner, and True Father would eat first, then True Mother would eat, and after that, True Children would eat the rest. The budget for True Father, Mother, and True Children's food was only enough to buy one meal, but they were a family of four. Although perhaps three pieces of fish were needed to adequately feed the True Family, the kitchen staff had only enough money to buy one piece of fish.

One day I cooked one small fish. While Father was eating, Mother was watching. I could see that Mother was really longing to eat that fish. She was 18 years old and pregnant with In Jin Nim. I felt so painful for Mother, and asked Father, "Father, would you please leave a little fish for Mother?" You can imagine that for me to request Father to please leave half of the fish for Mother was not easy.

The True Family's economic situation was so poor. When Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim were small children, they ate very humble food. They almost never ate good meals. You can never understand this if you never experienced hunger yourself. But in this world over two-thirds of the people go hungry every day. We in America have to understand. Soup usually contains chunks of food, but the kitchen staff sometimes served only broth for Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim. I always went to the chapel and tearfully prayed to God, "God, please help us make a financial foundation so that we can better serve True Parents and True Children."

One day True Mother designed a kitchen cabinet and asked our church brothers to build it, because there was no money in the True Family's budget to buy a kitchen cabinet. True Mother designed the top part of the cabinet to have three drawers. I wondered about this and asked True Mother, "Why?" She replied "We serve cookies to Hyo Jin Nim and Ye Jin Nim sometimes, but if they were put in the lower part, the children would always eat too much." So True Mother asked me to put the cookies and candies in the top drawers where Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim could not reach them. That's really a tearful testimony.

Many Korean brothers and sisters from around the country visited True Parents at the Chungpadong Church, so when they arrived True Mother always asked us to please serve them some fruit, cookies and candy. I was unhappy because I could not serve these things to the True Children, but had to serve them to our members.

Cho Halmonim received a revelation from God that she, Hong Halmonim, and True Mother—three generations—had to escape from North Korea to South Korea. Father once said that True Mother must come from a background similar to that of Jesus' mother, Mary, 2,000 years ago. Mary married Joseph, but everything was like a single situation for her. A similar situation was necessary for Hong Halmonim and Cho Halmonim, who, with True Mother, fulfilled a background of three generations of

single women.

After they arrived in Seoul, Hong Halmonim ate uncooked food, even rice and fish. She offered that spiritual condition as she searched for the Second Messiah. After living in Seoul, they moved to Cheju Island in search of the Second Messiah there. Hong Halmonim thought that because she was eating raw food, she should serve True Mother raw food also, but Jesus Christ appeared to her and asked her not to serve True Mother raw food. Hong Halmonim wanted to dedicate True Mother to work as God's servant in a spiritual mission when she grew up.

After Elder Chung witnessed to Hong Halmonim she visited True Father. She offered the *kyongbe* when they met, and as she looked up at True Father she was amazed to realize she had previously met him in two dreams! She had brought True Mother with her, and True Father asked, "Who is this young girl?" Hong Halmonim replied, "This is my daughter." "What is her name?" "Hak Ja Han." Father closed his eyes and repeated three times, "Thank you, God, that Hak Ja Han was born in Korea." Then Father said to True Mother, "Hak Ja Han, you must sacrifice for God."

Finally, Hong Halmonim received a great honor through True Father and True Mother's Holy Wedding. True Parents appeared on the earth, and Hong Halmonim became part of their household. It was still not an easy course after the wedding. True Parents, the True Family and Hong Halmonim always had a difficult course waiting in front of them. As each of the True Children was born, the dark, satanic forces prepared to attack them. Hong Halmonim immediately understood her mission was to protect True Parents and the True Children. Day and night she prayed, sacrificed, and made conditions for the protection of the True Family. Her mission was to be like the Holy Spirit.

Hong Halmonim said that since True Father and Mother got victory through the 43-year course, from now on we need to connect more to Mother to receive the true love tradition. Father already gave us so much, so we must now receive more

from True Mother. The center of a heavenly family's tradition is a mother's love. True Mother's love is truly representative of God's love because God's love is warm, embracing, forgiving, tearful, sacrificial love. Those are the aspects of True Mother's love. We can experience and learn more deeply of Heavenly Father's love from True Mother. In our spiritual life in the wilderness we were always battling with Satan, so the love we received from God and True Parents sometimes seemed fearful—pushing and disciplining us. But because True Parents have been victorious and we have entered Canaan, we now need warm love from True Mother. We need this kind of experience of love on the earth so that we can bring it with us to our eternal life.

Some people say that a father's love is like the bone structure, and a mother's love is like the flesh. There is friction and noise when bones collide with each other, but flesh is comforting and warm. Through True Mother's love, we, the Unification family, can become completely harmonized into one. So from now on we need to experience True Mother's love more deeply.

As blessed members we have received new life from True Father, but to grow up and perfect our love we need Mother's help. True Mother's love nurtures us. If we long for and respect True Mother, we can receive her care, nourishment and support in becoming perfected men and women of true love.

Mrs. Takeko Hose

(A meeting entitled "Growth of Heart in Unification Women" was held on December 4, 1984, at the World Mission Center in New York. Mrs. Hose delivered this testimony at that event.)

I am not here as an example of a true woman. I am just on the way. I am intensely interested in women's role in the Unification Church, and am still searching. Although I already have five children, I am still trying to find true motherhood within myself. I make many mistakes. Therefore, I am constantly studying Mother and our elder sisters more and more. I am determined that all of my life I will remain a student of the Divine Principle.

That is my motto. I feel that if I settled down somewhere, I might die slowly. To me, being alive and growing means constantly moving and challenging my limitations in a frontline situation.

We cannot talk about growth of heart, or about women, without bringing True Mother into the conversation. About one year ago, before Father went to jail, I was told that this coming three-year period is Mother's Age. Father has the perfect qualification to go to the Kingdom of Heaven, but Mother and the children have not yet attained it completely. Mother still has to fulfill certain conditions. She must unite the Cain and Abel children together and bring them to Father: that is her mission. It sounds very simple, but what it actually means is that Mother has to bring all the Cain children, from the 36 couples through the whole rest of the movement, into unity with the True Children. That is an enormous task! The mission of those of us who are blessed is also to try to unite all the rest of the church family

with the True Family.

Now that Father is away in prison, Mother literally has to take all the responsibility for the movement. Even though Father gives guidance, he cannot be here. This is the first time that Mother has had to take so much initiative. Her path must be quite lonely, since she has no real equal to turn to and discuss matters with. She has to make decisions and initiate activities based on her own intuition and understanding of what is right.

Up until now, Mother was rather hidden, and we didn't have a chance to get to know her. Then, just recently, my husband said that the time would soon come when I would actually sit with Mother, person to person, and discuss many things with her. I have spent a long, long time waiting and hoping, and then suddenly, just a couple of days ago, it happened! I was so deeply grateful. I felt as if God was saying to me, "You asked for it, and you received it." I'm sure that this is just one step in my search to become a true woman, and I want to join with all of you in that search.

What is Happening Inside

I want to let you know that Mother wants us to know what is happening inside each one of us. When Father was here, all of Mother's energy was focused on supporting Father; she couldn't really take the freedom to walk among us and get to know us freely. Leaders would come to give official reports, and Mother was always side by side with Father. Now, however, Mother can spend a little more time to get in touch with what is going on. So, Mother called three women counsellors together to share their observations with her.

I feel that women are somewhat secure in reporting factually and realistically. They are not so concerned about losing face or being scolded by central figures, and can be rather free about expressing what they know and feel. In this way, Mother can learn a great deal about our movement's situation from sisters.

Mother asked me many detailed questions such as, "Where do you live? Does your house need repair? How much does it cost? Who supports you? What is your mission? Who are your chil-

dren? What are their ages? Do you have any particular difficulty with your husband?" She asked about everything! And I felt so free to share with her! She's very natural and she took away all my nervousness.

Finally, as Mother was closing the meeting, I said, "May I express one observation, since Father went to Danbury?" She said, "Please go ahead." I said, "Well, Father has been so unchanging, immovable—like a rock; dignified, never showing any weakness. We, who are so human and so fallen, respect him greatly, but sometimes we feel so distant and fearful, and are so discouraged that we can never be like that ourselves. I sometimes think: is Father human? He must be Superman! He sleeps until three o'clock in the morning and then gets up early, at 64 years of age! How can he be so positive all the time? Doesn't he ever break down and cry sometimes, or not want to go on anymore? Because he is so good and so great, we don't feel free to be ourselves in front of Father, but are afraid of appearing stupid."

I Wanted to Disappear

Then I recounted what Mother had already shared with the New York leaders two days after Father was incarcerated. She had said, "Father told me that I shouldn't cry, but I can't help being emotional. When Father went to jail, he encouraged me until the very last moment to be strong and firm." First she shared how she was supposed to be. Then she went on, "But in reality, I felt that I wanted to disappear. I felt that perhaps all we had done had been in vain. Maybe this ideal was too great after all and we were just dreamers who might never really make it.

"Then Father called me and encouraged me to speak to the leaders, and so I asked you to come here."

"Mother," I said, "because you expressed these things very honestly to us, we feel that maybe it's okay to cry, okay to be weak. It's okay to sometimes feel powerless and not put a smile on your face." She was smiling. I said, "My husband was a state leader for many years. Whenever a state leaders' conference came up, he would become very nervous. If you did not have a glorious report, what could you stand up and say? An atmos-

phere was created where you almost had to perform. If you did not have a great result, you couldn't really be honest. I thought, 'Poor men, poor state leaders!' Some of the state leaders really hated to go to conferences for this reason. But when you gathered the state leaders, Mother, you said, 'Let's be honest, let's discuss everything—good and bad. Dignity is important, but not at the cost of intimacy.' Because you said that, we felt automatically invited to be honest. We took off all our makeup. Maybe you can embrace those members who feel a little distant and afraid because of Father's greatness, and help take them to God."

I said that, although Father's imprisonment should never have happened, I was so grateful that Mother could now be more available to us. Mrs. Mal Sook Lee echoed my thoughts and said to Mother, "This is why we need both—Father and Mother, isn't it?" Then Mother smiled.

When Mr. Kamiyama came to the meeting that was held to welcome him on his release from prison on December 4, his face was rather heavy. Sitting next to Father's empty chair, Mother took dominion of the entire situation. She asked all of us to briefly introduce ourselves, and a kind of humorous atmosphere was created naturally. Then Mother spoke, saying, "I asked everyone to introduce themselves because the atmosphere was rather heavy. I know all of you want to welcome Mr. Kamiyama back, but you also feel heavy in your heart because of Father's situation. I asked for the introductions because I wanted to soften the atmosphere." I was amazed that Mother explained everything in such a natural and thorough way.

She continued, "I want to speak on behalf of Mr. Kamiyama because I believe that I am the best person to understand his heart at this time. Although he has been released, his heart is very heavy." She spoke just as if she knew everything about Mr. Kamiyama, as if in her heart he was her very own son. Even though he himself didn't say anything, the exchange of heart between them was almost palpable, it was so beautiful.

Chapter Three



True Mother's Words to Our Family

To Japanese Leaders

August 3, 1967

Tokyo, Japan

To all of you, please become a child whom God can trust and rely on in every respect, and children who can inherit the heavenly mission. In this world, to be educated means to be capable, but it doesn't mean to develop your character. In our world you have to become a person to acquire spiritual sensitivity. This is why this time we had a workshop, and even though Father has left I would like to plead with you to acquire more ability in the Principle. Only through the Principle can you give and take with Father's heart and God's heart, so the truth or ability in Principle are the points I would like you to acquire .

It just came to my mind about Hyo Jin Nim. When Father went for the first world itinerary tour, Hyo Jin would earnestly talk about True Parents in his sleep, and when awake, would draw pictures of Father. It is passionate, energetic, and filled with variety. Hyo Jin Nim cannot stay still, but he would invest all of himself to draw pictures of Father, one after another, drawing all day long, and would never get bored.

Also, when Hyo Jin Nim was almost two years old, he would draw the whole day and not get tired, and day by day until Father came back, he would draw Father's and Mother's pictures for the entire year. He keeps on drawing Father—it's as though he does not get tired of searching for the truth, drawing the face of the person he longs for. When I see that, it makes me feel many things. Through my child, seeing Father from a different perspective, I feel that I have found him again.

