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The True Family and I



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Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you this evening. Through this welcoming banquet, you have made it possible for me to meet such distinguished individuals.

I am Rev. Moon, whom you no doubt already know through many rumors and stories. I have stirred up a number of problems in the world as a result of one historic reality: to this day, I have served only God. In the process, I have created a number of events and accomplishments with worldwide consequences.

This evening, in this jubilant atmosphere, I would like to speak to you for a time on the subject, "The True Family and I." This is because the world's problems stem from the family. Let us ask what we mean by a true family.

Conflict originated in the first family

If we ask whether the world we live in today is good or evil, the answer would be that it is evil. Why do we judge it to be evil? It is because whether we consider world history, this nation's history, or the history of any other country, we see unremitting conflict. Through conflict and struggle, the parties involved will not develop, but will necessarily decline. To say that the world is evil implies that its nations are evil, that its inhabitants are evil, and that we ourselves are evil. If we study ourselves we cannot deny that, within each of us, our mind and our body struggle with each other.

The origin or the cause of struggle remains a problem that must be resolved. If an individual does not possess within himself or herself a foundation for peace, then no matter how peaceful his or her family, nation or the world might be, he or she will not be happy. The individual is the true

battlefield. As you know, World War I, World War II and the Cold War each came to an end. It will be possible to bring future such conflicts to an end. However, the struggle between our mind and body has existed from ancient times. It has continued throughout the course of history, it continues today, and we do not know how much longer it will continue into the future.

If we consider the existence of God, it is a major problem that God would permit the struggle between mind and body to continue throughout history, and even today. However, if we consider that it was human beings who caused the struggle, then we can understand that it is human beings who must indemnify it. God cannot take that responsibility away from us, nor can He intervene in it.

Where does the struggle between mind and body originate? We inherit life from our parents and from the parents of our parents. If we continue going back this way, we eventually arrive at the first generation, that is, the first human ancestors. The origin of our life is the love of our parents. If this struggle began before we were even born, we would have to conclude that the problem related to the circumstances in which our first parents entered into a love relationship with each other; that is, that the origin of the struggle between mind and body results from a problem in the conjugal love between Adam and Eve.

The love of Adam and Eve was not a love accompanied by true happiness. Quite to the contrary, it was conflict-ridden love. Because the roots of our life are in this love, we can conclude that this is where the conflicts plaguing the inner self of human beings originate.

The Bible teaches us that because of having sinned, Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden of Eden. Once they had been driven out of the garden, they began to multiply children. God could not follow and bless them in marriage. Thus we need to ask, under whom did they marry? We can conclude that, because of having fallen into sin, they married under the auspices of Satan.

The root of fallen love, live and lineage

The Fall consisted of Eve being tempted by Satan and her later temptation of Adam. Therefore, when our ancestors Adam and Eve established a relationship of conjugal love, that relationship was unhappy and conflict-ridden. Today humanity still has its roots in that relationship. We cannot

separate from the origin of that struggle between mind and body. The Fall began with immoral love. Due to a love relationship that God did not desire, Adam and Eve united with Satan. They did not become the ancestors of goodness; they became the ancestors of evil, thus creating the roots of fallen love, fallen life and a fallen blood lineage.

If this is true, what began as one fallen family grew into tribes, nations and a world. It is a world whose more than five billion people, present-day humanity, are descendants of Satan. It is undeniable that we inherited the lineage of evil parents. No one knew Satan's blood was present within our bodies and that this was so displeasing to God. This is the essential problem.

How will we eliminate those roots within us? Satan dug his roots into our physical body through the fallen lineage. You have to understand that if humankind had not fallen into sin, our minds and bodies would have naturally become one. It is because of the Fall that there is a conflict between the conscience, which has a positive charge, and the body, which also has a positive charge, making it inevitable that they resist each other. This is the starting point of all the struggles in history.

God works to separate good from evil and thus reverse this situation. God is public-minded and continues on the path of living for the whole and going toward the goal of love and peace. On the other hand, Satan is selfish and individualistic. Satan is always trying to destroy the good side through hatred, evil and war. His intent is to prevent the earth from ever returning to God's side.

God cannot severely punish humanity for having gone with Satan. God's strategy for returning humanity to His side is to allow evil to attack. Later, God can claim reparations for the undeserved damage and abuse. Satan's strategy is to strike first, yet in the end he loses everything. Throughout history Satan has tried to ruin God's plan with hatred, evil and war, while on the contrary, God has been working to re-create love and peace.

In the Last Days, humankind will return to God's side, and evil will lose support and respect. To prevent that from happening, Satan introduced atheistic materialism, humanism and communism. That was the essential cause of the Cold War that took place following the Second World War, when the victory of the Christian world could have led to a transition toward a world of peace.

The present era is the era of the realm of individualism, of free sex, of

children denying parents and parents denying children, and the era of denying the couple. Through homosexuality and lesbianism, an attempt is being made to completely destroy the family ideal. The Messiah at the Second Coming intends to establish this ideal in order to change hell on earth into the kingdom of heaven on earth. The Messiah, as the True Parent, desires the unity of mind and body, the unity of husband and wife, and the unity of children.

The individual, family and world that God desires

There are basic questions that need to be resolved on a worldwide level. These include: what came first, matter or spirit? Which is correct, the materialist theory or the idealist theory? Which comes first, reality or concept? Is the theory of evolution accurate or is the theory of creation correct?

Let us work toward the answers by way of an example. When we observe the animal kingdom, we discover that in an embryo, the eyes are one of the earliest parts to develop. If we were talking only of matter, would those eyes know of the existence of the sun prior to the animal's birth? If they were pure matter, the eyes would not be aware. However something or someone possessed the awareness that the eyes were going to see sunlight. Someone knew.

Not only that; the face, being purely matter, would have no awareness that the atmosphere existed, and yet eyelids form in the womb, to assure that the dust in the air will not damage the eyes. The eyes, being purely matter, would not know that steam and other forms of heat would dry the eyes and damage them. Someone knew, however, and arranged for the eyelids to blink, to lubricate and protect the eyes. The original matter itself was not aware, yet there was someone who knew everything before it happened, before we were born.

We can conclude that a simple example such as that of the eye resolves the great debates over whether thought precedes existence, spirit precedes matter, and concept precedes reality. We can resolve the debates of spirit versus matter, of creationism versus evolutionary theory.

Given this, we have no way to deny that God created everything. We therefore would do well to strive to return to the original world of creation, by coming to know the kind of individual, the kind of family, and the kind of world that God desires to see.

The body became the base of operations for hell and the conscience the base of operation for heaven. We did not know that within ourselves is contained the division of two worlds. From this perspective, each of us has to ask if our body leads our mind or our mind leads our body. In reality, throughout history the body has been completely unrestricted as it leads the mind. If the conscience were stronger we would have automatically returned to God; long ago the world would have been with God.

The fact that the physical body leads the conscience shows us that the problem stems from the moment of the Fall, when the force of false love, which tied the first ancestors to Satan, was stronger than the force of the conscience. God, who knows very well our situation, cannot abandon fallen humanity. So God surely established a strategy to weaken the body-centered force that dominates our conscience.

The purpose of religion

The world cultural spheres were formed according to the different human circumstances and antecedents. To this day, religious people have not known that the purpose of religion is to prevent the body from continuing to lead the mind. Had there been no Fall, religion would not have been necessary.

Something went very wrong and religion became necessary to correct it. What does God intend to do through religion? God intends to discipline the body. You will not be saved just because you believe in religion, or go to heaven just because you believe in Christianity. However, it is the children who are centered on God's love who can go to heaven. Adam's family was to have had the love of God at its center. It was to have had a blood relationship with God. The kingdom of heaven is the place where such families dwell. We need to dominate the body in order to strengthen the power of the conscience. A liberated conscience then will lead our body, and we will return to the bosom of God's love as original beings free from sin.

Therefore if we ask what religion is supposed to do, the answer is that it needs to motivate our body to do everything it hates to do. What does the body hate most? To serve others! To sacrifice for others! Furthermore, religion asks us to be an offering. The offering is destined to shed blood and be capable of sacrificing its life. Therefore, the Bible tells us that a person who is willing to lose his or her life shall find it, and a person who wishes to find

his or her life shall lose it. What this paradox teaches is that if we live according to the flesh, we are going to go to hell. If we gain victory over our flesh and liberate our conscience, we will go to heaven. If we subjugate our body's wishes and put our conscience in a totally subjective position, we will liberate the unlimited and infinite hope of the conscience.

In the course of history, there have been numerous religions and religious leaders. Yet those who believed in those religions and in those leaders were not able to attain total control over the body and could not deny themselves completely. They could not liberate the conscience and place it in a position to relate with God on the original basis. We sinful people did not become true olive trees. Instead we remained wild olive trees with our roots in a false love. Human beings were to have had roots in God's true love yet we established roots in Satan's love. How are we going to resolve the problem of being wild olive trees instead of true ones? This remains an inevitable and crucial task.

If you study yourself, you will notice that your conscience knows everything about you. The conscience is closer to you than your own parents are. It desires to possess true love, to be embraced eternally in God's bosom. When we marry, we separate from our earthly parents, not from our conscience, with which we are born. The conscience loves us and its mission is to transform us into eternal sons and daughters of God.

The desire of the conscience is to occupy the absolute center

The conscience does not need a teacher. Have you ever heard of a Minister of Education in some country announcing a plan to educate the conscience? If we had gone the original way of the conscience, we would have known clearly the course to follow in life. It would have taught us and guided us to return to God's bosom. Because your conscience knows everything about your life, when you go to the spirit world you will discover that there is a "computer" there that fully recorded everything you did on earth. This is to fulfill the mission of the conscience to convert us into unblemished, true sons and daughters of God.

Is there anyone here who is convinced that he or she will never die? We will all go to the spirit world someday. When you enter the spirit world, you will immediately be known by your name. Your entire life will be known, as well as that of your ancestors, because the spirit world transcends time and space.

We must not bring anything into that world that stains our conscience. For that reason, you need to understand that the conscience is above all other teachers.

Today we have gathered distinguished personalities. Among them are some professors. Honestly, there has never been a professor who possessed a teaching superior to that of the conscience. It fulfills the same role that a compass fulfills for a ship's captain.

To the many distinguished people gathered here this evening, I would like to ask, "When you married, did you want to have a spouse inferior to you?" The answer is no. And if I asked you whether you wanted a spouse ten times better than you or one hundred times better than you, no doubt you would reply that, if it were possible, you would prefer that he or she be one thousand, ten thousand, one million times better than you. This is because the ambition of the conscience is to experience the maximum amount of love. It wishes to possess the absolute being. The same was true for our ancestors and the same will be true for our descendants. Even God would respond in the same way.

Is it possible for all of our desires to be fulfilled? A senator will want to be president of his or her country, and later an important person on the world level. He or she will want to be an important person in world affairs. Ultimately, he or she will want to achieve the highest position in the world. That is the measure of ambition of the conscience. From the beginning of history until now, people's general thinking is that the ambition of the conscience cannot be completely satisfied. However Rev. Moon, the person who is standing here, arrived at the conclusion that it is possible to satisfy it.

How big is the conscience? How can the conscience be measured? Do you think that the day will come when the conscience will possess God? Do you think that if something bigger than God exists that the conscience would desire to possess it? If something exists that is larger than God, then the conscience wants to occupy that larger thing.

Then what is it that the conscience's ambition is seeking? If there existed something that had the maximum value in the cosmos, the conscience would desire to possess that as well.

The thing that God desires the most is the true love of humankind
Now, if we compare the human conscience with God's conscience, which

would be larger? If God's conscience were larger than a human being's, what would God do with it? The conclusion is that what God wants to possess is the same as that desired by the immense ambition of the human being, and that is true love.

We know that God is absolute, yet do you think God is happy? Might He be lonely? Ladies and gentlemen, even if a person becomes president of the nation, if he or she lives alone without a spouse, that person will feel unfortunate. If we do not have an object partner of love, we are unfortunate.

Does God need someone the same way? How do you feel about this? Even if God is God, He feels very lonely. The human being feels empty when he or she lacks money, or knowledge or authority. However, God does not need money, knowledge or power.

This is because He is the Creator. The question is: what does God need? We call God the "King of Love" or the "Owner of Love." If God is the king of love this means that God needs a queen. This is an absolute principle. Then who can be the absolute God's object partner of love? A true human being!

Ladies and gentlemen, you need money. You need knowledge and you need power. However if you do not have a spouse, all of that will be useless. A husband needs a wife and children. A wife needs a husband and children. The place where those object partners of love are found is the family.

I serve God, the subject partner of love, as His object partner of love who completely satisfies the ambition of His conscience. The family where man and woman unite as object partners of God's love, and where children live happily, centered on the true love of God, is the foundation of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Thus, just as human beings want their object partner of love to be infinitely more valuable than them, God also wants the human being, His object partner of love, to have infinite value. A true human being is a person of infinite value. Yet we did not know that Adam and Eve were meant to be that kind of man and woman.

If we were given such a high aspiration in our conscience, it is because God is the subject partner and God wanted human beings to be in the position of His object partner. God did not want human beings simply to be a part of God; He wanted them to have a completely different personality. God allowed us as human beings to have the action of conscience at such

an elevated level simply because God hoped that human beings would be one thousand or ten thousand times more valuable than even God Himself. Please understand this very clearly.

If, at the beginning of creation, a family could have been realized in which God and human beings could have united in a relationship of true love, today we would not have to worry about hell or heaven, because we would automatically enter the kingdom of God.

The problem here is that God's true love and true human love did not begin at a common point, united as subject and object partners of love. God's love and human being's love began in two different directions with two different goals. Therefore, it has been impossible to realize the ideal world for which God and human beings are both longing. God's ideal of beginning on common ground was completely frustrated.

Inheriting true love, true life and true lineage is our salvation

False parents arose centered on Satan's love. Being their descendants, we inherited that false love, false life and false lineage and are thus destined for hell. We have nothing to do with the kingdom of heaven.

We did not know that we were supposed to conquer God's love through our conscience, by being people whose spirit dominated our body through will. Have you heard the expression "lovesick?" If someone is lovesick, when we find the cause of the sickness we can resolve his or her problem. Having Adam and Eve's original nature causes us to miss God's love like someone who is lovesick.

What does the conscience do to win the true love of God? A person may have money, knowledge or power, yet if he or she loses the love of his or her life, none of those things have any meaning.

If you unburden and liberate your mind completely, your conscience will automatically connect with the true love of God. Let us compare the position of the conscience to the position of love. You will see that the position of love is prior. This is because the conscience begins from love.

The kingdom of heaven is the place where we go to live in unity with God's true love and a free conscience. It is the place we go after having lived centered on love and after engrafting ourselves into the lineage of God's love. Without winning this love, we can never enter the kingdom of God. We will have to wait thousands of years until that day comes. Due to the

Fall there will not be a connection with the kingdom of heaven as long as humanity is not illuminated by God's true thought and sustained by God's true love.

The person who lives in unity with a true conscience and true love will automatically enter the kingdom of heaven. No matter how much faith a person has in Jesus, if he or she is not linked to the love of God, and if that person's mind and body are struggling, that person cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. The person who inherited Satan's lineage cannot enter the kingdom. Religions with the mission of opening the way are struggling among themselves. This will lead to a sad state of affairs in the Last Days.

God cannot be found where there is conflict. Religion is a movement to subjugate the body and liberate the conscience. Religion itself is not the key that unlocks the door to salvation. We have to know that the love, life and true lineage of God are the key that opens the door to salvation. That is what we need to inherit.

Faith in religion alone will not save us. In reality, religion exists as a foundation to discipline the body. When our conscience is liberated, its ambition can ascend to God. Does this idea make you want to try to find out more?

Humankind must return to God

Who will know first what someone is doing, the conscience or God? The conscience will know first. A human being is a person distinct from God because he or she has to occupy the object partner position in a meaningful way. In the same sense, husband and wife are different. The characteristics of each are clearly different. If we were to conclude that God knows everything prior to it happening, we would be saying that we are indistinct from God, as if we were a single body.

An ideal cannot be perfected when it is self-contained. After Adam and Eve sinned, God asked, "Adam, where are you?" Humankind comes from God's love and returns to God. God is waiting for our return.

Ladies and gentlemen, when parents reach the age of one hundred years and their children reach the age of eighty, the relationship of parents and children also becomes a relationship of friends. Friends!

We cannot compare the physical strength of the average woman with that of the average man. She can never defeat him, although through love, wife and husband are attracted to one another and follow each other. If

Adam and Eve had been the object partners of God's love, would that not have been pleasing to God? God created the universe before Adam and Eve were to have matured as His object partners of love. God had the ambitious hope that in the future they would be His ideal object partners. If, after having perfected themselves as the object partners of God's love, they had asked God to create something greater than what already had been created, do you not think God could have done so?

As infinite as the ambition of our conscience is, we have to know that God can create everything that we desire. God created us with the value of true love object partners. The restoration of this value, lost at the Fall, is the purpose of human life and history. God established religions and the founder of each of them promised that some day he would return.

Christianity teaches us that Jesus will return. In Buddhism they speak of the return of Buddha. Confucianism alludes to a new Confucius. Likewise in Islam, we find the return of the *Mahdi*, the divinely guided one. Let us consider the reason that God established the different religions. We have to understand that the Will of God is accomplished centered on God's beloved children, children who are like God's flesh and blood. With those beloved sons and daughters, God wants to form families, tribes, races and nations.

This tells us what kind of person the Messiah is. In the Second Coming, the Lord is the person who perfects the ideal for which all religions have longed. He will come to the earth with the original and eternal love of God.

Couples become one through God's true love

The Messiah will become a True Parent, and centered on that lost true love, will work to establish a completed family on earth on the foundation of true life and true lineage.

That is the purpose of the providence of salvation. Due to the Fall, God lost the True Mother as well as the children of Adam's family. This means that God could not have true children. There was no family connected to the blood lineage that was to come from God's love.

Due to the Fall of the parents, we became connected to false life, false love and false lineage, which have caused our minds and bodies to be in conflict with each other. Adam and Eve became enemies, which caused their two sons to fight with each other.

The providence of salvation is the providence of restoration, led by God.

It restores the lost sons and daughters, the unity of mind and body, the absolute unity of husband and wife, and the absolute unity of parents and children in the true love of God. This true family, which is qualified to live eternally with God, ought to be connected to Christianity, which is in the position of bride to the Lord. By establishing such a blood relationship with God, we can realize united families, tribes, races, nations and a unity of nations that would form a united world. This would culminate the providence of salvation for all religions.

Distinguished leaders, for your nation to receive God's blessing, you need to become a people whose minds and bodies are united in God's true love. You also need to unite as absolute husbands and wives. When the number of families in any nation that can unite as absolute children of God grows, then God will come to live in that nation. If this happens, automatically that nation will become the central nation in service to the world.

Human beings possess this innate nature. If a beloved one lives in the countryside in poverty, his or her partner wants to live there too. No matter where it is, we want to go and live in the place where our beloved is. In the same way, if there is a place where God's beloved sons and daughters dwell, that place, for richer or poorer, will be the kingdom of heaven.

Today the founder of the Unification Church is here speaking to you. If you ask me what is the mission of the Unification Church, I will say it is to be a place where God's true love is present. It is to be the place where we want our mind and body to unite in true love and where we want to form ideal marriages with absolute unity between husband and wife. By means of a teaching that can make all people into inseparable brothers and sisters, we are carrying out the mission that God has given us.

The meaning of the international marriage Blessing

The love of true God and the love of the True Parents cleanses everything that was stained by false love, false life and false lineage. Our marriage has established the True Parents' position. The large international marriage ceremonies we conduct are the ceremonies to sow the seed of true love, true life and true lineage that results from the unity of God's love with man and woman's love.

The Blessing of marriage is a ceremony to restore families that were formed by marriages that, due to the Fall, received the seed of false love,

false life and false lineage. Having families from around the world participate in these Blessing ceremonies will connect them to God's original love. It is my fervent desire that all people receive the Blessing and become families and a people who can establish the kingdom of heaven on earth.

The purpose of the Unification Church is to succeed in establishing relationships of brotherhood and sisterhood that transcend nations. Through this method, we want to realize the ideal of one great universal family centered on God, and thus proclaim the ideal of true parents, true spouses, and true brothers and sisters. In this way, we will begin the world culture of heart. From earth to heaven, we will be liberated to complete the world of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

During the fifty years since the end of the Second World War, Rev. Moon has been persecuted and criticized by the entire world. The time has come for you to know it was not because he committed any crime. Instead it was to save you. Unlike in the past, people now realize I am a most admirable man.

By the hand of Rev. Moon, communism collapsed. It was Rev. Moon who awakened Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung. To save the United States, which is careening toward a collapse, I established a foundation for Americans to feel hope. Also I am addressing the difficult political tensions of North and South Korea and in the Middle East.

You need to know the Republican party triumphed in the United States, thanks to the influence of Rev. Moon. Perhaps you are unaware of these facts. However you need to know that if any nation pre-empts the United States in receiving and absolutely embracing Rev. Moon, that nation will become the leading nation of the world.

Everything that Rev. Moon has said has been fulfilled. Though it felt like the entire world did everything it could to put an end to me, I did not die and I am firmly leading the world back to God. If today I can speak to you out loud, it is because God loves me. You need to know that I survived because God absolutely protected me. For that reason, I believe that you must seriously study the Unification Church.

Heaven is a place of liberation, freedom, unity and happiness

We met together today and so this is a day of deep significance. I have shared a very important message with you and I place my trust in you. I kindly ask

that you not forget what was discussed today. I also ask that to follow the proper path, you make a redetermination. Based on this new awakening, bring God's Blessing to your families and your nation. This is the way ideal families will begin to appear on this earth.

As you probably know, Rev. Moon and his spouse are known throughout the world as the True Parents. If it is true that we, as True Parents, are connected to God in true love, true life and true lineage, I would like you to remember that a realm of freedom, unity and happiness will begin from a true family and you, This will allow the hope of peace to blossom upon the earth. Thank you very much.

The Ideal Home and World Peace



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(True Mother's speech)

Honored guests, distinguished representatives and members of the Women's Federation for World Peace, and women leaders from diverse fields:

I am confident that our long-cherished wish for world peace will be brought one step closer to realization by this conference today. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your tireless efforts, in every corner of the globe, in building a more peaceful society and world.

True world peace has never been accomplished on this earth, and yet this has been the one constant dream of all humanity throughout history. In order for this dream to be realized, a peaceful nation and society must be realized first. A peaceful nation and society can only grow out of the premise of a peaceful home. In this light, the peaceful and ideal home is the very starting point and the basic unit for the peaceful world.

The ideal home on a foundation of true love

What is the ideal home? As recorded in the book of Genesis, God's plan for the human family was for Adam and Eve to become a good husband and a good wife, thereby becoming good parents, and creating an ideal home. God had planned that, on the foundation of the original ideal home, the descendants of Adam and Eve would continue to duplicate the tradition of their parents' love, generation after generation.

According to the teachings of my husband, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, God is the origin of true love. The very act of creation was prompted by God's original nature, stemming from true love. God's true love needs an object partner to love and care for in a reciprocal relationship. God's motive of creation was true love.

The creation, therefore, is God's object partner of love in physical form. Among all of creation, however, man and woman are the closest object partners of God's love. God is the True Parent of humanity, and all men and women were created as sons and daughters of God. God and humankind are True Parent and children.

As people grow, receiving their parents' love, they experience the heart of children. And through the love between brothers and sisters, they experience the heart of brothers and sisters. When they mature as perfected true people with true character, through their married life, they experience conjugal love and the heart of husband and wife. When they give birth to children, through them they experience the parental heart. All creation wants love and needs love. And people are especially filled with happiness when they feel true love and live a life based on true love. When they give and receive love, they are vibrant with life. The perfume of life blossoms in genuine love.

Love is the fountain of an individual's happiness, life and joy. This precious, genuine love is not obtainable through external knowledge or external conditions or techniques. True love can be felt only through experience and acquired through life.

Human beings were created to develop and embody God's true love, step by step, during their growth period, through their life experiences. In other words, people perfect their character as they experiences, through this process of stages, the heart of a child, the heart of a brother or sister, the heart of a husband or wife and the heart of a parent. People's character and happiness are determined by how rounded, how versatile and developed their love becomes as a result of experiencing these stages of life. To achieve the perfected ideal, their love must come to have the same qualities of maturity, unselfishness and total investment that characterize God's own love.

Self-control and the unique responsibility in the love between a husband and wife

Within the four relationships of heart, vertical love, such as a parent's love for children, does not diminish or change as it goes from one child to the next. That is why one parent can love many children. Because of this principle, one God can love all humanity as His children.

As God's children, human beings, unlike the animals, were given total freedom to love between a husband and wife. A human being's love is fundamentally different from that of an animal, which mates only to procreate. However, this freedom, if it involved no responsibility, could not be freedom in the truest sense. Love between a husband and wife requires responsibility. When a husband and wife are committed to sacred, everlasting love, and take responsibility for their relationship, there is peace at home. This home will be a nest of happiness. It is heavenly law that they have sons and daughters through this indivisible and faithful love between a husband and wife. Men and women originally were created by God to grow to become true individuals, then to become true husbands and wives through indivisible love with a spouse. By having children together, they would become true parents.

The Fall and the order of love

From the Bible we know that the ancestors of humankind did not have a marriage blessed by God, nor did they bear God's loving sons and daughters. Adam and Eve committed sin against their original parent and were kicked out of the garden of Eden. Outside the garden they had children that have multiplied through the generations. Because Adam and Eve became neither the true husband and wife nor the true parents that God desired, we as their descendants were not born in the lineage of true parents, as members of God's true family. The reason people strive for everlasting, unchanging love between a husband and wife, yet can't seem to achieve it, is because Adam and Eve's original separation from God, the Fall, was caused by false love and adultery. The reason the original sin is inherited throughout the generations, and the reason we, in what the Bible calls "the last days," are witnessing wide-scale immorality and family breakdown, is all due to this. What God dislikes the most is when a person goes against the law of love and becomes immoral. My question to you is: Who has a solution to such problems of youth, family breakdown and teenage pregnancy that are so prevalent in both East and West?

These phenomena are more fearful than starvation, war or any disease. Why is that? These problems are not just our problems today; they are the problems that will destroy humanity's hope in our future generations. Today's immorality has direct consequences for our descendants.

Teaching children ethics

The home provides elements that are necessary for a child's internal development. The basic characteristics and attitude toward life are formed at home. Babies are born with a natural ability to receive love. Even after a few months, children can differentiate their mother's loving embrace from another woman's. They grow up naturally experiencing love from parents and from brothers and sisters. A person's ethics and character are mostly formed through his or her experience of love and happiness, acquired in relationship with their family members. Parents' life as seen by children, especially the parents' love relationship, has a critical role in their child's ethical development.

According to heavenly law, parents were meant to be true parents, as well as true teachers. The education that children need most is not the education of knowledge or techniques. The most important education for children is ethical and moral education. This education for life is essential and can be taught only by parents at home. Children learn, feel and resemble their parents' most valuable examples of love and the basic order of life. Children need a model they can learn from and follow. Regardless of whether parents realize it or not, they are their children's most important teachers. Children imitate and learn from their parents' pattern. There is no teacher more important than parents who can show a child the correct direction in life.

As the fruit of love between two parents, children wish for their parents to be the most loving, ideal husband and wife. Children feel happiness from this loving relationship. For children, a divorce between their parents is a living nightmare and impossible to comprehend. This is because children also partake of the love between their parents. To the children, the love between their parents was the origin and root of their being. They cannot imagine the foundation of their existence being ripped apart. If the parent-child relationship is a naturally indivisible relationship, should not the husband-wife relationship, which was the root and motive of the parent-child relationship, also be naturally everlasting?

Immorality, sexual promiscuity and divorce are grave mistakes that violate heavenly law. These phenomena are the result of the Fall. Neither God nor an individual's original mind desires them.

Children partake of their parents' love

Woman leaders, how can we create order out of this chaotic world? Humanity has made tireless efforts to create a moral society, a society that would allow an individual to live in dignity as a man or woman, a society that would guarantee a bright future under the true value system. However, immorality is flooding our society with free sex and other decadent trends that go against heavenly law.

The AIDS epidemic is not simply a disease, it is a serious problem directly linked to humanity's descendants and our survival as a species. These problems are not being fundamentally resolved at school by teachers, or by any government policy, or even by parents at home. Everything has been tried. The experiment is over. Humanity's attempt at a cure is no longer the solution.

Even if one is not religious, the situation is so desperate that we must seek the solution from God in order to save the world and to save humanity. To accomplish this, God sends the Messiah. The Messiah comes as the True Parents, because the Messiah must cure the reality of this immoral society from what caused it go against God's Will. Because the human ancestors, Adam and Eve, did not become true parents, the Messiah must come as the True Parents to take the place of Adam and Eve and become the origin of true love, true life and true lineage. The True Parents will educate humanity by being the example of true persons, the true husband and wife and the true parents who can make Satan surrender. Together, the True Parents must create the model of an ideal family and the world of peace and love on this earth. This is the essence of God's dispensation of salvation.

God sent my husband, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, as the Messiah. His entire life is dedicated to fulfilling God's Will, the ideal of creation. Due to the lack of understanding about his mission, however, he has been treated as a criminal worldwide without having committed any crime.

True Parents and the ideal family

Being close to him and seeing him every day, my heart aches to witness how difficult and unfair is the way of the saint. Even under all kinds of suffering and persecution, he never broke away from walking the path. At the same time, spiritually he has been in a bloody and furious battle with Satan. Satan is launching an all-out offensive on my husband in order to defend

the sovereignty of false love he has held over humanity since the Fall. Both spiritually and physically my husband and I are carrying out our mission as the True Parents. Upon this victorious foundation Satan can no longer accuse us.

Dear woman leaders! The Second World Culture and Sports Festival is the culmination of all my husband's activities. He has dedicated his life to realizing the united world of love. The Women's Federation for World Peace, the Family Federation for World Peace, the Religious Federation for World Peace, the Federation for World Peace, the Youth Federation for World Peace, the Collegiate Federation for World Peace are all organizations to bring about the world of peace.

The conferences and events that are being held by these organizations, as well as by the International Cultural Foundation and the World Media Association, will awaken humanity's original mind, lead history toward a good direction and bring hope for humankind's future. In particular, the international marriage Blessing is an historic event. Who on earth can imitate this? Three hundred sixty thousand couples of different races and cultures from six continents and one hundred sixty countries will receive God's Blessing and will embark on creating ideal families. The holy march is beginning, with the goal of creating the ideal families that will become the foundation of a peaceful world. This is a holy event, in which the leading players for the true love culture and true heart culture that God has been longing for are being born, the event where the good descendants are being promised.

The ideal family and the role of women

I have expounded since the founding of the Women's Federation that God and history are asking us to live a life of love and service, and build world peace through realizing the ideal home. All the misuse of love and the fallen reality that has been controlling humanity must be boldly cleaned up. Immorality, hatred and all self-centered perversions must be eradicated. It is the proper role of women to demand an end to and put in order these wrongful practices.

The goal of the Women's Federation for World Peace must not be for women to imitate men, trying to raise the position of women within the existing culture and social custom. By following the heavenly way, women can attend the True Parents and become leaders in creating the world of

heart-centered culture. Please discard all the attributes of the Fall and establish the original culture, the peaceful culture of love and goodness that humanity has been longing for and seeking. Women now need to be engrafted into the True Parents and give birth to the worldwide true family of all races and cultures. In order to fulfill this, all women must emulate True Mother and become true mothers themselves. With the introduction of this new women's age, all women need to become new pioneers, who guide with true love. At home, a woman has the responsibility to embrace her husband as a personification of true love and to nurture her children with the heart of a true parent.

Who will establish the home where God's blessing of love dwells and where the original order of love is in place? This is the responsibility of women who are connected to the True Parents. We must be the vanguard for this movement. I would like to ask all of you to become leaders for the true liberation of women based on genuine love, and to establish a world of true peace. May God's blessing be upon you and your family and upon your work!

Thank you very much.

True Family and True Universe Centered on True Love



May 20, 1997

Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay
Federation to Save the New Nation Leaders Banquet

Respected and honored guests from at home and abroad; most especially, distinguished ladies and gentlemen whose presence is brightening this venue!

I am grateful for your coming here in spite of your very busy schedules. To express my appreciation from the bottom of my heart on this special day, the most precious thing I can offer is to introduce you to what I consider the two most significant speeches I gave during my latest world tour. I am referring to the speeches titled “View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation” and “In Search of the Origin of the Universe.”