I'm sure you know about the Father going fishing, or about

Father going out hunting. I know that he is a busy person. As he himself says, he has a lot of work to do and has complicated plans. Although he is a person thinking about lots of things, when he fishes, he fishes as if it's the only thing to do in this world, and he fishes seriously as if that is the only fun you could ever have in this world.

When I think about Father going to the pond to try to catch a big fish, I know he will not stop, even if it takes 40 days, until he has caught that fish. When we think of Father like that we should think of Heavenly Father, and long for him. Try to have that kind of image of Heavenly Father in yourself. Until we become perfect men and women we should master the truth, and then become a source of the truth yourself.

There is a Korean saying, "The wind will not cease in a tree with plenty of branches." The more branches the tree has, the more it shakes. What it means is that parents who have plenty of children will have no chance to be still and will always have to be anxious and worry about many things.

Father never looks back at his personal life, but he acts as if he has forgotten his personal life completely. He has a destiny to embrace even the least person out of the whole of mankind to his bosom and offer them to God. He does not have a day that he doesn't worry about you members who have been reborn as children of filial piety. I always feel a little sorry, but when I wake up in the morning, he is already awake, praying seriously. Even on a windy or rainy day or night, he is always praying for you children. When I see Father meditating for accomplishing the heavenly will, I will always feel that he is a person whom God cannot stop loving.

Please arm yourselves with the Principle. Connect to God's heart, not in a relationship of master and servant, but in a relationship of parent and child in the realm of heart. Whenever you go through suffering, remember Father's face, who is always worried about you, behind you, always praying for you. Please feel strong, because you have Father who thinks of you and desperately tries to help you. I hope that you will become children who can endure any kind of challenge and can spread truth and

love to the ends of the earth.

The path to become true children whom Father can love with true love is most of all to experience Father's heart, understand Father's heart, and then make Father's heart your own heart. Even though I cannot communicate with you in the same language, other than that, I don't feel any border. And for me, I could only think that America and Japan are Father's countries centering on God. When we look back, our ancestors are the same and we are called as the same brothers and sisters. So when we think about fighting, we must think of the day when we can actualize the ideal world family to the ends of the earth, centering on God.

I have to repeat over and over again that the Principle is really important. Before I leave Japan, what I want to say is, please be well armed with the Principle, become children whom God can truly trust, and have the ability in Principle to fight with Satan until we can become the ones who can obtain the final victory.

Mother Speaks At Barrytown

April 21, 1975

(Candidates for the foreign missions gathered at Barrytown in early 1975 for 120-day training. True Parents visited the missionaries repeatedly during this training period, and Mother gave the following advice on April 21. Her delivery was particularly tearful. The first group of 12 missionaries left for their respective countries on April 30, 1975, and the majority followed before May 17, 1975.)

As soon as I arrived here this morning, I was told by Mrs. Choi that you had been expecting me. Actually, though, Father is the one to come.

Today is the 50th day since the birth of Kwon Jin, and I don't know whether or not he is conscious of our preparing to leave him. The other time I left him, he was restless and did not sleep well the previous night. The same thing occurred last night. The reason I am saying this is because I want you to know how much you are loved by Father—so much that our immediate children are jealous.

Sooner or later you will experience the same thing. Many of you are blessed couples and some day will also give birth to children. I want you to understand that after giving birth to the eighth child, I feel a little feeble. If you really understand the depths of the Divine Principle, you might realize that Father is going the way of Jacob, so I must give birth to at least twelve children.

Birth control is prevailing in this country, and each time I have a baby, I am warned against having too many children. This time when I was in the hospital, they asked me to bring my

husband with me, because they wanted to talk to him about birth control!

You will soon be leaving for your mission countries, and you will assume the role of father and mother in your land, so I will give you a little bit of my own experience as a parent.

Whenever I look at the face of a baby, I feel cleansed. There is a Korean saying, "The parents cannot help but be pure through children." Whenever the baby cries more than usual or gets sick, I always look back and reflect on what I have done wrong. When I feel that way, I always sense God's presence and sympathy towards me.

Whenever you witness to people in your land, you must have a parental heart towards them. You must really love them from the position of parents.

As you may know, Father really loves you. Today he rose when it was still dark and said, "I must go to Barrytown. I must go to Barrytown." We are leaving soon [for Korea] and we have many things to straighten out, but he pressed me to come, and here we are.

By the time we return, I think you will have already left, and we love you so much. Father loves you so much. Be confident and win many children.

Please never forget that your Parents are with you.

To The Unification Church International Leadership Conference

January 3, 1984

Translator, Bo Hi Pak

Some people may be thinking, "Why did this awful tragedy hit the True Parents' family?" You don't understand, you should not think in that fashion. Father and Mother went to Korea and established an incredible victory in the Korean rallies and Father will give you a full explanation, but before he gets into it he would like to recommend that you listen to Mother a little while, because Mother has some experiences and messages coming from the spiritual world. All spiritualists from around the world connect to Mother, so she is receiving many spiritual blessings.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. After hearing about this tragic report you have been dedicating yourselves in prayer. For this Mother is deeply grateful. I know Father will give you the full implications from the viewpoint of the Divine Principle and Mother doesn't want to duplicate this area. Instead, Mother would like to give you a brief testimony of the feeling she had and some spiritual testimony that she received. At the present time Mother's feelings are rather at peace and tranquil. Right after the Science Conference in Chicago, Father asked Mother about his plans to go back to Korea to do some important things. Father was seeking Mother's advice and she responded by saying, "I know you have some important work to do, but can you stay to the end of 1983? Would you consider doing it in 1984?" Mother said that because

she had some special feeling, some extraordinary feeling. Mother had a desire to have the whole family spend this season together—that was one of her motivations. Then Father explained that there was a great providential meaning to returning to Korea before the end of the year. When Father said that, Mother had no further opinion. Mother said, “Your will be done, Father. Do your will.”

When True Parents went back to Korea preparing for the National Rally for the Victory over Communism, Father was advised by many mediums and spiritualists that this was a special time. Father was to be very careful. The people responsible for security had to be particularly cautious, because the spiritualists felt that something was about to happen. At that time, they said Father’s life was at stake; they openly warned Mother on that score. But then the rallies went smoothly, without major difficulties and they completed the final one and headed back to Seoul. As soon as they stepped into the house, the call came from Mr. Kim at East Garden.

During this entire period of the rallies, Mother felt an incredible welcome from the Korean people. Father was welcomed as a hero. All of this gave tremendous joy, without question, but somewhere in the depth of her heart there was a deep shadow of a responsible feeling that she couldn’t eliminate. That day True Parents arrived in Seoul around five o’clock, after driving four hours from Kwang-Ju. Mother received a very important message from Mr. Kim, but the person who took the call didn’t know the contents of the message, just that it was very important. However, the next day was Un Jin Nim’s birthday, so Mother had to go shopping for a short while. After she returned from shopping for a gift, Mr. Kim called back and reported Heung Jin Nim’s accident for the first time. He said he was undergoing surgery at the hospital.

A few days prior to the accident, Mother had a telephone conversation with In Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim at East Garden. At that time Mother asked him, “What is your plan? What are you doing?” He responded by saying, “Mother, what do you want me to do? I’ll do anything you ask.” So Mother said, “You have a

plan to repair an old car as a hobby. So why don't you do that?" Heung Jin Nim said, "Fine. I'll do that and in the meantime I'll go up to Barrytown and pick up an old motorcycle that someone is going to give me. I'll bring that back home and then I'll work on the car." Reflecting on it now, Mother realizes that was the last time she spoke to Heung Jin Nim.

On the 22nd of December the children's winter vacation began. It was on this day that he went with two friends. On the way back, on Route 9, this tragic accident occurred. At that precise moment Father was on the stage giving the final talk in Kwang-Ju, at 11:00 a.m. You may have heard the report on God's Day that Kwang-Ju was the most dangerous place; everyone was expecting something to happen there. I would like to mention something about the revelations that were reported to Mother from people who are very sensitive to the spiritual world in prayer. You might not be aware of this, but in Korea there are certain members who have the ability to communicate with the spiritual world. Within the Unification Church and outside the church many have received who Father is and are praying for him. The outside mediums, or, shall we say, communicators, are unanimously testifying that the most important thing at this time is to protect Father's life, to secure his physical well-being and safety. No matter what mission we have, there is nothing more important than this! Just his being alive and strong will bring the great victory. In short, what they are saying is that the foremost mission is to ensure that Father will live a long time. That will secure the arrival of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Unanimously the spiritual revelation was confirmed: Heung Jin Nim would become a sacrifice in order to save Father's life. Even the number of terrorists that were dispatched to assassinate Father equalled the number of evil spirits used to create the accident and hit Heung Jin Nim. (The spiritualist said 36 agents were sent to do the job.) When Mother considers it, this was an incredible attack or showdown of satanic forces, mustering their entire energy to get Father's life. They couldn't do it, so they claimed the most precious sacrifice. When you hear the circumstances and events surrounding the accident, it

absolutely confirms that this was no ordinary accident, no ordinary death. It confirms Mother's feeling and conviction that he died for the sake of the most precious life on earth, Father's life.

When Heung Jin Nim was in a coma, his spiritual body appeared to a medium in Korea. He said to that person, "I am going in place of Father. Glory to Father! I am overjoyed to do this; otherwise Father's life will be threatened. I am honorably chosen to fill in for Father's life." The communicator spoke to Heung Jin Nim's spirit body, saying, "No, no, no! You can't go now; you can't do that; you have a lot to do on earth. You're going to do incredible things on earth, then you will go later." Then he said, "No. Someone must go on Father's behalf. That's me. The only regret I have is that I didn't serve True Parents long enough and that I didn't receive heavenly matrimony. Otherwise I'm absolutely and powerfully glorifying Heavenly Father that I could receive this mission."

This particular medium, who had seen Heung Jin Nim directly, testified that he would indeed go to the spiritual world. All the others said that he would not die, that he would miraculously return to life. When they looked at Heung Jin Nim's fortune they say he was born for the most glorious, prestigious life. Mother has many things to report to you, but she doesn't like to go into a lengthy testimony now. However, she does want to relate one experience from this morning, when Father received a call from Korea. The person who called had received a special message from God in prayer and was told to call Mother. The message was: "Mother and Father look very peaceful, but their hearts have been broken. Mother's heart especially has been shattered, so the following words will give her some comfort. Go ahead and call her. Heung Jin Nim is basically manly, a man of men; however, he also has a soft heart, so he was always trying to listen to True Parents' wishes, trying to carry them out." The voice related many instances so the medium could report them back to Mother. Finally the voice of God stated that Heung Jin Nim did his utmost in his role as a sacrifice on behalf of True Parents. Secondly, he did fulfill his role of unifying all brothers and sisters within the True Parents' family; thirdly, as a younger

brother, he gave his love to his elders. In other words, he fulfilled Abel's type of responsibility in loving Cain.

Heung Jin Nim's western age is now seventeen and his Korean age is eighteen, but he wears suit size 42, which is an adult size. God's voice said that there was a reason Heung Jin Nim grew up very quickly. God had a very special divine mission for him, so God let him grow very quickly to adulthood. Providentially speaking, 2,000 years ago Jesus Christ could not fulfill the role of becoming the True Parent. Now in this present age, the role has been fulfilled, so under this ideal, Heung Jin Nim was in the position of Jesus fulfilling True Parents' age. This is the essence of the meaning. Furthermore, today Heung Jin Nim will leave for the homeland and the ceremony will be called "The Divine Ascension and Harmony Ceremony," conducted on January 8th. After that, from January 10th, for 40 days, God will reveal some extraordinary resurrection process for the sake of the world. That is, the extraordinary power of God will be revealed, like a physical resurrection.

Medically speaking, the impact of the accident was impossible to survive even a few minutes. But Heung Jin Nim demonstrated again that he was a son of filial piety by prolonging his life for ten more days so that Father and Mother could complete their entire mission in Korea. Nothing had to be cut short and they even completed the God's Day celebration, which is very important. On December 31st, Mother, of course, was hoping that a final miracle might come, that God would preserve his life, but when she saw him, she knew he was going. In her inmost heart she longed for him to live through God's Day. That particular wish was totally fulfilled; it was almost impossible at that point for Heung Jin Nim to stay on and pass through God's Day. When God's Day came, another special message was received. One medium heard the voice of God again. Knowing the broken heart of True Parents and all the members, Heavenly Father wanted to save him. If there was a choice, would it have to be Heung Jin Nim or Father? What would your choice be? Our conclusion would be the same: to satisfy the Satanic requirement, Heung Jin Nim must go so there would be no more danger to

Father. That was the final message that came on God's Day. Mother knew then that he would be a sacrifice. At that point Mother was truly thankful to her son. She said, "Heung Jin Nim, you are my great son. From the bottom of our heart we thank you. Heung Jin Nim, go in peace."