Today, we need a comprehensive solution to the problems of sexual immorality, family breakdown and alienation among our young people. These two speeches provide fundamental solutions to these problems. When you return home, I hope you will take some time to reflect deeply on their contents. Reading these speeches together with the members of your family may enhance the love in your family. I believe this can help your family achieve harmony and true happiness.

I suggest that you read these two speeches as many times as your age in years. If your age is more than eighty, then read them more than eighty times. The more you read these speeches, the more heavenly blessing and fortune will come to you. The more you read them, the more peace will flow into your family naturally and automatically. I invite you to read them often.

The title of the first speech is, “View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation.” Allow me to summarize it. Because Adam and Eve fell, they did not establish an ideal family. Consequently, Jesus came at the

national level, as the second Adam, to restore the mistake of the first family. The first Adam became fallen Adam, and Jesus, the Messiah, came as the second Adam. However, because Jesus was unable to establish a family from the position of True Parents, the Messiah needs to return as the third Adam and restore the mission of True Parents on the world level. This is the mission of the Second Advent, when the Messiah is to come as the third Adam. This speech also introduces the fact that the fundamental issue of salvation is the restoration of the original lineage.

The second speech is titled, “In Search of the Origin of the Universe.” Since the Fall originated from the misuse of love, humankind lost true love. Thus the question arises, how can we recover true love? True love was lost through adultery. In other words, true love became degraded through misuse of the reproductive organs. Therefore, to restore it, we need to use these organs in the right way. Our first ancestors planted the seed of fallen love in the Garden of Eden during their youth. Consequently, during these Last Days, we are harvesting the fruit of the Fall among our young people. That is why today we observe so much chaos and confusion, particularly on the issue of sex. This problem can be resolved only through what I call “absolute sex.” Only the concept and practice of absolute sex can prevent the destruction of our families and reverse the corruption of our youth.

The three great subject partners principle

This evening, I would like to share a new speech titled, “True Family and True Universe Centered on True Love.” Everyone here has parents and teachers, and you also have leaders in your nations. Am I right? Everyone undeniably needs people in these positions. However, compared to the true standard, there are many different types of parents. What do you think? To what extent have you, yourself, become a true parent? In the same way, if a person is a professor at an Ivy League university such as Harvard, Yale or Columbia in the United States, or Oxford or Cambridge in England, does it mean that he or she can be called a true teacher? Similarly, there are different types of leaders in a nation, not all of whom measure up to the true standard of leadership. Does the bare fact of being the president of a superpower such as the United States mean that someone is a true president?

In fact, in today’s families, many children do not trust their parents, spouses do not completely trust each other, and brothers and sisters do not

trust each other fully. Furthermore, students do not trust the teachers in their schools, and people do not trust the leaders of their nation. So the question is, how can we attain the true standard of even one of these three most important roles of parents, teachers and leaders?

When I say that you need to become a true parent, true teacher or true owner, who do you think has the highest standard or is the central model for those three positions? God does. God is the True Parent among parents, True Teacher among teachers, and True King among kings. God is the eternal True Parent, eternal True Teacher, and eternal True Owner and King. If we are children of God, we need to become true parents first, just like God. In addition, we have to follow the way of the true teacher and the way of the true owner, just like God. This is the concept of the “three great subject partners.” The ultimate model is God.

Who is the Messiah sent to the people of Israel, as promised in the Old Testament? The Messiah is the one who comes as a True Parent, True Teacher and True King. However, because Jesus was prevented from establishing a true family and uniting his people, the Messiah needs to come again. In other words, because Jesus did not accomplish the national-level foundation, the Messiah of the Second Advent will come as the third Adam and teach the way of the true parents, true teacher and true king at the world level. This is the messianic concept. Wherever the family, nation, world and heaven exist, we always need to establish the three great subject partners of parent, teacher and leader.

In three-dimensional space, each individual exists in relation to what is above and below, right and left, and front and back. Therefore, a person's position and shape are ascertained using the reference frame defined by what is above and below, right and left, and front and back. The same formula applies to the family, the nation and the world. Just as an individual's position is related to what is above and below, right and left, and front and back, the family consists of parents and children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters. Similarly, on the national level, with the leader in the central position, families ought to embrace all civilizations of East and West and all civilizations of North and South. Then they can embrace all people of the world as brothers and sisters. Ultimately, every level will form a pattern resembling that of a family, with the individual as the central model. In the same manner, a person's existence expands to the levels of the family,

nation, world, heaven and earth, and eventually reaches God. Each person has the desire to live as the center of the cosmos and has the potential to make that a reality.

The true family is like the core of the universe

Thus, the core concept of the universe is the concept of the family. Heaven represents parents and earth represents children. In the case of east and west, east symbolizes man and west symbolizes woman. When a woman gets married, she usually follows wherever her husband goes; however they have equal value. When the west reflects the sunlight coming from the east, both have the same value. The relationship between siblings is similar. When the older sibling works, the younger ones naturally help him or her. Therefore, people need to live in relationships like those between parents and children, husband and wife, and elder and younger siblings. Moreover, these three types of relationship must meet at a single central point. Above and below, right and left, and front and back must not have different central points. Otherwise the balance between these three types of relationship will be broken.

Taken together, there are seven positions: above, below, right, left, front, back and the central point. Thus the number seven represents the unity of all components, with God and perfect true love at the center. Together, these seven components form a complete sphere and eventually a family structure of harmony and unity. So, as you can see, seven is truly a lucky number.

When this sphere becomes complete and rotates, it becomes a new entity based on the number eight. As long as love remains true and does not change, the central position can rotate without change. However, because of the Fall, God was expelled from the central position. Since God's true love was expelled, the true family ideal collapsed.

There are many differences in the lifestyles of people in the East and the West. In many ways they are complete opposites of one another. For example, when we Koreans call someone to come, we motion with the palm down, like this. If we do that in the West, people go the other way. We often misunderstand and wonder if people do not like us, because they go away when we are actually beckoning them to come closer.

Furthermore, Western script is written horizontally, proceeding from left to right. Oriental script in its original form is written vertically, proceeding

from top to bottom and from right to left. Consequently, Westerners open their books from left to right, whereas in the Orient we open our books from right to left. Thus Western civilization is more horizontal in orientation, while Oriental civilization has more of a vertical orientation. As another example, shaking hands is a horizontal greeting, while bowing is vertical. In Oriental tradition, ancestors are at the core of the family system. In the West, however, there is no strong concept that regards ancestors as the core. Westerners generally regard the self as the center.

Because every part of an entity is connected at the core, if the core does not move, the whole entity does not move. Therefore, all six positions and the central core have equal value. In a three-generational family—consisting of grandparents, parents and children—there are twelve types of relationships. These twelve ideally will fit wherever they are placed. The grandchild will not object to anything the grandparent wants. Also, the children of the grandparents will want whatever their parents desire. Ultimately, all three generations will unite, sharing the same desire. All members of the family—grandfather and grandmother, father and mother, husband and wife, son and daughter—will resonate with the center.

Let us consider a family that is based on love. Since the relationship between parents and children is characterized by unity, we can say that they form one body. Likewise, husband and wife form one body through their mutual relationship, as do brothers and sisters. All members of the family form one body. In such a case, what is the common center shared by these relationships? In forming one body, they have God's true love, which is at the center of all love, as their common center. With true love as the center of their relationships, parents and children become one, husband and wife become one, and brothers and sisters become one. Through this process, each member of the family becomes equal in value.

The true path humankind should follow

Then what does God want for His children? Does He want them to become billionaires? Does He want them to become presidents of nations, with all the trappings of power? God wanted His children, Adam and Eve, to grow to become children of filial piety, loyal citizens, saints, and a holy son and daughter. Did you ever consider that, in accordance with God's desire, we have to become children of filial piety in the family, loyal citizens of the

nation, saints in the world, and holy sons and daughters before heaven and earth? Just as many saints and sages have taught us throughout history, we are to become children of filial piety, loyal citizens, saints, and holy sons and daughters.

This evening I would like to ask, do you think you have mastered the way to become an ideal person and to perfect your character? This entails going the way of filial piety, the way of loyalty, the way of sainthood, and the way of a holy son or daughter. Otherwise you cannot perform the function of true parents in the family. True parents need to teach their children to complete the progression from filial child, to loyal citizen, saint, holy son or daughter, and eventually even to reach God. If there were someone who truly taught and exemplified these things, God would consider that person the ultimate True Parent, True Teacher and True Leader.

When you are qualified as a true parent and true teacher, you will be qualified as a true leader as well. Furthermore, you will be qualified to become a true king or queen. Fallen people lack these ideals and do not demonstrate filial piety, loyal citizenship and sainthood, and thus have been unable to become holy sons and daughters. That is why this world is perishing. Who wants holy sons and daughters? God does. Who wants saints? The world does. Who wants loyal citizens? The nation does. Who wants children of filial piety? The family does. This is the way of truth. The truth, based on true love, continues eternally in one direction. We did not know this, and that is why we could not become true parents, true citizens, true saints, and holy sons and daughters. When Jesus came to this world there were no true parents in the family, no true leaders in the nation and the world, and ultimately there was no true king in all of heaven and earth. People did not know how to follow the true way. Now that the truth has been revealed, however, we have no more excuses.

True parents do not tell their children, "Once you become children of true filial piety, do not become loyal citizens." True parents teach children of filial piety to sacrifice their family by following the way of a loyal citizen in service to the nation, and to sacrifice the nation by following the way of saints in service to the world. True parents would also teach their children to sacrifice the world in service to heaven and earth, and to sacrifice heaven and earth to substantiate the true love of God.

To start achieving these goals, individuals need to sacrifice themselves

for the sake of their family. This is the way to become a child of filial piety. To become a patriot, you need to serve the nation even at the expense of your family. To be a saint, you need to give of yourself in service to the world, even at the expense of your nation. To be a holy son or daughter, you have to work to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven, even at the expense of the world.

Likewise, among all parents, those who make sacrifices and live for the sake of their children are true parents. Teachers who make sacrifices for the sake of their students are true teachers, and the president who makes sacrifices for the nation is a true president. We were unaware of this concept of investing and sacrificing. Without it, however, we will never have one eternally peaceful and united world.

Nothing comes into being for its own sake

What is the basis for individualism? No one can claim anything as “mine alone.” When a child is conceived through the love of its parents, grows from a fertilized egg in the mother’s womb, and is born, 99.999 percent of its body comes from the mother’s bone, blood and flesh, and the remaining 0.001 percent comes from the father’s sperm. There is no concept of “myself alone” in nature. No one has such a concept at the time of birth.

Those who regard themselves as the best in their field cannot claim to have achieved that status by themselves. This applies to us from birth. We receive our bones, blood and flesh in our mother’s womb. We have to recognize that the important parts of our bodies are extensions of our parents’ bodies. Without exception, all the essential instructions and mechanisms for the development of our bodies were included in the egg and sperm. Therefore, there is no basis for self-centered individualism.

When we say that something is above, it automatically implies the existence of something below. Can one individual stand alone, with only the concept of above? There is no way for someone to live as an isolated individual. Mentioning the right side presupposes the existence of the left side. Likewise, mentioning a front presupposes that there is a back. Similarly, when we talk about a man, we presuppose the existence of a woman. This is a cosmic fact, not just a claim by a random individual.

Why did God create man? Some men may say that they can live perfectly well alone, and they don’t care why they were created. However, each man

was born for the sake of a woman. Without a woman, there is absolutely no need for a man. Actually, man can create nothing by himself. Nothing was created solely by man or solely by woman.

Consider our five senses. Did God create my eyes to look at my eyes? He created my eyes, nose, ears, mouth and hands for the sake of my object partners. The force that mobilizes and focuses all five senses is true love. God created our eyes, nose, ears, mouth and hands for true love, that is, as instruments for relationships of true love. God created nothing just for myself. On the contrary, a person who claims that what belongs to others is “mine” is called a thief. If someone takes what belongs to others for personal use, isn’t that person a thief? Therefore any man who uses his body, including his five senses, for himself alone is a thief, because they exist for the sake of a woman.

What is the difference between a man and a woman? Their bodies are different, including their reproductive organs. Then for whom is a man’s reproductive organ absolutely necessary? A man’s reproductive organ exists for the sake of a woman. The human reproductive organs are shaped as concave and convex. Why are they shaped that way? Both could be pointed or both could be flat. Why are they shaped differently? Each is for the sake of the other. A woman absolutely needs what is part of a man’s body, and a man absolutely needs what is part of a woman’s body. Until now, we did not consider the fact that a woman’s reproductive organ absolutely belongs to a man, and a man’s reproductive organ belongs to a woman. By owning each other’s reproductive organs, man and woman come to know true love.

Only through the experience of two becoming one can we know the highest level of love. No one at all can deny this fact. Everyone has to recognize it. The ideal couple emerges from the place where husband and wife become completely one. Absolute love exists in that very place. That place of love, which is absolutely unchanging, is the dwelling place of God. Absolute sex places God at the center, and free sex places Satan at the center. Historically, world literature and the media have often encouraged free sex. However, from now on, you literary figures and journalists need to lead the way to stop free sex. This so-called “free sex” has to completely disappear.

[Rev. Moon has received the royal seal from God](#)

Now that you have heard Rev. Moon’s speech, you can change your current

direction by 180 degrees, become a new person, and establish a new nation and a new world. You are definitely changing. It is absolutely necessary to change this evil world. We have to transform this world.

Those who are on Satan's side in this evil world do not like people on God's side. Therefore everyone on Satan's side in the world has opposed me. They opposed me, even on the national and world levels. However, because I belong to God, God has protected me. Satan does not like me, but God does. No matter how many times the world pushed me down or ignored me, I did not care. I never went down. Rather, I came up to the highest position. Therefore, nobody can oppose me now.

How could I establish this worldwide foundation despite all manner of persecution? How could I come to teach eminent world scholars and leaders? It is possible only because God gave me a special kind of power. God has protected me and directed me, and even now He continuously protects and teaches me, so I am always moving toward the way of success.

Throughout history, there have been numerous religious leaders who could communicate with the spirit world. You ought to know that only one person, Rev. Moon, has fully understood and united the spirit world in order to commence the work of restoration in this world. After uniting the spirit world, I received the heavenly seal of recognition from God. Without that a person cannot accomplish unity on earth. You have to know that God has trained and raised me in the spirit world, and has continued to lead me here on earth.

Since I came to the United States more than twenty years ago, I have received enormous persecution. Yet I have known that God's plan for Christianity has endured through bloodstained sacrifices for two thousand years, ultimately settling in the United States. Therefore I could not give up on that country. Please consider this: If America had accepted Rev. Moon years ago, how would that country be doing today? The same holds true for Korea.

Efforts to establish "One World under God"

Then, where does true love begin? This is true love: After you have sacrificed your own life and are resurrected, you invest yourself repeatedly, over and over again. Since we have inherited a fallen lineage, we have to persevere and overcome difficulties even at the cost of our lives. Therefore, the Bible

records Jesus as saying, “Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it.” (Luke 17:33) Jesus followed this way when he came to this world. He led the world by example through altruism, not by selfish individualism. In the same manner, although my wife and I have created wealth during our lifetime, none of it, not even one penny, is ours. We invested everything for the world, and then forgot what we had done for others. We sacrificed and invested again and again.

Which do you prefer, “One Nation under God” or “One World under God?” Among Americans, some people do not like the concept of one world under God. Some white people, for example, do not like black people. Since white Anglo-Saxon Protestants occupy dominant positions in the United States, they ought to lead Americans to adopt the viewpoint that their country exists for the sake of the entire world. If America lives only for its own sake, it will ultimately perish.

The times are now changing. We are coming to the era of one world under God. God is working to establish this kind of world and will always help those who are working for this providence. One problem, however, is that many people who want to lead the world do not yet want to participate in God’s providence. In working toward one world of peace, my wife and I have poured ourselves into numerous projects. To build the foundation for the future world, for example, we need to establish an ideal, worldwide academic institution, such as a United Nations University, transcending the barriers of race, religion and language. Also, to exchange knowledge on a global scale, we need a university system for distance learning.

In addition, we need to develop a united medical science. We not only have to cure the diseases of the body caused by the Fall, we also need to end the conflict between East and West by bringing their cultures into harmony. By uniting Eastern and Western medicine, we can cure currently incurable diseases, such as AIDS. In the Korean countryside, among people who never had formal medical education, there are many gifted healers who can cure serious diseases that are incurable by modern medicine. The spirit world has guided these healers with regard to special treatments and cures for disease. Without recognizing certain realities of the spirit world, our problems will continue to grow. Already related projects are being implemented at the University of Bridgeport and Sun Moon University.

Moreover, I have founded *The Washington Times* and other newspapers

whose coverage includes the entire Western hemisphere. I am expanding this media foundation to one hundred eighty-five countries, to enable all people of the world to learn from one another and cooperate as one.

Since I came to America, I never owed any debt to the American people. Rather, Americans ought to feel indebted to me. I have shared the blessings I received from Heaven with America. I have not received any blessing from America; instead I have given all my blessings to her. My wife and I share the blessings we have received from Heaven with the world. South Americans and Koreans have welcomed me, and the blessings I have brought to their homelands. Now the people of the United States also want to receive the same blessing.

Regardless of the opposition a person faces, the one who gives the most love becomes the owner. Those individuals who love more, invest more, give more, and forget what they have given, will become central figures. This is a cosmic law.

In the future, please follow the heavenly way by offering filial piety to your parents in your family, becoming loyal citizens of your nation, saints in the world, and holy sons and daughters before God. Whoever can stand without shame before the family, nation, world, and heaven and earth will be protected at the center of the cosmos, and can then build a family that receives God's highest love. These people shall transform this world into the kingdom of heaven on earth. They will be registered in the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world and will enter an era of kingship both spiritually and physically, with God in the central position. Such people are those who participate in the international holy Blessing ceremony, which is to establish a world of victory, freedom, happiness and unity. I invite each of you to participate in this year's 3.6 million-couple Blessing ceremony, thereby becoming couples who are welcomed by heaven and earth and have found the way of eternal life.

Hoping that we all come to have close ties to God and True Parents, that we can establish the true family and true global culture in a leading role centered on God's true love, and that we can build a peaceful and united world for the twenty-first century, I will conclude my speech at this point. I pray that God's blessing will be with you in your work, and with your family. Thank you.

The True Family Movement to Save Humankind



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Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace Conference

Respected religious leaders and distinguished scholars representing the world's religions:

Thank you for participating in the World Culture and Sports Festival and this most important international congress of the Interreligious Federation for World Peace. I would like to reveal today the fundamental significance behind the true family movement, which I have spearheaded for all to see. This Saturday, you will observe the marriage Blessing ceremony for 39.6 million couples, which will be the amazing fruition of true love and the true family movement.

I have trod a lonely path, working single-mindedly toward the accomplishment of God's Will, paying no heed to the misunderstanding and criticism I have received from this world. Ever since I began with the Blessing of three couples in 1960, the numbers have increased dramatically year by year until the Blessing of thirty thousand couples in 1992 and a worldwide Blessing for 360,000 couples in 1995. All the participants pledged in front of God to become husband and wife with eternal love and trust for each other and to raise their children based on a high moral standard of sexual purity. Despite the short preparation period for the marriage Blessing ceremony this Saturday, the initial goal of 3.6 million couples was surpassed by 36 million. A total of 39.6 million couples, transcending race and religion and dedicated to the creation of true families, will be participating.

Considering the purpose and size of this event, it cannot be attributed to the motivation of a single human being. It is a dispensational accomplishment in complete accord with the Will of God. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to numerous leaders from every major religion who stand

arm-in-arm with us, as well as the concerned leaders from many nations who have actively cooperated with and supported the true family movement in various ways, viewing our work to revive the family as a fundamental solution to the moral degradation of our youth and an absolutely essential step toward reviving their nations.

Adam is God in substantial form

God, as the subject partner of true love, created humankind as His object partner of true love. Accordingly, God can fulfill His ideal of true love only through us. The fulfillment of God's purpose of creation is the ideal world where God and humankind are united through absolute love. Human beings were created as the greatest object partner of God's love. We alone in all creation embody the nature of God. We are born as the visible bodies of the invisible God. When a person grows to reach perfection, or spiritual maturity, he or she becomes a temple of God, a visible, substantial body in which God can freely and peacefully dwell. God's overall ideal of absolute true love is realized and perfected through this vertical parent-child relationship.

God created Adam first. He was to be the son of God and at the same time God's substantial body. Later God created Eve as the object partner of Adam, so that Adam and Eve could perfect the ideal of horizontal, conjugal love. Eve was to be the daughter of God, and also, as a bride, she was to perfect substantially the ideal of the horizontal love of God.

The place in which Adam and Eve are perfected, consummating their first love by marrying under God's Blessing, is precisely the place where God meets His substantial bride. This is because God's ideal of absolute love descends vertically and connects with Adam and Eve at the point where they experience the ideal of conjugal love horizontally. The true love of God and the true love of humankind join and are perfected at the same point, although they come from different directions, one vertical and the other horizontal.

God's purpose of creation called for Adam and Eve to obey the commandment of God, who is the subject partner of true love, and perfect themselves as a true man and a true woman. Furthermore, they were to become a true couple united in the true love of God. Then, by having sons and daughters through that love, they would have become the True Parents

and lived in happiness. Had Adam and Eve perfected themselves in true love, they would have fulfilled God's desire to wear a substantial body.

By Adam and Eve having children of goodness and becoming True Parents, God would have established Himself substantially as the eternal Parent and would have achieved His ideal. Furthermore, citizenship in the kingdom of heaven would have expanded infinitely in the afterlife of the spirit world, based on myriad generations of descendants in the physical world.

Instead, Adam and Eve, our first ancestors, fell away from God. They were expelled from Eden before they had children, and God had no basis to follow behind and bless their marriage. The entire human race thus descended from our fallen ancestors.

The Fall was an immoral sin against God's ideal of true love. The fact that Adam and Eve needed to obey a commandment shows that they fell in a stage of imperfection, that is to say, during their growth period.

The first consummated love of the human ancestors, because it was supposed to have been the perfection of the love of God, would have marked the beginning of a celebration that would have continued throughout history, filled with the never-ending intoxication of joy and blessing for God, Adam and Eve, and the universe. It ought to have been a joyous occasion in which the love, life and lineage of God would have been established within the human family.

On the contrary, however, Adam and Eve covered their lower parts and hid themselves among the trees, trembling in fear. By disobeying the loving warning of their Heavenly Parent, the children God had wanted to call His own established an immoral relationship as the basis for false love, false life and false lineage. As a result, all of us descendants of Adam and Eve are born with original sin. The Fall gave rise to the conflict of mind and body within every person, and caused our societies to be filled with tainted love and with people who do things that contradict the desire of their original mind.

If Adam and Eve had become a couple centered on the true love of God, God would have dwelt in Adam as His substantial body and loved Eve. What is more, Adam and Eve would have become True Parents who substantially embodied God, thus becoming the origin of true love, true life and a lineage of goodness.

However, due to the Fall they became the substantial body of Satan and established themselves as the original evil couple, evil parents who gave rise to evil descendants. Their union became the root of evil love, evil life and evil lineage. Humanity originated from this root descending from the adulterous Satan, the enemy of God, and inherited the lineage of evil parents.

God is an absolute being, and the ideal of creation is also absolute. He has carried out the providence of salvation even amid great sadness. God's providence of salvation is the providence of restoration, by which He intends to recover the lost purpose of creation, centered on true love. The providence of salvation is also the providence of re-creation.

Based on this point, the root of the providence of salvation is the re-creation of the seed of the original child who can fulfill the ideal of creation. That which God abhors, the life and lineage that began with the false love of the adulterer Satan, must be cleansed. The essence of the providence is the task of setting up the birth of the True Parents, who come as the Savior and Messiah who will restore the true love, life and lineage of God.

Since the first ancestors of humankind did not fulfill their responsibility, and thus inherited the immoral lineage of Satan and came under his dominion, God could not directly intervene and restore human beings to their original position. Furthermore, God can neither unconditionally accept nor punish humankind, who chose to go to the side of the evil archangel. So God uses the strategy of placing a central figure on the side of the good archangel. By being struck first, that figure establishes the indemnity condition to recover what was lost. Satan strikes first and as a result must take the losing position.

Restoration of lineage through the submission of the first son

From the overall perspective of the providence of restoration, the foundation of cooperation between mother and son is very important. This was so at the time of Jacob, of Moses and of Jesus. God has been working His providence to separate people from Satan's life and lineage by establishing the foundation of cooperation between a mother, who has to fulfill the responsibility of Eve, who initiated the Fall, and the second son of the family.

God could not directly relate to the first son, because the firstborn is in the position of having a direct relationship with Satan who, through the Fall, came to dominate humankind. God has been restoring the lineage of

goodness by having the second son, who represents the side of goodness, establish the requisite condition. God's strategy is then for the first son, who represents the side of evil, to voluntarily take a position subordinate to the second son.

The Fall was committed by three beings: Adam, Eve and the archangel. The archangel seduced Eve, causing the spiritual Fall, and later fallen Eve seduced Adam, causing the physical Fall. As a result, Adam and Eve became alienated from God, and the fallen archangel began to dominate them as Satan. Since the providence of salvation is the providence of restoration, the principle by which restoration takes place demands a 180-degree reversal of the course of events that led to the Fall.

God lost Adam, who had the seed of true love and true life. So God had to find a son with the new seed, free from satanic accusation. Just as God created Adam first at the time of the creation, God had to prepare a son who had no relationship to the Fall. Thus the providence of restoration is the providence of re-creation, and this is why humanity has awaited the coming of the Messiah.

For a son to be born on earth with this seed of God's love and life, there first must exist a mother. The mother cannot give birth to this child in a conventional way. Conception must happen through the formula of restoration. All the cooperation between mothers and sons in the providence of restoration is a preparation and condition for the son of God to be born with the seed of new life, free from satanic accusation. By making conditions to avoid Satan's attacks and by subordinating the firstborn son, who represents evil, mother and son restore the love, life and lineage that were taken over by Satan.

The Bible, which records the providential work of God, contains many stories that are difficult to understand. For example, Rebekah deceived her husband Isaac and her first son Esau and helped her second son Jacob to receive the blessing. God took the side of that mother and son, and although they used methods that at first glance seem unjust, God still blessed them for their actions.

In Adam's family, Cain and Abel fought each other, and their struggle resulted in the death of Abel, the second son. Then God raised up Jacob. On the merits of many godly people who made sacrifices and paid indemnity after the time of Abel, Jacob at last stood in a position to dominate

Satan, reversing the situation where the archangel first dominated humankind. At the ford of Jabbok, Jacob attained spiritual victory over the angel sent to fight him. Jacob consequently was blessed as the first victor in history and was given the name “Israel.” (Genesis 32:28) Then Jacob found a way to win over his twin brother Esau who was in the position of the archangel’s substantial body.

By the time Jacob attained his victory, he was more than forty years old. Because Satan had sown the seed of false love within the womb of Eve, which brought forth evil, God intended to purify a mother’s womb from which the heavenly Son could be born. To do this, a period of purification and separation from Satan was required to begin at the time of conception and extend to the age of forty. On the foundation of Jacob’s victory, God could prepare the way for a mother to assume the responsibility of fulfilling this condition. The woman chosen for this was Tamar.

Tamar had married Er, the eldest son of Judah. However, Er displeased God and he died. According to the custom of that time, Judah gave his second son, Onan, to Tamar so that they might bear a child for Er. Then Onan, knowing that Tamar’s child would not be his, spilled his semen on the ground. This was a sin in God’s eyes for which Onan died. Tamar was then to become the wife of Shelah, Judah’s third son. But Judah did not allow this, thinking that his two sons had died because of Tamar and fearing that his lineage would come to an end if Shelah also died.

However, Tamar had the conviction that she was to carry on the lineage of the chosen people. To do that, she disguised herself as a prostitute and slept with her father-in-law, Judah, and became pregnant with twins. While she was giving birth one of the twin sons, Zerah, stretched out his hand from the womb, as if to become the firstborn. But during her labor the babies’ positions were reversed and the second son, Perez, was born first. Thus, within the womb of Tamar, the first and second sons struggled, and their reversal of positions represented their separation from Satan. That became the condition for restoration in the womb.

Upon this condition, two thousand years later the Messiah could be conceived through the lineage of the chosen people, on the foundation of the nation of Israel that had maintained its tradition of faith even under the Roman Empire. The foundation of victory within the womb was thus taken to the national level, and Mary was chosen as the holy mother, free of satanic

accusation, who was to receive the seed of the Son of God. This is how Mary emerged in the mainstream of God's providence.

When Mary was engaged to Joseph, she received from the archangel Gabriel the surprising message that the Messiah would be born through her. In those days, if an unmarried woman became pregnant, she would be killed. However Mary accepted the Will of God with absolute faith, saying, "Here I am, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

Mary confided in her relative, the highly respected priest, Zechariah. In this way, God let Mary, Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth know about the birth of the Messiah before anyone else. All of them had the absolutely crucial mission of following the Will of God and serving Jesus. Zechariah and Elizabeth let Mary stay in their home, and Jesus was conceived there. For the first time in history, free of satanic accusation, the seed of the Son of God, the seed of the True Father, was planted within a prepared womb. In this way, the only begotten Son of God, the owner of the first love of God, was born.

[Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist were to attend Jesus](#)

Once the Son of God was born on earth, he needed a wall of protection in order to grow up safely within the satanic world and fulfill the Will of God. God had hoped that these three people in the family of Zechariah would establish that protective foundation. However, Jesus, lacking the protection of Zechariah's family and deprived of the love of Joseph, was viewed as an illegitimate son. He grew up feeling indescribable loneliness.

Jesus was aware of his path as the Messiah, and he lamented his lonely circumstances and the serious obstacle they presented to fulfilling the Will of God. The Messiah is the True Parent. In order to fulfill that mission he needed a bride. If Zechariah and Elizabeth, who had received both revelations and spiritual support from God, had maintained absolute faith, they would have served Jesus as the Son of God and the Messiah, receiving God's Will through him and following him absolutely. Also their son, John the Baptist, who was born to serve Jesus, was to have brought his followers to believe in Jesus and receive salvation.

Unfortunately, although Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist testified at first to Jesus as the Son of God, there is no evidence that they served

him as such. The respected priest Zechariah was simply a spectator, and John the Baptist stood apart from Jesus. This kept the people from following Jesus and made his path very difficult. And once his family lost faith in Jesus, looking at him through human eyes, they were in no position to help him find his bride.

Faced with opposition from his mother Mary, as well as from Zechariah, Elizabeth and finally John the Baptist, Jesus gave up hope for receiving their protection as he sought to fulfill his mission. Therefore Jesus left his home in search of a new spiritual foundation to restart the providence of salvation. Without a family or a home, Jesus lamented, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.” (Matthew 8:20) With his family-level foundation lost, Jesus sought to replace it. That was his three-year course. But in the end, as people disbelieved in him and the disciples lost faith, Jesus faced Satan’s attack. As his foundation crumbled, Jesus determined to go the way of the cross.

Originally, Jesus came to the earth as the Messiah to give the Blessing to his disciples and to all humankind. He was to build the sinless kingdom of heaven. But because of the lack of faith among the people around him, he could not find his bride and become, with her, the True Parents of humankind. He could not complete his mission. This is why he promised to return.

The Lord of the Second Advent comes to complete the foundation of God’s providence of restoration left undone by Jesus. That is to say, he comes as the seed of the original true child, to fulfill the ideal of creation. He comes to establish the position of True Parents, who are the origin of the true love, true life and true lineage of God. He comes on the victorious foundation of the accomplishments of all the providential central figures on God’s side, up to the time of Jesus. He also stands upon the victorious foundation of Jesus’ life and finds the bride that Jesus could not find. He and his bride become the True Parents to save all humankind.

Through the Blessing of new marriages that pass on God’s original blood lineage, the True Parents will be able to give salvation to all humanity. People will become true sons and daughters by engrafting onto the true love, true life and true lineage of God. Furthermore, the Messiah and his Bride will establish a True Family and lay the foundation for the kingdom of heaven on earth.

The marriage Blessing, a most precious gift

Esteemed religious leaders: the marriage Blessing is the most precious gift God has given to humankind. My wife and I invite each of you to participate in this historic event and hope that all of you will receive God's Blessing. From now on, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification will expand the true family movement with greater vigor, accomplishing the Blessing of 360 million couples by the year 2001, through three different events.