When he was born as a second son, he went through an incredible trauma for three days. Many people thought he wouldn't survive infancy. He was bearing a cross at his birth, but at his death Mother knew he was born to do the most sacred mission anyone under the sun could think of: namely, dying for the sake of Father. So Mother was so deeply grateful. She said to her son, "You are my beloved son. You lived out your life in filial piety and patriotism in total purity." Heung Jin Nim became a most sacred sacrifice for all of us. His sacrifice prevented the danger that was coming to Father. He can bring the two opposing factions in the spirit world together. I know he will do his best to fulfill Father's wishes—to mobilize the forces of goodness centered upon True Parents' family.

He is in a position to bring incredible unity and harmony amongst the brothers and sisters in the True Family—especially Hyo Jin Nim. He will lead everyone to commit themselves totally to do their job well, achieving Father's and True Parents' wishes.

My final message is this—in God and True Parents we never die. Heung Jin Nim is not dead, he is active more than ever before in the spirit world. He will mobilize incredible power to serve True Parents and bring great victory on the earth. Mother is asking you to recommit yourselves to being true sons and daughters of True Parents. Let us complete this task.

Harvest the Victory

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"This is the first Sunday without Father, and we cannot welcome that Sunday without a truly repentant heart." With these words, our True Mother commenced her first morning service at Belvedere on July 22, 1984. It marked the third day of Father's incarceration, and Mother took his place according to Father's wish. She reminded everyone that Belvedere is truly God's holy place which represents history and the entire world. She also asked everyone to fast that one day.

Mother spoke twice that day; the second time to the New York area leaders. The contents of her second speech include in full everything she said in the morning.

One special incident happened during the evening. In the middle of her speech, Mother was interrupted by a telephone call from Father in Danbury prison. Immediately, she dashed out to the telephone, everyone else following her. At one point, members shouted encouragement, and pledges of victory over the phone, while Mother smilingly held up the telephone receiver for Father to hear.

I want you to know that as much as yours, my heart is filled with deep emotion. I have no words to say, probably. I wanted to be resigned and to retreat to a quiet place. That was my true wish. However, that cannot be the case. I must follow Father's instruction and fulfill the mission. So this morning I came and spoke to the members, as Father requested.

In the Orient, we have a tradition that, whenever the head of the family undergoes certain suffering, the entire family joins in their suffering. The same thing can be said of a dynastic kingdom. When the king or queen is in jeopardy or experiencing certain suffering, the royal subjects and all the people in the nation suffer together with the king and queen. This age-old Oriental tradition is very beautiful to behold.

I do feel all of you are very special, compared to the numerous other Unification Church members around the world, because you have had the privilege of directly serving Father in the New York area in the United States. You have more exposure to the love of our True Parents, particularly the generous love from our Father.

We treat ourselves to the presence of True Father all the time, attending True Father and True Mother, our True Parents. You know that you have listened to Father's message many times. The message you have received from Father is priceless.

A Movement of True Repentance

Think of this. Father has issued numerous instructions. But how much do we really take him seriously and fulfill? We have shouted "Mansei" many times to Father. But now the time has come to achieve something. We must build something tangible together so that True Parents can see that achievement accomplished.

Before I share a message from Father, I have my own message for you. That is, let us have a moment of true repentance. Repent tearfully. Let us repent in sackcloth. Let us repent and sit on ashes and really renew ourselves so that in this time, not just by word, but by deed, we shall fulfill Father's will. That is my wish and message to you.

I wish that that day, July 20, 1984, had never existed. I wish that we could eradicate that day totally from the calendar. Until the last minute of his departure from East Garden, Father kept speaking to you and encouraging you. He tried to give you courage and a message of incredible cheer.

Of course, an American prison is different from the kind of

prison that Father suffered in previously, such as the one in communist North Korea or in South Korea, under a very harsh government dictatorship. It's different from those prisons, yet it is still a prison.

On July 20, I accompanied Father, leaving East Garden at 10:00 p.m. We arrived at the camp, the place of incarceration, at 10:59 p.m. I escorted Father all the way until the last minute, when Father disappeared inside the door.

Although I wanted to be strong, and determined not to cry, still on the way there, my tears overflowed beyond control.

Until the last minute, before he departed from the car, Father had no concern about himself. He was worrying about me, encouraging me, and worrying about you and the people, and the church. He kept talking about that even until the last second.

Father kept saying, "I came to this place to liberate the prison, liberate hell. So, Mother, you must not cry for me. Cry out for the mission, for the fulfillment of God's will. That's what you should do. Don't worry about me. I came to fulfill a glorious mission, the liberation of hell in prison."

Become Responsible Leaders

In giving this message to you today, I have one purpose, and one purpose only: that you now become responsible leaders. You must conduct yourselves, conduct your mission with utmost responsibility, as you never have before.

You are living in the time contemporary with our True Parents—breathing the same air, walking in the same space, drinking the same water, sharing the same food. Whatever you do, it is a unique opportunity in history, and your deeds shall be recorded in history. What kind of statement can you make to our posterity? What kind of excuses do we have? What kind of testimony do we have for the future generations? You are the leaders, you are the Blessed couples and you must reflect within yourselves, re-examine yourselves. Let us repent totally and renew ourselves. We must march into our missions so that we can achieve and fulfill them.

As you know, God had a good idea in the beginning. Only because of the disobedience of man, the faithlessness of man, was man separated and parted from God. The fall brought about hell, brought terrible consequences to our world. You know that very well through the Principle. Then, during restoration history, God directed the chosen nation of Israel and gave them the Law. The purpose of Israel, the chosen nation, was to prepare the day of the coming of the Lord. That nation was the foundation to fulfill God's will and desire. When Judaism rejected Jesus, and left the mission that was given by God unfulfilled, Jesus lost the foundation, so he inevitably had to be crucified on the cross. However, even upon the crucifixion, the resurrection came. Upon the foundation of the resurrection, the new future of Christianity began.

Then what is the will of God to make Christianity prosper? What is the purpose behind Christianity? Isn't it true that its purpose is the restoration of the entire world, to embrace the entire world? After World War II, when V-J day arrived and the war ended, actually that moment was a glorious moment that God gave to the Christian nations, and America had the opportunity to embrace and rally the entire world, so that Christendom could literally be launched.

This is the time when the ideal of the Lord of the Second Advent must be manifested. That ideal actually can be achieved and fulfilled. This is known to all of you as fact, as truth. However, Christianity has thus far failed to respond to that opportunity. Then what about the Lord, the Second Advent, the Messiah who came? Where is his foundation? What kind of path has he walked? Even if I may not speak of it entirely, you know it; you know Father's path.

As you know, the Unification Church was started in the worst prison, a communist prison. Father has been victorious and has come to the nation representing the world, that is, to the United States. Father has worked with tears and sweat in this country for over twelve years.

This morning on the telephone, Father asked me to tell you that you are the torchbearers. You are to go among the Christian community and unite the churches and awaken them from deep spiritual sleep. As you know, Father's prison term is not absolutely necessary for the fulfillment of his mission. There is a way he could do it without going to prison. However, since Father's incarceration has begun, whatever we ignite with our torches, almost like igniting gasoline, will result in an incredible expansion of that fire.

So when you look at the world situation, and examine your own relationship with our True Parents, you know that this is the last opportunity. The freedom of Father is at stake, depending on you and your work. This is our final opportunity that God has given to us. God's mandate asks us to go ahead and prove ourselves.

Your mission is important. Whatever you do in your mission now, do it with your whole heart and soul and mind. And do fulfill it. Do achieve the final outcome of victory. Depending on your determination, God will be moved and Satan can even surrender. It's up to you. Your deeds can either move God or make Satan surrender. Father asked that, for these next forty days, a special period be declared. During these forty days, extraordinary things can happen; miracles can come. You must make miracles happen. That was his message.

My heart is very anxious, intensely nervous. I am very restless this morning, even in this meeting. Maybe we have to be out and running, even now. But I know this meeting is important. Now every moment of the day makes me restless. So right after this meeting, let us go out and apply ourselves to the utmost. You already are prepared. You have all the knowledge and experience. All you have to do is go and harvest the victory.

One other matter that Father spoke about concerned Japanese members in the United States. Koreans, Japanese and Americans—leaders and members—must be united. Korean leaders especially must take care of the Japanese, who have suffered so greatly.

Father is bearing the incredible universal, cosmic indemnity

through his confinement. However, Japan has been single-handedly bearing the burden of financial responsibility for our worldwide movement. As you know, the financial responsibility is a severe one, very difficult and not easy to accomplish; yet the Japanese members and churches are doing it.

Roommates Sincerely Welcomed Father

July 21, the day after Father was incarcerated, the six older children and I drove to visit him in the camp at 8:00 a.m. I didn't know how Father had spent the night, and I was worried about how he was. I worried about how he would look, and trembled while I waited to fill out certain forms. Then Father appeared. He met David Hager, who was there filling out more forms. Smiling, David went to him and they shook hands. Then Father spent time mostly with the children and me.

I wondered why Father is so absolutely natural in any circumstances.

This morning, Father told me he has lots of friends already. His roommates feel exuberant having Father join them. They sincerely welcomed Father, volunteered certain assistance, and were coming and going and greeting him. He expressed to me this morning that he felt the people truly have no hostility.

Of course Father feels that this occasion, this confinement, has special and deep meaning, more than any one of us can imagine or even understand. Father himself knows there is some much greater meaning in his confinement.

[At this point, Father telephoned. Mother spoke to Father on the phone. Members shouted "Mansei," messages of encouragement, and pledges of victory to Father over the phone.]

You wonder how Father fares in the camp, in the prison, what Father wears and certain other things, and I am sure you are anxious to know, right?

What I saw Father wearing was like a military surplus uniform. It was just khaki, top and bottom. Every piece of clothing has been government-issued, including shoes (not leather shoes, but cloth shoes). They are not like sneakers, but are more like a military shoe.

When Father suffered incarceration in Korea, both North and South, he was given a prison number. They print out the number and it looks like merchandise, but in Danbury they do not have that kind of system—no number, nothing, not even the name posted, so I was deeply comforted.

I saw other inmates coming out and everybody was wearing the same clothes. They have a number on the back side here, just below the belt, not at all conspicuous. Father's shirt is like a jacket, which some people tuck inside the belt.

On weekends breakfast is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., really a brunch schedule, unlike weekdays when it's 6:00—8:00 a.m. I was there to visit at 8:00 a.m., so Father hadn't had a chance to eat breakfast. Father said prison meals are served in a cafeteria system.

I said, "Father, you have had no breakfast. You have to eat something. You must be very hungry." Father said, "No. I ate breakfast already. All the inmates came and brought me cookies and candies and said, 'Reverend Moon, please have this. It's not so special, but I want you to take some of it.'" So the very first morning, everybody came to greet Father and give him cookies, tea-bags, etc.

The visitors' area is a kind of simple lounge. There is, of course, no restaurant or coffee shop, but there are a couple of vending machines with Coca-Cola and some sandwiches and little snacks. I bought some sandwiches and snacks and Coca-Cola and served Father. He stayed there many hours with the children and me.

Mr. Peter Kim, who is now assigned to be Father's assistant in Danbury, was there organizing some paperwork. He was not allowed to go where Father was, but he did have a chance to meet other inmates. One inmate came to him and said, "You know, I introduced myself to Reverend Moon, I shook hands with Reverend Moon." Then he said to Mr. Kim, "Don't worry, I will serve Reverend Moon very faithfully. As long as I am here, I am his servant. I will serve him. I will invite him to go out and exercise and I will do anything. Particularly I can see that Reverend Moon is a little overweight, so I am going to help him

take off his belly. Also I will help him with English words.”

While I was there during visiting hours, there were a lot of visitors who came to meet other people there. Most of the people coming out were white, some prominent people, and some black people. But there were predominantly white people there in that camp. The impression that people gave me is a very good one. They are not hostile. Also they appear to be genuinely good people, very gentle and conducting themselves very well all the time.

Pray for Father’s Safety

Apparently there is some system organized that will get information from inside on the inmates’ situation. In other words, they are monitoring very closely what is really going on inside the cells and dorms. There seem to be certain systems of informers so that any unusual kind of activity can be noted.

The prison officials received a sort of first-night impression report from their own system. People are genuinely impressed with Father, and they welcome him. They are all trying to be cooperative with Father. There was no tension of any kind.

There were about forty or fifty people in the dorm. However, we could not say that every one of them is a saint. There must be some bad ones, I’m sure. We therefore have to pray for the safety of our True Father. This is one of your important missions.

That particular camp was newly built a couple of years ago, originally for women prisoners. The dorms were prepared for women, so it was a surprise to Father that when he went into the bathroom; there were only women’s facilities there, no men’s facilities.

All prisoners who are there participate in certain chores and labor. There are many kinds of labor with morning and afternoon hours. They give eight hours of labor. Sometimes they go to the factory to sew garments. Sometimes they work in the fire department. Sometimes they do maintenance or garden work, kitchen or dining room work. Father wants to be available to meet with visitors any time they come, so Father just mentioned to me over the phone that he will work in the dining room.

Act Within Reason

The day before Father entered the prison, officials received information that some people—members, religious people, and very excited and passionate people who are mad at the government—were going to cause a disturbance. Some Barrytown members wanted to demonstrate by lying down on the road to block the car so that Father's car could not move into the prison. I ask all members not to do things like this, although I understand your feeling.

Your feeling is also important, but you are here to serve and help Father. Anything that doesn't help Father is no good. So in order to minimize Father's suffering, it is not good to demonstrate or to show displays of emotion. You must act within reason.

We have Mr. Kim there at Danbury headquarters, who will schedule a list of meetings with Father. You have to go through the channels. Do not do anything unwise—not only you, but tell the other members the same. Members should not take the law into their own hands and try to do something over there. That is absolutely undesirable.

Finally, I would like to give you this. I gave my impression of the first day's visit to give you a little bit of comfort. But we must realize two things. One, Father is without security, so he is exposed. Please pray for him. Two, prison is not the place that Father should stay. Father is our True Parent, the leader of the world. He is the Messiah, the King of Kings. We must do everything we can to shorten his time there to a bare minimum. I want you to realize this.

This is the only time in history that we can do something about this. When we do something about this, results will come. That result will be a victorious one, the liberation of our True Father from prison. That is our goal and now you must move forward for its achievement.

Thank you, everyone.

To Live in Utmost Gratitude

Leaders' Conference

July 31, 1984

Belvedere

I know that all of you have been working very hard. Father urged us to have this leaders' meeting today, to unite our goals and our plans for the days and months to come. Knowing that you would all be coming today, I thought yesterday about what to tell you.

I have but one life goal: to live in utmost gratitude. Today, I will be more grateful than yesterday; tomorrow, I will be yet more grateful. However, I must confess to all of you that even though I feel that I have to be strong, determined and constantly moving forward, it is sometimes inevitable that I feel rather weak, sentimental and emotional, and that is the truth of the matter. I always think: What is the true way to pursue a life of faith in God? If we have a way of knowing the will of God precisely, then to fulfill that will is, of course, ideal. But in many cases we do not have that good fortune. So we stumble, wander, and go back and forth—we all have some feeble tendencies. For that reason I feel the best virtue in pursuing the path to heaven is to obey. Obey God, His will, and Father. I know we always learn great lessons from history. Seeing these, we redetermine ourselves, saying that we must not repeat some of the mistakes committed in history.

I am sure that 2,000 years ago, before the coming of Christ, those people who believed in Judaism would have thought the same thing. They wanted to make no mistake when the time came. However, as you know, even though they did not realize it

themselves, they made a great blunder. They committed the most serious error in history. You know the subsequent 2,000 years of Christian history.

Today, where are we? Are we sure that we are not committing the same mistakes and blunders that people have made on many occasions and in different times throughout history? Do we have confidence that we are not going to make the same mistakes again?

Father gave a parting word to me at the last moment before he left for Danbury. He said that you must not complain about the situation. Rather, you must live in gratitude about it. When you are completely united in gratitude, this will create a foundation for true, lasting unity. When there is unity a great miracle will come. These were Father's last words.

You know Father's history very well. Father needs to be received by the people. The Messiah came to be accepted. If in the early days of his life the people and the nations had accepted Father, he would have gone a different path. However, people again and again rejected him. They rejected, and rejected, and rejected again. For that reason, Father always had to take the secondary path. But no matter what difficulties, persecution and tribulations Father faced, he did but one thing: God's will. In each situation, when he found the best way to fulfill that will, Father committed himself a thousand percent, and didn't deviate even one iota from that will.

You have learned Father's history and his way of life through the testimonies of the elder brothers and sisters. After he arrived in the United States, you know yourselves what Father's path was. He lived every moment of his life with one principle in his mind—that he would never be indebted to others. Rather, he preferred that others feel indebted to him, feel grateful for him. He wanted to serve humanity and live for the sake of others. There is not a single moment of the day he does not try to serve humanity, knowing that he cannot afford to be indebted to others.

When Father left for Danbury, I saw him in utmost determination. Once Father saw that imprisonment was his destiny, at

that moment Father forget about himself and thought only about one thing: how to comfort Heavenly Father and re-determine himself to bring, under the circumstances, the best kind of victory he can to Him.

I have already gone to Danbury many times during Father's incarceration. I am sure you have previously heard that I spoke to another group of leaders here in Belvedere. Conveying Father's message, I said that during the first forty days we must become miracle workers. I know Father wanted to comfort me and the children. He said, "Don't worry about me. I am not in pain. This forty days is much better than a forty-day fast and prayer; it is better than that condition."

Father told me that 2,000 years ago, when Jesus climbed the Mount of Golgotha for the crucifixion, he was utterly alone. There was no sympathy, no understanding, no support, not even from his own disciples. But the difference today, 2,000 years later, is that people see Rev. Moon has done nothing wrong. First of all, there are the followers who are with him. Secondly, the religious leaders now feel that he has done nothing wrong; they are united with Father. Moral people around the world are supporting Rev. Moon. So Father is not alone. Furthermore, Father said that, by his incarceration, unity will come to the Christian community, so that for the first time in history God's age-old desire for the unification of Christianity is now possible. Father notes that this is happening 2,000 years after Christ.

As you know, Father has reiterated in his instructions through the years that we need 30,000 solid members in the United States to fulfill God's will. Unfortunately, we haven't complied with that wish. Now, Father said, the time has come. God is giving you the opportunity to bring unity among 30,000 ministers. This is the opportunity. You can do it. Father has defined the goal clearly. I am sure all of you regained the confidence to achieve that goal by attending the Washington Rally and Pageant on July 25 at Constitution Hall. The purpose of this meeting today is to expand the success of the Washington Constitution Hall Pageant to a nationwide scale.

I want to convey Father's message for all the leaders of the

Unification Church. First of all, we must realize that this time is equivalent to when Moses ascended the mountain and fasted for forty days, receiving the Ten Commandments. Father is in the position of a modern-day Moses. Father ascended the mountain, which happened to be Danbury, and he is proceeding with a special dispensation, fulfilling a special purpose there. This period particularly is a time for unity centering upon True Parents and the True Family in East Garden. All blessed couples should be united together. That is internal. We have already done all the external unity; it is all well set. Now all the religious communities and the denominations of Christianity are coming together. This is the time for all unity to take place. Father made that clear.

Four True Children have been blessed. Those four blessed couples are taking turns participating in the nightly prayer vigil at the East Garden holy ground. And even those who are single, those who understand Father's dispensation, are vigorously participating in the prayer condition right now.

As you know, when Moses went up onto the mountain, he left behind chosen representatives, Aaron and Miriam, who were to pursue the mission and purpose in Moses' absence. When the leader goes onto the mountain to do the work and receive the message from God, the representatives remaining behind lead the mission. Father has appointed his representatives for this time in our movement. These are the elder brothers among our blessed couples, Rev. Won Pil Kim, Col. Bo Hi Pak and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak. These three must be absolutely united. This was Father's direction. With this core of three forming one trinity in the center, Dr. Durst and all the leaders in the field are also in the position of Aaron and Miriam.

So, in this modern-day Mosaic era, my urgent instructions to you are that we must become God-centered Aarons and Miriams who will not commit the same mistake made by those two at the time of Moses. We must not repeat their mistakes in the modern era when our True Parents are in the center. You know what happened in the Sinai desert during the absence of Moses, don't you? But you have confidence that you will be better than

Aaron and Miriam, that you will fulfill our Father's wishes in our time. From now on, we will go forward and have this conference under that spirit so that, as you said, you will fulfill the mission that Father and True Parents have given to you.

Mother Speaks at Hyung Jin Nim's 5th Birthday

September 5, 1984

According to my understanding, God will never lose under any circumstances. Through the [religious liberty] rallies you understand the reaction of the Christian ministers all over the country. During that time, we gained, God gained, our movement gained incredible benefit. What an achievement! Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak came this morning and reported to me about how difficult it is, for example, to try to change the concept of faith of one minister who has believed in his theology for 40 years or his entire life, and transform the old tradition into a new one.

For instance, when the East Garden garage burned down, we began rebuilding it into a usable structure. If it had been designed and built up from scratch, we would have finished it a long time ago. But we are trying to restore an old structure, an old foundation, and trying to build on top of it. That takes an incredible amount of time, energy and money—two or three times as much is needed to finish the job. That is how difficult restoration is.

I am speaking to you about this today to remind you that we must know the heart of Heavenly Father, who has suffered for 6,000 biblical years. He is trying to restore the fallen generation. You can well imagine how difficult that is. Restoring one house is difficult. How much more of a burden it is, then, to restore this generation after 6,000 years of fallen history. Furthermore, Father came to assume that responsibility, and for his 60 years

has given his life, blood and sweat to restore humankind on behalf of our Heavenly Father. You can well imagine what a virtually impossible task that is.

In my 24 years of life with Father, ever since the Holy Wedding, I have encountered and experienced numerous critical and urgent occasions on which emergency was declared. Many times I thought that everything was lost. All effort seemed to have ended up without result. So many times I was faced with despair, doubt and hopelessness. But every time such a situation occurred, Heavenly Father poured upon us great blessing and extraordinary victory. During all these times, Father's steadfastness and strong faith and determination were extraordinary and incredible. He never shed tears under such difficult circumstances; he never weakened himself. He never became discouraged. Nothing under the sun can deter the spirit of Father. I observed that spirit all this time.

Childrens' Day 1984

October 24, 1984

East Garden

In Korea we have an old saying that sons and daughters always feel regret when their parents are not there or have passed away. When the parents are still present the children do not appreciate their value and love. But when the parents are gone they desperately try to make up for the lack of filial piety they showed toward their parents.

In the fallen world there is no terminology such as True Parents, Parents' Day, or Children's Day. Because of the fall all these wonderful heavenly blessings were lost. Only because of the presence of True Parents are we able to celebrate Children's Day; only because of their advent are we able to talk about the True Parents, and attend and love them.

When we think of these most historical, magnificent accomplishments we are deeply moved by occasions like the one we celebrate today.

We know that we are the people chosen from all the multitudes of humanity to know and serve the True Parents. I am sure we are going through a great deal of repentance, for shame has stained our church history.

When God handpicks someone it is for the sake of the world; the world providence and world dispensation are in God's mind.

We have learned about the many failures and setbacks in providential history. That should provide ample lessons to all of us. But today when we look back at ourselves, we can see we are in a way duplicating the history of the past.

We have heard frequently from Father that unless you have a

solid foundation, you will be sorry. Over and over Father has told us this.

Father's life has always centered upon the well-being of humanity and the entire world. Father is thinking about nothing but the restoration of the world. In this he walked a very lonely path because he did not have enough support or foundation. But under those circumstances he was always forgiving, embracing, and loving. This has been the path of our True Father.

My Theme is Unity

So during this time of Father's incarceration and suffering, the only truly reciprocal response on the part of the children would be to bring unity among all the members of our church. Of course it is very important to have unity between mind and body on the individual level. But as brothers and sisters, as children of God, although uniting among ourselves is not easy, it absolutely must be done.