Today, traditional values are being uprooted, young people are falling into decadence and moral degradation, and the family is being utterly destroyed. As it is written, you reap what you sow. Adam and Eve sowed the seeds of illicit love while in an immature state. This phenomenon is being replicated worldwide and is bearing the fruit of our sinful history in the extreme decadence of young people. Is there anything more important than saving humanity from its free fall to destruction? My efforts to globalize and universalize the true family movement and the marriage Blessing, which provide a fundamental way to save humanity, need the active support of respected figures like yourselves. I therefore ask you to unite together in your nations and initiate the movement for saving your nation by organizing a support group for the true family movement and the marriage Blessing ceremony. I sincerely hope and ask that many leaders will take the leading role in this meaningful task of restoring humanity to its original state.

Please guide all people to establish true families as soon as possible, so that we may enter into the age of God-centered heavenly kingship on earth and in heaven, and live together in a world of victory, freedom, peace and unity.

May God bless you, your families and all your endeavors. Thank you.

Realization of a Peaceful World through the Ideal of True Families



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Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC, USA
Fourth World Peace Conference

I welcome you and extend my heartfelt thanks for your participation in this Fourth World Peace Conference of the Federation for World Peace to address the theme “A World Vision for the Twenty-first Century,”

I would like to personally invite you to a very special event at RFK Stadium on Saturday morning. Along with representative leaders of the world’s religions, my wife and I will officiate the Blessing of 39.6 million couples in one hundred eighty-five countries around the world. The goal for this ceremony was 3.6 million couples, yet we went far beyond that, by more than thirty-six million couples. Many couples from your countries will be participating. More than thirty thousand couples will be at the stadium and ceremonies worldwide will be connected by video via satellite. These couples are dedicating their marriages to God, promising to remain eternally faithful to their spouse and to raise their children with commitment, fidelity and strong moral values. They are of different religious backgrounds, languages, races and national origins. What draws all of them together is their love of God and a belief that world peace begins with stable, healthy, God-centered families.

I would like all of you to observe this history-making ceremony, and more than that, I strongly encourage all of you gathered here to participate and renew your own wedding vows before God.

A common vision for humankind

Today I would like to share with you regarding the course I have traveled over the past fifty years in search of a common vision for humankind. After the devastating experience of World War II, all nations were searching for

peace. God directed me to build a global movement and help establish His Kingdom on the foundation of two thousand years of Christianity. The central message of this revelation was to find the formula course for “True Parents” and “True Family,” those who live for the sake of others.

It was a great disappointment to God when the Korean Christians did not receive this message. As a result, I had to go through a suffering course of rejection and humiliation, which led to my being imprisoned unjustly many times. This providential mistake by the established religions provided the spiritual foundation for evil to run rampant in Korea, beginning with the division of that nation and for the other calamities that have plagued the world this past half-century.

To understand why all this happened, we must understand the mission to bring a message to Christian leaders that God gave me fifty years ago. That message is essentially the same today, although today the message is also for Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and all religions and denominations. The message is that the ideal of the God-centered, true family is the basis for true relationships and peace among individuals, societies and nations.

As a young man, I desperately searched for the answers to the mysteries of human sin and suffering. I shed many tears and spent many years in lonely prayer fighting spiritual battles that most will never comprehend. After many years of searching through the Bible and the vast spirit world, God revealed the true purpose of human life and the root cause of human suffering that originated in the garden of Eden with the first human ancestors.

The ideals of true love and true family

Esteemed leaders! You have to know that God created all things for the sake of true love and true people. All creation is structured in pairs. Animals, plants and minerals are arranged in subject-object partner relationships and the harmonious giving and receiving between them forms the foundation for all existence, for all energy for productivity, and for love and goodness. Human beings were also created with this polarity between the mind and body within the individual and between man and woman. God’s ideal was for an individual’s mind and body to be united with His love at the center and then for a mature man and woman to unite in the family unit.

In this way, Adam and Eve could have become a true reflection of God’s

divine nature and an object partner of His love. Then they could have bequeathed to their descendants true love, true life and true lineage emanating from God. Adam's family was to have been a family of true love, in accordance with God's ideal. The first two human beings, Adam and Eve, were created with the expectation that they would transfer God's Will and love to the world and all creation. They and their children were to establish a pattern that would have been the fundamental principle for all humanity to follow. Adam and Eve's descendants were to have become one with God, accomplishing the unity of mind and body and man and woman, creating a stable foundation for peace, freedom, happiness and hope to fill the world.

It is God's ideal that this model be expanded to the levels of the nation and the world, and to the entire cosmos. Thus, it is possible for a country to become patterned after the family unit. That unit would expand God's family-level ideal to the national-level ideal and the national-level ideal to the world-level, all with God at the center.

The fundamental character and personality of an individual is formed in the family. The family is the starting point and foundation of love, character and life. The Principle of Creation teaches us that we are born in the cradle of our family through the love of our parents. We come to perfect ourselves as beings of love beginning as children who gradually grow to positions of spouse, parent and grandparent. Ultimately, we pass to the spirit world in the loving embrace of our descendants.

The family, therefore, is the most precious hearth of human love and life. It is more important than all value systems and ideologies as well as all policies and social systems. Through the family, history and nations come into being and the ideal world begins. If there is no family, then there is no meaning in individual existence and there will be no passing on of love through the generations. Therefore, the family takes precedence over all values, philosophies, systems and structures. The family is the most precious and fundamental base for the love and life of men and women.

The origin of humankind's sin and restoration of the ideal of true family
Tragically, God's ideal of the true family was never realized. The serpent tempted Eve in the garden of Eden, and then Eve tempted Adam. Instead of God's true love, selfish false love was planted in the human race. Human history became a history of sin and misery because our ancestors, Adam and Eve, entered into an illicit relationship with Satan. Because of the Fall,

the progenitors of the human race did not become good ancestors, rather, evil ancestors corrupted by the root of evil life and evil blood lineage. The first family started with false love and did not establish the perfected true love character of true individuals, a true couple and true parents. The fruit of false love, fallen human selfishness, destroys the true order, beginning with the discord of mind and body and expanding into division and struggle in the family, nation and world.

The solution and cure for humankind's affliction therefore, is to return to God through the principle of restoration by indemnity. Through true love for others, you can stop the struggle between your mind and body and be restored into your original character of true love. Human beings need to receive the marriage Blessing and create ideal families from true parents who are the model of true love. We need to restore the individual and the true family and expand true love and goodness to the world level.

Fifty years ago, I tried to bring this revelation to my fellow Christians, believing that this truth would unite the conflicting denominations and bring about the kingdom of heaven on earth. I never intended to form a separate church. However, God's message was met with denial and persecution by the established churches and I was left with no choice except to make a new foundation that has taken me forty-three years to build.

Starting in Korea with the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity in 1954, I sent missionaries to Japan, the United States, Europe and throughout the world. On that foundation, we have built many organizations to expand the principles of the true family in the media, arts, academia, economy and industry and to create examples and models through which sin can be indemnified and the world can be restored.

God's three headaches

The strategy of Satan, who originated sin, is always to destroy the ideal of the true family and to prevent it from taking root and becoming substantialized. This led to God's three headaches of the past fifty years. The first headache was communism, which denies God's existence; the second is corruption and immorality; the third is the division and disunity among denominations and world religions.

Think about it. How many innocent people died because of communism? More than one hundred million were killed and millions more were enslaved,

starved, abused and wounded, spending their whole life in suffering. In addition to causing death and physical suffering, there is an even greater crime of communism. Communism spreads a false doctrine that denies God and prevents men and women from realizing their ultimate value.

Immorality, the second headache of God, is destroying families and countries and taking lives just as surely as an invading army. Moral corruption is one of the main causes of divorce, fatherless children, crimes and drug addiction. The decline of morality is not limited to any single nation; it is becoming the world's common problem. The worldwide AIDS epidemic is a direct consequence of sexual promiscuity and moral decay. If AIDS continues to spread, tens of millions of people will die and humankind's very existence will be threatened.

How about God's third headache; the division and disunity within Christianity and among the world religions? For God, religious people are the conscience of the world. They need to have traditions and values, and the practical power to overcome evil. Instead they are divided. They antagonize and fight with each other. They have become incompetent and have lost the power to overcome evil and educate the world about the true way of life. These three fundamental headaches are the direct result of the failure fifty years ago of those chosen to receive God's message.

The importance of humankind's portion of responsibility

Distinguished world leaders! From God's point of view, all of that suffering was totally unnecessary. All the misery, death and destruction could have been avoided. If in the late 1940s the religious world centering on Christianity had followed God's revelation and become one with the true family ideal, then communism would have naturally declined. Also, through the influential leadership and example of each religion, the degeneration of youth, broken families and AIDS would never have grown into a worldwide plague.

Confronting God's three headaches, particularly communism, made me unpopular and controversial. I was labeled a fascist and a religious charlatan. I was even jailed in the United States on inflated charges of tax evasion. Nevertheless, for twenty-five years I have been pouring out my soul, heart and energy to make the United States understand its global, providential responsibilities.

Through my work in the Western Hemisphere and around the world, I was able to help the United States overcome communism. Now communism has almost disappeared. However immorality and social decay are systematically attacking the family. Modern thinking holds that the traditional family is only one kind of family and that even homosexuals can form a family and have children through adoption or artificial insemination. This is being done without any thought to the dire consequences of undermining and destroying a fundamental biological, social and spiritual unit that has been vital to human survival for tens of thousands of years. It is ironic that scientists warn of the threat to endangered species of plants and animals, yet do not study the far more serious consequences of family destruction.

Today, God is asking us these questions: Will it be necessary to lose one-third of the world's population before humanity is saved? Will we deplete all the earth's natural resources and destroy the environment before we learn to live in harmony with the creation as God originally intended?

God will never give up! He will save this world, no matter what, and He will save it through the ideal and structure of the true family. The question is at what price, not only in terms of human lives, but financially and environmentally as well. Social problems, brought on by corruption and immorality, are leaving a toll of economic collapse and environmental degradation. The leaders of the world need to reflect on these points. God's desire is to end human suffering and build a world of true, peaceful families. God needs for us to fulfill our portion of responsibility. If humankind receives and acts decisively upon God's message, the achievement of God's kingdom will be relatively swift and joyful. If not, God's and humanity's suffering will be prolonged, and misery and needless deaths will continue.

Blessing of marriage by true love

Then how can God's headache be resolved? How can families become fundamentally healthy? How can divided religions reconcile and cooperate under God? The answer is in the international marriage Blessing ceremony. My wife and I began officiating marriage Blessing ceremonies starting with three couples in 1960. If I had said at that time that many millions of people will receive God's Blessing, who would have believed it? Yet today, with God's help and going beyond nation, race and religion, the Blessing ceremony of

39.6 million couples, promising purity and fidelity, is being carried out right in front of you.

Respected leaders! I only want to stress once again that through the marriage Blessing, the world's families can stabilize and finally fulfill their original role. For the true family to be restored, we have to establish true love character, we have to attend God and we have to seriously pledge to become true couples and true parents. Those harmonious families that are restored to the ideal through the marriage Blessing ceremony can create a peaceful society, nation and world. This marriage Blessing that encompasses all nations, races and religions and goes beyond all boundaries is itself the foundation for world peace. Is this not God's desire? That this miraculous number of families, almost forty million, can participate in this Blessing of marriage is because of the active support of the world's religious leaders. It was also made possible because many national leaders agreed that this true family movement can cure the fundamental problems young people face and the breakdown of families, and have actively supported it. I would like, once again, to thank all those who have volunteered in this advocacy.

The marriage Blessing ceremony can awaken people, especially young people, to the value of true love and it can become the motive and catalyst for them to realize the necessity of absolute purity. All the world's good young men and women who are awakened through this movement need to gather together to stand up for a true love revolution, establishing themselves as eternal couples under God's Blessing. All these new families can receive support from already married couples who have renewed their vows before God and practice principled ethics, and they can all become moral citizens setting good examples and build an ideal family, society, nation and world—the fruit of true love.

The marriage Blessing ceremony eradicates the connection to false love and brings to life the holy content and value of marriage centered on absoluteness. This ceremony recovers true couples' love, true parents' love and true children's love. Therefore, those who participate in the marriage Blessing ceremony value purity and trust as highly as they do their lives, and promise unchanging couple's love. On the foundation of that true love, they can establish a true family, raise true children and pledge to sacrifice themselves to build a true nation and peaceful world.

In the world of the future, God, humankind and creation will be in harmony,

living in a new culture of heart, a culture of love centered on true family. In the world of the future, true love means living for the sake of others in a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity, universally shared values and cooperation. In the future, the natural desire of young people to live in a world of true brothers and sisters, a one-world family, will be realized by centering on true love, true parents and true family.

Esteemed world leaders, the marriage Blessing is the most precious gift that God is giving to humankind. My wife and I fervently hope that you will participate in this historic ceremony to receive God's Blessing of marriage. From now on, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification will expand the true family movement. By the year 2001 we will carry out the 360 million couples Blessing in three different events.

Because of immorality and the loss of values, our young people are falling into moral decadence and the family is being utterly destroyed. Is there anything more important than saving humanity from plunging into ruin? My effort to globalize and universalize the true family movement and the marriage Blessing ceremony, which are the fundamental solutions to save humanity, needs the active support of respected leaders like you. Those who understand the fundamental problem and the solution God is offering need to band together within their country and form a true family marriage Blessing support group and create a movement to save your nation. I ask that you put yourselves at the center of this great work to restore humankind to its original ideal. We have to quickly educate all men and women so they can establish true families and enter into the age of God-centered kingship on earth and in heaven, founded on true love, and live in the victorious world of freedom, peace and unity.

May God's love fill you, your family and your country.

Thank you very much.

Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life



January 23, 1998

Olympic Weightlifting Gymnasium, Seoul, Korea
 Welcoming ceremony for the victory of the
 Blessing of 40 Million Couples

Humanity is now facing the challenge of the Last Days. In this era, families the world over are breaking down. Husbands and wives, parents and children are becoming enemies to one another. What is the cause of this tragedy?

The cause is a lack of true love. We are ignorant of the most important issue of eternal life. We are ignorant of the spirit world.

The reason we need to understand eternal life

If we truly understand that we live eternally, we cannot commit a sin against another person, even when temptation presents itself. We cannot live selfishly, even if permitted to do so. On the other hand, if we do not understand the spirit world, we cannot enter the kingdom of God, no matter what our religion. We cannot go to God's ideal world, the place where one invests in a life of true love.

On the larger scale, without knowing the meaning of eternal life, we cannot create a true social revolution. If it is not connected to eternal life, a social revolution may make things worse. No one desires that. If it impacts the issue of immortality or eternal life, we can overcome any kind of challenge in our environment. This is what is so great about religion. It is connected to the question of eternal life. If the concept of eternal life is well laid out and if we come to believe that it is true, we can lead our sons and daughters and our families.

To this day, religions have neither embraced nor encompassed the secular world. As a result, secularism now has a controlling influence on culture. Secularism has overpowered the influence of religion. This happened because religions have been unable to establish a clear concept of eternal life.

This is the challenge faced by Christianity. Although people have practiced Christianity faithfully for many centuries, many churches today are confused. In the Last Days, they are following the changes taking place in the world. Even Christianity does not have a clear and logical understanding of eternal life.

In short, no one has complete confidence concerning eternal life. In fact, people do not even know with certainty whether or not God exists. When faced with the obstacles and temptations of this world, most people waver. They fall away from their faith, and follow the secular way.

Having a life of faith means that we embrace the concept that this life is lived not for the sake of our time here on earth, but rather as preparation for our eternal life. As we reach our forties and fifties, we come closer to the end of our life and we naturally become serious about the concept of eternal life. The older we become, the more serious we are. Ordinarily, the intensity of love declines as people age. If our perception of eternal life has strong roots, then our love will grow stronger and deeper as we get older.

How often have you been confused by the changes taking place in our world today? If our focus on eternal life is clear and unchanging, we will overcome the insecurities of our changing environment. We will be able to digest all the circumstances of our lives, the joys and sorrows that come our way.

Adam and Eve were created as God's true love partners. There is no question about this. Accordingly, we ought to live as God's true love partners. This is not only a theory. We can allow this dynamic to work in our lives and put it into practice each day. Once we realize the power of true love, we will strive against adversity to walk the road of true love.

In daily life, we will always feel the security that comes from the belief in eternal life. When this conviction overflows from within us, our lives will be secure.

This has important implications for the education of our children. If it is clearly explained to them, young people readily embrace the concept of eternal life. They are uniquely blessed to feel eternal life resonate in their minds and bodies.

Until they reach puberty, boys and girls possess a purity of character having nothing to do with the Fall. They reflect the original character of Adam and Eve, who were pure until they reached that age. Because of this, it is vital that young people know God deeply.

Through knowledge of God, we can understand our inseparable relationship with Him. In order to know this, young people first need to understand the concept of eternal life. We always need to be aware of this.

Earthly life and eternal life

How long do you think you will live? All of us think we will live until we are seventy or eighty years old. It is hard to imagine that we will die before then. In this regard, we can all be considered greedy.

In truth, even those who seem confident that they will live a long time have no idea when they are going to die. It could be as soon as today or tomorrow. We may even die during a meal or while we are sleeping. You probably have the idea, "I am still young, and so I can live for another forty or fifty years." Does God guarantee anyone a long life span?

Imagine that you knew you would die within a year. You would have to prepare for your passing in a very short period of time. With this newfound urgency, you might actually be happier. After all, you would be able to prepare for death in less time. The less time you use to prepare for death, the less time you will waste in your life. And if you prepare well, you will build a home for your eternal life.

During your short time on earth, have you loved God? You want to become one with God and you want to love God, yet you cannot. God is telling you, "You need to be a person who loves!" While we are living in this world, we always need to give our best. We need to invest twenty-four hours a day to bring even one more person to God's love.

How long do you wish to live? What if God told you that you had to die tonight? What legacy would you leave behind? Would you leave behind something of which God would be proud? While we are living in this world, we must always give our best. We need to invest twenty-four hours a day to bring even one more person to God's love. The highest standard of dedication to God is one that does not want to stop in order to eat or sleep. We should not be consumed by worry over worldly needs.

The shorter we expect our physical life to be, the more value we will find in it. We can ask ourselves, "How much do I love others? How much do I love my family and my clan? What does it mean to love others, to love my family, to love my clan?" This serves as the foundation to love all humanity. It is a wise approach to life. You will not lose if you live this way.

Human destiny is to live an eternal life

The purpose of a life of faith is to seek the world of eternal life and God's eternal love. Our life of faith is to seek God's eternal love. The way of a life of faith is to discover and rejoice in God's joy as our own. By living this way, we become one with God's eternal love and eternal life.

Accordingly, it is most important for people of faith to invest our energy unceasingly for God. Based on the information we receive through our five senses, our value as human beings is connected to how we live our lives based on true love. This is why we need to think once again about whether the relationships we have with others are based on true love. You must understand that if you cannot take that position, you will be stopping and retreating, and will be doing something you will come to regret.

Human beings live forever, beyond their earthly life. The reason the world's religions have expanded throughout history, against the backdrop of every culture, is because our human destiny is to live an eternal life.

We are to live in our own era, and in harmony with the entire universe. Once we reach the limit of life on earth, we continue life in an eternal unlimited world. Such a world exists in reality. Even those who do not believe it exists, or who do not fully comprehend it, have postulated eternal life. They did this in order to help and comfort humanity through its suffering and pain.

How can we be satisfied if we know that religions teach this kind of destiny? I assure you that it exists. I am not the one who has decided that it exists. This was decided an eternity ago. It is something that could be proclaimed with certainty at the beginning of the universe. This means that the issue of your eternal life, the issue of religion, and the issue of God will all be resolved at the same time. They are all connected.

The reason we have eternal life

For what purpose and in what position did God create humankind? Man and woman were created to be God's true love partners. We were to have God's absolute and unique value. This is a startling revelation! How much is the value of each person's life? In this light, the value of each person's life is infinite. Even the entire universe cannot replace the value of one person in the eyes of God. All people were to be born in true love, to live and grow in true love, and even to die in true love. They do not simply disappear. God is eternal, unchanging and unique. We stand as the eternal object of God's

true love. Therefore, we are created to live eternally. Our eternal life has its roots in our relationship with God, as His partner of true love.

What kind of person in the world is the person who has become the most true? The one who is the most true is the one who has become one with God and can receive God's love from the position of His child. The life that this kind of person lives together with God is a true life.

No matter who they are, people want to be the best. When I reach the top position, then God is mine and I am God's. When this happens, because I become God's son or daughter and become one with God, then to whom does the universe belong? It belongs to me.

If there is something that God loves the most, is that thing made to be with God for one day, for ten years or a hundred years, or is it made to be with God for all eternity? It is made to be with God for all eternity. It is the same with people. After a person is born, when they die, is it better if they are gone, or better if they live on eternally? People live eternally because they are the object partners that are most precious to the absolute God.

Do you want eternal life or not? Of course you want eternal life. When something is precious to you, would you take it with you if you had to flee somewhere, or would you leave it behind? You would take it with you. You want to speak proudly about it and continue to speak proudly about it for days. You would want to leave it for your descendants when you die. You would want it to remain forever. It is the same with God. If God is an absolute eternal being, then the object partner whom God loves also lives eternally. That's why people want to live eternally. You need to understand this clearly. This is why God, who is an absolute being, seeks beloved sons and daughters who have the value of eternal life.

Because God created us, we resemble God. Because God is eternal, we also have eternal natures, so our minds never get old. This is why people have eternal life in order to be beings with the value of God's masterpiece of creation. Human beings are to be the lords of creation. This is where their spirit becomes apparent. They are beings with a spiritual side. When we say that people are the lords of creation, it means they have a spirit. As spiritual beings, they have eternal life.

The eternal love partner of the Creator

Let us discover the truth of eternal life. God is a being of wisdom. If God

had not established the concept of love, God would have been very lonely, not feeling joy or anger, happiness or sadness. As a consequence, since God's love is absolute, its loss through the Fall led Him to experience indescribable misery and almost hopeless sorrow throughout history. No one has ever understood this; no one has been able to fully comfort God.

God was not satisfied with the loss of His son and daughter. God, in the depth of His heart, wants to re-create this long awaited love partner. God wants to embrace human beings as children. God will travel any distance to meet them. Only by meeting these sons and daughters can God express joy to the fullest. In actuality, God created the entire universe for these precious children.

Consider the earth's atmosphere. When a low-pressure system forms, a high-pressure system appears automatically. God is the King of true wisdom, so He designed us to invest and forget what we have invested. This creates a spontaneous and natural circular motion of giving and receiving in daily life. This constant cycle of giving and receiving leads to eternal life.

I want to be clear: as long as one lives for the sake of others, one will never perish. A life of giving will surely grow and progress steadily. The person who lives thus will eventually take a central position as the nucleus of society.

When God seeks an absolute love partner, who would merit such a position? It is natural to conclude that God's love partner would have to be humankind. That is why human beings are held to be the most precious part of God's creation.

When we are able to accept that we are the eternal true love partners of the Creator, we can easily understand that we live for eternity. The concept of eternity naturally follows from this. It takes place right here. The religious world must bear in mind that the foundation of eternal life is the relationship of true love. In its simplest terms, eternal life stems neither from man nor from woman, it stems from God's true love.

Only true love provides salvation

Christians proclaim that any individual can possess eternal life just by believing in Jesus. This is a beautiful idea. I ask them how one can secure eternal life, and they answer, "Just believe." Please consider that the life of the spirit has to be continuous. Considering this, you know you follow this path forever. The functioning of the physical body is continuous. For

instance, our circulatory system, nervous system and brain function continuously and smoothly. In order for this to happen, the body consumes a great deal of energy. With this in mind, how would you answer the question of how to secure eternal life? The life of the spirit also has continuity. Are you truly able to claim, “My eternal life is guaranteed through faith alone”? Does salvation come from believing, and nothing else? It absolutely does not. True salvation has to be continuous, from this physical world to the spirit world, and this comes through the practice of true love.

According to the principles by which God created this world, only a true person can become God’s true love partner. Only with true love can one become such a person and obtain eternal life. If you are in the realm of true love, you are able to see where you will be living in the spirit world and on the earth.

Have you ever heard about how the rats on a ship will run down the rope to find safety on land when the ship is sinking? Even small animals like rats know how to save their lives, however, people, who are the leaders of everything, cannot do so. This is because of the Fall of humankind.

The fundamental question is how to free our lives from evil love, evil life and evil lineage. Only in this context does liberation have any meaning. Liberation means becoming free from something, doesn’t it? Only complete liberation from evil brings true freedom, and true freedom is self-sustaining.

The idea necessary for eternal life

We are created to live an eternal life. We are similarly created to practice true love. Furthermore, we are to practice true love here on the earth. When we engage ourselves and love many things in this world, these things become the foundation that ensures our eternal life.

In other words, everything we do in this world is training for eternal life. We need true life and true love forever.

We are fully capable of living forever! We desire an eternal life! In our search for eternal life, what does not change? Only true love does not change! Everything in this universe changes. Everything in the environment changes, yet true love does not change. True love does not change because it is the central core of all life. Why is it that true love does not change?

It is because true love is the center. The center will remain intact, even if everything that surrounds it disappears. True love is the center of the universe;

it is one with God's love. Consequently, as long as God is unchanging, true love is unchanging.

What does true love mean? A husband desires that his wife be better than he is. A wife also wants her husband to surpass her, and parents want their children to surpass them. Why do we share this feeling in common? It is because we are all created in the very image of God. In other words, even God wants His love partners to be better than Him, in the same sense that parents want their children to surpass them. Can you deny this?

God is absolute, and at the same time God is our Parent.

Can parents impose an absolute standard upon their children that they do not take upon themselves as well? No, even our Parent God cannot. In light of this, our value is the highest in the universe. When true love is at the center, we are more valuable even than God.

An eternal life connected to God's true love

In fact, in the realm of true love, we can have a value even higher than that of God. This is why our minds entertain the highest of aspirations, and we truly can feel that nothing is impossible because all people are equal. Indeed, everything would be possible if we were not fallen.

God originally intended that God's children rule this universe from the position of highest value. We were not to have been sidetracked or manipulated in any way. To confirm this, simply look into your mind. The mind desires complete freedom. No one wants his or her mind to be controlled. This is true of all people. Once we secure the position of true love, we are totally free. We can travel anywhere. We can travel to God's throne and become God's friend.

Since God created us as partners of true love, it is natural to conclude that we can enjoy eternal life. Clearly, in order for a man or woman to live an eternal life, he or she needs to dwell in the realm of true love. Only through true love is abundant eternal life possible.

Why? The origin, motive and process of God's creation centers on true love. No result can come without a process, and the process to completion is based upon the practice of true love. The completion of mind and body is possible only when they both belong to the realm of true love.

The limitless origin, the process of creation based on this cause and its ideal, all originate from true love. This is because God exists for eternity upon

the foundation of true love. God's own eternal life is centered on true love.

Therefore, we also live with true love as our center. In this way, we create the realm of eternal life. In order to find this realm, we need to practice true love in daily life.

Even if we are not sure where in the spirit world God dwells, at least we need to understand clearly that God is the center of true love. The power of true love is the fastest and the most direct power. True love travels in a straight line. Why do you think I emphasize true love so fervently? It is because of my direct experience of this truth. Once you experience God and the eternal world, you too will never be able to have an indifferent attitude toward life.

Knowing God, eternal life and true love

First, we need to know God. Second, we need to know our eternal life. Third, we need to know true love. True love means giving more than 100 percent of oneself. In this way, we can find eternal life. Without true love, there is no eternal life. Without eternal life, we cannot meet God.

How can you prepare for the world of the future? First, be altruistic. Second, practice true love. Third, seek eternal life. With the sincere practice of these virtues, we can manage the world in the coming age. The opposite way is the self-centered way of life, which is the worldview of Satan.

In contrast to Satan's love, what is true love? True love is to invest beyond the point of your life and death. Without investing yourself beyond the point of life and death, there is no true love. I would like you to know that I have poured my life, my heart, and the resources of our church into America. Through this kind of practice, true love is actualized. Without actualizing true love, there is no eternal life.

Why is this? The fundamental root of evil life is Satan's lineage. Our lineage belongs to Satan. Our love belongs to Satan. God's love transcends Satan's love. And so the Bible teaches, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment." (Matt. 22:37-38) What does this really mean? Loving God with all your soul and mind means to give your life completely to God. The second commandment is, "Love your neighbor as yourself." What does this mean? It tells us to love others even at the cost of our lives. We have to invest ourselves in this way of life.

Then why do we need to commit ourselves with total intensity? Unless we commit ourselves to this degree, first, we cannot make Satan surrender. Second, we cannot free ourselves from the fallen environment in which we live. Third, we cannot eradicate our bondage to Satan's lineage by ourselves. Even though we may be able to free ourselves from our fallen environment, we cannot deal with Satan's lineage. We need the power of true love, which is greater than our life.

The world after death, related to love

There is no concept of time for God. This means that the beginning and the end are the same in eternity. Likewise, the present and the future are the same. Then what, within God, harmonizes everything and enables God to dwell in peace? This is a serious question. What is it, then? It is not God's almighty power. It is not God's omniscience. It is nothing other than the power of love. Even God Himself responds unconditionally to true love. This is because God does not need anything other than true love.

Most people agree that we will enter the spirit world upon our death. What does that mean? The spirit world is not just the dwelling place of the departed. It is connected to true love. The starting point of God's creation is true love. Therefore, once we secure true love in the physical world, it will be secured in the spirit world as well. Because it is connected to true love, spirit world is not the world of death. This alone tells us how powerful true love is.

Through the perfect relationship of vertical and horizontal, harmonious movement in all directions, up and down, right and left, forward and back, can take place. When vertical and horizontal are disconnected, there is no harmony. In that case, there can be no unity.

True love alone can connect vertical and horizontal. This brings about unity and harmony. The central thought of the Unification Church, based on the perspective of the Divine Principle, is that the ideal world is centered on true love.

Ladies and gentlemen, God wants to guide humankind. God breathes through true love. Since the rhythm of the universe is in harmony with God, the universe exists for eternity. In God's true love, we can find eternal life. You need to come to this point, so that you can belong to the realm of God's breathing.

That is why, when husband and wife connect with true love, they find complete joy. When the rhythm of true love is in balance, we can love one another. In this atmosphere there is only one direction in our life. That direction is centered on God.

The Blessing is the gate to the kingdom of God

Both the spirit world and the physical world move in conjunction with true love. The universe maintains a natural balance, centering on the vertical axis of true love. What is the common denominator of the universe? What is the universal norm, by which people of the past and the present can live together for eternity? What is the origin of human desire? The answer to all these questions is the same. The answer is true love. The norm is not selfish love; it is true love. Then, what is true love? Vertically and horizontally, it connects everywhere at a precise ninety degree angle. It fits into an Oriental-style house or a Western-style house, into a house facing south or a house facing north. Only the practice of true love can embrace people of all races, all nations and all religions.

There are more than six billion people living in this world at present. Yet there are not many among the world's population who understand the meaning of the marriage Blessing. It was the Unification Church that first used the word "Blessing" with its special meaning in relation to marriage. We have now conducted many such marriage Blessing ceremonies.

Where will humanity head in the future? Humanity can enter the kingdom of God by passing through the gate of this Blessing. There are millions of Christians in our world today, and Christianity itself can enter the kingdom of God through the gate of this Blessing.

Some may complain that Rev. Moon's teaching is self-serving. If they want to believe this, that is their choice. Nonetheless, I am here to convey the message that the Unification marriage Blessing is the true road for all fallen people to take.

No matter how much persecution it may bring, our mission is to connect the spirit world and the physical world through this Blessing, and enter the kingdom of God.

Other religious people think of salvation in terms of the individual. They believe that as long as their faith is strong, they can enter the kingdom of heaven as individuals. From the viewpoint of God's original ideal, we were

never intended to enter the kingdom of heaven as single people. We enter only with our loving spouse and family.

Spiritual life as couples

The real purpose of life is to walk forward on the road of true love. We are to grow through harmonious relationships of true love. We have to carefully maintain the ideal of true love in our hearts. We are actually the representatives of the spirit world. Let us constantly strive to spread true love. Let us sow the seeds of true love throughout our lives.

When we bear the fruit of true love and enter the eternal spirit world as a loving couple, we will be embraced by God's eternal love. We then truly become one with God.

Even though the physical body grows old, as long as we live as husband and wife centering on true love, our spiritual body will actually become younger! This means that the longer we live, the more handsome or beautiful our spiritual body becomes.

Our spirit is our internal self. At the proper time we simply will shed the physical body. Our physical body may feel that it does not want to retire, yet with the coming of old age, it eventually surrenders its life. On the other hand, our spiritual body, like a chestnut in autumn, becomes more solid and more handsome as it becomes our physical body's successor.

We need to love the things of the material world, which includes our physical body and the food that nourishes it. We love what is close to us before loving God directly.

Why is marriage necessary?

By loving all things, we absorb the essence of the creation. By doing so, we love and nourish the physical body. Your first parents, of course, are your physical parents, and your second parent is the earth. From the earth we receive essential elements the body needs in order to grow. In this way the earth is the second parent.

After being nurtured and cared for by our second parent, we prepare to meet our third parent. There is a process through which we pass in order to realize this. That process is our physical death. We do not meet our third parent free of charge. To be able to return to our third parent, we need to resemble our original Parent, God.

Why then do we get married? Very simply, we marry in order to resemble God. God exists as a being of dual characteristics. In God, the dual characteristics are completely harmonized as one. When God's dual characteristics manifest in our world, they do so as man and woman. Accordingly, at the proper time, a man and a woman are like a seed. They unite to become one. Thus, husband and wife return to God. Together, we are a reflection of God's original nature.

We need marriage because it is the way to develop true love. In marriage, we ripen as a seed of God. Our entire life is to center upon true love. We are supposed to be born in true love; we are designed to grow in true love, live centered on true love, and return to true love when we die.

The way of true love is living for the sake of others. This is the purpose of a holy marriage. If we take any other path, we are taking the wrong direction for eternal life.

The marriage Blessing and eternal life stem from God working through True Parents' love. Through our union with the True Parents, we can fulfill God's original hope for the individual, the family, the nation, the world and the entire cosmos. Through True Parents we can find our original homeland, the starting place for the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven.

With this foundation in place, we can welcome an era in which God is our sovereign. The society that does so will never perish. It will continuously prosper and reach its fullest strength.

I sincerely ask that you contemplate deeply about the meaning of this message. If you practice it, you will find the way to receive God's abundant blessing and eternal life.

May God truly bless you. Thank you very much.

True Family and World Peace



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Opening Banquet for the Convocation on the Family and World Peace

Honorable scholars, respected faith leaders and world leaders in various fields, I warmly welcome you to this special convocation entitled, “True Family and World Peace.”

We now stand in a historic period of great transition. We have to resolve the grave moral confusion, world conflicts, environmental problems and crimes that have stained the twentieth century, so that we may welcome the twenty-first century with hope. Humankind longs for a world of peace, free of war and suffering. Yet it is difficult to be hopeful when the future is threatened by a “money solves all” mentality that is useless in the face of the decline of our youth, family breakdown, drug abuse and the spread of AIDS. Today any positive influence that national or religious authorities have on youth has been greatly diminished. Economic development, political proposals, and advances in science, communications and information technology are all unable to bring about human happiness or a peaceful world.

Ideal of creation based on true love

Throughout the long course of history, humanity has never achieved complete happiness. In fact, individuals and families have experienced endless sadness. Despite this, human beings never gave up their inexorable longing for joy. This is because God originally created humankind to live in happiness in true families. Although human beings have lived a life of sin and suffering due to the Fall, they have relentlessly sought the originally intended life of joy.

Then what is the essence of true happiness? What is God’s plan for human beings to become truly happy? God is the embodiment of true love. Moved by the ideal of true love, God created all things investing Himself

unconditionally in them. Nonetheless, no individual can fulfill true love alone. Even God needs a reciprocal relationship of giving and receiving between a subject partner and an object partner in order to establish and experience love. Ultimately this takes place in a true family.

True love lost due to the Fall

A true family starts with the ideal of the true love of a true person, which is God's fundamental purpose in creating. How can a mere human being stand as the partner of the absolute God? This is not a matter of working hard or attaining a prominent position. It is possible only through a relationship of true love. When a subject partner and an object partner establish an ideal relationship of true love, they immediately possess the rights to equal position, equal participation in each other's affairs, and equal inheritance of true love.

God's true love moved Him to create human beings as His object partners. This being the case, the most precious thing for all people is the fulfillment of a true family centered on the original true love by which God created human beings. Thus true love is the basis for human happiness. Within true love there is infinite joy, eternal freedom and eternal harmony.

God is each person's subject partner of true love, true life and true ideals. Therefore human beings became the object partners of true love, true life and true ideals. God is the Parent, the Creator, and human beings are conceived as His children and are designed to become one body with Him in true love. God originally created true human beings to live in joy. Our minds and bodies were meant to be united with God's love and intoxicated by it. God created human beings so that He could experience infinite joy by participating in true families' lives of happiness. Through the experience of true love, God wanted to live together with us and achieve harmonious oneness with us. However, the first ancestors of humanity fell.

All of us constantly live with a sense of intense conflict within ourselves. It is a conflict between the inclination of the self-centered mind that strives to fulfill evil desires, and the inclination of what I call the "original mind" that strives to fulfill good desires. We say "my body" and "my mind" as though we were a unitary being, yet we also feel within ourselves the clash between the divided body and mind. The mind and body struggle and often contradict each other. This is due to the Fall of the first human ancestors.

This division and conflict in each individual has expanded to all levels of existence, sowing division and grief in families and societies, and ultimately in nations, the world and the cosmos.

The Fall violated heavenly law through Satan's selfish and false love. Consequently it brought about ignorance of God and true love. Through this human beings lost not only God, but also any sense of their own original value. Dominated by Satan's false love, we lost the ability to establish true families centered on true love. Without this fundamental lifeline to happiness we have been unable to become true people, unable to attain the oneness of mind and body necessary to complete the original ideal.

Basis of unity between mind and body

Everything in creation comes into existence and operates in accordance with a prescribed set of laws, and the highest of these is the law of love. A person does not reach perfection through knowledge, power or money, but rather through true love. In other words, each of us is meant to perfect our heart through experiences of true love, so that we might grow up spiritually to epitomize the heart of our Heavenly Parent, who is the God of true love.

Individual perfection means achieving harmonious oneness in mind and body. Such unity can be accomplished when we learn to love one another with the true love of our Heavenly Parent. In other words, our mind and body can become completely one and we can mature into a personality of true love only when our relationships, throughout our lives, are based upon God's true love. A true family, the completion of God's true love, can come about only on the foundation of mind-body unity.

Only true love can build an eternal, ideal relationship between mind and body. When God's true love resides within the united base of a person's mind and body, the door of true love opens wide, allowing the person to resonate with the true love of God and the universe. Such a true person automatically becomes the heir of infinite freedom and bliss. This person can see, hear and feel true love in everything. At such moments of seeing, hearing and feeling, the true person will become intoxicated in true love and will live in the highest state of aesthetic emotion. The person of true love fulfills the overall purpose of creation while naturally harmonizing with and taking delight in the environment. Such a person experiences beauty in everyday life.

Someone who achieves this will become God's complete object partner, resembling Him and inheriting His true love. Such a person will feel what God feels and appreciate what God appreciates.

For human beings, true love is the most holy and precious ideal. One individual alone cannot create true love. Neither can it be created when any partner is self-centered. True love desires to give, give again, and forget what was given, so that yet more can be given and shared. This pattern produces unity. It enables true love to embrace everything. True love is never one solitary being's possession. After true love is given, it still belongs to its original owner, and also to all people and to the universe.

God's dream is to realize true love together with humanity. He desires to feel the joy of true love eternally in the world of heart together with all people, who are His children and the highest and the most precious beings of all creation.

Perfection of true love

Once true love is perfected in the human world, what possible political, economic, cultural or environmental problems could persist? There is no problem that cannot be resolved in a world of true love. Such a world is one of bliss, peace and freedom, all imbued with the ideal. It is a world where happiness is magnified infinitely and eternally within the domain of the rights to equal position, equal participation and equal inheritance of true love. The problems that humanity faces today can be fundamentally resolved only through the perfection of true love.

Human beings are supposed to mature in stages as we experience the various forms of the true love of God during the period of our growth. Born through true love, we are meant to first experience, as children, the true love of true parents and the true love of true brothers and sisters. Then, as we mature, we are meant to experience the true love of true husband and wife and finally, as parents, the true love of and for our true children. One achieves perfection according to this order of love. Once an individual achieves unity of mind and body, true love emanates from that person.

Next, a man and a woman, both of whom have perfected their mind-body unity, marry and truly love one another as a true husband and true wife. The true love of God resides within the minds and bodies of this true husband and wife. When children are born through the union of such a

couple, they become true parents, connected with the true love of God, and their relationship with God gives them the ability to truly love their children. This is how a perfected, ideal family is formed.

Essentially there are four great loves corresponding to four great realms of heart; these are the true love of parents, of brothers and sisters, of husband and wife, and of children. The true family is the basic unit in which the four great loves can be perfected and the four great realms of heart experienced. It is the foundation of true human love and true happiness, and is the place from which true life and true lineage spring forth. It is the training ground and school of true love.

A man and a woman are the substantial object partners of God, representing God's masculine and feminine qualities. God's act of creation was to divide inner, harmonized qualities of masculinity and femininity into two bodies in the physical world, and then to reunite them through marriage into one body that resembles God's original oneness. A true husband and a true wife represent God's binary poles, and both exist to form one harmonious body as the representatives of heaven and earth. In other words, men and women are not created to live in self-centeredness. Each is created to exist for the sake of his or her partner. We have to clearly realize that true husbands and true wives exist for their respective partners.

I have already stated that true love cannot be realized alone. It can be achieved only through a reciprocal relationship. True love between a husband and wife is not only for the sake of the couple. It also completes God's ideal of creation and allows God to be the owner of absolute true love. The absolute true love of God dwells wherever there is a person who desires to unite with his or her spouse as the embodiment of God's true love.

A true couple embraces God's true love and moves toward the future with one united hope. The conception of children and prosperity of the family take place on this foundation. God's ultimate hope is that a couple's true love will move beyond the mundane realm of the daily environment to form a family that is one with the ideal of true love.

The importance of the family

The purpose of restoration, which is to return all of humanity to the state of goodness God originally intended for us, is accomplished through the revival of Adam's family, for the Fall took place in that family. Before God

can restore a church, a people, a nation and the world, He needs to find one central family that can be God's partner. Throughout history, God sought a true family that could be His ideal object partner. Such a true family would be fundamentally different in its essence from typical human families; it would be an ideal, original, true family united with God. God's providence calls for a family, not an individual, because the individual is not the purpose of salvation; rather, families are the basic unit of salvation.

How would humankind have been affected if Adam and Eve had centered their lives on true love, and had not fallen? Adam and Eve would have become the ideal, true couple of true love and would have become true parents and true ancestors to their descendants and to all of humanity. The entire human population, having descended from true parents, Adam and Eve, would have become one great family and a peaceful world, rooted in Adam and Eve's culture of true love, would have emerged. Therefore, the culmination of the history of restoration lies in establishing a true family centered on true parents and true love. The central true family is the hope of humanity and the hope of God. This true family is the origin of true love and true life, and it is the foundation of peace and happiness for humanity.

The revolution of true love

There is a saying that you reap what you sow. Due to false love based on Satan's self-centered desires, our human ancestors became people of evil character. They became evil spouses and evil parents, spawning a history of evil and falsehood. Even the parent-child relationship and the basic standard of ethics and morality, which have somehow held human society together, have been gravely weakened. Monstrous acts of decadence and immorality continuously occur and their severity is worsening. It signifies that the seed of these evil phenomena initially by one crucial fallen act in the garden of Eden is bearing evil fruit on the worldwide level at this historic time of harvest.

Original, true love is perfect. It does not change over the ages. The origin of such love is true, unchanging, eternal and absolute. However, the first human ancestors became the origin of false love by falling during the period of their growth, while they were still in a state of imperfection, or spiritual immaturity. A civilization built upon this foundation of selfish, evil and false love is no longer sustainable. If it persists, humanity will face ruin.

What good are technological developments and material wealth when the foundation of the family is crumbling and we bequeath our deep problems to our descendants? The time has come for historical mistakes and violations to be resolved at their root. What is needed most urgently is a revolution of true love initiated by True Parents. We cannot expect to achieve happiness and a peaceful world without fundamental changes. The problems of today must be resolved by teaching a worldview based on true parents, true family and God's true love.

Respected leaders, I hope you will research and evaluate seriously the peace movement and worldview of true love that I have planted throughout the world. The true love and pure love movement for the youth and the true family movement of true love, which transcend nationality, culture, race and religion, are not to be seen as sectarian.

A nation of peace is needed before there can be a world of peace. And the precondition for peace in a nation is peace in the family. Power, wealth and knowledge, which worldly people have ordinarily desired, are not the necessary and sufficient conditions for peace and happiness. True happiness is not proportional to how much property one owns and is not dependent on one's degree of physical comfort. One can attain true peace and true happiness only when such mundane things are accompanied by true love. Genuine peace and infinite happiness can be gained only when we serve others with true love and when we feel that love returned.

Respected leaders, I know you have produced tremendous accomplishments, advancing human welfare and social development in each area of your endeavors through exceptional dedication. And, of course, you will continue to make even greater contributions to society. However, humanity now faces unprecedented grave peril. Remedies from any single specialized area will be insufficient. So I urge you leaders to become the conscience of the age and lead the world by actively creating true families, which are the prerequisite and fundamental basis of a peaceful world, and by guiding others to do the same.

The first stage of the marriage Blessing of 360 million couples, which I will officiate this Saturday, June 13, is one of the fruits of my having taught the ideal of the true family throughout my life. Those participating in the Blessing ceremony have already promised God that they will be people who will form true families by becoming true couples and true parents, centering

on God's true love. I am boldly carrying out a historic revolution of true love for the realization of world peace through the true family movement.

Honored leaders, what can be more urgent than to save humanity from its path of family destruction? Again I urge all of you to become active in the true family movement for the sake of world peace.

I sincerely wish for God's true love to bless you, your families and your nation.

Thank you very much.

Blessed Families and the Ideal World



April 27, 2002

Sheraton National Hotel, Washington, DC, USA
Interreligious and International 144,000 Clergy Couples Blessing
and Rededication Ceremony

Distinguished guests from home and abroad! First of all, I would like to sincerely congratulate everyone participating in this marriage Blessing ceremony of 144,000 clergy couples from interreligious, interracial and international backgrounds. On this day, the five races became one, transcending religious denominations and doctrines, centering on the ideal of the true family, and it will be recorded in the history of human civilization, in which conflicts and struggles are ever increasing, as the day of the new history in which reconciliation and love triumphed.

Importance of a true family

Through the past eighty years of my life I have devoted myself heart and soul to constructing the one world of peace under the one God, going beyond the religious order I founded. Now, on this meaningful occasion in which my efforts have been brought to fruition, I would like to speak to you, the leaders of different religious orders, under the title “Blessed Families and the Ideal World.” A great number of people are living in this world, and they all belong to their families. However, without true families, true children cannot be raised and the formation of true societies is also impossible. As can be seen, it is an obvious fact that true families are the basis on which true societies, true nations and a true world can be established. These true families refer to the families that have been formed centered on the true love of God.

Until now there never has been a clear definition of a true family. Not only that, the goals that true people need to pursue and their limitations

also have been unclear. Human beings are in a state of ignorance in which they do not know where people come from, how they ought to live and where they go after death. Human beings have lived throughout history without defining their purpose, the standard for moral cultivation and the uppermost limit of human maturity that they are to achieve.

Since human beings as individuals have not been able to stand in the position of perfection, there is no way for them to reach the ultimate standard of the family, although they are seeking it.

When seen from this perspective, the fact that numerous people are struggling along the path of their lives is certainly a problem. However, what is more serious, is that we have to remember that we should set the standard of a true family based on the foundation of being true individuals. This ideal still remains as a task to be fulfilled during the course of our life and the developing course of human history.

Then what is the purpose to be pursued by religion, which has been eradicating the spiritual ignorance of humankind? Individual salvation is significant. However, religion has to go one step further and save the family, that is, it needs to focus on restoring the family and liberating all humankind from sinfulness.

Religion must recover the family that can represent, in a true sense, history, the present new age, and the future. Furthermore, it needs to firmly establish the basis for the family in which all human beings can rejoice, and the standard that must be followed by all families. It has to determine where this family system begins and where it is heading. Unless this comes to pass, the world of peace cannot be built on this earth. We need to understand that, no matter how well the external system of the world has been structured, if families are not spiritually healthy, the world can break down in an instant.

The family is the starting point of true peace

In the family there are parents and at the same time there is the conjugal relationship between husband and wife. It would be unfortunate to have no parents or for a husband and wife to separate, yet if you were to lose your beloved spouse, you could not be more sad and miserable. Not only that, it would also be unfortunate if a couple were unable to have children. Even if you were not very successful in a materialistic sense, if you had achieved

love in your family, centering on true parents, true husband and true wife and true children, and if you led such a peaceful life that everyone, regardless of who they were, wished to follow in your footsteps, then no one could deny that such a family was a happy one.

To this day, saints and sages all have talked about peace, although they did not really know that the family is the starting point of true peace. This is because they were unaware that God's ideal of creation is the construction of a peaceful world on the foundation of ideal families. In the course of world history until now, there have been many revolutions. And even if there have been many cases in which revolutions resulted in changing the world, all such changes eventually fell short. The ultimate problem is that the center that can give rise to the revolution to form true families must be manifested on earth.

From there, the beginning of the construction of a new world, that is, a new historical ideal, needs to appear. There is no way for us to deny this fact. This is the messianic ideal passed down from the First Israel, Judaism, to the Second Israel, Christianity. Can a person who does not originate from a righteous family go in the right direction? Even if that person could go there, he or she would be unable to find a stable destination and would have no choice except to turn back. This is why the destiny of our life course is such that we have no choice except to find our way back to our families.

The starting point of saving fallen humanity is the family

The driving force behind human beings' search for the original homeland has to become the motive that can influence history in its entirety and all environments, and the motive that can also pave the way for happiness. Where would the family, which is the foundation for that driving force of human beings, be formed? Today's religions must prepare the basis through which they can benefit the family before they can publicly benefit the society. This is because even if a religion has made contributions for the public good, if the basis of the families that make up this society breaks down, the foundation of society also will break down.

In this regard, what would be the starting point for God to save fallen humanity? Would it be a specific nation that boasts of having a certain civilization? No, it wouldn't. If there is a certain organization in a society that is considered to be ideal, would it serve as the center? No, it would not. Then

would that starting point be centered on a certain individual with the qualities of a genius? No, it would not. You have to know that the one starting point that can transcend all these things is the true family. Therefore, the people of today need to become those who can pass through the door of such a family and thus win the qualification to hold high the banner of the victor and head out into the world. Individuals who can present such a philosophy and teaching have to come forward.

Then why have Buddhism and Catholicism continued to emphasize leading a celibate life? Can celibacy truly be the basis for human happiness? No, it cannot. The reason for that is because no religion or philosophy has been able to clarify where the origin of true happiness lies. Therefore people needed to lead a celibate life in anticipation of the pure and righteous family that would eventually appear.

The serious problems being brought up nowadays within Catholicism signify the need to fundamentally reconsider celibacy, practiced since the thirteenth century. God's Will is to be fulfilled through a true family formed by a true man and a true woman. Therefore, it is a matter of course for the clergy to take the lead in forming ideal families and thus set an example before others.

Today in the United States and in the entire world the deviation and degradation of young people is threatening healthy societies. The world has reached a state where it is almost at its end, and human power and human love cannot bring it under control. Therefore, a new movement needs to arise at all costs. All that is wrong needs to be done away with, and we need to make a new beginning based on the original standard.

In this respect, history is the history of re-creation and the providence of restoration in which all that is old is done away with and new things are re-created in order to head toward the original, ideal world. This is why the old and the new are clashing. Until now, individuals formed families in whatever way they liked, but they cannot do so any longer. Such is the age we are in now.

Among the founders of the different religions, Jesus in particular often spoke quite seriously about the family. Who did Jesus say that God was? He called God his Father. He revealed that the relationship between God the Creator and humankind is the relationship of parent and child. Furthermore, he said that he was the only begotten Son of God. This means

that Jesus is God's first son and at the same time His only son.

If God is the Original Being of love, He is in a relationship of Parent to humankind. That is why the relationship between human beings and the Creator is one that goes beyond the simple relationship between the Creator and the created, for it is a relationship connected through true love, true life and true lineage.

Jesus' wish is to form a God-centered family

Jesus also said in effect, "I am the bridegroom and you, the people, are my bride." When the bridegroom and the bride get married, they become husband and wife. What Jesus is saying is that they need to form a family. Ultimately, he is saying that they have to form a family and have children. For certain, only when a married couple gives birth to children can they form a family. Even if you want to get a divorce because you dislike your wife, you cannot split up recklessly when you have children. The children are the fruits of the love between husband and wife.

Jesus came to this earth as the only Son of God and the prince of the heavenly kingdom. He came as the crown prince of God. He is the son who was given the royal seal of God when he was born, as the prince who is qualified to inherit the full authority of God. God had intended that the Jewish people, as the eldest daughter of God, receive this Son of God, but they did not do so.

Then, is there anyone among you who can say confidently that you can become the bride of that prince? The bridegroom and the bride have to form a relationship as the prince and princess of Heaven while attending God as their Parent. It was the wish of the Lord to form a family centered on God in this manner. It was not to rule the external heaven and earth.

Then what is Christianity supposed to do? It has to prepare the bride for the one who comes to fulfill the common desire of all humanity, and prepare a suitable environment for him. This is what is figuratively expressed in the Bible as the marriage feast of the Lamb. You need to know clearly the fact that the mission of Christianity, as the bride religion, is to shoulder and fulfill this historic responsibility.

When all is said and done, the purpose for Jesus' coming to earth in the flesh was to take a bride and form a family. The problem is the family. If a true family had been formed, what would Jesus have become? He would

have become the father. When he had become the father, he simultaneously would have become the head of the family. Furthermore, he would have become the king of the family. However, Jesus died on the cross before he could fulfill the ideal of the family. This family that Jesus could have formed is one that would have lived for thousands of years while attending God. There is a Korean folk song with the lyrics, “Moon, moon, bright moon; moon where Lee Tae-baek played; there, there, right in the moon, a cinnamon tree was planted; bring father and mother to the moon, and live for a thousand, ten thousand years.”

The Blessing is the fulfillment of God’s wish to form a true family

Then what would Jesus have done after forming a family? He would have had children. In other words, the grandsons and granddaughters of God would have been born. In the end, God’s great sorrow is that He did not have grandsons and granddaughters by direct descent. Throughout history, God has tried to establish the model family for all human beings.

This being the case, how much would God have yearned for such a family? And how much have human beings, who were bound together through the Fall, yearned for such a family? Have you also yearned for such a family? All humanity has to become one centering on the ideal family. By doing so, what does humanity need? They need to receive the true family.

The families in today’s fallen world cannot stand before God. For this reason, Jesus was right when he said, “Your own family members are your enemies.” What did Jesus come to this earth to do? He tried to form a family centered on God. And because he was unable to form such a family, he said he would come again. What, then, does he have to do when he comes again? He has to form a family. And, when the sons and daughters in such a family continue to prosper for generations to come, a tribe is formed, a people is formed and a nation is formed.

To form such a pure family of God, a clan of the blood relatives of a family centered on God’s love, needs to be formed on this earth. However, because this family has not been formed yet, God has continued to carry out the providence of salvation until now in order to form the restored clan, related by blood, to the original family. This is the original standard of God’s ideal of creation that must manifest once again on this earth.

To establish such a family, I am performing this Blessing ceremony that

all of you have come to know well. This family is called the family of the Blessing. What kind of family is this? It is the ideal family centered on God.

It is the family that the coming Lord is required to establish, the family that future generations are required to form, and the common goal that all human beings ultimately aim to achieve.

What would be the common gateway that we all can pass through? It is neither the nation nor the world. It is neither the communist world nor the democratic world. It is the original family. Before there can be a democratic world, first there must be an original family that can build the true democratic world. Until this original family appears, the kingdom of peace, the ideal nation of peace, cannot come about.

That is why the time must come when this ideal family we yearn for, this original family that we desire to live with, this family we want to meet, and this family we want to find must absolutely appear on this planet and share the same destiny along with human history. Only then can God's providence for the earth be fulfilled and the blessed land of the Sabbath, the haven of the Sabbath begin. Religious leaders have to take the lead in this movement to save the family, to renew the local community, and to strengthen the nation.

Respected guests from home and abroad! I ask you, the religious leaders, who were Blessed today, to stand at the forefront in leading this Blessing movement in your houses of worship and your local communities and to become the pioneers in establishing the nation of peace and the world of peace.

May God's blessings be with your families, and with this I conclude my speech.

Thank you.

True Love and True Marriage



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Hotel Lotte World, Seoul, Korea

Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of
True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom

Respected world leaders, distinguished guests from Korea and abroad:

First, let us offer our sincere gratitude to God, the True Parent, True Teacher, True King and True Owner of all creation, for making this day possible.

True love and the conversion of lineage

From the standpoint of God's providence and history, how shall we describe yesterday's event? We participated with complete unity of heart and accomplished it successfully. That event, the "Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom," was a victory for humanity and a joyful event for God. It surpassed any event in history and will never be equaled in the future.

On what basis can I make such a bold declaration? I do so in the context of the Fall of the first human ancestors, by which humankind inherited false love, false life and false lineage and lost its relationship with God's Will. Because people were estranged from God after the Fall, He could do nothing to resolve our situation without our cooperation and so suffered for thousands and tens of thousands of years. Yesterday's ceremony established the day of the True Parents' victory, true liberation and complete freedom, and it resolved God's grief. It was a holy Blessing that brought heaven and earth together. We opened the gate through which the billions of people who have languished under Satan's yoke can enter the new heaven and new earth. Humankind can now receive and attend the True Parent in heaven and the True Parents on earth. It is time for us all to enter the Era after the Coming of Heaven, when we sing praises of the holy age of settlement and peace.

Now is the time for you, as you enter the Era after the Coming of Heaven, to practice Heaven's truth in your family and nation in preparation for your eternal life. It is time to leave behind the struggles, conflicts and confrontations of the Era before the Coming of Heaven. We can stand on the foundation of the True Parents, who are the Parents of heaven and earth, and establish the substantial kingdom of heaven. This realm of complementary partnership, harmony and unity is what we call Cheon Il Guk.

From this perspective, I would like to take this opportunity to speak on the topic, "True Love and True Marriage." I will share one aspect of the principle of true love that I have been teaching throughout my life and that you now need to put into practice.

What is true love? It does not refer to the selfish love that slithers around the secular world. It is not the counterfeit love that gives one moment and abandons the next. It is not self-indulgent, profligate love driven by fleshly desires. Such false love assails and violates the conscience, driving nails into the original mind.

Having nothing to do with that, true love is the source of peace and spiritual order. Its nature is to honor and preserve the tranquility of all people. It is humanity's shared inheritance that serves the common good. It symbolizes God's intention and power, for it is rooted in God.

True love is mysterious. The more it is given, the more plentiful it becomes and the more abundant joy it brings. True love possesses power great enough to transform the motivation, process and outcome of human life. We were created to be born in true love, raised in true love, and pass to the next world in true love. That is the reason true love has the greatest and highest value.

Through true love we can be together eternally, see each other eternally, converse with and feel each other eternally, and have nothing except affection for each other. It is one love and yet all people can enjoy it together. If we consider its details, it is extremely small; if we consider its grandeur, it is extremely large. Immersed in true love, the mere wink of an eye can be sufficient to bring forth a joy so great as to shake heaven and earth; a single smile can make one feel superhuman power. That power is strong enough to change one's life. If you think you can see it, you cannot; if you think you cannot see it, you can. It is full of mystery.

What are the colors of true love? Do you suppose that it is black at night

and white in the daytime? The central colors of true love are harmony and unity, and surrounding them are peace and happiness. An atomic weapon has power only to destroy life and property. It is not a symbol of creation. It is a symbol of rejection and ruin. True love, by contrast, has the power of resurrection that can bring a dead person back to life. Thus the power to bind the world together and bring unity does not reside in the military mindset underlying nuclear weapons. It will require true love. Each nation has its own cultural traditions and political boundary lines, and true love is the only power capable of transcending them. The difficult problems that humanity faces can be resolved only through the perfection of true love.

True Parents and the change of lineage

Ladies and gentlemen, you must seek after true love. You have to make true love your own. You have to witness the perfection of true love within your own life. Where can you go to find true love?

If we examine the manner in which true love exists, we see that it has a multidirectional character, moving simultaneously north, south, east and west. Moreover, it exists and functions in a way that transcends race, culture, religion and national boundaries. True love acts prior to life, for it is the origin of life. True love is perfect in its original form and needs no development or revolution. True love is the most natural thing, possessing the highest authenticity. True love operates at a speed greater than anything else in the world.

We can receive the seeds of true love only by receiving the true holy Blessing from the horizontal True Parents. They come as substantiations of God, the vertical True Parent, and thereby engraft us into God's lineage. It is absolutely impossible to find true love in the fallen world, which is characterized by falsehood. We cannot find the lineage of goodness in the human-centered world that resulted from the Fall. Only by being grafted into the lineage of goodness through the True Parents can you find a way to overcome the struggle between your mind and body. Only by establishing God's lineage of goodness on earth can we resolve the problems of human conflict, transcend the boundaries between religions, races and nations, and bridge the differences between democracy and communism. This will also open the way to peace in the Middle East and unification on the Korean peninsula, the two most dangerous areas of conflict in today's world. This

is the reason the change of blood lineage is an essential and serious matter.

The holy marriage Blessing is a once-in-a-lifetime event upon which the life of humanity depends. This is the precise reason why the Registration in Cheon Il Guk Blessing for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom, which all of us dedicated to Heaven in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea on August 20, was the greatest and most precious grace and blessing in your entire life. You have now received the holy Blessing from the True Parents, who have been crowned as the world's King and Queen of Peace. You have inherited the true lineage, and you have received the seed of true love. Please never forget that you are to spend the remainder of your life on earth nurturing this seed so that it will blossom and bear fruit.

Marriage is training in love

Ladies and gentlemen, why do we marry? In a word, it is so that we may resemble God. God is a united being who has dual characteristics that dwell in union. Men and women are projections of God's divine characteristics. Therefore the destiny of every couple, as husband and wife, is to form a union as one body, become as one seed, and return to oneness with God's original nature.

Let us offer our highest praise for the sanctity of marriage. Married life is the way for a man and a woman to love each other. Whom do we resemble when we become one through married life? Our goal is to resemble God. It is only when a man and a woman become one through true love that they truly resemble God, who created them in His image. It is then, and only then, that God resides in them. A man symbolizes heaven and a woman symbolizes earth. So a man and woman need to come together in harmony to achieve peace.

The phrase, "the union of virtue between heaven and earth," refers to a state in which a husband and wife have accomplished perfect unity, with Heaven's true love at the center. When a husband and wife embrace each other in true love, it is the equivalent of the cosmos becoming one body. This is the original image of creation brought into substantial reality in the context of God's ideal.

Another reason we marry is so that we can be trained to love the world and its people. The wedding ceremony vows speak of the substantiation of

love and bestow the authority to procreate as well as the authority to exercise dominion. So the purpose of marriage is to bring into oneness the realm of heart of one man, representing the men of the world, and one woman, representing the women of the world, so that they may perfect the love between man and woman.

When a couple has accomplished the perfection of love and the perfection of their hearts, we can say that they have accomplished the family ideal. If you die on this foundation, you will certainly enter the kingdom of heaven.

Why is marriage important? It is important because it is the path by which we seek true love, the path for creating life, and the path on which the lineages of a man and a woman are commingled. Through marriage, history is made, and on that foundation, nations are born and the ideal world can begin.

When we marry, it should be with the conviction that we do so not for ourselves, but for our partners. It is wrong for a person to try to gain a spouse on the basis of social status, wealth or beauty. Once we realize that we are born to live for the sake of others, we understand that marriage, too, is for the sake of our spouse. In our view of marriage, the ideal partner is not one who looks like a model; it is someone we can love with our whole heart, far more than if he or she were on the cover of a fashion magazine.

As human beings, we have to determine to love our spouse as we would love God, and as we would love humankind. We have to love our spouse more than anyone else in the world. Otherwise we cannot be restored to the kingdom of heaven as a husband and wife. If a man cannot truly love a woman, how can he expect to be able to love God or humankind?

A wedding is a ceremony by which we open the gates and enter the palace of happiness. This is why marriage is a major occasion of moral significance. Because love exists and functions transcendent of time and space, it is the most important dimension of human life, and a wedding is the ceremony by which this love is brought forth and confirmed.