The unification of the world is a gigantic task, but it begins on a small scale. This small scale is the trinity—this is why we have the trinity system. When these three persons are unselfishly united among themselves a total unity is formed—that is the beginning point of world unity.

When we look at the significance our contributions have brought to the world, there's no good reason why we cannot unite, no reason we cannot become one. Just a little bit of effort and a little bit of self-analysis and a little bit of self-giving will bring total unity of the trinities.

Today I speak to you representing True Parents, and my central theme is unity. I urge unity among brothers and sisters, particularly within the trinity system, which is the beginning point of all unity. I urge you to look forward to the day when we will celebrate the holy days of our church in the presence of both True Parents. Let us never repeat this type of ceremony again in our history.

Fulfilling Il Jeung Prayer

You know we have the Il Jeung prayer condition. I hope all of

you are fulfilling the Il Jeung prayer. I would like to ask you to establish from this Children's Day a 40-day prayer condition in which the trinities get together, pray, and become united. We make this condition so that God may amply bless us, so that miraculous blessing can come to us in the next 40 days.

The blessed couples in this area will come to Belvedere and pray at the Holy Ground. And if all three trinity members cannot be present then at least one should represent the trinity.

Our prayer condition so far has been under Rev. Won Pil Kim's supervision, and for a special reason we have been doing it in the World Mission Center. Now I wish to bring it back to Belvedere and East Garden. Have a prayer list of the people who come to attend that ceremony. There's a security problem as well, so everything has to be planned and organized in advance.

I feel that the people who have gathered together in this room are united. The restoration of America can be very easy and should be done quickly. The key to this is unity among the people in this room.

Although I show some tears in this ceremony, I want you to know that my feeling is one of peacefulness and gratitude. I want to live all my life in the spirit of gratitude. That is the foundation of my life.

Letters from Members

Recently there was an extraordinary leadership seminar—the CAUSA-USA Seminar which was held Oct. 15-19 in the World Mission Center. Father and I received testimonial letters from the members who attended it. In those testimonies many older members said that even though they have been in the church for nine, ten or fifteen years, this time is like the first time they came to know the heart of our True Parents, the true heart of our Father. Father and I were deeply moved by the members' beautiful repentance, rededication and commitment. These were the expressions of people who first came to know the heavenly heart. Behind all the external bustle of activities, there is always the suffering heart of God, which is embodied in the True Parents. And now members, and particularly leaders,

are coming to understand and grasp this heart.

Father calls me at least twice every day. I also go to meet him every other day in Danbury. There's only one thought in Father's mind: How can I accomplish God's dispensational will?

Jeung Jin Nim and Father

I'd like to talk about the children. As you know, this is school-time, so most of the East Garden children are going to school. Even the older one of the two youngest daughters is going to pre-kindergarten class. So the only one who goes with me to Danbury is Jeung Jin Nim. And as you know, she is very cute and lovely and behaves very beautifully. She always says: "I want to go to Danbury." She comes out and volunteers to go to Danbury every morning. And when we go to Danbury she always brings a lot of joy to Father, kissing and embracing him. Then on the way out she always shouts out: "Daddy, I love you!" a number of times, so that everybody can hear. She cries it out with such a genuine heart.

Even this morning as I was getting ready for the ceremony, after I got dressed, Jeung Jin Nim came in to my meditation place and quietly asked me, "Where is Daddy? We want to have Daddy here!" She kept asking, so I said: "You know Daddy is in Danbury." Then she understood and did not ask any more. The reason I am telling you this is not just because I want to tell you Jeung Jin Nim's story, but because of Father's reaction to it. Jeung Jin Nim is always so loving and acts so beautifully that no parent could help but love her, but foremost in Father's mind is dispensational activities, our achievements, and how the leaders are doing God's will. Father is primarily concerned about the work of our church, so he wants to spend most of his time listening to the reports and pays very little attention to Jeung Jin Nim. Only after Father sees that activities are going well does he spend a very little time with Jeung Jin Nim—just saying good-bye to her. Father's immediate concern is not the well-being of his own children, but the dispensational will and the state of the world and humanity. He has lived his entire life in that fashion.

We Are Adults

I want you to have pride this morning. This is our True Father, your Father. We ought to make effort to imitate Father a little bit more each day. If you do that there will be no reason you cannot unite, no reason you cannot accomplish important work and bring about great miracles. If we truly understand our Father there is no room for our complaints. There's no room for selfish pursuit of any kind in front of this kind of Father.

In my prayer this morning I said that we are all mature, we are not children any longer in the sight of God; we are adults. Father has been pouring out all his energy to nurture us, discipline us, teach us, and help us to grow—and now we are grown up. When we have been trained by such a Father for so long we can act as conscientious men and women; we will be truly responsible to fulfill Father's will as adults. That is the role of sons and daughters of filial piety.

A Lesson from the Tree on the Hill

Mother's Talk with Older Sisters

December 22, 1984

East Garden

I feel sorry that I cannot spend much time with you because of the situations that arise now that Father is in prison.

Father has been directing this movement through various leaders. Usually, Father gives directions through those leaders. Until now my role has been more like that of a shadow to Father, rather than that of a leader. Today I would like to share my experiences and give some guidance to you.

Up to this point we have all been working to build the fatherland and working very hard in our missions. In order to lay a strong foundation in America, we, the senior couples, must set a superior example. While we are doing our missions to build the fatherland, we must recognize that our mission to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth is a huge and magnificent one. Until we hear from God and True Parents that we have finished this task, we cannot settle down anywhere, but we must maintain the pioneer spirit. Until we complete the restoration of this whole world, we must not think of resting somewhere or just establishing our own individual family.

Woman and the Tradition

When it comes to laying a strong tradition in our life of faith, it usually takes the woman, not the man, to really lay the strong tradition. We have all experienced giving birth and raising children. Suppose one of your children is not as smart as the others.

That doesn't mean you can be prejudiced or mistreat the child. Parental love, particularly mother's love, goes especially to the one who is not as good as the other children.

We should learn a lesson from a 100-year-old tree that is standing on a hill. We did not observe the process, but that tree has endured so many conditions—stormy and rainy weather, all sorts of things. Yet still it stands there alone on the hill. A lot of pain and struggle, which we cannot see, is behind it.

If we try to avoid difficulty and struggle rather than face it, this will not benefit us or anyone else. In Father's life it has always been that way. There have been many opportunities for Father to avoid difficult circumstances and take an easier way, but he has never avoided any troublesome situations. He always faced them in light of the principle.

We have to learn the lesson of that old tree on the hill which sets the tradition and is never swayed. In the same way, we as senior couples must stand in place like that old tree. Even if young people do not understand what we went through, we must stand tall and set the example.

Respect for Those Who Served and Endured

When it comes to the application of our family tradition, the first couples blessed were the 36 couples. No matter how old we are spiritually, we must show respect to the 36 couples. That does not mean that the 36 blessed couples have reached the perfection stage in the eyes of God and True Parents. The 36 couples have served True Parents the longest and have gone through persecution with them in the most difficult of times. As we work with them we will gradually learn what tradition they are setting around True Parents in serving their family.

We must realize, admit, and remember the lesson of the ancient tree. If we have ever found ourselves accusing Korean leaders or the senior Japanese leaders for their leadership or capabilities, we must understand that is not our tradition. I have felt so sad when I received such reports.

That doesn't mean the 36 couples or the Japanese leaders are perfect. They are the same as all of us who are striving to create

the fatherland. We are all in the same situation, working for the same goal. If we go around criticizing brothers and sisters, that is very dangerous, and eventually such behavior will damage your own spiritual life.

You must be humble to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. You must be humble in terms of embracing brothers and sisters. You should embrace them even if they have some flaw.

Live for others! That is Father's motto and that sums up everything. If you practice the principle of being humble when dealing with others, people will come to you—in fact, they will flock to you! If you emphasize your pride and position, they will leave you and not respect you.

If there is anything you want to discuss with me, or say to me, please speak with Mrs. Eu. She will help, not hinder your life. She is senior in terms of her life of faith and being a blessed couple. If you open your heart and really discuss things with her, she can help a lot.

We have so much to learn. American women have a tendency to talk a lot. If you try to resemble me more, I don't think you will lose anything.

Learning Through Love

May 11, 1986

Tokyo, Japan

The following excerpts are from a talk Mother gave over dinner on the occasion of Shin Bok Nim's birthday.

When I think of our children, I cannot help but feel compassion for them, because they have always lived apart from their parents. In normal families either the father or the mother always takes care of the children. Even in the Unification Church, parents of blessed families usually have some time to spend with their children. But in the True Family, we hardly have any time to be together because we are constantly busy for the sake of our mission. We have very little time even to share a meal together or to talk. That's why the True Children always feel so lonely.

Concerning their education, the younger brothers and sisters can learn from the older ones, as long as the older ones fulfill their position and keep the heavenly tradition. When Un Jin Nim was two years old, she once woke up when her four older brothers and sisters were at pledge service. When she found out that they had recited pledge, she later asked us, "Why didn't you wake me up so I could go to pledge service, too?" Then she cried. The younger children thus learn what they should do in a natural way, by example. That means that if the father and mother live for the sake of the public, the children will learn to do the same.

Before Heung Jin Nim went to the spirit world, he used to say, "I have to protect my father," and he meant it. Neither Father

nor I asked him to do so; it was entirely his own decision. Heung Jin Nim respected Father very much and served him devotedly. This is true not only for Heung Jin Nim, but also for his older brother and sisters. All 13 children are very deeply bound together in love.

We Always Keep Our Traditions

In the True Family we keep family traditions. For example, at birthday celebrations, Father is always the first to take the spoon and start eating. Then the children follow in sequence according to their age. Even though we have been living in America for more than 13 years, with Father as the center, we always keep our traditions, and thus we keep heavenly law as well. That's why Heavenly Father protects the True Children and guides them.

In 1988, the Olympic Games will take place in Korea. Un Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim will compete in horseback riding. In order to enter such a great competition, one usually has to train for at least seven to ten years, but Hyun Jin Nim qualified after training for only three years. Last summer he participated as the only Asian representative in a worldwide junior horseback riding competition in Florida, in which even Prince Charles of England participated. Hyun Jin Nim took first place among the 4,000 competitors, so I believe he has a special talent in this area. Hyun Jin Nim's nickname is Rambo Moon, and his horse's name is Empire. He will also enter another competition in August. I would like to ask you to pray that he will achieve a good score in the upcoming Olympic Games.

Another aspect of Hyun Jin Nim's character is his kindness and consideration. Whenever I am tired he asks me how I am and worries about my health. He is also very humorous and likes to make jokes. Hyun Jin Nim really has a very big heart.

Kook Jin Nim is a good student, especially in mathematics. He even excels Hyun Jin Nim in it. He always thinks logically and makes very precise decisions. Once Father said, "Kook Jin, you may want to become a lawyer some day." Whenever Kook Jin Nim thinks he is right, he will find logical reasons to support his

viewpoint and insist on it to the very end. He will even try to present his viewpoint to his older brothers if need be. Also, both Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim are very interested and versed in the history of World War II. They know all about the armies, the warships, and the battles that were fought.

Kwon Jin Nim is five years younger than Kook Jin Nim. Even though he is still young, he behaves like a little British gentleman. That's why he is so loved by American brothers and sisters. When he gets into a car, for example, he says, "Hello, Mr. Driver. You are very nicely dressed today," or "I would also like to become Father's driver some day," and in this way he lifts up the driver's spirit. Kwon Jin Nim is extremely gifted musically. Once in an opera production at school he played the character of a king and was highly praised for his performance.

The Parent's Example

Hyung Jin Nim is very well behaved; he follows heavenly law exactly. Before going to bed every night, he reflects on the day. Even the sisters who look after the children learn good manners from him. Sometimes they fear him because he is very strong-minded. If a sister reprimands him and he doesn't believe there was a reason for it, he will tell her, "You are wrong." He will point out her mistakes, and he won't go to bed until she admits them. Father and I never taught him to do that, but children learn on their own by observing the attitude of their parents. Because Adam and Eve could communicate with God, their Parent, directly before the fall, they knew what they were supposed to do. The growth of children depends on the behavior and example of their parents.