Respected guests, this evening I have conveyed to you one portion of Heaven's teaching regarding true love and true marriage. Whether you participated in yesterday's event as newlyweds or as a previously married couple, you have now been granted Heaven's command to walk the path of a true husband and wife with Heaven's seal. By your bond with the True

Parents, you have received the seed of true love, so I ask that you become true husbands and wives who produce true fruit through a true married life. Become true parents, build true families and establish true nations. Heavenly fortune will assist you.

In closing, I sincerely ask that you lead lives in which, by practicing true love, you do everything you can to prepare for your eternal life.

Thank you.

The Holy Marriage Blessing Is the Way to Unite the Virtues of Heaven and Earth and Harmonize the Cosmos



August 20, 2005

Olympic Park Gymnastics Hall, Seoul, Korea

First anniversary of the Coronation of the King of Peace

Respected guests from home and abroad and beloved blessed families:

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the work you are doing in many places around the world to establish God's homeland and bring peace to humanity.

We are gathered here today to commemorate the historic days in 2004 when ceremonies were held at venues on both Capitol Hill in the United States and at the National Assembly in Korea honoring me with a coronation as "King of Peace." As it happens, this is also the twentieth anniversary of the day I was freed from Danbury prison in the United States, after having achieved a victory despite the difficulties of incarceration there. That was the last of six times in my life that I had been imprisoned, each time as a result of persecution and unjust accusations.

On this meaningful day, I would like to convey to you Heaven's message concerning the significance and value of the holy marriage Blessing. The title of my remarks is "The Holy Marriage Blessing Is the Path to Unite the Virtues of Heaven and Earth and Harmonize and Unite the Cosmos."

The family of the ideal of creation

Beloved guests, in what form does God exist? The Creator of all things in the universe exists as the unitary embodiment of the dual characteristics of a subject partner in the male position and an object partner in the female position. God created the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, when He divided the male and female positions within Himself. Then the original couple were to have created children in the same pattern of male and female

as a result of their union.

God's creation takes place according to this principle of origin, division and union. God is the first generation, Adam and Eve were the second generation, and the children of Adam and Eve were to have stood in the position of the third generation. These three generations were to have formed a single family. God gave His blessing so that sinless descendants could be multiplied through myriads of generations. This is the ideal upon which God created human beings.

If Adam and Eve had achieved individual perfection in accordance with God's Will—that is, if they had achieved the perfection of their characters, entered into conjugal relations with His blessing, and accomplished perfect oneness with Him—a bond would have been formed enabling God to reside within them. Also, Adam and Eve's children would have been linked to a holy order of love enabling them to form a parent-child relationship directly with God. This was to have been God's greatest blessing to humanity.

In general terms, to bless someone means we pray for their good fortune. What then is the zenith, the apex, of good fortune? What is the most precious aspect of good fortune? It is not money, fame, power or knowledge. If Adam and Eve had only been able to marry with God's blessing and multiply sinless children, this would have been the most precious of all blessings. All creation would have responded with joy, and it would have been the day of God's greatest joy as well. It would have been the place where the kingdom of heaven on earth and the kingdom of heaven in heaven would have met.

What would have happened if God's creation in the garden of Eden had stopped with man and had not included woman? The miracle of all miracles is that men and women exist together in this world. For only one to exist would be the same as having no existence at all. Humankind would have died out in less than a hundred years. It is only when men and women exist together that the heavenly path can be established and ethics and moral principles can begin.

So the marriage of perfected Adam and Eve would have been in a very real sense God's own marriage. While God would have remained God, Adam and Eve would have become the embodiment of God. The couple would have become God's body, and God would have settled within their minds to become their True Parent, and thus the True Parent of all

humanity, both physically and spiritually.

Ladies and gentlemen, as a result of the Fall committed by the first human ancestors, human history deteriorated into an endless spectacle of sin and struggle. Human beings, as a matter of course, were to have attended God as our True Parent; instead we became the prisoners of hell, dominated by the false parent, the devil Satan. The bodies of Adam and Eve were to have become temples of God, in which God's spirit would dwell, and they were to have become people of divine value. Instead their bodies became the haunts of Satan, hotbeds of all manner of sin and falsehood, and the devil used them for empty pleasure.

In practical terms, the Fall of humankind meant that the marriage of Adam and Eve, which was supposed to have been performed with God's blessing, was instead performed centered on the false love and selfish desires of Satan. According to the Principle of Creation, true love, true life and true lineage are inherited from parents. This means that human beings, born with Satan as our parent, have all inherited false love, false life and false lineage through no choice of our own.

The Fall and Restoration

We became a pitiful humanity, perpetually exhausted by the struggle between our minds and bodies, forced to leave this world having been unable to resolve this problem even at the moment of death. We ignore the voice of our conscience, which represents the voice of God within us, and we conduct our lives driven by the desires of our body, which has become the slave of Satan. This is a picture of the human condition.

Most people are not even aware they have fallen to the point of living in such a wretched and oppressed state. They look around and see that others are like them, so they think it is quite natural to appear to be able to see, when in fact they are blind. They become foolish and pitiful people. How much longer will we live oblivious to this tragedy?

In principle, the person who causes a problem is responsible to resolve it. So, because humanity fell by false love, we have to eradicate false love, even to its last vestige. On that foundation, we need to receive the holy marriage Blessing and set out to build true families centering on God's true love. In this way, we need to put down true roots that will enable us to multiply true descendants, generation after generation.

However this is not something that one can achieve just by wishing for it. Is it not true that, during the tens of thousands of years since the beginning of human history, no one has been able to achieve this state and save humanity from evil and sin? The many religions that have risen and fallen over the course of history have done their best to achieve this goal, yet even they have been unable to overcome the debilitation of fallen nature and have either failed or been forced to take detours.

God is a Parent of true love. God gave Jesus the status of His only begotten Son and made Himself incarnate on this earth, as He had originally intended to do through Adam and Eve. Jesus came with the mission of the Savior and Messiah, and dedicated his life of thirty-three years to bringing about the Will of Heaven. Yet in the end, even he passed away, midway through his course, as a sacrifice on the cross.

I am not attributing any failure to Jesus himself. Jesus, who was the perfect human being or second Adam, searched earnestly for his bride. Although Heaven had prepared Judaism and Israel for thousands of years, the people of Israel were unable to understand Heaven's Will regarding Jesus, and their ignorance forced him to go the way of the cross. Jesus was the incarnation of Heaven's seed of true love, sinless and pure, yet in the end he had to return to heaven without being able to plant that seed on this earth. Jesus came to find a bride on earth, hold the Marriage of the Lamb in the presence of both heaven and earth, establish a family of true love and multiply Heaven's sinless and true lineage. Yet this mission was blocked midway through his course.

The incarnation of True Parents and the value of the Blessing

God's love is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, and so too are the attributes of His Will. Therefore God's ideal of creation absolutely will be completed on this earth. The providence by which Heaven has sought the children of God, who were lost due to the Fall of Adam and Eve, will be fulfilled.

Please understand that upon the foundation of Jesus, who passed prematurely into the spirit world due to the disbelief of the religious leaders two thousand years ago, today Heaven has sent to this earth the True Parents as the saviors of humanity, the Messiah and the returning Lord. God is bringing the history of the providence of salvation to a close. He is carrying

out His absolute and eternal providence in accordance with a plan for the providence of salvation that cannot be delayed or extended any further.

Ladies and gentlemen, you are standing today at the historic turning point of God's providence. Let those with ears to hear, hear. Let those with eyes to see, see with certainty. Let those with mouths to speak give witness to all nations. The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who now stands before you, is the Savior, Messiah, Second Advent, Peace King and True Parent. He has appeared on earth with Heaven's anointing as the one for whom humanity has waited with eager yearning for such a long time.

This is not my own claim. Founders of the major religions and tens of thousands of other saints and sages in the spirit world have sent messages testifying to this fact. God, Himself, has sent a message asking that the world's six billion people work to establish the kingdom of peace on earth, centered on the True Parents. These messages have already been widely published. If you cannot believe these facts, please seek to confirm them in desperate, all-out prayer. Heaven will absolutely give you the answers that you seek through such prayer.

Ladies and gentlemen, what then is the necessary path for all human beings, who became wild olive trees as descendants of the Fall? It is to receive the holy marriage Blessing from God through the True Parents. A wild olive tree will always be a wild olive tree, even after a thousand years. To change its pedigree, it must be grafted onto a cultivated, or true, olive tree; in the same way fallen humanity must secure the true blood lineage. The holy marriage Blessing that the True Parents bestow is the blessing and grace of being grafted onto the true olive tree.

People sometimes say that Rev. Moon's holy marriage Blessing is nothing more than an ordinary marriage performed according to the custom of the Unification Church. This ceremony, however, is much more than just a wedding to mark the joining of a man and a woman and the beginning of their family. Weddings held until now were centered on the two individuals involved, but the holy marriage Blessing centers on returning joy to God. It is meant to be a precious condition for indemnifying the history of sin. It is a holy and grand ceremony of blessing and grace. Please understand that in this ceremony we resolve the grief of God, stemming from the Fall of Adam and Eve, and pass through the standard Jesus himself came to accomplish, that of bride and groom cleansed of the original sin.

The term holy marriage Blessing did not just begin with me, or the Unification Church. Instead it has existed within the innermost heart of God since the time of creation. After the Human Fall, it became one of His most poignantly cherished desires. Please understand that God has always pursued this as a goal and has longed to see it realized.

Is there anyone who knows the circumstances of God, who had to walk a path of unspeakable suffering in order to bring about this historic day? This day marks the resolution of grief and is a providential day when God's cherished desire is being fulfilled. Seen from this perspective, the holy marriage Blessing is an incredible blessing, and it can also be an incredibly fearful judgment.

The holy marriage Blessing can bring closure to all the sorrow in history, from the furthest past to the very present. It marks a new beginning for the fulfillment of the cherished desires of God. It is a new starting point, an opportunity to create a new future for humanity, and it is the most certain way to extricate oneself from the dominion Satan has exercised during the Era before the Coming of Heaven.

Only through the holy marriage Blessing can you inherit the bond of True Parents' love. It is the process and end result of the transfer of Heaven's full authority. When a family who has received the Blessing goes to the spirit world, True Parents will be responsible for them. This means that such a family will live under the protection of True Parents. Once a heavenly bond is made with the True Parents through the holy marriage Blessing, this becomes an eternal and unchanging bond, and the key to opening the gates of heaven.

The fulfillment of the Blessing in the Era after the Coming of Heaven

Then, ladies and gentlemen, what kind of time and age is it when the Blessing becomes a reality? The Era before the Coming of Heaven, when the world was under Satan's dominion, has ended, and we have entered the Era after the Coming of Heaven, when the peace kingdom will be established. This is the best of times, when the grief of God, who has toiled for six thousand years to see this day, is being resolved and the cherished desires of humankind for peace are being realized.

It is the time when we will begin to see the fulfillment of the cherished desires of Jesus, who came to this earth and left before he could fulfill God's

Will for the holy marriage Blessing. In addition, it is the time when true love is blooming and bearing fruit for the very first time since the creation of human beings, and the time when we can feel welcomed by nature as never before, with full respect and glory.

How strongly God has yearned to see this day! We come to a new era in which evil will disappear. At this time, a new heaven and new earth are being established under the bright light of the sun, all things are beginning to commune together, and the entire universe is starting to dance in a bright new morning of victory.

I have said that the heavenly ideal cannot be fulfilled without establishing a family of true love through the holy marriage Blessing. The heavenly ideal is completed when the Will of God is fulfilled and the heavenly way is established in the family, centering on true love.

So what kind of love is true love? True love exists for the benefit of all. It is a love that seeks first to give and live for the sake of the whole. It is a love that gives and does not keep a tally of what it gave, and so it gives without end, imparting unending joy. It is the heart of love of a mother embracing her child and feeding it at her breast. It is the love of a child who brims with joy by practicing filial piety toward his or her parents. It is the true love of God when He created human beings. True love is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, without a condition or expectation of receiving anything in return.

True love is the original wellspring of the universe and the core of the universe. It is the love that creates the owner of the universe. True love also represents God's root, His determination and His power. So when we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever and never tire of each other's company. The universe and even God will follow whenever we pull them with true love.

The value of true love is reckoned by its power to bring an eternal end to the barriers that fallen people have built, including national boundaries, racial tensions and even religions. An absolute prerequisite for entering the kingdom of heaven is a life lived for the sake of others, that is, a life of true love.

What is the heavenly way? In short, it is the tradition of Heaven, the tradition of practicing true love rooted in God. A life of the heavenly way is an exalted life that transcends the man-made laws of this world. Violent

social or political revolutions are unnecessary when there is true love and the life of the heavenly way. You need only follow the path of true love, the heavenly way, practicing a life of sacrifice and service for the sake of others. This is the path that will bring about an explosion of God's love. It is the path to develop and expand God's lineage and to preserve it forever.

You now need to advance rapidly in this Age after the Coming of Heaven with a determination that says, "As long as God does not change, I will not change. No matter the circumstances, I will continue on this path. Even if the life, love and ideals that I have preserved until now amid Satan's world are all taken from me, I will continue on this path. Even if God were to change, I will bring God back and continue on this path with Him. If God is not absolute, I will make Him absolute, if necessary, and continue on this path."

Ladies and gentlemen, pursuing this theme of true love, why do we marry? I have said we marry in order to enter the kingdom of heaven and to save humankind. We must understand that when a man and a woman become husband and wife through the holy marriage Blessing, the husband is called to see his wife in a new light, as a daughter of God and a daughter of humanity. If the man can love his wife as much as humanity loves her and as much as God loves her, then he is qualified to be her husband. The same is true for the woman. Just because a man is your husband, don't say, "It's all settled; that's my man." Before you claim him, think of him as God's son and as a man who represents all the men in the world.

Between a husband and wife, the husband is the right foot and the wife is the left foot. Together they need to leave footprints of a life lived for the sake of God and humankind. These footprints are, in fact, your family. If either the right or the left foot is not whole, the person will stumble. Will you be people who leave footprints that reveal stumbling? When you become a couple in which the wife upholds the husband as she would heaven and the husband holds the wife in esteem and protects her as he would the earth, then the place where they embrace will be where the virtues of heaven and earth are harmonized and where the cosmos is harmonized as one.

Our mission

Respected leaders, we are now entering a glorious age. The kingdom of

heaven on earth that is God's ideal of creation, the peace kingdom, is being established before your eyes. The life that I have lived for more than eighty years, a lonely path spattered with blood and sweat and lived only for the sake of Heaven, is now bearing the fruits of victory for the sake of the six billion people in the world.

In more than one hundred eighty countries, ambassadors for peace who have inherited Heaven's will and tradition are working hard, day and night, proclaiming the values of true love and true family. They are moving forward with full force to establish a world of peace on this earth.

In the Middle East, one of the world's most explosive tinderboxes, Jews, Christians, and Muslims have found the resources in my philosophy of peace to engage in a new dimension of peaceful dialogue. The Unification Thought of Rev. Moon also played a decisive role in ending the Cold War, and it will help to pave the way toward the unification of my homeland of Korea.

That alone is not enough to satisfy me. I began my life's work at the command of Heaven. I have come as the True Parent of humankind with God's anointing, and I am determined to keep my promise to Him to build His kingdom.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to take the opportunity provided by this extraordinary forum today to declare a truly historic and revolutionary project for the sake of peace and the welfare of humankind. This is a combined bridge and tunnel project across the Bering Strait, where Satan has historically divided East and West, and where the North American and Russian landmasses are separated.

This World Peace King Bridge and Tunnel will be connected to a future international highway system, enabling people to travel by car from Africa's Cape of Good Hope to Chile's Santiago and from London to New York, knitting the world together into a single community in a new way.

Heaven warns us that separation and division can no longer be tolerated. This project will help bind all nations together as a single community, help tear down the walls dividing race, culture, religion, and nationality, and help establish the world of peace that has been God's cherished desire. The United States and Russia need to unite, along with the European nations and with China, India, Japan, Brazil and all other nations. All of the world's religions need to unite as well. They need to

combine their energies to make this historic project a success. It will play a decisive role in establishing a peace kingdom where there is no benefit to war or division.

Ladies and gentlemen, some may question how such an enormous project can be completed. Where there is the Will of God, there is a way. The science and technology of the twenty-first century has advanced to a level where boring a tunnel under the Bering Strait is no problem. The construction costs are also no problem. For example, do you know how much money the United States poured into the war in Iraq during the past three years? The figure is soon going to reach \$200 billion. That is more than enough to complete the Bering Strait project.

Why do the United States and so many other countries continue the foolishness and barbarism of war, pouring endless funds into the exercise of killing one another? Humankind must stop repeating the perversity of sacrificing our children's lives and squandering astronomical amounts of money for the sake of war. The time has come for all the countries of the world to pool their resources and dash forward toward establishing the world of peace that is the desire of God, the master of this great universe.

Humanity has entered a dead-end street, and the only way we can survive is by upholding the peace philosophy of true love, true life and true lineage as taught by Rev. Moon. When your good ancestors are mobilized and the heavenly forces of the Age after the Coming of Heaven sweep down upon the earth, even countries and peoples that appear strong will have no choice except to surrender to the way of true love.

The choice is now before you. There can be no perfection in ignorance. This message I convey to you is both a warning and a blessing from Heaven. Will you join in step with me so we all may rise and gain victory in accordance with heavenly fortune? Will you become principal actors in establishing true families, true societies, true nations and a true world? Or will you be content to remain captive behind the same old walls that Satan relishes—the wall of your religion, the wall of your culture, the wall of your nationality and the wall of your race—and spend the remainder of your lives in agony and regret? Heaven today is summoning brave leaders who will turn this world of evil upside down and establish a new heaven and new earth.

Today I have delivered Heaven's message. Please inscribe it deep in your

hearts and remember that the holy marriage Blessing received through the True Parents has the uniting value of bringing together the virtues of heaven and earth. Please use this information to set new coordinates for your lives so you may become wise leaders.

Let me end my remarks by asking you to please pledge that you will become brave leaders, who will maintain the heavenly way that has become the tradition of the Era after the Coming of Heaven, and who will help to usher the world and humankind into the realm of true love.

Thank you.

God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful Ideal World

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Good evening. I address you as leaders from around the globe who do not hesitate to make extraordinary efforts for the realization of world peace. I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your being present here tonight in spite of your very busy schedules.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we begin the twenty-first century, we find ourselves at a truly historic turning point. We are at a point of decision. Can everlasting world peace take root, or are we doomed to repeat the twentieth century's dark and oppressive history of war and conflict?

The twentieth century was a period of ceaseless struggle, including wars for colonial dominion, the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and the Cold War. Living through this era, I dedicated my life entirely to the accomplishment of God's ideal of peace. I have always prayed sincerely that the United Nations, founded after the Second World War, would be an institution of peace, and that it would uphold God's will for the realization of eternal world peace.

The United Nations has made important contributions for peace. Nevertheless, at its sixtieth anniversary there is a broad consensus, both inside and outside the organization that the UN has yet to discover the way to fulfill its founding purposes. The number of member states approaches two hundred, and the offices of these states do little more than represent and even insist on their own interests. They seem inherently unable to resolve conflicts and achieve peace.

For these reasons, I declare today before all humanity the founding of a new international organization, the Universal Peace Federation. Its mission is to renew the existing United Nations and provide a new level of

leadership as an “Abel-type” UN; that is, an organization whose efforts for peace are offered to Heaven, that can invest itself ceaselessly in serving for the sake of others. To commemorate this day in its fullness, I am declaring a message from God to all people living in this age. It is entitled, “God’s Ideal Family and the Kingdom for the Peaceful Ideal World.”

Respected world leaders, what do you think God’s ultimate purpose is for creating human beings? Simply put, it is to experience joy through relating with ideal families filled with true love. What does an ideal family look like? First, each person in the family is an owner of true love. When God first created human beings, He made Adam representing all men, and Eve representing all women, with the intention that they become owners of true love. The quickest way for them to cultivate a character of true love was to secure a parent-child relationship with God, whereby they could live in attendance to God as their Parent. They were to have followed the path of living as one family with God.

I invite you to enter into a mystical state and prayerfully ask God, “What is the center of the universe?” I am sure that the answer you hear will be “the parent-child relationship.” Nothing is more important or more precious than the relationship between parent and child. This is because it defines the fundamental relationship between God, the Creator, and human beings.

Then, what defines the parent-child relationship? Three things define this relationship: love, life and lineage. Without our parents’ love as a precondition, none of us would be alive today. God created human beings out of absolute love, to be partners with Him in love. This relationship forms an axis of love, linking God the Parent with human beings as sons and daughters.

Is there anything higher or more precious than to be a son or daughter of God? If anything were higher, then surely human desire would aspire to attain it. There is nothing higher. Do you think that when the omniscient and almighty God created Adam and Eve, He secretly reserved the highest position for Himself and made Adam and Eve to be only second best? We cannot imagine that God would do that to His children, partners who were created to share absolute love with Him. As our eternal True Parent, God invested one hundred percent into the creation of human beings and endowed us with the right to have equal status with Him, to

participate in His work as equals, to live with and to inherit from Him. God bestowed upon human beings all of His own attributes.

Though God is the Absolute Being, He cannot be happy alone. Adjectives such as “good” and “happy” cannot apply to any being that lives in isolation. They apply only where there is a robust reciprocal relationship. Imagine a professional singer who finds herself exiled to an uninhabited island. She may sing at the top of her voice, yet with no one to listen, will it bring her happiness? In the same way, even the self-existent God absolutely needs a reciprocal partner of love in order to experience joy and be happy.

Then how shall we live to become God's reciprocal partner and return joy to Him? In other words, how shall we live to become children of God, people whom God delights to call “My son,” or “My daughter,” people who embody a divinity equal to His own? How can we become God's partners in completing the work of creation, partners who will inherit the entire creation? I answer: We must emulate the ideal beginning point of God's creative process. In the beginning of creation, God set up the principle of “living for the sake of others.” He set the practice of true love as the nucleus, and from that point He began to create.

Therefore, to become God's children, our first responsibility is to resemble God. We need to embody true love. The way to embody true love begins by living as a filial child, then a patriot, a saint, and finally a divine son or daughter of God. At that stage we can experience the innermost emotions of God's heart and resolve the grief that He has experienced for tens of thousands of years ever since the Fall of Adam and Eve. God is almighty. It is not due to His shortcoming or lack of ability that He has been imprisoned in great pain and has endured immense suffering behind the scenes of history.

This tragedy was the result of provisions in the Principle of Restoration, which God was not free to disclose, that called Him to wait with forbearance until Adam and Eve's positions, lost at the Fall, could be restored thanks to the appearance of the perfected “second Adam.” Although God is all-powerful, He will not set aside the eternal laws and principles that He established.

Do you know what has pained God's heart, causing Him the greatest grief over the long history since the Fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His

lineage. And with the loss of His lineage, God lost His right of ownership. Let me talk about lineage for a moment. Lineage is more important than life and more important than love. Life and love come together to create lineage. Lineage cannot be established if either life or love is missing. Therefore, among the three qualities that define the parent-child relationship, love, life and lineage, lineage is the fruit.

The seed of true love is embedded in God's lineage. God's lineage provides the context and environment for a true life. Hence, for us to become the ideal people envisioned by God, people of ideal character who can create ideal families, we first need to be linked to His lineage. To take it a step further, only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to create God's homeland, the ideal nation. Only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to establish world peace. Please inscribe the importance of lineage in your hearts. I cannot emphasize this enough.

Without lineage, neither life nor love can endure. You strive to set a good tradition, yet it will endure only through your lineage. Lineage is the bridge allowing the parents' spirit to carry on through subsequent generations. In other words, lineage is the first and final condition necessary for parents to harvest the fruits of their love, the fruits of their life and the fruits of their joy. We need to know this with certainty.

Yet when Adam and Eve fell, this lineage, more precious than life, was lost. The fruits of true life and true love never matured. They became the fruits of Satan, lacking any relationship with Heaven. From them descended the six billion people now inhabiting the earth. God intended for the seeds He planted to grow into a bountiful crop to be harvested in the autumn in the garden of Eden. The ideal of God's creation was that He would raise Adam and Eve, His son and daughter, to the point where they would blossom in true love, give bloom to true life, and bear fruit in a true lineage. God desired to harvest the owners, families and nation of eternal life, eternal love and eternal lineage.

False love, false life and false lineage infested the earth. God's love, life and lineage fell into the hands of the adulterer Satan, the enemy of love. Heaven and earth were suffocated and transformed into hell. The world became a wretched place, far from God's presence. Yet humanity to this day lives in ignorance of this. People are deluded into believing that the lineage of the enemy is the lifeline upon which the world depends. This is

the wretched truth about humanity descended from the Fall. That is why we refer to this world as hell on earth. God sees humanity's tragic situation with a heart full of pain.

After creating Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, God intended to marry them through His holy Blessing and bequeath to them Heaven's right of ownership. God wanted Adam and Eve to inherit from God the ownership of the entire universe. Because of the Fall, however, all this fell under Satan's control. God is like a father who worked and sweated his entire life to accumulate assets for his children, only to have a thief steal everything in one night.

Who can comprehend the sorrowful, painful heart of God? God lost His lineage, lost His children, and was forced to hand over ownership of the nations and world to Satan. There was only one way to recover this lineage and ownership. This was the path to win the natural subjugation of Satan, which means to have Satan surrender voluntarily. What is the secret to accomplishing this? This can happen only by the power of true love, by loving our enemies more than we love our own children.

Was there ever a time when God, as our True Father and True Mother, could rejoice with human beings, enjoying the natural bonds of parent and child? Has God enjoyed even a year of comfort with His children, knowing that what He created was good? The answer is no. God has not enjoyed this even for one hour. And has anyone been able to comfort God in this pain? Again, no, because no one knew the reason for this unbridgeable gap between God and humankind. No one has known why God and humanity are in such a tragic circumstance.

The biblical account of Cain and Abel reveals the beginnings of human conflict right in Adam's family. It provides the archetype for humankind's unending history of struggle, war and conflict. We are conflicted on many levels, beginning with the war between body and mind within each individual, extending to wars between nations, and culminating in the global conflict between materialism and theism. Extreme selfish individualism threatens our prosperity even today. We deem young people to be the hope of humanity, holding the promise of the future, yet drugs and free sex enslave them. Advanced countries seem to believe that material goods are all that matter. They recognize only their own interests while ignoring the misery of tens of thousands who die of starvation every day.

Who can untie this ancient knot of Cain and Abel? It has been tightened for thousands of years and grows ever more tangled. Do you think the United Nations can do it? The UN at its founding proclaimed a movement for world peace, and for sixty years it has dedicated itself to this task; yet world peace still remains far distant. Peace among nations can never come when those entrusted with the task have not resolved the Cain-Abel relationship between their own mind and body. Therefore, the time has come to launch an Abel-type UN that will set its course according to God's will.

God eagerly anticipated that someone would come and resolve these tragedies, yet no such person appeared on earth. God waited and waited, looking for anyone who would take on the role of the True Parent. If someone had come forward, I am certain that God would have appeared in his dreams, carried the sun and moon to him, and showered forth lightning of joy and thunder of ecstasy from the heavens.

In this sense, it is a miracle of miracles that for the first time in history a man has succeeded in establishing the position of Adam, securing the position of the owner of true love, and received God's anointing as the True Parent of humanity. It is an amazing fact that his lifetime coincides with yours, and that you and he breathe the same air. I gained victory in the position of the horizontal True Parent, who comes to rescue fallen humanity. On that foundation, on January 13, 2001, I dedicated to Heaven the Enthronement Ceremony for Kingship of God. Through that ceremony I liberated and released God, the vertical True Parent who has taken responsibility for the Providence of Restoration. In all of history, this was the highest and greatest blessing humanity has ever received. This victory was absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Through this absolute providential victory, God's body and mind are completely liberated!

Respected leaders! Our bondage to the lineage of Satan has caused much suffering throughout history. Let us now boldly step forth to sever it and be grafted onto the root of the lineage of the True Parents. Why would we foolishly continue to live and die as wild olive trees? A wild olive tree, even if it lives a thousand years, will only continue producing the seeds of more wild olive trees. Where can we find the path to escape this vicious cycle? It is through the holy Blessing.

The Blessing ceremony offers the grace of being grafted onto the true olive tree. It was inaugurated through the True Parents, who bring God's

true lineage to humankind. Once you change your lineage to God's lineage, your offspring will belong to God's lineage naturally. The holy Blessing is received in three stages: resurrection, rebirth and eternal life. Once you receive the True Parents' Blessing, you can give birth to pure, sinless offspring and build an ideal family.

The best way to receive the Blessing is with someone from another race, nationality or religion. I call this an "exchange marriage." This contributes to the enormous task of transcending the barriers of race, culture, ethnicity and religion and creating one family of humankind. In God's sight, skin color makes no difference. God does not stand behind the barriers of religion and culture. They are nothing more than the devil's tricks. The devil has used them to rule over humanity as a false parent for tens of thousands of years.

Imagine two enemy families who have cursed each other throughout their lives, people who would never dream of living together. What would happen if these families joined together through an exchange holy marriage Blessing? Would the parents of two such families curse their son and daughter who became husband and wife, who loved each other and built a happy home? If their son were to love this beautiful daughter of a hated enemy, and she were to become their daughter-in-law and give birth to Heaven's grandchildren as pure and clear as crystal, the grandparents would smile with pleasure. In time the lineages once soaked with enmity would be transformed.

What method other than exchange marriage will empower whites and blacks, Jews and Muslims, Asians and westerners, and people of all races to live as one human family? The ideal family is the model for living together in peace. The ideal family is the nest where we live and learn to become one. There we have the foundation of love and respect between parents and children, shared trust and love between husband and wife, and mutual support among siblings. For this fundamental reason, you need to receive the holy marriage Blessing from the True Parents and establish Heaven's tradition of ideal families.

Let me reiterate: To resemble God, the original Being of true love, we need to become the owners of true love. We must embody true love and practice it in order to develop our character. This is the way each of us can become true parents.

Then, what is a life of true love? True love is the spirit of public service. It brings the peace that is at the root of happiness. Selfish love is a mask for the desire to have one's partner exist for one's own sake; true love is free of that corruption. Rather, its essence is to give, and to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, as with a filial son who gains his greatest satisfaction in helping his parents. God created the universe out of just such love—absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal—investing everything without any expectation or condition of receiving anything in return.

True love is the wellspring of the universe. Once a person possesses it, true love makes him or her the center and the owner of the universe. True love is the root of God and a symbol of God's will and power. When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually increasing in the joy of each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissipate the barriers fallen human beings have created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Whoever practices God's true love will live with God, share His happiness and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the kingdom of heaven.

Respected leaders, you are now living in an age of blessing. God's promises are coming to fruition. The kingdom of heaven on earth, the kingdom of peace that is God's ideal of creation, is being established before your eyes. My life of more than eighty years, this lonely path trod solely for Heaven and stained with blood, sweat and tears, is now bearing victorious fruit for the sake of the world's six billion people. From the spirit world, the founders of the world's religions, along with tens of thousands of saints and your own good ancestors, are watching your every move. Whoever strays from the heavenly path will reap the consequences.

In more than one hundred eighty countries, ambassadors for peace who

have inherited Heaven's will and tradition are making serious effort, day and night, to proclaim the values of true love and true family. They are moving forward with full force to establish peace on this earth. In the Middle East, one of the world's tinderboxes, Jews, Christians and Muslims have found the resources in my philosophy of peace to engage in a new dimension of dialogue. In past decades, Unification Thought played a decisive role in ending the Cold War. Now I am successfully leading vital efforts to bring about the reunification of my homeland of Korea.

However, I am not yet satisfied because I began my life's work at the command of Heaven. I have come as the True Parent of humankind with God's anointing and I am determined to keep my promise to Him. I am determined to obliterate all national divisions and barriers that have poisoned this earth and to establish the world of peace, where all people everywhere can live hand in hand.

Respected ambassadors for peace: I believe you have learned many things through the message from God that I am conveying to you today. As humanity continues to drift aimlessly, your help is needed more than ever before as people who represent Heaven. Please take this opportunity to make a new determination to be Heaven's envoys, prepared to uphold Heaven's command. With this in mind, I would like to summarize the message I have given today so that we can all take the mission given to us by Heaven and inscribe it deep within our hearts.

What did I say was lost by the Fall of Adam and Eve, who were created as God's children?

First, the realm of the lineage given to us by God was lost. Blood lineage is the most special among all special rights that parents pass on to their children. Through the Fall, Adam and Eve received the false lineage of Satan and descended to become Satan's children. We have to understand with certainty that all human beings today without exception, regardless of who they may be, are the descendants of the Fall who have inherited the blood lineage of Satan. When God created Adam and Eve, He invested His entire being 100 percent and created them on the standard of absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience. God gave them His lineage as the seed for their love and life.

So from this moment, you are in a different position. The path has been opened wide for you to change your lineage through the holy wine

ceremony handed down by the True Parents and rededicate your marriage so that you may establish true families.

The second loss at the time of the Fall was the realm of siblings when, in the family of Adam, the older brother Cain killed his younger brother Abel. God's original structure and blessing was that siblings in a family would lead a life of love and harmony, yet sibling relationships were degraded to become enemy relationships of envy and resentment. This is the reason humanity needs to completely restore this divisive lineage through the worldwide exchange marriages led by Rev. Moon. Only when the younger brother, who is favored by Heaven, can establish a relationship as a loving subject partner to his elder brother can the original family structure envisioned by God be restored.

Ladies and gentlemen, because I have spent my life exposing these evil secrets of Satan, it was inevitable that I would face intense persecution and suffering which words cannot describe. Now, however, I have been victorious over all obstacles, and I have declared the Age after the Coming of Heaven, when the power of Heaven becomes manifest. On this foundation, I am building a representative Abel realm on the world level that brings together religions and nations representing seventy percent of the current world population. To create a representative Cain-realm on the world level, I am bringing together those with the Mongolian birthmark, which includes some seventy-four percent of the world's population.

Now these two, the worldwide Abel realm and the worldwide Cain realm, must become as one body, with the Universal Peace Federation in the position of the Abel UN. To establish a world of peace on this earth, the conflicts and barriers on every level must be dispelled; we are to reach a level that transcends religion and nations. I would like to remind you that this is how all humankind will be able to enter the world of the original ideal of creation. It is humanity's destiny to fulfill our responsibility to establish the original right of ownership that was lost by the Fall of Adam and Eve.

Please remember that now is the time when the Abel realm, which is on the side of Heaven, must embrace the Cain realm on a cosmic level. Then we can make a new beginning toward establishing the new heaven and new earth, the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, with Heaven's complete authority.

Leaders from around the world, let me take the opportunity provided by today's distinguished forum to reiterate my proposal for a truly providential and revolutionary project. For the sake of peace and human welfare, and to build God's homeland and original hometown, I propose that we build a passage for transit across the Bering Strait, which is the last remnant of Satan's historical division between East and West, North and South, and where the North American and Russian landmasses are separated.

This passage, which I call the World Peace King Bridge and Tunnel, will link an international highway system that will allow people to travel on land from Africa's Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York, across the Bering Strait, connecting the world as a single community.

God is warning that separation and division will no longer be tolerated. Carrying out this project will bind the world together as one village. It will tear down the man-made walls of race, culture, religion and country, and will help to establish the world of peace that has been God's cherished desire.

The United States and Russia can become as one. The European continent, China, India, Japan, Brazil and all nations, along with all the world's religions, can combine their energies to succeed in this project. The success of this project will be decisive in establishing a peace kingdom where people will no longer make war with each other.

Ladies and gentlemen, some may doubt that such a project can be completed. However, where there is a will, there is always a way, especially if it is the Will of God. The science and technology of the twenty-first century render it possible to construct a tunnel under the Bering Strait. The construction costs are also not a problem. Think of how much money the world is wasting on war. Humanity needs to realize that we are committing fearful sins in the presence of history and our descendants. Let us take one example. How much money has the United States spent on the war in Iraq during the past three years? It is approaching \$200 billion. That budget would be more than enough to complete the Bering Strait project.

War is a most primitive and destructive means of resolving conflict; it will never lead to lasting peace. Now is the time, as the prophet Isaiah

taught, to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Humankind must end the perverse cycle of sacrificing our children's lives and squandering astronomical sums of money to fight wars. The time has come for the countries of the world to pool their resources and advance toward the world of peace desired by God, who is the master and Parent of this great universe.

Ladies and gentlemen, humanity is traveling down a dead-end street. The only way to survive is to practice the peace philosophy of true love, true life and true lineage that I am teaching. Now that we have entered the Age after the Coming of Heaven, your good ancestors are mobilized, and the heavenly hosts are sweeping down upon the earth. Soon the countries and peoples that appear strong and mighty will change course and shift in this direction.

I leave you with a choice. There can be no perfection in ignorance. The message from Heaven that I convey to you today is both a blessing and a warning to this generation. I, Rev. Moon, will take the lead in establishing true families, true societies, true nations and a true world. Will you join with me in this work as I rise and gain strength to bring this new age in accordance with heavenly fortune? Or will you remain captive behind the same old barriers, all of them Satan's handiwork, that make a wall out of your religion, a wall out of your culture, a wall out of your nationality and a wall out of your race, and spend the remainder of your time on earth in agony and regret? Heaven is summoning you to be the wise leaders who will set aright this world of evil and establish a new heaven and new earth.

Today we are participating in the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation. It represents God's victory, the fruit of the True Parents' blood, sweat and tears, and the world's cherished hope. It will carry out the role of an Abel-type UN in relation to the existing United Nations for building Cheon Il Guk. Think of the peacekeeping role of the United Nations in the past. Sometimes it withdrew its forces before their mission was completed. The Korean War is a good example. Under the banner of the Universal Peace Federation, we will serve as "peace kingdom police force" and a "peace kingdom corps" to safeguard global peace. For the sake of humanity's future, I hope that you will put on new "true love armor" in this new age and be wise and brave activists in this worldwide peace force.

Please inscribe this warning from Heaven deep in your hearts. Remember that the only way to inherit Heaven's lineage and establish the realm of liberation and complete freedom is through the holy marriage Blessing established by the True Parents. Moreover, the holy marriage Blessing provides the means to establish God's ideal family and everlasting world peace.

In closing, I ask you to devote your best efforts for the development and success of the Universal Peace Federation.

Thank you.

God's Model Ideal Family and Nation and the Peace Kingdom



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Leaders conference for Korean ambassadors for peace

Distinguished world leaders, ambassadors for peace and blessed family members who have come from all parts of the world in hopes of bringing about the realization of world peace, and building the ideal hometown in heaven and on earth:

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for coming together despite your busy schedules to take part in this rally to expand and elevate the Family Party for Cosmic Peace and Unification to a global level, so that it may be reborn as the Cheon Il Guk House for Peace and Unification; to make the Universal Peace Federation a model UN-type organization; and to make Cheon Il Guk the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world through the concerted efforts of all the nations of the world.

A lifetime of looking only forward

As you may know, this year marks the eighty-seventh year since my birth. On this remarkable occasion, as the founder of the Universal Peace Federation, which is to open wide the Era after the Coming of Heaven, I would like to convey to you the essence of the truth of Heaven that I have taught throughout my life. This message is entitled, "God's Model Ideal Family and Nation, and the Peace Kingdom."

Ladies and gentlemen: On looking back, my life has indeed been like a dream. At the young age of sixteen, with nothing but the buoyant spirit and aspirations of youth, I was called by Heaven and began to live for the Will of God. This left no room in my heart for any worldly ambitions I may have cherished. It has never been an easy path, but I have followed it for more

than eighty years, looking nowhere but straight ahead. This was the life I was fated to lead, with no choice but to shake off the embrace of my beloved parents, and brothers and sisters, who clung to me, wanting me to stay with them. They endured great self-sacrifice and walked a thorny path of dreadful suffering for my sake.

It has been a journey through the wilderness that no one among the 6.5 billion people living on earth could ever comprehend. Even when I persevered through the hardships of prison life six times, I never let go of the key to the providence; such has been Rev. Moon's life.

This was all because I came to know only too well how anguished, aggrieved and full of bitter sorrow was the heart of God as He waited for thousands of years to find us. I realized that if God, who is the origin of billions of people and the Creator of everything in the universe, was not relieved from His sorrow, human life would remain completely without value.

When, where and how did God come to carry such agonizing sorrow in His heart? Who on earth could inflict this grief upon Him, the absolute and omnipotent Being?

God created Adam and Eve and established them as the first ancestors of humankind. Since the parent-child relationship is the highest and most important of all relationships, He committed Himself 100 percent to raising them as His son and daughter, connected to Him through love, life and lineage. The relationship between parent and child is the only way through which God's lineage can be bequeathed and made to last forever.

However, this parent-child relationship, more precious and important than life itself, was severed due to the Fall of Adam and Eve. God's own flesh and blood, His first son and daughter, Adam and Eve, formed a blood relationship with His enemy Satan and became Satan's children instead. In the face of this, God's heart has been crushed and wounded with grief and sorrow throughout history. This caused the most mortifying and harrowing anguish for our Heavenly Parent throughout history, which no one in the past understood or could resolve.

Tragically, God's ideal of creation, which was to establish a true family in that very first generation of humanity, a family through which He could eternally pass on His lineage, was frustrated. The only way to relieve God's sorrow is to restore and establish a true family unrelated to the lineage of

Satan. Herein lies the reason why all of us need to establish true families, which is God's ideal of creation. Herein also lies the fundamental object and purpose of the founding of the Universal Peace Federation.

In the Old Testament it is written, "So God created humankind in his image; in the image of God he created them, male and female He created them." (Gen. 1:27) From observing God's creation as expressed in this passage, we can conclude that God is a being who comprises the essence of one man and one woman. Having these attributes, God could not enjoy a solitary life. Therefore, He created the universe as His object partner. That is, God created all things in the universe in the position of an object partner in image, and in this environment He created human beings as His object partners in substance.

In this manner, the first masculine representative created by God as His object partner in substance was Adam, and the feminine representative He created was Eve. God had an objective in mind when He created human beings as separate beings, one man and one woman.

God's ideal of creation

First, God, who exists as an incorporeal Subject being whose dual characteristics are in harmony, wanted to assume a physical form through which He could relate with the entire world of substance. Adam and Eve were to become temples of God, so that through them He could communicate and work freely in relation to the entire universe, the world of substance. This is because the incorporeal God, without a physical body, meets certain limits in dealing with the corporeal world of substance.

Therefore, if Adam and Eve had attended God in their hearts and become one with Him, then married on the basis of having perfected themselves, had children and created a family, they would have become the external and horizontal True Parents in substance, and God would have become the internal and vertical True Parent in substance. If only this had come to pass, Adam and Eve would have resembled God 100 percent, both in their inner nature and outer form. If Adam and Eve, as a couple who perfectly resembled God, had become the true parents of humankind, human beings would have experienced the true reality of God in their daily lives.

Second, God created Adam and Eve for the sake of the fulfillment of love. He intended for Adam and Eve to grow to spiritual maturity and

reach perfection, thus becoming the embodiments of love in complete union. On that basis, He would have come and dwelt with them as the Parent of true love for all humanity. Adam and Eve, standing in the position of the parents of substance in the image of God, would have established an ideal family, and consequently an ideal world, as this same standard of heart was multiplied in their own children. If this had come to be, the spirit world and the earthly world would have been linked through human beings. We can conclude that God's intention in creating human beings was to allow us to grow to become the connecting point between the spiritual and physical worlds.

By coming to dwell in Adam and Eve based on true love, God would have been recognized by succeeding generations of humanity as the True Parent, the parent in substance of humankind. Moreover, when the time came for Adam and Eve to end their lives on earth and pass on into the spirit world, God could take on their spirit bodies and manifest as the True Parent through their form. However, due to the Fall of Adam and Eve, God has not seen that ideal fulfilled.

God does not need money, knowledge or power. Since He is the absolute, almighty Being, He does not need such things. Though modern science may be accomplishing spectacular advances, these are all part of the process of discovering new facts and truths within the realm of God's creation. The vast expanse of this universe operates in an orderly fashion according to laws that cannot be fathomed by human thought or science. In this sense, God is also the absolute scientist.

Then what would have been the ideal that God hoped to achieve through the creation of humankind? It was to fulfill the four-position foundation. The four-position foundation signifies Adam and Eve in a state of complete union with God. This makes it impossible for them to separate from God's realm of love, no matter how hard they may try. The four-position foundation refers to the foundation of a family with God as its center, established when the husband and wife have achieved complete oneness not only with each other but also with God, and when they have become an ideal couple and give birth to sinless children. When the family four-position foundation is thus completed, that family becomes a family of the ideal of creation desired by God.

Generally speaking, a family is formed through the coming together of

husband and wife and of parents and children. God's love must be the center of that family group. At this point, the husband represents heaven and the wife earth. Although they are two separate beings, when husband and wife have become one, horizontally speaking, their union symbolizes the unity of heaven and earth. Simply put, when husband and wife are in unity based on God's love, the way to bring unity in the cosmos opens up.

Ladies and gentlemen,

God created the world to receive joy from it. Since even the Absolute Being, God, could not feel joy while alone, He needed a partner with whom to share the giving and receiving of love. This is because joy cannot be felt all by oneself, but can only be experienced through a partner.

To put it in another way, God created this world to experience the joy of seeing humankind and all things of creation becoming one through His love, as we formed a harmonious and peaceful world of love. On such a basis, human beings were meant to form true conjugal relationships centered on God's love, and to establish families, tribes, peoples, nations and a world of true love. God created this world to participate directly in this process and to feel joy from it.

We can see that human beings are absolutely essential to fulfill God's ideal of love, and thus we can understand the concept that absolute value is derived from an absolute partner.

Our Parent, God, and all His children, humankind, were to form a vertical axis. This was the purpose for the creation of human beings. If this axis had been connected perfectly, that is, if God and humankind had united as one through true love, they would have been absolutely inseparable; no force in the universe could have broken them apart. How could anyone who has been bound to the original love of God, and who has tasted that love, ever be separated from it?

With the coming of spring, honeybees wake up from their long slumber and get a taste for the fresh nectar of the blooming flowers. Try pulling the abdomen of one such honeybee while it is lost to all else but sucking on that nectar. You will see that it cannot tear itself away from the nectar, even if its abdomen is pulled off. How about you? Once you really get to know the taste of God's true love, you won't get far from it before you come back and cling to it once again. This shows that the power of the vertical true love that connects us to God is greater than the power of life.

The value of a family of three generations living in harmony

Ladies and gentlemen, the reason we miss the family we have left behind is because at home there is love for one another. Home is where the love of mother and father, the love of brothers and sisters, the love of one's spouse, one's children and one's close neighbors are all deeply embedded. It is a place of mutual affection, where all the relationships and affinities are brought together through mutual love. This makes you want to cherish each and every member of your family. It is the yearning and desire of any wanderer who has left his family behind to reappear boldly before his family, as a liberated being, and embrace the mountains, streams and trees, love his relatives and countrymen, and sing songs of ecstasy. However, the situation of humankind descended from the Fall has been different. Banished from their original heavenly hometown and destined to wander around in isolation and defeat, human beings have been never been able to go back, no matter how much they missed their families, for they have lost the root of the heart of their original homeland.

However, with the ushering in of this era of a new heaven and a new earth, we are being pulled out of the swamp that was sucking us down. The way is being opened for us to return to our hometown, which we have never forgotten even for a moment, and to meet with our true family. Could there ever be a day of greater blessing for humanity? The time of heavenly power and fortune has now come, making it possible for us to reestablish the original family that was lost through the Fall of Adam and Eve.

When seeking after the lost original family, you should set out from the position of the perfected Adam, the position of the perfected Jesus, and the position representing the perfected Second Coming of the Lord. God will dwell in such a family. That family would be one of three generations—grandparents, parents and children—living in harmony. Parents and children live in service and attendance to the grandparents as the historical root of the ancestors.

The family sets the pattern for living together in harmony. The family wherein parents and children love and respect each other, husband and wife are grounded in mutual trust and love, and brothers and sisters trust and rely on each other, and all live together as one, is the model ideal family. This means that you need to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.

Such a true family is the root of history and the root of the kingdom of heaven, because it is from such a family that the kingdom of heaven on earth takes root. It is also where the everlasting root of kingship is firmly planted. The roots of the past, present and future are represented in the grandparents, parents and grandchildren, respectively. The root of the past represents the spirit world; the root of the present is the palace representing the world today; and the root of the future establishes the grandsons and granddaughters as princes and princesses. Through such a family we erect the palace of peace, representing the harmony of the two worlds, the spirit world and the physical world.

In this manner, the three generations of grandparents, parents, and grandchildren live together as one family, serving the eternally existent God. You have to know that to seek after and establish such a family of Cheon Il Guk, God's kingdom, is the responsibility of tribal messiahs, the mission of the ambassadors for peace, and the desire of God.

You must form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after He has been away. You have to raise families to which He can come freely as a parent visiting His children. This is what it means to live in service to God. Within such a family, God becomes the subject partner of our conscience, acting vertically. Following that vertical subject partner, our mind stands in the position of subject partner to our body and brings the two into unity. That is where parental love, conjugal love, children's love, and siblings' love—the four realms of love or the four realms of heart—are perfected. Only in such a family can the upper and lower, front and back, left and right be connected as one, in a circular flow of energy. This leads to God's everlasting, model ideal families and nations, and to His peace kingdom.

The age of the eternal, ideal kingdom of peace

Ladies and gentlemen! Why do we get married? It is to restore the position of an owner. A man or woman alone can be only one half of the whole. That is how God created us. For that reason, He has interchanged the owners of the reproductive organs, the love organs. The owner of the wife's reproductive organ is the husband, and the owner of the husband's is the wife. Only when each is rooted in love for the other can they stand in the position of the owner of their spouse. We marry to secure this position of the owner.

Then what are we trying to achieve by restoring the position of the owner? It is to fulfill and embody God's love from that position. God is the subject of the three great loves. As the owner of the universe, He is the teacher, owner and parent of true love. This is the original three great subject partners system of thought. All such teachings and truths are created based on the life of true, model families and once they expand, the society, nation, world, and even heaven and earth can be transformed into the peace kingdom of the model ideal family.

Distinguished leaders, you are now living in the most blessed and exalted time in history. I now proclaim the launch of the era of a new heaven and earth, the Era after the Coming of Heaven, long-awaited and yearned for by billions of ancestors in the spirit world who have come and gone in history. This is the era of the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. Not only the four great religious founders, but also billions of good ancestors have come down to earth at this point to guide you on the heavenly path. The age in which the fallen and corrupted world plays havoc with humanity, allowing those who are evil to live better than others, is passing away.

Rev. Moon, who received the seal of Heaven, has come as the True Parent of humanity and the King of Peace. I will be true to my promise to God.

I will bring to fruition the era of the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world on this earth, without fail. Therefore, please bear in mind that all of you gathered here today are the central figures in establishing the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world on this earth, in attendance to the King and Queen of Peace, the True Parents.

Under the banner of the Abel-type UN, let us sweep away the perversions and the evil of this world through true love power. Let us become the proud "peace kingdom police force" and "peace kingdom corps" of the Universal Peace Federation, and protect the blessed families of the world. Let us fulfill our roles as the sentinels watching over this blessed land that is our planet.

I pray that the blessings and grace of God may be with all of you leaders representing different areas of responsibility, whose presence has elevated this historic occasion.

I ask you to devote your best efforts, as True Parents have, toward the development and success of the Universal Peace Federation, and toward creating God's ideal family, ideal nation and the peace kingdom.

Please become true princes and princesses who can attend and live

together with God, the Eternal Peace King, as the True Parent of humanity. Let us each live up to the standard of a true filial child, a patriot, a saint, and a member of the family of divine sons and daughters of God, in order to create the peace kingdom for all eternity.

May God's blessings be with you, your family, and your nation.

Thank you.

God's Model for Absoluteness, Peace and the Ideal Is the Family and Global Kingdom Upholding Absolute Sexual Morality



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Forty-seventh True Children's Day Celebration

Beloved blessed families of the world, respected ambassadors for peace, leaders from all walks of life, and distinguished guests from home and abroad:

Today is a significant day in the history of God's providence. It begins the forty-seventh year since I declared Children's Day. I had to reach and establish four great milestones in the providential course of restoration through indemnity, in order to fulfill God's purpose of creation that was lost through the Fall of Adam and Eve, our first ancestors. They are: God's Day, Parents' Day, Children's Day, and the Day of All Things. Having victoriously accomplished the Enthronement Ceremony for the Kingship of God in 2001, I proclaimed the beginning of the providence of Cheon Il Guk at the time of the entrance ceremony of the Cheon Jeong Gung Peace Palace and the coronation ceremony in June this year. Today marks the first observance of True Children's Day since then.

To commemorate this significant day and renew our resolve, I would like to convey Heaven's words on the topic, "God's Model for Absoluteness, Peace and the Ideal Is the Family and Global Kingdom Upholding Absolute Sexual Morality." It is a summary of the message from Heaven that I delivered to the 6.5 billion people of the world over the past year. It is to remind you again of your role and mission from the viewpoint of God's providence, and of the importance of the age in which you are living.

These are the words of life that one hundred twenty international religious leaders, who received them directly from True Parents, are proclaiming in one hundred twenty nations of the world. The world speaking tour

carried out by members of three generations of True Parents' family has opened the path to the salvation of humanity through Heaven's message and the Blessing. On that foundation, these religious leaders who represent the Cain-type world have taken up the cause and are traveling to every corner of the world.

God's purpose of creation

Ladies and gentlemen, throughout history, people have worked continuously for peace, based on human effort alone. Consider the confrontation between democracy and communism. Outwardly, the difference between the two was the extent to which they recognized and ensured individual rights and freedoms. Yet from the viewpoint of God's providence, communism and democracy have been like children who lost their parents. The two divided into the positions of Cain and Abel, respectively, and became trapped in the fetters of fraternal conflict.

Throughout history, peace movements inevitably reached their limit and could not achieve their goal because imperfect human beings carried them out. This is why the United Nations, although launched with the splendid dream of realizing world peace, today has to admit its innate limitations and confess that it can no longer give hope to humanity. That is simply because the UN was launched during the era prior to the time when God could directly govern the unfolding of His providence in history.

Now, however, it is entirely possible for the Universal Peace Federation to fulfill its mission to unite heaven and earth and form the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. That is because it represents God's victory and the fruit of True Parents' blood, sweat and tears. Therefore, the Universal Peace Federation is the world's cherished hope. It will carry out the role of an "Abel-type" counterpart to the existing "Cain-type" United Nations, to renew the UN and provide the leadership for a new sovereignty of universal peace known in Korean as Cheon Il Guk. Therefore, please bear in mind that you, as leaders from around the world, have the heavenly mission to build God's substantial homeland, which is no less than the ideal that God intended at the time of creation.

Respected leaders from around the world, what do you think is God's ultimate purpose for creating human beings? It is to experience joy through relating with ideal families filled with true love. What does an ideal family

look like? When God first created human beings, He made Adam representing all men and Eve representing all women, with the intention that they become owners of true love. Then what was the quickest way for them to cultivate a character of true love? Simply put, it was to secure a parent-child relationship with God, whereby they could live in attendance to God as their Parent and form a model family embodying God's ideal of peace. They were to have followed the path of living as one family with God, experiencing joy eternally.

God created Adam and Eve and established them as the first ancestors of humankind to form the model family and realize the ideal of peace. God committed Himself completely to raising them as His son and daughter, who were to be encapsulations of the entire cosmos, mediators between the spirit world and physical world, and lords of creation, united with God through true love, true life and true lineage.

Ladies and gentlemen, Adam and Eve were to establish a model, peaceful, ideal family. God, the Absolute Being, created human beings as His children in order to instill in them absolute values on the basis of an absolute standard. Thus, we have to follow the way of that absolute standard in keeping with the demands of the heavenly path. This means we must follow our destined life course in order to attend God, the Absolute Being, as our Parent. In other words, for people to perfect themselves in resemblance to God and obtain the stature of people of character who can be called sons and daughters of the Absolute Being, they need to follow the path based on the absolute standard determined by God. The essence of this path is the standard of absolute sexual morality.

Absolute sexual morality

The first stage of absolute sexual morality is to maintain a standard of absolute sexual purity prior to getting married. After we are born, we go through a process of growth. We pass through infancy and childhood in a very safe and secure environment formed by our parents' love and protection. We then enter the period of adolescence, which signals the start of a new and dynamic time of forging relationships on a totally new level with the people and things of creation all around us. This is the time we begin to travel the path of becoming a truly mature person, internally through the perfection of our character, and externally by reaching adulthood.

Yet all people, no matter who they are, must meet one absolute requirement if they hope to grow to spiritual maturity. That requirement is to maintain their sexual purity. True love among true people is based on the model of absolute sexual morality. God gave this direction to His children as a destined responsibility and duty, to be carried out in order to fulfill the ideal of creation. The only way to perfect the model of absoluteness in conjugal love is to follow this heavenly path.

What was the one and only commandment God gave to Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, after He created them? It was the commandment and blessing to maintain an absolute standard of sexual abstinence until God's approval of their marriage. We find the basis for this in the Bible passage that indicates that Adam and Eve would surely die on the day they ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. If they had refrained from eating and observed Heaven's commandment, they would have perfected their character and stood as equal co-creators with God, the Creator. Furthermore, they would have taken dominion over the creation and become lords of the universe, enjoying eternal and ideal happiness.

It was God's blessing that He warned Adam and Eve to preserve their sexual purity, so that they might marry with His Blessing as true children, become true husband and wife, give birth to true children and become true parents. This explanation deepens our understanding of this commandment; it was essentially a loving parental warning to Adam and Eve about absolute sexual morality, which is a principle of God's creation. The profound truth hidden within God's commandment throughout history was that we are meant to inherit and live by a model of sexual morality that is intrinsic to God's ideal for creation. Only by doing so can we perfect our individuality as God's children and establish ourselves as lords of creation.

The second stage of absolute sexual morality applies to the relationship between husband and wife. More precious than life itself, this is the heavenly law of absolute fidelity. Husband and wife are eternal partners given to each other by Heaven. By having children, husband and wife become co-creators of true love, true life and true lineage, and the origin of that which is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. It is a heavenly principle that one person alone cannot give birth to a child, even in a thousand years.

How can people who preserve their purity before marriage, and whom God binds together in a pure marriage as husband and wife, deviate from

the heavenly way and go astray, following the wrong path? People are different from animals. If we understand God's purpose in creating us as His children, we will realize that the wrong path is one of unimaginable betrayal and defiance of the Creator. It is a path of self-destruction along which we dig our own graves. Resulting from the Fall, this path is outside the realm of the ideal of creation.

Ladies and gentlemen, absolute sexual morality is the greatest blessing that Heaven has bestowed on humankind. Without adhering to the standard of absolute sexual morality, the path to perfecting one's character and attaining spiritual maturity is closed. Furthermore, without securing the foundation of absolute sexual morality through perfected individuals in a true family, it is impossible for God to manifest His stature as a God who is personal and incarnate in us.

In order for God, the Absolute Being, to have direct dominion over our lives and to live and share joy with us, we who were created as His object partners and His children need to form perfected families based on the standard of absolute sexual morality, as He intended. Only by living within the boundaries of absolute sexual morality is it possible for a family to create lifelong relationships based on the ideal model God originally intended for us. This model life includes the three-generational realm of grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren. Please understand clearly that God's eternal life and our eternal life are possible only on this foundation.

Therefore, if Adam and Eve had achieved individual maturity, the perfection of their character, by upholding absolute sexual morality in accordance with God's Will, and had then entered into conjugal relations through His Blessing, they would have attained complete oneness with Him. God would have dwelt within their union. Also, their children would have been linked to this holy order of love, enjoying a direct relationship with God as their Parent. In other words, the marriage of perfected Adam and Eve, based on their absolute sexual morality, would have been God's own marriage. God is forever God, yet at the same time Adam and Eve were to have become embodiments of God. They would have become God's body. God would have settled inside their minds and hearts to become the True Parent of humankind in both the spirit world and physical world, upon their foundation.

Do you know what has pained God's heart the most, causing Him the

greatest grief throughout the long history since the Fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His lineage. He lost His close relationship with people, and even His ownership over the creation. God's lineage is more precious than life itself. Without it, the fruits of true life and true love never matured. They became instead the fruits of Satan, lacking any relationship with God. From such people descended the 6.5 billion people now inhabiting the earth.

The importance of lineage and true love

Ladies and gentlemen, lineage is more important than life and more precious than love. Life and love come together to create lineage. Lineage cannot be established if either life or love is missing. Therefore, among love, life and lineage, lineage is the fruit. God's lineage contains the seed of true love. God's lineage provides the context and environment for a true life.

Hence, for us to become people of ideal character who can create ideal families, as originally envisioned by God, we have to be linked to His lineage. To take it a step further, only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to create God's homeland, the ideal nation. The kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world can only come about by heeding God's word to establish relationships based on absolute sexual morality.

Please inscribe the importance of lineage in your hearts. I cannot emphasize this enough. The parent-child relationship is the highest and most important of all relationships, and the model, lineal relationship between parent and child is the only way through which God's lineage can be bequeathed and made to last forever. You have to be clear on this point.

However, false love, false life and false lineage have infested the earth. God's love, life and lineage fell into the hands of the adulterer Satan, the enemy of love. Heaven and earth were suffocated and transformed into hell. The world became a wretched place, far from God's presence. Yet humanity to this day lives in ignorance of this. People are deluded into believing that the lineage of the enemy is the lifeline upon which the world depends. This is the miserable truth about humanity descended from the Fall. That is why we refer to this world as hell on earth. God's heart is full of pain as He views humanity's tragic situation.

Furthermore, as a result of the Fall, Satan gained control of the realm of lineage and usurped both the right of the eldest son and the right of ownership. God is like a father who worked and sweated his entire life to accumulate

assets for his children, only to find that a thief stole everything in one night. Who can comprehend the sorrowful, painful heart of God? God lost His lineage, lost His children, and was forced to hand over ownership of the nations and the world to Satan.

My task, the task of Rev. Moon, is to complete the mission of the True Parents. My life, therefore, has been one of sorrow, marked by inexpressible suffering and persecution. The third Adam, the True Parent, needs to indemnify and completely reverse all the mistakes of the first and second Adams. He has to complete the mission of the Savior, the Messiah and the returning Lord, and also the missions of all those major figures on whom religions are based. With similarities to the process of God's creation of the universe, his life constitutes the great work of the re-creation of humanity, where not even the smallest error is permitted. It is a lonely course that cannot be fully comprehended by anyone.

My course has taken me down thorny paths through the wilderness, paths that I had to follow while utterly alone. Not even God could acknowledge me. Hovering many times between life and death, even vomiting blood, my life has been like that of a phoenix that had to rise again. I had to establish a model of absolute sexual morality and remain true to my promise to God.

Though I was innocent, I, Rev. Moon, have had to endure unjust imprisonment six times. The first was in my early days, for working in the underground independence movement while studying in Japan. I was later imprisoned for propagating the Will of God in Pyongyang, which was under communist rule immediately following Korea's independence; during the Syngman Rhee administration after Korea had been reborn as a free nation; and finally, even in the United States, which proudly presents itself to the world as a model of democracy. Who on earth can understand the life of Rev. Moon, a life that has been one of perfecting a model of absolute love? Mine has been a life of misery. Biting my tongue, I have had to endure everything in order to comfort God and to bring about the salvation of the fallen people of the world who are suffering in the realm of death. Even now, if someone were to look into my heart and speak one word of sympathy, I would burst into tears and my tears would flow like a waterfall.

There is only one way to recover the realm of lineage, the right of the eldest son and the right of ownership. This is the path to win the natural subjugation

of Satan by having him surrender voluntarily. What is the secret to accomplishing this? It can be accomplished only by the power of true love, when we love our enemies more than we love our own children.

Then what is true love? Its essence is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, like that of a devoted son who gains his greatest satisfaction through helping his parents.

When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually rejoicing in each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissolve the barriers fallen people have created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of God's true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Whoever practices true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the kingdom of heaven.

The spirit world really exists

Ladies and gentlemen, each person has a mind and body, and a spirit self that is more elevated than the mind. God resides in the world in which we live with our physical bodies and also in the spirit world, where our spirits are destined to go. Therefore, we are complete only when we have become completely one with God in true love. Such a perfected person might be a relatively insignificant individual; however, as a representative of all of history and all potential future relationships, this person could be said to possess infinite value. Once we are aware of our cosmic value, we realize that we need to lead our lives in service to our minds for the sake of perfecting a standard of absolute sexual morality.

This is why your conscience knows and perceives every action you have performed, and also every thought you have entertained. Your conscience is aware of these things before your own teachers, parents or even God. Hence, if you were to live in absolute obedience to the commands of your

conscience, which is your teacher for eternity, you would be absolutely guaranteed to have eternal life. Such is the way of God's creation.