Today's social environment in America is bad for children. I feel very sorry about this. The moral standard in this country is extremely low. When I think about the children having to live and study in such an environment, I cannot help but worry about them. All I can do is have faith and trust in Heaven.

Young Jin Nim is the most intellectual among the children and his thinking is always very precise. Father often advised the older children to study foreign languages. This inspired Young

Jin Nim to challenge Chinese, which is said to be the most difficult language. Because he comprehends quickly and easily, he is able to learn the most complicated Chinese characters by heart once he determines to do so.

Sun Jin Nim and Kwon Jin Nim are almost the same age. Sun Jin Nim often imitates me, and Kwon Jin Nim often imitates Father. Sun Jin Nim has very good qualities and is spiritually very sharp. Whenever she sees a sister on the staff whose spirit is not high that day, she tells her, "You may go home today."

When Yeon Jin Nim was born, her face resembled Father's very much. Because she was a bit chubby when she was little, she was given the nickname Fatty, but now her noble appearance reminds me of Father. She is very generous and has the nature of a princess. She is tenacious in a positive way; once she starts something, she will continue untiringly. Even though it is difficult for others to make friends with her in the beginning, once she is won over as a friend, she will keep the friendship for a long time.

Jeung Jin Nim is very similar to me when I was a child. She is much loved by everyone. A spiritualist once advised me to be careful that the spirit world doesn't take her. She is also gifted musically; once she hears a song, she can learn to sing it immediately. She is very clever and spiritually quite clear.

Each one of the True Children has a God-given gift. I have 13 children, but I never thought I had too many.

In conclusion, I would like to say that children should be educated with love and devotion. We all have to bring our families into relationship with the harmony of the universe. Love melts everything and makes unity possible. Therefore, if we dedicate our children with love, without worrying too much about order, their lives will automatically flow in the right direction.

On the First Anniversary of Father's Release from Danbury

August 20, 1986

When I reflect on Father's imprisonment, I feel that, from my own point of view, I lost the head of my family; from a Unification Church point of view, we lost our leader; and from the viewpoint of God's will and the world, we lost the central figure of the providence.

Furthermore, God's will and Father's desire is to unify all religious groups and the entire world and universe. In my opinion the task of establishing such unity and clarity of purpose is impossible without a central figure. I had always been afraid of losing our central figure, and through Danbury my fears became a reality.

I went through experiences that you could hardly even imagine. Complicated things happened continuously which unfortunately I cannot explain to you one by one. I often thought, "I wish I could be imprisoned along with Father—I would be much better off!"

Frankly, I often felt depressed instead of being able to maintain my hopes, but I could never show my struggle or true emotions to other people. Every time I experienced great internal suffering, I realized what a difficult course Father has gone through. While comforting God he must unite the tangled fallen history. He has no one to turn to and take counsel with; he must do everything by himself—showing the example, teaching, persuading, and leading others. Since people do not fully understand him or his words, he must educate and guide them time and time again. This time I really understand what excruciating

pain he often feels.

Although I could share his life experience in this way for only one year, I am very appreciative and grateful to God. I have many other things I would like to tell you, but I am too emotional to say more. Whenever new opportunities arise in the future, I want to share more of my experiences with you. In conclusion, I pray that the day on which God can glorify your sincerity, determination and effort will come very soon.

Chapter Four



True Mother and Our World

To Women at the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences

*November 1981
Seoul, Korea*

I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for coming to my country in the Orient. Rev. Moon and I have wanted to bring you to our homeland for a long time. For ten years we have thought about this. We discussed many things that we wanted to show you and do for you. It is very meaningful that you have come, and I am so grateful to all of you.

Traditionally, Korean people like to wear white suits and dresses. Korean people love God very deeply, and so we like to wear white clothes as a symbol of God's purity. We respect our ancestors very much, and we are a peace-loving people.

Hundreds of times, other countries have invaded ours, but we always overcame. And in our 5,000-year history, Korea has never attacked another nation. For this reason, we are known as "The Land of the Morning Calm."

During the Korean war, we suffered incredible tragedy. But God really helped us. The young people of 16 nations came to our aid. At that time, all the people of South Korea strongly united with the United Nations forces. With that unity, we were able to save our freedom from Communism.

From the 1970s on, our people have been working very hard. Today, Korea is recognized as one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. Because of our growth, Korea was chosen as the site of the 1988 Olympics. We are grateful to be the host country for this global event.

They say that behind every great man, there is a woman. In

this sense, I respect you all very much. You have helped your husbands create many things to help mankind.

I also try to be a wonderful helper for my husband, Rev. Moon. But it is hard because, as you know, his ideals and goals are very high. Sometimes I wonder how good a job I am doing to help my husband. I never get a report card. If you have a chance to ask him, please do so, and let me know his answer!

In any case, I gave him twelve lovely children, so I hope he will give me one medal at least.

In Korean history we have many wonderful women who have been greatly respected. They gave honor to their families. During times when Korea was attacked by other countries, many women gave their lives helping their husbands fight.

Today, the world situation is becoming dark. Many families are breaking up. My heart is so sad to see this. I think women must give love and practice a sacrificial spirit. When God dwells in every home, then parents and children will have God's love and hope. With families as the cornerstone of society, then our nations and world will become very beautiful and filled with God's love. We will all be one family under God.

Today, you and your husbands came here to combine all of your spirit and strength to build a better world for our children.

I hope I can become closer to you all. I want to share love and friendship with you, even after you go back to your own countries.

I hope your time in our country will be remembered with joy all your life.

Thank you very much.

A Letter to Judge Gerard Goettel

June 28, 1982

My name is Hak Ja Han, and I am Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. My husband and I were married in 1960 and just two weeks ago we had our thirteenth child, a little girl named Jeung Jin. We have six daughters and seven sons, all of whom provide great joy for our lives. Our eldest daughter, Ye Jin, was married last year to a young man named Jin Whi, who is studying at Columbia University. They recently had their first child, our first grandson. Our eldest son, Hyo Jin, was also married in January of this year.

I believe that I have had the most blessed life of any woman who has ever lived in being married to my husband. He has totally dedicated his life to the service of God and humanity. As the head of our household, he has provided an example which has inspired each of our children to live noble and virtuous lives that we can be proud of. In just the same way, as the head of our church family, he has provided an example which has led millions of people throughout the world to live good and holy lives.

From the time I was a young girl, I prayed fervently to live a pious life and to marry a pious man. God listened to every one of my prayers and blessed me more abundantly than I could have ever imagined. My husband is a man who brings great joy to God and great joy to all the many people with whom we have worked to expand our faith.

Throughout our life together, he has always encouraged me with his faith and his compassion. As you may know, many people have said hostile things to and about my husband. I have never once heard him say one hostile thing back to anyone, or

even say one hostile thing about anyone. Many times when I believed that my husband was being unjustly persecuted, I expected that he would express some negative response. Instead, I would find that every time he would give the church members a sermon it was about love and forgiveness. The message that Christ taught about loving your enemy has always been a central theme which he has emphasized.

Our own children have been so moved to see their father speak and teach a message that they could be inspired by. It has never been easy for them to know that there has been a great deal of negative publicity about their father. However, they have always moved me to tears with their own maturity in forgiving people. I am grateful to God that all of them inherited this virtuous nature from their father.

Our children have been surrounded by church members their entire lives. Our home is always filled with church members. Every single day begins with early morning prayer and then an early morning breakfast meeting with church members. In fact, the children have learned to expect to eat away from their father, sitting in the kitchen, so that the church members can sit with him in the dining room and share about the work of the church throughout the world. We have led this kind of totally public life since we have been married. I have talked to early church members who knew my husband even before I did, and they say that he has always lived this kind of life. It is for this reason that we all love him so deeply and feel always motivated to live similar lives of devotion and public service.

The proceedings of the recent trial were very difficult. Although I was in the final months of my pregnancy, I chose to sit by my husband's side every day. During each break we were joined by elder members of the church in the small waiting room. We were all amazed that my husband continued to inspire us with messages of forgiveness and compassion. My husband would not allow any of us to harbor any hostility towards the government, the prosecutors or any of the witnesses. I can honestly say that even though this is entirely what we would have expected from him, we were awe-struck by his commitment to

his ideals.

Immediately after the conviction my husband gathered all the church members together because he felt the need to minister to them and encourage them. He knows how sad they all feel because of the recent conviction and does not want them to be discouraged. The message which he shared on that day, and in every sermon he has given since, continues to be about love and forgiveness. During every sermon, I have been moved to tears, and as I look around the room I see that all our brothers and sisters in the faith are also crying. It is a tragedy to them, and he continues to be so sensitive to them and their feelings. As the head of our church, they call him "Father" as the Catholics call the pope "Holy Father."

Judge Goettel, I am writing you as his wife, as the mother of his thirteen children, as the grandmother of his grandson, and as the holy "Mother" of our church. I know what this conviction means to our brothers and sisters in the faith, as I know what it means to our own children and to me. I petition you to consider these things which I have described, to pray about them, and to ask God to guide you in your deliberations. Please be compassionate and lenient.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon

June 28, 1982

To Women at the World Media Conference

October 5, 1982
Seoul, Korea

Korea is blessed with four distinct seasons. Spring-time is warm; summer very hot; autumn is pleasant; and winter is brisk and cold, with lots of snow. The Korean people have always taken great delight in this variety of weather.

We also enjoy a variety of cultural traditions. You will find here in our country the Buddhist, Confucian, Christian and Islamic cultures. In Korea, faith in God is very strong, and our people are very religious. We believe that throughout her entire history, and especially during the Korean War, our country was protected by the special grace of God, and for a special purpose.

The Korean people are deeply peace-loving. During our 5,000-year history, our country has been invaded numerous times. At these times, the Korean people have shown a great deal of courage in defending their land, yet we have never once invaded another country. The Korean people love to wear white clothes as a symbol of their love of peace.

Women in Korea are known for three traditional virtues: filial piety toward parents, total fidelity to the husband, and sacrificial love toward the children. Korean women are generally shy and somewhat reticent in their manner; yet many times in the past, when the country's fate was in peril, Korean women stood up bravely, defending their homeland with their lives. There are countless Korean "Joans of Arc."

Just between you and me, I can tell you that the real power in Korea is very much in the hands of women. I would say that

Korean wives know how to handle their husbands. All except me, that is. I certainly cannot handle my husband, Rev. Moon!

My husband is such an extraordinary man—a man of strong will, totally dedicated to God—that it is a very hard job for me to keep up with his pace. Sometimes I wonder how good a job I am doing in helping my husband. I never get a report card! If you get a chance to ask him, please do so, and let me know his answer.

One thing I can say, I have given my husband thirteen lovely children. I think that maybe he will give me a medal just for that!

This afternoon, I would like to make one serious plea to you. As you know, my husband has been treated rather harshly by the media of the world. I sincerely believe that he has been totally misunderstood and misrepresented. I feel that if he were honestly understood, the media would have no problem in presenting a fair and accurate picture of his life and work.

I want to ask you lady journalists to try to better understand my husband. I am sure the ladies of the press will find it easier to understand him than the men.

I would also like to appeal to you good wives of great journalists and professors to tell your husbands that Rev. Moon is definitely a good man, because his wife says so!

In essence, what my husband is trying to accomplish is to build a society, nation and world in which God dwells in every home. He believes that the family is the building block of the kingdom of God, so he feels that creating a God-centered family is the most urgent task of all. When God-centered families have been established, then a God-centered nation and world can be built, and human beings can live as one family of man under one parenthood of God.

In closing, I hope that I can become closer to you all. I want to share continuous friendship with you, even after you return to your own countries. May God bless you, your husbands and families.

Thank you very much.

Interview from *Yeou Won* Women's Magazine

November 1982

The November issue of Yeou Won, one of the best-known women's magazines in Korea, carried as its lead story an interview with Mother, accompanied by 18 stunning color photographs. This is the first interview Mother has ever given to the press. The interviewer seemed fascinated by Mother as a model Korean wife. Hee Hon Standard translated the article, entitled "Mrs. Hak Ja Han: The Smiling Wings of a Purple (noble) Crane." The syllable "Hak" in Mother's name means "crane" in Korean: hence the imagery of a crane throughout the article.

The power of a wife who supports today's Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the founder of the Unification Church; the power of a mother who gave birth to 13 children and raised them; the power of a woman who embraces and looks after all the church members throughout the world—despite all these powers of hers, she was unexpectedly noble, like a crane, with a rose-of-Sharon-like natural beauty which can be found in a simple woman living in one's neighborhood.