Consider the structure of a human being from a different perspective. We can recognize that God created us as beings with dual characteristics. He created our physical bodies as miniatures of the corporeal, physical world; likewise, He created our spiritual bodies as representatives of the incorporeal, spirit world. We are meant to take dominion of love over both worlds. Accordingly, God intended each person to live for a hundred years or so in the physical world and, once the physical body ceases to function, pass on naturally and automatically into the incorporeal, spirit world. In this way, the spirit world is the automatic and inevitable extension of our lives on earth, even though our physical eyes cannot perceive it. That world is humankind's eternal, original homeland created by God.

The spirit world actually does exist. It is not a world that has been fantasized or imagined into existence. We do not have the right to choose; it is not a world we can go to if we please or refuse to go to if we would rather not. Just as God is eternal and unchanging, the spirit world He created is also eternal and unchanging. Just as we live in the physical world in our physical bodies and form all sorts of relationships with the things of this world, likewise in the spirit world we are destined to continue living in our spiritual bodies, forming and maintaining close relationships with all phenomena of the spirit world.

Although everyone has both a spirit and a body, the spirit is the more important of the two. The physical body lasts for about a hundred years before it ceases to function, yet the spirit lasts eternally, transcending time and space. Isn't even a person who dresses and fares well in the physical world bound to die? Therefore, before you pass on to the next world, you have to achieve unity between your spirit and your physical body by living your earthly life in such a way that you meet the standards of both the physical and spirit worlds.

In other words, you have the responsibility to perfect your spirit within your physical body based on the finite life you live in the tangible, physical world. This does not mean, however, that your spirit self automatically grows to perfection. Your spirit self can mature fully only on the foundation of your having achieved complete unity between your mind and body during your earthly life, by expressing true love through action.

Ladies and gentlemen, in order for fruit to ripen and be put into storage in autumn, it must first pass through the growing process during spring and summer and be provided with the nutrients supplied by nature and the tender loving care of its owner. Fruit grown in an orchard by a lazy and ignorant owner will be afflicted with all kinds of diseases and be affected by foul weather. Eventually it will fall from the tree before it is ripe, or be classified as worm-infested. Though it will still be fruit, it will be different from other fruit because it will never be good enough to sell in the market.

Fruit that has fully matured on the tree will automatically go into the owner's storehouse. Similarly, only when a person's spirit has reached perfection during life in the physical world, which can be likened to the tree, will it automatically enter the incorporeal spirit world of the kingdom of heaven. In other words, a person will enter the kingdom of God in the spirit world automatically only after qualifying for and enjoying the kingdom of heaven on earth by living as a fully mature person while in his or her physical body.

During your life on earth, your every action and movement, without exception, is recorded on your spirit self, with the public laws of Heaven as the standard. Accordingly, you will enter the spirit world in the form of your spirit self, which has recorded your life on earth with 100 percent accuracy. Your spirit will show plainly whether you have led a ripe life of goodness, or a wormy, rotten life of sinfulness. What this means is that it is not God who will judge you; you will be your own judge. If you are aware of this astonishing rule from Heaven, will you spend the remaining days of your life on earth in selfishness and immorality, succumbing to all the temptations of Satan, in pursuit of only pleasure? No. Rather you will abstain from injuring and scarring your spirit bodies, even at the risk of your earthly life. Please bear this truth in mind: Whether you are bound for heaven or for hell is determined by your thoughts, speech and behavior in each moment.

Nevertheless, when you look into your lives, your outer self and inner self are undeniably in a relationship of ongoing conflict and struggle. How much longer will you allow this fighting to continue? Ten years? A hundred years? In contrast, there is undeniably a proper order for all forms of existence in the universe. This indicates that God did not create us in this state of conflict and disorder. You have to know that it is your duty and responsibility as a human being to dispel all temptations directed at your outer

self, your physical body, to work to perfect absolute sexual morality, and to gain victory in life by following the way of your inner self, your conscience. Heavenly fortune will be with those who lead their lives in such a way. They will attain perfection of their spirit selves.

The kingdom of heaven and the family

Ladies and gentlemen, what kind of place is the kingdom of heaven? In brief, it is a world overflowing with God's true love. True love is its axis. True love is everywhere, in the outward expression as well as in the inward thought. Everyone's life is filled with true love from beginning to end. In the kingdom of heaven, people are born through true love, live in the embrace of true love and follow the way of true love until the day they pass on into the next world, the spirit world.

The kingdom of heaven is a natural world where all people live for the sake of one another. Consequently, antagonism and jealousy cannot be found anywhere in that world. It is not a world governed by money, position or power. In that world, the success of every person represents the success of the whole, the likes of every person represent the likes of the whole, and the joy of every person represents the joy of the whole.

The kingdom of heaven is a world filled with the air of true love, where everyone breathes true love. Its life throbs with love, everywhere and all the time. The citizens of that kingdom are all linked together through their common membership in God's lineage. There, the whole world and its people are connected in an inseparable relationship, like the cells in our bodies. True love, the love that is God's essence, is the kingdom of heaven's only governing power. Accordingly, God also exists for true love.

When seeking after the lost ideal of the original family, there has to be someone in the position of perfected Adam, someone in the position of Jesus, and someone in the position of the Lord at his second coming. From that starting point, we can establish the family in which God will dwell. The three generations in that family—grandparents, parents and children—will live in harmony. Parents and children will serve and attend the grandparents because they represent the family's ancestors, its historical root.

Ladies and gentlemen, the family sets the pattern for living together in harmony and unity. In the model, ideal family, there is love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband

and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings. This means that you are to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.

In this manner, the three generations of grandparents, parents, and children live together as one family and serve the eternal God. God desires to see such families, and it is your responsibility as tribal messiahs and ambassadors for peace to seek after and establish these families of Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom of God.

Ladies and gentlemen, you need to form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after He has been away. He wants to feel comfortable visiting your home, like any parent coming to visit his or her children. This is what it means to live in service to God.

Within such a family, God is the vertical subject partner of your conscience, and your conscience is the vertical subject partner of your body. Thus, unity with God brings your mind and body into unity. Family members who have established that vertical axis can perfect the four realms of love and heart: parental love, conjugal love, children's love and siblings' love. That family links all directions: up and down, front and rear, right and left. They revolve around each other in everlasting spherical motion. This is God's eternal, model, ideal family, which is the foundation for ideal model nations and God's peace kingdom. If only the entire world were filled with such true families! It would be an orderly world where people governed themselves by the heavenly way and heavenly laws, with no need for lawyers, prosecutors or even judges.

Who would be most fully aware of your good and bad deeds? It would be your grandparents, parents, spouse and children. Is there anything that cannot be resolved within the family? When parents and children, husband and wife, and elder siblings and younger siblings set an example of living for the sake of one another, how could they do anything unforgivable? What reason would they have to commit crimes? A world governed by the heavenly way and heavenly laws is a natural world, an unobstructed world of truth and pure reason. It is a world at the "high noon" of absolute values, without any dark shadows.

International and cross-cultural marriage Blessing

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, our bondage to the lineage of Satan

has caused so much suffering throughout history. Let us now boldly step forth to sever it and be grafted onto the root of the lineage of the True Parents. Why would we foolishly continue to live and die as wild olive trees? A wild olive tree, even if it lives a thousand years, will only continue producing the seeds of more wild olive trees. Where can we find the path to escape this vicious cycle?

It is through the holy Blessing. The holy Blessing ceremony offers the grace of being grafted onto the true olive tree. It is instituted by the True Parents who bring God's true lineage to humankind. Once you change your lineage to God's lineage, your offspring will belong to God's lineage naturally. We receive the holy Blessing in three stages: rebirth, resurrection and eternal life. These marriages contribute to the enormous task of transcending the barriers of race, culture, nationality, ethnicity and religion, thereby creating one family of humankind. In God's sight, skin color makes no difference. God does not recognize national borders. God does not stand behind the barriers of religion and culture. They are nothing more than the devil's tricks. Satan has used them to rule over humanity as a false parent for tens of thousands of years.

You have the mission to teach the members of your families and clans that perfecting a life of absolute sexual morality through the international, cross-cultural marriage Blessing is the ultimate means to establish a peaceful, ideal world here on earth. Your families and clans could all join the holy ranks of those who have received the marriage Blessing based on the perfection of absolute sexual purity.

Ladies and gentlemen, the path is now open wide for you to change your lineage through the holy wine ceremony that the True Parents have instituted. This Blessing is given to you, either as newlywed couples or as already married couples, that you may establish true families.

True Parents' peace movement

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to reiterate the proposal I have made for a truly providential and revolutionary project for the sake of peace and human welfare, a project that will enable us to build God's homeland and original hometown. Satan has historically divided our world into East and West and North and South. I am therefore proposing that we build a passage for transit across the Bering Strait that separates the North American and

Russian landmasses. This passage, which I call the World Peace King Bridge and Tunnel, will cross the Bering Strait and link to an international highway system that will allow people to travel on land from Africa's Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York, connecting the world as a single community.

God is warning us that He will no longer tolerate separation and division. Carrying out this project will bind the world together as one village. It will tear down the man-made walls of race, culture, religion and country, and establish the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world that has been God's cherished desire.

The United States and Russia can become one. The countries of the European Union, China, India, Japan, Brazil and all nations, as well as all the world's religions, can combine their energies to succeed in this project. Its success will be decisive in establishing the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world, where people will no longer wage war against one another.

Beloved blessed families, you are now living in the most blessed and exalted time in history. The Era after the Coming of Heaven has arrived. I proclaim the beginning of the new heaven and new earth, long-awaited and yearned for by billions of your ancestors in the spirit world who have come and gone in history. This is the era of the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. The four great religious founders and billions of good ancestors have come down to earth to guide you on the heavenly path. The age when the fallen and corrupt world wreaks havoc on humanity, allowing evil people to live better than others, is passing away.

We have to seek out and establish that nation of righteousness, the ultimate destination in which we all attend God as the center. What would that nation be? It would be the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. It would be a nation that resembles the form of a model, true family with three generations living together in harmony, trusting, respecting and supporting one another and becoming one in love. In short, it would be the nation that humanity has desired throughout the ages, the utopia where God is sovereign.

This means we need a movement to realize a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. We have to make humanity one great family, breaking down the walls in our hearts and eliminating even the boundaries between nations. This movement begins from each

family. Therefore, each of us has to bear in mind that it is our providential calling to establish a true family. This is the way we can advance the establishment of the universal peace kingdom on earth.

Indeed, all this is coming to pass. In the Middle East, one of the world's tinderboxes, Jews, Christians and Muslims have found the resources in my philosophy of peace to engage in a new dimension of dialogue. In past decades, my Unification Thought played a decisive role in ending the Cold War. Now I am successfully leading behind-the-scenes efforts to bring about the reunification of my homeland of Korea.

Nonetheless I am not yet satisfied, because I began my life's work at the command of Heaven. With God's anointing, I am fulfilling the role of True Parent to humankind, and I am determined to keep my promise to Him. I am determined to obliterate all national divisions and barriers that have poisoned this earth and to establish the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world, where all people everywhere can live hand in hand.

Our mission

The Era after the Coming of Heaven that God and True Parents have opened is a time of dramatic change. You have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory. Therefore, please become Heaven's emissaries, fulfilling the dual missions of the "peace kingdom police force" and the "peace kingdom corps." Serve humanity under the banner of the Universal Peace Federation, which is working to take up the role of an Abel-type UN. Worthy citizens of the world, if not you, then who will nurture and protect the blessed families and this blessed planet Earth that God has given us?

Ladies and gentlemen, I have said that in the Era after the Coming of Heaven we must recover the true lineage that was lost when Adam fell, by receiving the marriage Blessing through the True Parents. The providence of the Blessing is to be perfected through five stages: the individual, family, tribe, people and nation. In this way, let us fulfill our divine mission as blessed families in the Era after the Coming of Heaven by restoring and establishing the ideal three-generational family on the world level. This is the same purpose that Jesus sought to accomplish on earth before passing from this world.

Therefore, I am now leading all tribal and national messiahs to unite

and bring to a final end the improper relationship between the political sphere, representing the Cain realm, and the religious sphere, representing the Abel realm.

The Mongolian Peoples' Federation, representing seventy-four percent of the world's population, needs to bear in mind that the providential age is now upon us in which we must fulfill our duty by restoring the world through the Blessing on the world level. This will bring to a close the conflict between Cain and Abel, which began in humankind's first family.

Ladies and gentlemen, the providential time has now come when we have the mission to unite the two sons, Cain and Abel. It is by their mother's love that they can become one. Then, after recovering their original positions, they are to dedicate the restored, original, ideal family before the True Parents, the King and Queen of Peace in heaven and on earth. Please take this to heart and engrave it in your mind: You are living at a time when God gives you the mission, through restoring the true, ideal family, to offer before Heaven the realm of siblings' love and the right of ownership that our first human ancestors gave over to Satan through the Fall.

You are now advancing into the era of liberation and complete inner freedom, which is the providential era of the realm of the heart of the Fourth Adam. In other words, it is the Era after the Coming of Heaven. This is the time when, metaphorically speaking, the sun is directly overhead, such that no shadow is cast. This signifies that we have passed through the Era before the Coming of Heaven, which included the Old, New and Completed Testament Ages. These past eras required immeasurable restitution and atonement by people who could only dream about re-creating the ideal. The present time, however, corresponds to the era prior to the Fall of Adam and Eve, the era of building the original ideal world. It refers to the era of true love that is all encompassing, all-powerful and has overall authority. It is the realm of heart in which the spirit world and the physical world are bound together as a unified realm centering on the love of the True Parents, the King and Queen of Peace. In other words, it is the era of the kingdom of peace and unity in heaven and on earth.

Please become true princes and princesses who live in attendance to God as your True Parent, for He is the Peace King of the multitudes. Let us build the everlasting peace kingdom by attending True Parents, who have been enthroned as the King and Queen of Peace in heaven and on earth in the

realm of eternal liberation and complete inner freedom, where there is no need for a Savior, a Messiah or a returning Lord. Let us fulfill the dutiful way of filial children in the family, patriots, saints, and divine sons and daughters.

By following God's commandment to uphold absolute sexual morality, let us establish exemplary families, inherit True Parents' victory of restoring through indemnity the realm of three generations, and perfect the world as it would have been without the Fall.

Let us establish model, ideal families to bring the complete settlement of the universal, ideal realm of liberation and complete inner freedom, and the kingdom of goodness. In that kingdom, we will be able to enjoy a time of absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal peace and prosperity, and it will become the homeland of peace in heaven and on earth that everyone can praise for all eternity.

May God's blessings be upon your family, your nation and the world forever!

Thank you.

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CHAPTER ONE

The Family is the Central Model for the Kingdom of Heaven

Section 1. The central model for all beings

Each of us exists in a world of space and position. We need those who are higher and lower, those to the right and left, and those in front of us and behind us. Our position is determined in this way. Whether we properly engage in relationships with those higher and lower, to the right and left, and in front and at back will determine the various roles we fulfill in life.

The same formula applies whether we are dealing with relationships of higher and lower, right and left, or front and back, or with issues within our family, nation and world. According to this same pattern of higher and lower, right and left, and front and back with the individual at the center, a family consist of the relationships of parents and children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters.

The same also applies within a nation. With the leader of the nation at the center, all families embrace the civilizations of East and West and of North and South, and then embrace all the people of the world as their brothers and sisters. This will substantiate a family model on the world level.

This model applies to everyone. Each of you stands at the center of your model, your family, which then expands to the nation, world, heaven and earth, and finally to God. Everyone has the desire to be the center of the universe, and everyone has the potential to fulfill that desire. In this way the concept of the family can be compared to the core of the universe. If we

think of heaven as the parents, then earth represents the children. When considering East and West, East symbolizes the man and West the woman. So when a woman marries, she goes to wherever her husband is located. This can be compared to the way the West comes to have the same position as the East when it reflects the light from the sun.

The same is true with sibling relationships. When the oldest sibling begins a task, the younger siblings start to help. People need to be in a parent-child relationship, a conjugal relationship and a sibling relationship. In other words, these three relationships must meet at one point. There must be just one central point. There cannot be different central points for higher and lower, right and left, and front and back.

If the central points are different, the relationships of higher and lower, right and left, and front and back will be off balance. Higher and lower, right and left, front and back, and the common central point add up to the number seven. To form the number seven in this way means to be a family that is one in perfect true love with God at the center, a family in which all these elements form a complete spherical shape bringing harmony and unity. From this perspective, it makes sense that we often use the phrase “lucky seven.”

As long as true love never changes, this central core will rotate forever without changing and the true family ideal will be realized. Also, because everything is connected to the core, each of the seven positions, starting with the core, will possess equal value. If the grandfather wants something, the grandchild will not be against it, and the son and daughter will want it as well. Three generations will share a desire for the same thing. The grandfather and grandmother, husband and wife, and sons and daughters all will align with the center.

In terms of such love, we say that parents and children are one in their relationship and are of one body, that husbands and wives are one in their relationship and are of one body, and that siblings are one in their relationship and are of one body. They are one body. How can we say that these relationships make us one body? It is in terms of the true love of God, the center of love. With true love at the center, parents and children become one, husband and wife become one, and brothers and sisters all become one. In this way, all come to have equal value.

Section 2. A place to experience the love of the universe

What is the universe? Everything in the created world is designed as a study

aid to help God's beloved sons and daughters discover and understand the ideal of love. This is why everything exists in reciprocal relationships.

Even minerals interact in relationships of subject and object partners. The same is true with atoms. Protons and electrons also interact in relationships of subject and object partners. Without such interaction, they cannot continue to exist. Without motion, there is no permanence or continued existence. The universe is a world created in a way in which its central point can be reached only through human beings.

What did I say about the universe? It is an expansion of the family. If you look at a family that has realized the ideal of love fully, it has higher, middle and lower (parents, husband and wife, and children), right and left, and front and back. This is the basic rule. So when we talk about higher and lower, we refer to the parents and children; when we talk about right and left, we refer to the husband and wife; and when we talk about front and back, we refer to the siblings.

What enables all these to become as one? It cannot be done with power, knowledge or money. What can do it, then? It is true love. This is an unmistakable truth. Otherwise the family cannot become spherical in shape.

What is the significance of higher, middle and lower in the family? They are study aids for love. We are supposed to put these into practice when we go out of the family and into the wider community.

How are we supposed to love? Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." What did he mean? It may seem unclear. He meant, when you go out into the world and meet an old man, you treat him as you would your own grandfather. Treat people as you would your own father, your own mother or your own son. This is what we ought to do when we are out in the world.

The world can be compared to an exhibition hall filled with people, with each person representing higher, middle and lower, front and back, or right and left. The world is an exposition of all the different types of human beings. If you can love everyone with such love, God will dwell with you in the midst of that love.

What is the kingdom of heaven? It is when you are able to love the people of the world as you love your own family. People who do this are citizens of the kingdom of heaven. Your grandfather and grandmother, your father and mother, your spouse, your siblings, and your children form four generations. What are these four generations? They are the family that is the

study guide for you to deeply experience love, the true love of the universe, as citizens of the kingdom of heaven. The family is the foundation that serves as the study guide to help you learn.

We cannot live without learning the love of the universe. God has prepared textbooks and scriptures that teach us this way: “Love your grandfather and grandmother. Your grandfather and grandmother on earth are sent as representatives of the grandfathers and grandmothers in the spirit world. If you love them, I will credit you with having loved them all.” This is God’s pledge.

God also tells us, “When you show exceptional love for your father and mother, it is because you hold them to be guides and models to be loved as representatives of the countless number of fathers and mothers in the world, so I will credit you with having loved all fathers and mothers. Also, when you as a man love a woman, I will consider that a man representing all men in the world has loved a woman representing all women in the world.”

God then says: “Since you have loved your sons and daughters, I will credit you with having loved all sons and daughters.” The family is where we can be trained to do this.

We are trained to love the world through a process that relies on scripture. When a person who has received this training is asked, “Are you ready now to go out into the world and love the grandfathers and grandmothers of the world as you would your own?” and the person answers, “Yes,” this person is capable of saving the world.

Section 3. A training ground to enter the kingdom of love

God’s Will is to realize the kingdom of love. In other words, God’s Will is to develop and globalize the ideal world of love. Thus the family is the training ground where people earn credits, all the way from an elementary school certificate, to a bachelor’s degree, and finally a doctoral degree.

Expand the family, and you have the world. Look closely at the world. This is a world where grandfathers and grandmothers live, a world where adults like your uncles and aunts live, a world where people like your elder brothers and elder sisters live, a world where young people live, and a world where children live. So this world is a place where people of all ages—old people, middle-aged people, young adults and children—live together as one family, a family of great dimensions and a vast number of people.

The family is the smallest unit in the kingdom of heaven. It serves as a training center and a study guide. It has all levels of people: grandparents, parents, husband and wife, and siblings. Each of these levels can be expanded to include people in the world at large who are of similar age. This expansion encompasses all humanity. Only a family that loves all humanity as much as it does its own members, in whom the parents live for the sake of the world as much as they do for their own sons and daughters, can inherit the kingdom of heaven. This is an amazing fact. The special right to inherit all the power and authority of heaven and earth created by God is derived from this.

The family is the textbook of love that lets us obtain the right to be registered in the palace of peace in the kingdom of heaven after we die. So the family is a training ground of love. The extension of this family is the world. This is a world that resembles the grandfather of the family, a world that resembles the grandmother, a world that resembles the father and mother, and a world that resembles the son and daughter. Expand the family, and you have the world.

So if you can love the people of the whole world as much as you love your family, as much as you love God with your family at the center, then this will become a straight road leading to the kingdom of heaven. This is why the first commandment is, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

The second is, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If you love God and love humanity, everything will be realized. If you cannot do this, any spiritual training you may have will be of no use. No matter how great a religious person’s spiritual discipline may be, that person will be unsuccessful if he or she does not know how to love God, humankind and the universe.

The family is meant to provide the formula course that trains us to experience love that encapsulates the whole universe, so we can go out and express that love to the whole world. The training ground you were meant to inherit, where you experience this kind of love, is the family where your mother and father raised you.

If you love your parents and your children more than you do your spouse, if you love all humanity and even God more than you do your spouse, everything will be realized. This doesn’t mean that you abandon your

spouse. If you love everyone this way, everyone who has received your love will love your spouse. Is anything more glorious than this? If you want to love your spouse, this is how you do it.

Section 4. A textbook for the heavenly kingdom

What kind of good fortune does a person in the child's position receive? They inherit the good fortune of the grandparents and parents. Why do we need grandparents? It is because they represent the past. Grandparents represent the living history of the past. Parents represent the present, and children symbolize the future. The family encompasses East and West and also North and South. It is the center of the whole. It is the center of the grandparents, the center of the parents, the center of the children and the center of God; in every case true love is the center. When you love your grandparents and respect them, you do this to inherit the past completely and to learn about the world gone by.

From your parents you learn about the present, and by loving your children you learn about the future. What do you inherit through your grandfather and grandmother, and father and mother? You inherit true love. You are saying: "Our grandfather and grandmother are old, and they are as one in true love, and our parents have become as one, too. So let's be the same way and inherit the future."

Unless we become an absolute true family, we cannot inherit the future. When we look at the three generations of a family, it is like looking at the universe. The love of the universe exists in a true family that represents the present and future. In the animal world as well, the male loves the female and the female the male. This is a textbook teaching us about the love of the universe.

If the grandmother is away, there is a feeling of uneasiness. The same is true when the grandfather is not there. It is the same for each of them. Only when both are together can they move just as they are into the kingdom of heaven. Only when the grandparents, father and mother, and children are all there can the family go into the kingdom of heaven. The person who has loved the true grandparents, the true parents, the true children, the true family, the true nation and the true universe can enter the kingdom of heaven. The model and textbook for the kingdom of heaven is the true family.

The family is a study guide that enables us to establish the kingdom of heaven. It is a textbook created by Heaven. No matter where you may be in the world, if you can love every old man you see, as you would love your own grandfather, you will go to the kingdom of heaven. If you can love everyone you meet of your parents' generation just as you would love your own parents, you will be welcomed everywhere. It will be the same in any country. If you are like this you will face no boundaries, even when you go to the spirit world.

If you have a heart that thinks of all the young people of world as your own sons and daughters, you will be able to travel freely within the kingdom of heaven, even if there are twelve gates of pearl and four directional quadrants. The family is a study guide that shows us how to connect ourselves to the kingdom of heaven. When we apply this to the nation, we become patriots. When we apply it to the world, we become saints. When we apply it with heaven and earth at the center, we become God's sons and daughters; that is, His divine sons and daughters. This is a desire shared by every person.

You must be able to embrace the sons and daughters, as well as the grandsons and granddaughters, of all races. You must stand in a position where you, as a true parent with God's true love, are the owner of a family who has loved all the world's people. You can enter the kingdom of heaven only when you stand in a position to represent the standard of a family of true love, through a relationship with the original parents who have God's true love at their center.

Section 5. Bringing together the love of three generations

The family is able to encompass past history, the present era and the future. The ultimate point that God has sought for six thousand years is the family that is connected through true love and united in true love.

Everything that exists comes under the dominion of true love. We would not want to cut ourselves off from a relationship of love that is absolutely true. The original mission given to Adam and Eve at the time of creation was to establish such a family.

God did not want Adam and Eve to remain merely an individual man and an individual woman. He looked forward to the family they would form through their union. This is God's primary purpose in creating men and

women. It is only when we establish true families, and when we live with a sense of fulfillment within true families centered on God's love, that we will be able to enter the kingdom of heaven without any problem. This is the only way we can transcend this world.

To form the family realm of love you must be absolute. The grandparents must be able to represent the past, the husband and wife must be able to represent the present, and the children must be able to represent the future. When we truly love people from each age group we allow God, through us, to relate to all of humankind. With this kind of love, husband and wife and children, having become as one body, are able to represent the cosmos; they may hold up their love as an example for others to follow and tell their descendants to follow their path. The place where they can make such statements, both to themselves and to others, the place where the heart of heaven is communicated, is the homeland of the heart that will be remembered by all of heaven and earth.

What has God been seeking all this time? He has not been seeking a subject partner, but rather an ideal object partner. God has been looking for those who resemble Him and possess the inner and outer aspects of the world that He created. What is the starting point that leads to such a result? It is the family. Nothing represents the cosmos better than the family. To be one with our parents is to bring the past and present together. We love the past by loving our parents; we love the present by loving our husband or wife; and we love the future by loving our children. Thus we experience the love of three generations. The core unit where these three kinds of love are concentrated is the family.

Then where does life in the kingdom of heaven begin? It is in the family. It does not unfold in some other place. The kingdom of heaven is nothing more than a three-dimensional expansion of the family; it does not exist separately from the family. So when you embrace your husband or wife, you ought to think of this as creating the union of all men and all women in the world. Only in this way can families set the condition for having loved all humanity. This is the path you need to follow in your lives. To love your parents is to connect past history with the present era; it is to pave a road that will let God come to you.

This is the reason why you must love your parents. To love your parents is to connect everything in the past to yourself as an inhabitant of the present,

thus bringing together the past and the present so that they become one. Also, loving your own children is to connect the present reality with the future. Unification Thought is the philosophy that extols such love and teaches how it can be practiced throughout eternity.

Section 6. A training ground of the heart

We cannot live separately from the heart. Even if you were the president of a country or possessed all the authority in the world, you could not live without a place to express the joy in your heart. The desires of your heart would not be fulfilled through the people under your command, through your ministers of government, or through your followers. Only in your family could you experience such fulfillment. When you return to your family, you and your spouse feel joy through each other and through your children. You ought to be proud of this. This joy can be experienced only directly, not secondhand.

The same is true for God. Even if He were to restore the whole world, without a family He could not feel joy. So we must have families.

In the family, parents are at the center. In educational institutions that represent society, teachers have to be at the center. Your parents raised you from the time you were breastfeeding and helped you develop physically and emotionally. What is school, then? It is a place where you are trained for your future life in society. If the family is the training ground of the emotions, then school is the place where you can practice and train for your future life in society.

However, society is not the ultimate end. It all comes back to the nation, and the nation has a leader. Why is it that people want to see the president of a nation and to be near him? Once people have learned all they can in the family and then in society, they have a desire to go on to the next level.

The president represents the fruit of the third stage, following the stages of formation and growth. Once a seed is planted, it begins a cyclical process by dividing. Later it comes together again to produce a flower and bear fruit. In the same way, schools need to raise people up who will become important pillars of society, talented people who are needed by the nation.

What is the purpose of our studies in school? It is training. The school is a place for learning and experimenting. During training you are not in the actual situation. It is a preparation stage. Be sure to prepare well.

What is the family? It is the place in which to train the heart. You train your heart with love at the center. In school you learn to relate to others with affection, as you would your own siblings. In the nation, too, you can then relate to others with affection. The education you receive from your parents will be important for you in school and in the nation.

Parents have to pass on everything having to do with the heart to their children. They need to create a foundation of heart for their children, and teach their children to live as they have lived, giving specific guidance on how to live in the family, in society and in the nation.

A family is not necessarily good just because it has a nice house in an affluent neighborhood. Conversely, even if a family may live in a humble house in a poor neighborhood, it will be a good family if it provides peace and love to all its members. In this family, parents and children will have a relationship of heart that urges them to live for each other. This family will be the original homeland of our dreams. It will be the source of our motivation in all that we do in life. This means it will be the basis for determining our happiness in life.

Section 7. The eternal original hometown

The family is a good place. Why is it good? It is good because my father and mother are there. It is a good place because my elder brother and elder sister are there. It is a good place because my younger brother and younger sister are there, and it is a good place because all my relatives are there. This is why every human being feels a yearning for his or her original homeland. People feel more deeply about their hometown than they do about their nation. A Korean will love the nation of Korea and want to live in Korea. Then where is the place to which he will yearn to return, even when he is in Korea? It is his hometown. Our hometown!

Then how can we describe our hometown? It is a place where our hearts are lifted up in their entirety, in four directions and in three dimensions. What is that heart? It is that which binds us in love. Above us we are bound to our father and mother; to our left and right we are bound to our spouse; and below us we are bound to our sons and daughters. Then we are bound in love to our relatives in these three dimensions. This is the heart of the original homeland.

People value the point of origin of their happiness, where true love is at

the center, more than anything else. This is the reason they cannot help but feel a yearning for their original homeland. Then where is God's original homeland? Where do you think God's original homeland is on the planet Earth? This is a question we need to consider.

If God is the God of love, He surely must have prepared a starting point on earth where He could reside. So where is this starting point? To answer this question, we need to understand how God prepared that starting point.

What kind of place can become the starting point of the original homeland where God's family can come to exist? This must be the place where a son of God dwells who truly understands that God is his Parent. In other words, it is a place where there is a son, God's son, who can be a receptacle for all of God's love. This is also the place where such a daughter dwells. It is a place where such a son and a daughter of God marry and form a family.

Then who will be in the original homeland? All the people you miss ought to be there. Your parents need to be there and your brothers and sisters need to be there. And the people you have wanted to see need to be there. These are not people you would want to see just for a moment. They are people you could be happy to be with for eternity. This is the type of environment that we have to establish. This is the kingdom of heaven that religions predict will eventually come about.

We long for our original homeland, because this is where we find the people who are closest to us: our parents, our brothers and sisters, and our relatives. These people will always guide us. Whenever we visit, they will welcome us just as they did in the past. When we face difficulty, they will show sympathy, console us and receive us with joy. It is important to realize, however, that although you may return to your original homeland with a heart of longing, if people do not welcome you on your arrival, then your intense heart of longing will vanish and you will turn back feeling deep regret. You need to have people there who will welcome you.

Section 8. Completing the cosmos-centered philosophy

All things start from one, divide into many, and ultimately come together again as something larger. In other words, one divides into many and then unites again as one. From there, it divides again and is integrated into something even larger. This process is repeated continuously.

Families also come to exist through this process of integration, and the

structure of the family never changes. The family is where the relationship of husband and wife is established, the place where one man and one woman become as one. The clan brings families together as one, and the tribe is a place that brings the clans together as one. Tribes combine to form one nation. The family, however, is always at the center. The horizontal expansion of humanity comes about based on the family.

This is why no society can do without the family. If families cannot be restored, the world cannot be restored. The next step is to fulfill the cosmos-centered ideal through these families. The cosmos encompasses heaven and earth. Heaven and earth can be compared to a person's mind and body. Mind and body must become one.