Mrs. Hak Ja Han. It is a still-unfamiliar name to us. Her face is not easily noticeable—like a bright meadow flower hidden by the shade of a gigantic pine tree.

Hiding herself behind Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who has aroused innumerable and diverse reactions throughout the world, Mrs. Moon is like an extremely typical Korean wife who has not yet removed the veil from her face.

That is why *Yeou Won* visited Mrs. Moon—not because she is

the wife of the founder of a religion, but rather because we believed she could infinitely touch our hearts as a patient and tolerant wife supporting the success of her husband—and as a devoted mother to her 13 children.

We could immediately judge what kind of person she is from her gentle and soft voice saying, “I would like to consult with my husband first about your request. Would you please telephone me again?” From this, we could see that she is a wife who trusts and depends on her husband more than anyone else.

Same Birthday, Same Home Town, Same Smile, Same Religion

There are many points which Rev. and Mrs. Moon have in common. First, their birthdays are the same: Rev. Moon’s birthday is January 6, 1920, whereas Mrs. Moon’s is January 6, 1943. Secondly, Rev. Moon was born in Jeong Joo, Pyung Book province, and Mrs. Moon in the same province, in the town of Ahn Joo, not far from Rev. Moon’s hometown. Thirdly, we cannot discover any traces of anger on their faces; they both have a beautiful smile. Last, both of them were born into devout Christian families.

There is a saying that if a couple share the same birthday, they are already special people, predestined to marry with the blessing of heaven. If so, was not this couple bound to be brought together by God?

Mrs. Moon was married at a tender age on April 15, 1960, at the Unification Church headquarters located at 71-3 Ga, Chung Pa Dong, Seoul, Korea.

I asked her about her inner state at the time of her marriage, when she must have still retained many of her girlhood dreams.

“Raised in a devout Christian family, I was kept busy reading the books about men and women saints handed to me by my mother. Without allowing me any moments to think of any other dreams, my mother pushed me to read only those books, as if they were homework assignments given by a school teacher. As a result, I anticipated that I myself would become like one of these women saints as I grew up. When I married Rev. Moon, I

believed it was God's will and accepted it."

On October 5, she invited all the wives of the participants in the World Media Conference to tea and greeted them as follows:

"Koreans love peace. Throughout its 5,000-year history, Korea has been invaded by foreign countries numerous times; on these occasions our people exhibited remarkable courage. But Korea never attacked others first. The fact that we love the color white is proof of our love for peace.

"Korean women are famous for their traditional three virtues: filial love for parents, respect for their spouse, and constant care and love for their children. They are generally shy and tend to be quiet. Yet whenever their nation was confronted with danger, they arose boldly and protected their country at the risk of their lives. There are many Korean 'Joans of Arc.' I want you to realize that the real source of Korea's power is in the hands of Korean women. They are well aware of how to attend their husbands."

I could perceive through her short speech her constant efforts to help the strangers from abroad to understand Korea better.

"My husband is very unique. He has committed himself to live only for the sake of God and seems to be crazy for God alone. So it is very difficult to keep pace with him, but it is also with great pride that I can support him as his wife. Nevertheless, I have never been asked to take any course called 'attendance for spouses' and to obtain credit for it. However, if by chance you have an opportunity to question my husband about my grade, please inform me of the result. One thing I can tell you with confidence is that I offered 13 children to my husband. In that respect, I am sure that he will give me a medal."

She spoke in fluent and elegant English, dressed in a white Korean jacket and light purple long skirt. At her witty remark about deserving a medal for having given birth to 13 children, all the guests burst into loud laughter, and the atmosphere of the conference room became far softer and warmer.

When Lady Ky, the wife of the former prime minister of Viet Nam (previously she had been Miss Viet Nam and a stewardess), who seems to be greatly interested in her external appearance,

questioned how Mrs. Moon could be so beautiful, with clear, fair skin, she replied: "It is thanks to Korean cuisine."

The Lifelong Companion—the Source of Courage

Mrs. Moon gave birth to 13 children, approximately one each year—seven son and six daughters in all. When she was asked about the source of such courage and tolerance, she answered: "My husband's joy was indescribable whenever I delivered him a baby; it was really difficult for me to carry an infant almost every year." However, when she heard from her husband, "Mother, I thank you very much for your hard work; the more children we have, the better they are; isn't that God's blessing for us?"—she felt warmly embraced by him, and all her difficulties disappeared. Thus, she always keeps those precious words in the center of her heart, with deep appreciation. She also added, "No matter how great the difficulty, if that was the way I could bring happiness to my husband, I felt I could endure anything. Isn't his joy mine?"

Her love for her husband seemed too intense for us to comprehend with our ordinary sensibility.

When Rev. Moon is badly treated by mass media or when he faces hardships, how does she comfort him, I asked her.

"He has been really mercilessly and cruelly treated by the mass media worldwide, but that is because they do not know my husband well. As you witnessed through the World Media Conference, the current world has changed a great deal. He definitely will be understood properly by the world. In the midst of tremendous tribulations, he does something incredible, things which no one else in human history ever could do. When we examine people of the past, we find that whoever was great was also lonely. In that sense, isn't it natural that he should be in such a situation? Although my power is weak, still I try to let him understand that there is a woman at his side who always wants to share the same destiny of life and death. Wouldn't that small power of a woman become that source of courage to a man? I believe this is my duty as a supportive wife to my husband."

Her Assistance for her Husband

I asked the secret of how she takes care of her husband, helping him to maintain his health under such difficult circumstances, while conducting important tasks—one of which was the recent World Media Conference.

“My husband works so hard, day and night, even forgetting to eat and sleep. He sleeps only two hours a night. Often he prays all night long. But fortunately, he is not picky about food and eats any kind of food. So I do not need to worry about that too much. Yet I always prepare ginseng, so he can take it whenever he needs spiritual relaxation. I mix one portion of ginseng extract with four portions of honey, making a thin syrup, and serve him a spoonful of it every morning and evening. I also urge him to drink sufficient amounts of natural water.”

Perhaps the reason why Mrs. Moon is still as beautiful as a girl and Rev. Moon looks like a healthy young man is due to their drinking natural spring water,

“In order for my husband to be able to work hard outside, without being bothered by family affairs, I try to be patient and tolerant, no matter what difficult matters may come up in my family. Don’t you think that this is one of a wife’s virtues? I also believe that it is important not to lose the bright smile on my face.”

One can imagine how many ordeals she had to undergo in order to rear 13 children, but Mrs. Moon stated that she is doing her best not to lose her smiling face, thinking of her husband working so earnestly, traveling a lonely path.

From her words, I could understand why she could not stop smiling. It was the kind of smile one can carry only when she accepts and digests everything.

A Korean Wife who Endures with Strength, like a Pure White Crane

Mrs. Hak Ja Han. As her name indicates, she is a woman who could endure many times more than any other ordinary woman.

She seemed to be pure and clear, like an autumn flower, but at the same time, she was a traditional Korean woman who could

fly slowly, high in the sky, and at the same time stand firmly on the ground with one leg.

Proud of loving Korea more than anyone else does, she is the kind of wife who regards happiness as being situated in a position where she can love her husband.

Address at the United Nations

November 15, 1984

(The Reverend Sun Myung Moon was awarded an honorary degree by the Catholic University of La Plata in Buenos Aires in 1984. Mrs. Sun Myung accepted the degree on behalf of her husband at the ceremony, held at the United Nations in New York.)

As the wife of Reverend Moon, I join with my children and the members of the Unification Movement throughout the world in saluting the courageous stand which you and your university are taking in recognizing and honoring my husband at this difficult time. It deeply touches my heart. I cannot truly express the profound appreciation which I feel on this occasion.

My husband is today in the United States federal prison in Danbury, Connecticut. He is in prison because he loves God rather than his own freedom. He is in prison because he loves humanity rather than his own comfort. He is in prison because he is a man of principle rather than a man of popularity. And he is in prison because he lives for history rather than for the present moment.

When we look at history, we see that men of God and men of principle have often walked the path of suffering. My husband is following that tradition.

The Catholic University of La Plata has recognized the value of his life, his vision and his work, and that is why you are honoring him today. My heart is deeply grieved that he cannot be here to receive this honor in person, but it is more meaningful in history, after all, that you have honored him in this way during his confinement.

Today I came from Danbury prison where I spent the day with my husband. On my departure, he asked me to convey his very sincere gratitude for your most kind recognition of his work. Your action clearly testifies to the world that Reverend Moon is today working for the sake of humanity and not for himself. Furthermore, this honor shows that his suffering is not in vain, and that the people of the world appreciate his lifelong dedication to the cause of God and humanity.

My husband has visited your great country of Argentina, and he has seen the tremendous future which lies ahead for the Argentine people and nation. Your university is one of the finest in the Americas, and is upholding the tradition of a great teaching institution in accord with the 2,000-year heritage of the Roman Catholic Church. Your standard, particularly your stand on behalf of true freedom under God, has won his heart. My husband feels great joy to establish this special bond with the Catholic University of La Plata. He and I are looking forward to visiting your great university in the not too distant future.

God bless you. God bless the Catholic University of La Plata. Thank you very much.

To the Common Suffering Fellowship Washington, D.C.

December 25, 1984
East Garden, Irvington, New York

(During Rev. Moon's Danbury term, thousands of American clergy participated in a week of symbolic incarceration with him. This activity, known as the Common Suffering Fellowship, took place in Washington, D.C.)

My dear friends,

I greet you on behalf of my husband, Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Reverend Moon has been at the Danbury Correctional Facility for 24 weeks, and every week ministers such as yourselves have gathered in Washington, D.C. to share spiritually in his suffering. You have visited your congressional representatives and also have rallied at the White House on behalf of religious freedom. At the end of every week a prayer service was held at the Lincoln Memorial, offering God your hearts and hopes for a better America. In all these activities you have been a great comfort and inspiration to myself and Reverend Moon. We feel an eternal kinship and bond with you, and we hope that it may be possible for us to meet you in the future,

Yet more important than any personal gratitude and love we feel is the higher meaning of the Common Suffering Fellowship. For two hundred years of American history, for 2,000 years of Christian history, and for all the history of the world, righteous people have suffered for their faith and dignity. I know that many of you share with my husband the deep desire to end this suffering. Yet we must realize that the greatest sufferer is God

Himself.

God in His parental love feels all the grief of this fallen world. Jesus taught that “as you did to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” (Mt. 25:40) So when we love others, we are loving Jesus—but when we hurt others, we also hurt Jesus; and if we hurt Jesus, then God must be suffering even more. Yet Christ is the one who lives to comfort the Father. to end His suffering by taking it upon his shoulders. Also, this has been my husband’s ideal and practice.

Today we recognize that the sin of America is great, due to her intolerance of people on the basis of race as well as religion. There must be people in America who can see beyond that intolerance, see beyond that injustice, and turn and ask God to bless America, turn and proclaim that America is a great and righteous nation, still continue to work for the salvation of America, for the sake of the world. This has also been my husband’s ideal and practice, and I know it is yours as well.

So please, as you depart this week of common suffering, do not pray to ease Reverend Moon’s suffering, still less pray to ease your own suffering, but pray for God to forgive, bless and guide America. In this way our common suffering will never be in vain, but will bear great fruit. Reverend Moon and I are very grateful for your attendance here this week. May God bless your churches, homes and families.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon

Acceptance Speech at Shaw Divinity School

May 11, 1985

(Remarks of Mrs. Sun Myung Moon delivered in acceptance of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity awarded to Reverend Sun Myung Moon by Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina.)

On behalf of my husband and our family, I would like to express my deep gratitude for the honor you have bestowed upon him this day. My husband was especially moved when he read of the history of Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, and of their founder, Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, for he finds in the life of your founder two Christ-like characteristics to which he has dedicated his own life: love of God and service to humanity.

I am told that on Founder's Day you all gather around Dr. Tupper's grave in the center of the campus to pay tribute to this great man, and to read aloud the epitaph on his tombstone: "He counted not his life dear unto himself, That he might lift Godward his brother."

Dr. Tupper received a great deal of persecution for his idealism and yet persevered with courage. Reverend Moon, too, knows the meaning of being persecuted for the sake of ideals; he is serving in a federal prison this very day on that account. Yet the sole purpose of his life will continue to be to lift all people Godward and to ease the pain of suffering humanity.

My husband has also devoted himself to the cause of understanding and unity among races. When he was asked who the greatest American leader of the 20th century is, Reverend Moon replied that it was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At a time when

many oppressed people wanted to return hate for hate, Dr. King said: "We must return love for hate." Dr. King was imprisoned over and over again and he gave his life for what he believed, but his words continue to inspire us.

In the same tradition, my husband, Reverend Moon, loves his enemies. He long ago forgave his accusers, and he loves America more than ever. He is thanking God in prison because he has been used as an instrument to rally and inspire the American people to gather against all forms of oppression and injustice.

Reverend Moon shares with Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University a commitment to international, interreligious and interracial harmony. Since it is his belief that Jesus would have us live, work and study as one loving human family, he has dedicated his life and his ministry to end racism, religious bigotry, and all forms of intolerance, not because it is popular, not because it is a path to fame, but because it is right and because it is the will of God.

Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University have had a great past, and Reverend Moon believes and prays that, with God's blessings, it will be used by God to establish an even greater future. He is pleased then to join in the great tradition of Shaw Divinity School in working to love God and to serve all God's children.

May God bless Shaw Divinity School for its bold leadership and courage now as in years past, and use it as a living instrument to build His kingdom.

Responsibility Before Future Generations of the Human Family

by Vladimir Iordansky

(This is a translation from the Russian of an article that appeared in the Religion and Society section of Za Rubezhom (Abroad), the June 12, 1989 edition. This monthly newspaper has a circulation of 1.2 million, mostly made up of the Party elite, and it is considered to be one of the official intellectual publications of the U.S.S.R. Rev. Moon spoke in a recent sermon about the great significance of Mrs. Moon taking the role of an educator to this communist nation. This article was a result of the Russian journalist's attendance at the recent World Media Conference.)

In this epoch of perestroika, phenomena and people are coming into our social field of vision which before we tried not to see or rejected. Often we were repaid in kind.

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon is a complex and contradictory figure. A native of Korea, he currently lives in the United States. He is a great religious leader and a most wealthy industrialist. In his brief biography it is told that in 1936, on Easter morning, Jesus Christ appeared to him and prompted him to religious work. After dramatic, vivid experiences, Sun Myung Moon founded and headed a new Christian movement, whose organizational name became the Unification Church.

Religious revelations occur quite frequently in a certain social and cultural medium. In 19th century Russia, among the old-rite believers, there was a small sect whose religious teachers proclaimed themselves to be the earthly incarnation of the spirit of Christ. In the character of Reverend Moon what is most striking

is the combination of deep religiosity and business enterprise. At present he stands at the head of an enormous fortune which is used to propagate his ideals. He finances numerous international cultural and scientific associations. He stands behind a flourishing newspaper-magazine conglomerate with publications not only in the USA, but in South Korea, Cyprus and Argentina as well.

Nevertheless, in the United States, Sun Myung Moon has been treated with a well-known guardedness, both as a religious leader and as a businessman. At one time, from religious circles in the USA, there seemed to come a steady stream of defamation of him and his followers. He was sentenced to prison on charges of violating tax laws.

For many years Sun Myung Moon did not hide his animosity towards communism and towards the Soviet Union. He was the founder of the famous World Anti-Communist League, a product of the "cold war." He explained his position, apparently sincerely, in that communism is atheistic by its very nature. But both perestroika in the Soviet Union and the important transformations in China compelled him to reconsider his previous views. Addressing an international conference of journalists in Washington, D.C. in April, he stated, in the presence of Soviet and Chinese delegations:

"The communist world is rapidly changing. I approve of the new policy of glasnost and perestroika in the Soviet Union and the reforms carried out in China. The media is playing the leading role in these changes in both countries."

Reverend Moon doesn't give interviews. But his wife and comrade-in-arms, Hak Ja Han Moon, amiably agreed to answer several of my questions. We publish her answers with minor abbreviation. I think they shed light on what is one of the most unique and influential of the religious movements, not only in the USA, and on the approach of its spiritual leader to a host of important problems for all of humanity.

Question

The Unification Church is active in many countries of the world, and numbers hundreds of thousands of followers. Their concerns and dreams apparently find expression in the teachings of Rev. Moon. What goals does he advance?

Mrs. Moon

When my husband approaches God in prayer, he doesn't ask God for help, but asks what His will is, and he pledges to fulfill it. According to my observation, when my husband sets out to work in this spirit, God Himself helps him even without his asking.

I want to emphasize that racism, religious intolerance, the desecration of nature, and other misfortunes of our world are the result of serious problems in the human heart. That's where we should approach the solution of world problems. The hatred in the heart of man must be replaced with love.

It is well known that my husband was a long-time opponent of communism. This is no secret. But I want to emphasize that he didn't hold this position out of malice. He held it because Marxism doesn't recognize the existence of God. But my husband always believed in the grandeur of the Soviet Union. Today the West is falling into decline because of its callousness in relation to God, and its abuse of human freedom. When the Soviet Union carries out the reform of its system, and religious freedoms are firmly restored, prosperity will undoubtedly come.

With God's help the future of the Soviet Union will be bright. You should strongly believe in your country. My husband asked me to say to you: may God bless you and your families, may God bless the people of the Soviet Union.

Question

In the present day there is a growing concern throughout the world with ecological problems. In the opinion of the Soviet Union, international cooperation is essential to save the world from ecological catastrophe. What is your opinion, the opinion of Rev. Moon concerning these problems?

Mrs. Moon

Originally, nature itself maintained its own balance, but when human beings are included in the equation, they destroy the balance of nature. In this century, mankind has achieved astonishing technical and scientific successes. The U.S.S.R. created the Sputnik and was proud to call Yuri Gagarin its son. Just think also about the surprising breakthroughs accomplished in recent years in medicine, such as the polio vaccines of Salk and Sabin.

I believe that God is working through science as well, so that we could understand the importance of having the greatest concern about the environment. Today we understand that many household items such as aerosol sprays can cause lasting damage to nature if they are not used with the necessary caution. We also understand that we are going to have to cope with the consequences of the fact that we continue to produce an enormous quantity of wastes that are unrecyclable and which are not biodegradable. The consequences of poor management in agriculture, such as the destruction of huge rain forests, are becoming more and more obvious. And what's more, from such catastrophes such as Three Mile Island in the USA and Chernobyl, we see the absolute necessity of a more cautious approach to the peaceful development of nuclear energy.

I attended the Seoul Olympic Games. Two of our children were on the South Korean Olympic equestrian team. What really moved me about this event was the growing awareness of the importance of international cooperation. It is becoming more and more clear that no nation is an isolated island.

As international cooperation grows, it becomes possible in the sphere of ecology to accomplish worldwide agreement on the steps we must take for the defense of the conditions of life on our planet. The U.S.S.R. is correct in opening up international cooperation in this vitally important area. All world leaders are obligated to recognize their responsibility before the future generations of the human family.

In this regard it might interest you to know that for the past seventeen years my husband has sponsored the International

Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. Every year we gather scientists from all over the world, including many Nobel laureates. These conferences research the moral aspect of science and technology. The conference proceedings have been published, and many of the papers dealt with how better to defend our environment.

Question

There are many people in the world in need of compassion and help. In the Soviet Union today there are emerging numerous charitable organizations and movements. An enormous work is being conducted in giving support to those who are being treated for alcoholism and drug-addiction. Could you tell us what you are doing in this area? In your opinion, is cooperation between Soviet charitable organizations and the Unification Church possible, and, if so, in what ways?

Mrs. Moon

We would very much want to study the possibilities of joint work with the Soviet Union on projects in these areas. My husband's thought always transcends the limits of nations, religions and political beliefs. There are three key problems we need to address. These are the problems of hunger, disease and illiteracy.

For us it would be very valuable to study the ways in which we could work together with the Soviet agencies which deal with these problems. We would be more than happy to cooperate in an approach to such problems, be it inside or outside the Soviet Union.

Let me give you an example of how we are approaching some of the problems which you mentioned. Above all, problems such as alcoholism and drug addiction, as well as immorality and family breakdown, stem from spiritual confusion and lack of self-control. If medicine and psychology are capable of only partially curing these problems, then we believe the churches must play an important role.

On an international scale, one of the most severe problems which our world faces is the scientific-technological gap

between nations. Some of the most developed nations in the world are not sharing their scientific-technological knowledge with the countries of the so-called "Third World." This is an incorrect position. It is our duty to work together towards the creation of an international sphere of cooperation and co-prosperity. As long as the gap between poor and rich countries is maintained, the soil for conflict and war remains.

We have a permanent team of doctors and nurses which work on projects of medical assistance. In addition we have assisted in the construction of schools and orphanages in the "Third World." We are also helping the victims of natural disasters, and in particular, we assisted in the collection of aid for the victims of the tragic Armenian earthquake.

However, there are needy in the United States as well. In 1984 my husband acquired 250 ten-ton trucks and assigned five to be used in each of the 50 states. They are used mainly to deliver food products to the needy.

The businesses founded by members of the Unification Church are helping to hasten technical progress in the developing countries. Perhaps you know that we have businesses in Africa, China and other regions. In keeping with our policy, we don't take out the profits from these countries where our enterprises are functioning, but rather reinvest them.

Question

In conclusion, could you describe to us how Rev. Moon's working day is structured? And perhaps a few words about your family?

Mrs. Moon

My husband's activity has attracted wide interest, but also onslaughts of hysteria in certain circles. The reason has been the distorted representation about my husband in the media. Often when people meet Rev. Moon they expect to see a monster, and are amazed to see what a loving and attentive person he is. Surely you yourselves were also surprised, having met him personally. My husband is, all in one person, a fisherman and a

businessman, a newspaper publisher and a thinker, as well as many other things. But above all he is a religious leader. If you would spend even a day with him, you would immediately become convinced of this yourself.

When my husband was in prison for thirteen months in the USA, the other prisoners expected that he would try to get an easy life, but they discovered a completely different person. Every day he woke up and prayed from 3 to 5 o'clock in the morning. One day the prison chaplain came to him and said, "Reverend Moon, you are a minister and every Sunday you are welcome to use the chapel. Which time would suit you: seven, nine or even eleven o'clock?" My husband asked, "Is the chapel open at three o'clock?" The chaplain replied, "No problem. I'll call you at three o'clock in the afternoon." My husband said, "No, I want to use it at three o'clock in the morning, if it is possible." The chaplain thought perhaps there was some sort of misunderstanding, but my husband made it clear that he meant the morning. He joked, "I doubt that in America there are many people who pray at three in the morning, so therefore it will be easier for me to get a direct line to God."

Usually my husband gets up very early, beginning his day with long prayer. After that, he plans his day and greets the children. Breakfast starts exactly at 7:30 a.m. It's also a working session. In the USA alone, my husband created more than three hundred organizations and businesses. You see, that's enough to occupy him for a long time. The morning meetings continue into the afternoon. At lunch the working sessions don't stop.

After midday my husband usually visits one of the organizations founded by him. There he chats with its members, and answers their questions. He returns home for dinner. At dinner the meetings continue, finishing up about one o'clock in the morning.

My husband is almost 70 years old. He leads a very disciplined way of life. If you're by his side for a few days you discover that he is constantly loading himself down with work.

We have twelve children, six daughters and six sons. Already more than half of our children have their own families. Our old-

est child, a daughter, is 28, and our youngest, also a girl, will soon be 7. It's not simple to be the mother of so many children. And now there are grandchildren. Seven of them already!

We believe that the family is the only institution created by God Himself. Sometimes we speak of it as a school of love, a place where we learn to relate to all human beings. We also believe that the family is the building block of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

About True Mother....



Because of my mission, I cannot listen to anyone else's advice unless I am sure it is the best. I must be the total master of my activities, yet I find myself somehow spellbound by Mother! I always want to tag along with her when she goes somewhere. I am big and Mother is just a small person, but there is a universe of experience between us. I love Mother beyond all the things I must do in the future or the

present. My love for her transcends everything else. Certainly between Mother and me there are complications and difficulties which we must overcome, but through love we are always able to do that. Mother is the one who must initiate the leadership in the relationship, not I. I have many different responsibilities and much more to accomplish than Mother in the outside world. However, the woman has the more important role than the man in their relationship.



—Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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