Just as a subject partner needs an object partner, one man needs one woman. The union of a man and a woman leads to a family. God's foundation of love will not be attained unless such a family is at the center.

The "cosmos-centered philosophy" is a teaching that promotes the unity of mind and body, the formation of families as God's main body of love, and the connection between the physical world and the spirit world through these families. The character *ju* (亩) in *cheon-ju* (cosmos) refers to a house. That is why we use the term "cosmos-centered philosophy." The cosmos is a combination of the incorporeal world and the corporeal world.

What does this have to do with us? Everyone needs a family. If you cannot be as one in your family, you will have nothing to do with the cosmos-centered philosophy. The family serves as the final standard for completing the cosmos-centered philosophy. Those who cannot sing songs of peace and happily praise their families will be miserable, whether they are on earth or in the spirit world.

From where does the task of bringing about the kingdom of heaven begin? It begins in our families. Then what kind of teaching must we have? It is the family-centered ideal. In the term *cheon-ju ju-eui* (cosmos-centered philosophy), *cheon* means heaven and *ju* means house, so this is referring to the "philosophy of the heavenly home." Only then does the meaning of *cheon-ju* (cosmos) become clear.

God's Word, throughout the sixty-six books of the Bible, is an expression of His earnest desire for the ideal family. Then what is the earnest desire of every man? It is to have an ideal wife. Also, every person born as a woman has an earnest desire to have an ideal husband. A woman may earn the

highest academic degrees and speak words that influence world events, yet her deepest desire will be to meet an ideal man. She will want to meet an ideal man whom she can love and with whom she can give birth to sons and daughters filled with blessing. This is the root of happiness. The ideal of the Unification Church is nothing other than this. It begins in the family and ends in the family.

So what kind of teaching is the cosmos-centered principle? It is *Cham-bu-mo ju-eui*, or the teaching centered on True Parents. This is the ultimate principle, and it upholds parents. This is the philosophy of our home, the philosophy of our nation, and the philosophy each of us must have as individuals.

Had human beings not fallen, whose thought would have ruled the world? It would have been Adam's thought. This is the same as the teaching centered on True Parents. It is the father-mother principle. No teaching can be higher than this.

The mission of the Unification Church is to link matters of the heart with heavenly thought through the philosophy of True Parents within the framework of the original ideal family. When all families have internalized such a philosophy, the Unification Church will have accomplished its purpose.

CHAPTER TWO

The Human Course Centered on Love

Section 1. Why are people born?

If we ask the question, "Which came first, life or love?" the answer can be argued either way. However, which do you really think came first? Love came first. The fundamental core of the universe must disseminate love prior to originating existence. Otherwise, there would be no value to the things of existence.

When we examine the origin of life, we must ask whether life or love came first. Until now we have not been able to discern this clearly. But now we know it could not have been life that came first. It was love. What comes second must fall in line behind what comes first. It is natural that we offer our lives for the sake of love. This is how we ought to understand it.

Therefore, let us understand how to live our lives in a way that is true.

We conclude that since love gave birth to life, we must walk the way of love and die for love. The purpose of human life is to establish a love that can be welcomed by the macrocosm, not just the microcosm. It is to be born, to love and to die in the midst of the great universal love that is acknowledged by God, creation, our parents and the angelic world.

Human beings do not choose to be born. Then, are we born by our parents' desire? No. We are born by God's desire. We are born through the love of our parents, which represents God's love. Each of us was created as a new life by means of the love of our parents, representing God's love.

Love has the power to create the whole. Each of us was born as a central being of the entire universe, with the capacity to receive all the love in the universe. The highest purpose of life is to be born through love, to be raised in love, to live by love, and to leave a legacy of love when we die. Nothing can be of greater value than to live out our natural life within our own family as a life of love that is the center of the universe.

It is important to understand why people are born. We are not born for the sake of knowledge or power. We are born because of love and from love. Then what makes love so great? It is because love is the fountainhead of life.

You were born in the midst of your parents' love. You were not born from your parents' desire for monetary profit or pursuit of knowledge. Because you were born in love this way, you ought to bear fruit in love. This is why you need to have children.

A husband and wife become complete when they become as one with each other and come to have sons and daughters as their partners. Human beings cannot exist apart from love. So we can say that each of us lives on the foundation of love. Everything in creation has the origin of its existence in God's love.

Since all things exist with love as their foundation, it is undeniable that human beings, as the center of the created universe, also must have begun in love. Since human beings begin in love and mature through love, we are beings that cannot live apart from the standard of love.

Section 2. The love-centered original vision for human life

What is the cause of human existence? The cause originated in love. Then what do you think the purpose of human existence is? The purpose of our existence is to fulfill the ideal of love. Human beings came into being

through love, so our purpose is to perfect love by forming a foundation of love and then expanding and connecting it so that it becomes complete.

Because our origin is love, our purpose must also be reached through love. For this, a man and a woman in a partner relationship must become as one in love and connect front and back, right and left, and higher and lower.

Even if a person becomes an absolute being, or establishes an absolute purpose, it will be of no use unless this person is joyful. Our daily lives ought to be joyful.

We live for the sake of a certain purpose. When we achieve this purpose, something new comes into being that is greater than the original existence itself. What is this? What is most precious for a man or a woman? It is love.

Only love can connect us to happiness and joy. No matter how lofty our purpose may be, if we do not establish the authority of love in the subject position over our purpose, we will have to pursue a different purpose. The limit of purpose is that it cannot stand above love.

What are you living for? There will be some who say that they live to eat. Others will say that they live to work, and still others will say that they live without a purpose.

What do human beings live for? If someone says that he lives for the sake of love, what a wonderful answer that would be. Human beings are born as the fruit of love, give love during the course of their lives, and eventually return to the eternal love of God's bosom. This is the original vision of human life and the purpose of our creation.

We are born in love and raised in love. We then connect to a love of a higher dimension, meaning that we leave the love of our parents and seek out the love of a partner. We can say that the love we experience as children is formation-stage love and that conjugal love is growth-stage love. No matter how much a couple may be in love, they cannot see the completion of their love until they have children. This is why they want to have children. This is completion-stage love. So the process of going through children's love, conjugal love and parental love is the fundamental basis for how we lead our lives, and the necessary path leading to the love ideal as God created it.

Love gives birth to life. We are born of love, raised in love by the love of our parents, meet a loving spouse whom we can love, and then die in that love. This is the course of human life. In the original vision for human life

there was no concept of sorrow or pain.

Originally, the universe was meant to operate under a standard of love by which everything would converge simultaneously in a comprehensive union that would encompass both the vertical and horizontal. Children's love, conjugal love and parental love would combine and create such a union. This would become the focal point of the entire universe, the directional orientation of all cells in the universe.

All the spirits in the spirit world would be focused on this point. Moreover, they would protect this position so that no one could invade it. If this place were to be destroyed, it would be catastrophic. For true love to be protected and preserved, it would need to take on some kind of structure. In the teachings of the Unification Church this structure is called the four-position foundation.

Section 3. Love, the nutrient for eternal life

When you were a fetus in your mother's womb, you did not receive only nutrients from your mother. You also received love. In a similar manner, people living on earth do not receive merely physical nutrients from the natural universe. We also receive love, an essential element of life, from God.

Plants absorb sunlight as an element of life, and in a similar way love is an element of life for people. Our earnest desire is for the kingdom of heaven on earth and the kingdom of heaven in heaven to be places where we can eternally relate to one another with true love.

The life path for both men and women exists because of love and for the sake of love. We each have a path to travel, and it is a path of love. We go this way to obtain love, to protect love and to form an environment filled with love. When a woman puts on makeup to make herself beautiful, it is because of love. When we want something and work to get it, it is also because of love. We endure hardship and move forward in order to obtain precious love.

From the moment we are born, we receive parental love. For as long as our parents are alive, they will love us at each stage of our lives, through childhood, young adulthood and middle age. If we grow up receiving parental love, then eventually the horizontal love of husband and wife will take form within each of us.

What is marriage? It can be compared to a school that men and women

enter so that the men can learn things they did not know about women, and the women can learn things they did not know about men. When all the grades are A+, then the husband will be absolutely happy and the wife will be absolutely happy. You bear sons and daughters as a way to learn how to love the world. Without them, you cannot be connected to the future. Your sons and daughters are given to you as educational materials so that you can be connected to the future world.

Acts of filial piety toward your ancestors, or your grandfather and grandmother, enable you to be educated by the spirit world. All these things are connected, with love at the center. The grandfather and grandmother, husband and wife, and sons and daughters are all connected, with love at the center.

Just as blood cells circulate throughout the human body, our ancestors in the spirit world, going back even to the ten thousandth generation, are able to circulate up and down and communicate with their distant descendants. It is important to know that this is how the spirit world and the entire universe are structured. True love will take dominion over everything. We can say that becoming a servant, even a slave, to true love is the greatest happiness.

Section 4. What is God's love like?

You need to learn about God's love. How can we characterize God's love? It can be compared to an environment of a warm spring day. White clouds gently float in the sky, waves of warm air shimmer up from the ground, insects fly around, ants crawl in and out of their nest to see the world, willow blossoms are in bloom down by the stream, frogs sing new songs of spring, bees swarm and butterflies flutter. You feel intoxicated by these surroundings. You feel that you are about to doze off; however, in reality you are awake and feel so good that you want to remain in this state forever.

This is how God feels when He finds His ideal partner. It is as if He is in a beautiful flower garden, with butterflies and bees flying around. Does it make you feel good to think of this, or does it make you feel bad? These dull-witted men over here may not understand this. It feels good. When you run into someone whom you are pleased to see, you hold his hand firmly and shake hands. When someone joyfully says, "Wow, it's been a long time!" and holds your hand firmly, does it make you feel good or bad?

When you are glad to see someone, do you hold hands tightly or not? Do you like it when someone grasps your hand firmly? [Audience: “Yes, we do.”] You mean, you want to like it. How can you say you like it? You have to know the person in order to like it. If you don’t know the person, how can you like it when he grabs your hand? If it is someone you like, then once you grasp each other’s hands, you cannot let go. What about these young ladies here? Think of how it will be when you are married and your husband loves you. Will you feel good or bad?

It’s important for people to be straightforward. If your husband loves you, you will feel as though there is nothing in the world you would rather have. You want to live your whole life just staying by his side. It is nice to watch as a man with hands like the front hooves of a cow gently takes the hand of a woman.

Those are the kind of movies that are nice to watch. If the woman were to say to the man, “Oh, you have such pretty hands,” the man would be offended. This is how it is.

Love is eternal. Love is not two; it is one. You become as one. When a man and a woman become a couple and love each other, they are bonded together. Of course, this does not happen literally; yet in heart they reach a level even higher than this. That is God’s love. If you live with such love, will you become one or not? Think about it. You are destined to become one.

When a man and a woman fall in love, all sorts of strange things happen, don’t they? But if you find a way to really taste God’s love, you will see that it cannot be compared to anything in this world. Once you have tasted this kind of love, no amount of difficulty or sorrow can defeat you. Such a realm of absolute liberation does exist. The question is how to find it.

God’s love can be divided into three major forms. These are children’s love, conjugal love and parental love. The center where these three forms converge into one is God’s love.

Section 5. God’s blessing to inherit love and joy

A glorious new morning will dawn when God assumes a physical body. Even more glorious will be the moment when He has a couple, husband and wife, whom He can love. Still more glorious will be the moment when God can love His grandchildren; that moment will be more thrilling than when He first loves His son and daughter.

How do you think God would have let Adam know how happy He felt at the moment He created him? God would have had to teach Adam, saying, "Here, this is how happy I was." We learn about God's happiness only when we have our own sons and daughters. When children are young, they can't comprehend parental love, yet they come to understand it later when they marry and have their own babies. Then they say, "So this is how my parents loved me when they were raising me." The day when your child takes a spouse is a day of glory, and the day when your child becomes a parent is also a glorious day.

We need to know God's love. We need to have experienced children's love and to be able to serve our parents. We need to have experienced conjugal love and to know how to serve our spouse. We need to have experienced parental love and to know how to care for our children. We ought not just order them around; we have to understand and serve them as well. Only then can we understand God's love. Without children, we are incomplete. We cannot fully understand God's love.

Until now we have had no idea how much God has loved human beings, His children. Without the experience of being a husband, a man cannot know what it is like to have a wife, and without the experience of being a wife, a woman cannot know what it is like to have a husband. Children do not know what parents' love is like until they themselves become parents. So without sons and daughters, none of us can become true parents.

Parents want their children to be married, because they want to teach them and pass on to them all their parental love. When parents die, they leave behind their substantial selves with their descendants. This is why we need descendants.

Love continues forever. Since love is the highest human desire, everyone has his or her arms outstretched in a desire to inherit it. When parents pass on their love to their descendants, they can stand proudly before God when they enter the spirit world.

It is only through the family that such love can be perfected. Going to the heavenly kingdom through the family means that the realm of oneness of love has been realized.

People must follow rules and principles. When spring comes, seeds are sown; in summer plants develop fully, and in autumn they bear fruit. In winter we need to put things in order and carry the essence of the seed of

life deep within our heart. Only then will we have new seeds to plant when spring returns.

This means that we are meant to become parents, to bear sons and daughters who resemble us. It means we need to raise our sons and daughters to be like us.

Why do people feel sad when they do not have sons and daughters? It is because they cannot form a circle. When you see birds feeding their young, you can recognize the deep love of the mother bird. Western people may not know that in the East people like children more than adults. People show polite respect to adults, yet they show the utmost love for children. You can realize how much your parents loved you when you have your own sons and daughters and raise them.

Everyone ought to get married, have children and raise them. This is the only way they can know both children's love and parental love. It seems that Western people are not like this. There are many who avoid having and raising sons and daughters. They hesitate to have children, because children may limit their freedom to marry and divorce. However, when people do not establish the four-position foundation, they cannot go to the kingdom of heaven, because they do not know God's heart of love for human beings.

Section 6. Living in search of the center of love

We are born in love, are raised in the love of our parents, and mature as we broaden our love horizontally. The first stage of horizontal love is completed when we meet a partner of the opposite sex and grow together to a point where we can represent the love of heaven and earth and then bear children as the fruits of that love. Children are born from the heart's core as a result of love.

A child born from a man and woman who share love based on heart creates a path for the parents to the central point of love. If you go through this center and follow the path, you will meet God. By having children as fruits of love, you come to experience deeply the love by which God created all things, including you. When parents love their children with the same love they received as they grew up, they come to have a deep understanding of the parental heart. The love that parents pour out to their children is an essential love, not a love based on material things.

Even though everything else in heaven and earth may change with the eras of history, the love that parents give their children will never change. By becoming parents and loving our children, we come to understand much more deeply how God has loved human beings. We can confirm this through our experiences. By becoming parents and loving our children, we can feel how much our parents loved us and come to a deep realization about this.

This is why we honor and attend our parents more in their old age and willingly fulfill the duties of filial piety with love. If you are not able to do this, you are not qualified to be parents, and your love toward your children can be considered only hypocritical.

We need to realize and feel how much God has loved us by becoming parents ourselves and loving our children. This will let us love God with even greater sincerity. A person ought to love their aged parents more than they love their children, and love God more than they love their parents, knowing that this is the order and law of love.

When we are born, we are born in love. After birth, we receive love and grow through our childhood years. Once we grow to a certain level, our parents' love alone is not enough for us, and we begin to expand our love horizontally to include love among siblings and love within the clan.

In other words, we mature as we receive all the love that exists in heaven and earth. In particular, as we enter the years of adolescence, we begin to crave the love of the opposite gender. It is by giving and receiving love with a person of the opposite gender that we are able to enter a realm of love that is much more comprehensive; then, for the first time, we are able to set out in search of the center of love. Because heaven and earth have a spherical shape, when we begin to rotate through giving and receiving horizontal love, we are able to form a circular shape.

When we find our partner of the opposite gender and begin to interact in love, our love bears fruit in our children. Then, as we give and receive love with our children, we fulfill vertical love in addition to horizontal love. This creates a spherical shape and enables us, at the same time, to establish the center of love.

The center of love that emerges through this movement of love is the core of existence for the entire world of creation. The earth exists because it continues to engage in motion around a center of love. At the center of love, an unlimited force sustains this movement. The center of this sphere

of love is the place where God dwells.

All created beings in the world originate and exist by virtue of God's love, and seek the center of God's love. God is a furnace of love.

Section 7. The three eras of the human course

Everyone is born after a time spent in our mother's womb. We live on earth for a certain time, and then we die. Prior to birth, the fetus spends about ten months in the mother's womb. While in the womb, the fetus has limited freedom. It develops by receiving nutrients from the mother through the umbilical cord. About all it can do is bend its fingers, open and close its mouth, and wriggle its feet.

Nevertheless, for the fetus, the mother's womb is a world of freedom representing the entirety of the realm of life. After about ten months, the fetus is born into the world and begins to grow. A child is born into this earthly world where we all live. This is human society.

Why are people born? We are born for the sake of love. This is the reason that a child, firmly rooted in parental love, will develop in the mother's womb, the bosom of the parents' protection and love. After the child is born, he or she won't know any better and may wet the bed, but loving parents will not blame the child for this. Their love is such that they do not recognize ugliness as being ugly. Their love lets them digest everything in joy. When a child reaches maturity, at around twenty years of age, he or she would meet an eternal partner in love and be engrafted onto a love whereby each lives for the sake of the other, according to the principle of Heaven.

As we follow this life course, we need to experience the greatness of God's love, so that the substantial realm of God's love for all of His object partners can be fulfilled. Therefore we, as parents, need to have children and give our love to them.

After being born into the world, our lives can still be compared to the life of a fetus in our mother's womb. In other words, we live in the womb of our mother universe for about a hundred years. Just as the fetus is ignorant of the world outside the womb, people living in the earthly world today are ignorant of the reality of the incorporeal world that comes after death.

We have only a vague sense that a world after death may exist, just as we did not know about the human world while in our mother's womb. However, the spirit world exists in reality, regardless of our beliefs or feelings

about it. Because the world after death cannot be perceived by our five physical senses, we must overcome our disbelief through religious faith.

There are three stages of our life course as human beings: the water stage, the land stage and the air stage. Everything, even the animals, exists in the realm of these three stages. In order to stand as the lords of creation and be qualified to have dominion over all other creatures, we must go through these three stages—in water, on land and in the air—in a more complete form than any other being, to prove ourselves superior to all other creatures. So we must go through an air stage.

However, we have no wings. How can we fly without wings? We ought to be able to fly higher and farther than any bird or insect. Then what can we do? This cannot happen in our physical body. No matter how high we may try to jump, it is no use.

Because human beings are the lords of creation, and because God is a spiritual being, we must have the same stage of operation as God if we are to stand in a realm of dominion in a reciprocal relationship with Him.

Today people speak of the speed of electricity or light, and we know that the speed of light is three hundred thousand kilometers per second. Human beings, however, are capable of a speed that is even faster. We attain this in the realm of the human spirit.

We live in this world, but it is not everything. There is the spirit world, the place where our spirits are meant to live for eternity. It is an eternal world filled with the air of love. Our physical lives are a time of preparation for entering the eternal world of spirit.

Section 8. Training to be in rhythm with the spirit world

I have a depth of spiritual experience. The spirit world is a place enveloped in the elements of love. On the earth we breathe air, while in the spirit world people live by inhaling love. The love you give and receive in the spirit world is not secular human love. It is true love.

When you go to the spirit world, this is what you will find. Those who have abundant love for their parents, brothers and sisters, spouse and children—that is, those who have experienced deep love in their family life—will enjoy great freedom.

They can go anywhere without restriction. On the other hand, those who have not experienced love are narrow-minded, and even in the spirit world

they find themselves isolated and with no freedom whatsoever.

The love between parent and child is a vertical relationship, the love between husband and wife is a horizontal relationship, and the love among siblings is a relationship that circles and surrounds. These three relationships differ from one another. Therefore, only when you experience deep love through these three mutually distinct interactions on earth can you circulate freely—vertically, horizontally and in a circle.

For example, a person who has not tasted parental love, because the parents died early, is in a rather tragic position, because he is missing an important experience of love. Likewise, those who have not experienced the conjugal love relationship of husband and wife, as well as love in the family, become poor people in the spirit world, because they lack a crucial experience of life. Those who have no brothers and sisters also will be in a poor position in the spirit world, because they lack this experience.

Why do you need to get married? We marry so that we can experience parental love, conjugal love and children's love. Then why are these necessary? The spirit world is filled with the air of such love. You need to have a family in order to train yourself to be in rhythm with the spirit world. Those who go to the spirit world without these experiences of love cannot follow the rhythm there. It will be as if they were without a nose to breathe in this air of love.

You are born from your father and mother. On a more fundamental level, God gave birth to you by means of your father's seed and your mother's womb. You come to find the True Parent, God, after going through the universe as your parent and then through your natural parents. Your natural parents are transient ones, so the moment of your death needs to be a jubilant time when you go to meet the True Parent. In that place there is the true love of the True Parent. We call this place the kingdom of heaven in heaven.

The kingdom of heaven is composed of love, and it is filled with the love of the Heavenly Parent. This is not love for oneself; rather, it is love that can connect to every direction, enabling us to go anywhere without any problem, through the principle of service and sacrifice. In order to pass the test for this, you need to love the universe and love humanity. Life on earth is the training ground for you to cultivate such love.

Do you know how important your life on earth is? You live it only once.

It is a short moment that comes only once. When compared to eternal life, the earthly life is only a point. It is too short a moment. However, it is at this moment that we must go beyond our physical lives and prepare ourselves for the spirit world.

CHAPTER THREE

The Original Vision for Love Between Men and Women

Section 1. Bringing joy to God and all creation

Though a man and a woman may be in love, the question is whether or not their love is in accord with God's Will and the standard He requires of human beings. Is their love in accord with the model of love in the mind of God? If the first man and woman had become as one in true love with God at the center, this love would have become the model for true love throughout the universe. God must have desired such love from human beings. Likewise, the man and woman must have wanted this kind of love from each other. Such true love would have become the core of the universe. It would be the standard against which all other loves would be compared.

God's love and human love are essentially the same. Love is a force that strives to bring two together as one. Why do a man and a woman long for each other? It is because God's essence can be experienced by a man only through a woman, and by a woman only through a man. This is because God dwells in the place where a man and a woman become as one in love.

Knowing that God is the source of dual characteristics, we need to give even greater praise to the noble value of God whenever we praise the dignity and value of men and women.

When a woman loved by God is in a man's heart, and that man loved by God is in the heart of that woman, and the two form a couple and praise God together, God will rejoice to see this and all of creation will rejoice as well. The loving embrace between these two people will make heaven and earth rejoice. When such a husband and wife embrace each other in mutual love, the power of their love pulls the entire universe into oneness. This is the original vision of God's creation when manifested according to His ideal.

Originally, a man was to meet a woman with whom he could rejoice, and

a woman was to meet a man with whom she could rejoice. When these two met and pledged to love one another, their encounter would bring joy to God and to all things of creation.

When this happened, all of creation would be mobilized for this couple and would welcome their dominion. Birds would sing for them and butterflies would flutter and dance with joy. God would rejoice, people would rejoice, all of creation would rejoice. Had our first ancestors started history by securing such a position, the world would be the ideal world of God's original vision.

Section 2. Why men and women are born

What is the original purpose of a man's birth? We cannot deny that he is born for the sake of a woman. Likewise, a woman is not born for her own sake. We need to know that a problem will arise if a woman cannot come to a clear realization within herself that she is born for the sake of a man.

God, the great administrator of heaven and earth, established this principle as a principle of creation, and we cannot enter the world of goodness, truth, happiness and peace, the ideal world of true love, unless we follow this principle.

A woman is born to meet a man, and a man is born to meet a woman. Isn't that right? This is the highest truth. Therefore, we seek the realm of blessing by following this principle. Deviating from this highest realm of truth constitutes the highest evil.

Men and women are physically opposite. Whereas women are one-directional, men are three-directional or four-directional. Women are more likely to enjoy staying at home, and men are more likely to enjoy traveling the world.

The characters of men and women are opposite. Then what can be at the center to bring the subject-partner man and object-partner woman into oneness? They become one when love is at the center. Love also brings people and God into oneness.

Why is a man born? He is not born for the sake of academic pursuits, money or political power. He is born for the sake of a woman. A man is born for the sake of a woman. A man has a larger physique, not so he can earn a living only for himself, but so he can earn a living for his wife and children.

Men's reproductive organs and women's reproductive organs are different. For whom do they exist? They did not come into existence for their own sake. A man's reproductive organ came into existence for the sake of a woman.

Likewise, a woman's reproductive organ is for the sake of a man. Have you ever thought this way? This is not something to laugh about and then forget.

What is the symbol of the love between man and woman? Where is the ultimate destination of love? It is the reproductive organ, which makes a man and a woman as one body. The reproductive organs become a channel through which the mind and body can merge completely, with love at the center. That which man has is not his, and that which woman has is not hers. A husband has what belongs to his wife, and a wife has what belongs to her husband. Men and women are not born for their own sake. They have to know clearly that they are born for the sake of their partner.

Why are men and women born on earth? They are born in order to love each other. Since God is the great king of wisdom, He switched the ownership of their love organs. A man has a reproductive organ, but that does not mean he is its owner. The same is true for a woman. Those who have acted carelessly, with no regard for their reproductive organ's ownership, will be judged for having violated love. If a man knew that he would be punished under the most fearful law, would he dare to think of another woman instead of his wife? Conversely, would a woman dare to think of a man other than her husband?

Section 3. Men and women absolutely need each other

Love is something that you absolutely need, isn't it? Human beings, a man and a woman, are an absolutely necessary element for love. Man needs woman and woman needs man.

How much do they need each other? They need each other more than they need Korea, more than they need the world, and even more than they need God. If there were no women, the human race would perish in less than a hundred years. No matter how much men boast of uniting the world, all would be gone within one hundred years if there were no women. So women are absolutely necessary.

When we say "human beings," we refer to man and woman. When we consider a particular man, we see that he has to be with a woman, and when we consider a woman, she has to be with a man. Man is not born through his own desire, nor is woman, who is absolutely needed by the man, born through her own desire. After we are born, we discover that we are either a man or a woman.

When you were born as a man, were you aware that there are women in the world? If a man were born and found out that there were only men, would he not feel bad? And if a woman were born and found out that there were only women, she would feel bad, wouldn't she? So when a woman is born, is she born with or without the knowledge that there are men? Although I was born without this knowledge, the one who gave birth to me knew it. The reason a person is born as a woman is that there is a man who needs her.

Likewise, the reason I am born as a man like this is that there is a woman who needs me. We all are born like this, with God's knowledge.

Man absolutely needs woman. Man absolutely needs God. However, before he needs God he needs a partner called woman. Human history has been miserable because men have been unable to understand correctly their absolute need for women. Conversely, women have not understood that they absolutely need men.

Tasting true love requires a realm of the ideal, and for this a man needs a woman and a woman needs a man. You must know that an absolute man and an absolute woman pursuing true love are joined through their efforts of becoming one in heart. When such a man and woman are joined as one, God dwells in their midst.

God does not like to see a couple separating who have been joined by true love, so the love of an absolute man and woman is eternal.

God is omniscient and omnipotent, yet even the Absolute Being has no meaning when He is alone. Similarly, no matter how handsome and healthy a man may be, these things have no meaning if he is without a woman. A man living in fascination with his own good looks and health leads an ugly existence and has no value. The problem is that there are many men in the world who have sunk into such narcissism, and this is one reason why history has moved toward tragedy. It is important to understand that God's providence has been working to change and improve this world, which is immersed in such self-centeredness.

Section 4. Love comes from your partner

By himself or herself, a person cannot realize love. From where does love come? Love does not originate from me; it comes from my spouse. Since love comes from my spouse, I must bow my head and serve her. This is where the heavenly principle of living for the sake of others originates. We

must practice the philosophy that teaches that when something highly noble comes to me, I must honor and serve it in order to receive it.

Human beings have love. However, when we are alone, love cannot manifest itself. Love does not appear when a man is alone; it appears only when a woman is there as his object partner in love. Only when an object partner in love appears does love finally spring forth.

We say that parental love is good and conjugal love is good, because genuine love is not something self-centered. Love does not start from me; it starts from my partner. It is important to know this. Love comes from your husband or wife, from your sons and daughters, and from your brothers and sisters. Love does not start from you. It starts from your spouse. Therefore, who is the owner of love? Your spouse is the owner of love.

From where did we say love comes? It comes from your partner. If your partner is homely or ugly, love recedes; if your partner is pretty and lovely, love advances more quickly. The way love functions is determined according to your partner's attributes: her speech, her beauty, her scent and her taste.

Where is the basis of love? I am not the basis of love. The word "love" must be used in reciprocal terms. No matter how handsome a man may be, he cannot love if he has no partner to love.

The basis of love is not one's own self. "Love comes from me" are the words that Satan has been exploiting. I am not the basis of love. You may think that you are the basis of love, yet there will be no future unless you totally change such a mindset and correct it.

Until now, wives have put themselves at the center and husbands have put themselves at the center, both wanting to be served. That is why their relationships often come to ruin.

Again, conjugal love does not originate from you, but from your spouse. Therefore, if you want to possess your spouse's love, you need to sacrifice yourself for the sake of love.

Love always demands sacrifice. Also, love requires that we overcome. In fact, this is the only place in all heaven and earth where we can find the power to overcome Satan's world. God is holding tightly onto love; true love can be found only in accordance with the principle that places God at the center. Religious virtues including compassion and benevolence are also rooted in love. These words do not pertain to individuals alone; they are used only in the context of a mutual relationship.

Section 5. Men and women harmonize in love

Man symbolizes heaven and woman symbolizes earth. Therefore, the two must unite in harmony. Men and women are different. Men's muscles are rugged and women's are smooth. Men have beards while women do not. Their voices are also different. These apparently contrasting features of men and women actually allow them to fit together well. Harmony is created between them. When we look at the physical structure of human beings, their left and right sides are complementary and form a correlative pair. These two halves are bound tightly together.

Ladies and gentlemen, do you like things that are only high or only low? You like things that create harmony. Judging from the line formed by the horizon, fish live below this line, and mammals, birds and other creatures live above it. Women menstruate once a month, like tidal variations based on the moon. Breathing involves inhaling and exhaling. A man and a woman need to establish a line of balance and create harmony.

The reason people like to go to Disneyland, with its rides that go up and down, is that this is similar to the nature of the universe. Which do you think will be more pleasing, men socializing only with other men, or men and women socializing together? Men and women together are better, because this reflects the harmony of the universe. We need to live in step with the beat of the universe, which promotes harmony through the balance of yin and yang.

When a husband and wife create a harmony of love, they initiate circular movement. When they become one body in love and bear the fruits of love, God comes down, and they go up and they meet in the middle.

God becomes the center of this sphere, and spherical movement begins. From this central point, connections can be established in any direction. The center of the sphere is the place where the harmony of love is realized. It is the place where life emerges and moves, and it is the starting point of human equality and shared philosophy. This is so because the power of love is there. Thus the force that embraces all interactions of the universe is love.

For human beings love is eternal. It is always one, never two. Once a man and a woman are joined in love, they are to live together for a lifetime and then for eternity, even after death. They are two bodies, but by revolving in oneness with each other, they become as one body.

When husband and wife become one, they revolve with God to form a four-position foundation of love. This is the ideal world of love. Only true love dwells there; false love cannot invade. When a man and a woman are blessed in marriage by God and achieve perfect oneness, God is able to come to them at any time.

When they form a four-position foundation of love, they will come to love each other's heart through each other's body, and when they come to love the heart their body will follow.

Section 6. Enraptured by true love

What is the most sacred thing in the world? It is true love. True love begins with God. If God exists, there can be no other path. God truly desires the path of true love, so without traversing the path of true love we cannot go before God. It is important to understand this point.

God wants to see, hear, eat and touch through love. As for human beings, if we were to receive God's kiss of love, our joy would be so great that we would feel as though we might explode from the inside. This is where God's desire lies. Having diamonds or jewelry would not give Him joy.

The human body has five senses, and every human being feels and confirms true love through the sensations of the five senses. If the eyes are directed toward true love, they will be colored by true love and intoxicated in it.

How beautifully those colorful, intoxicated eyes will shine! Think about how enchanting would be the smiling lips of a person immersed in true love. Try to imagine the intense beauty of the five senses, intoxicated with true love, moving in harmony toward God.

Alone, God cannot experience the joy of such beauty. He can only experience such beauty when He has a partner; this is the reason He created human beings.

How would God feel as He observed a beautiful man and woman absorbed in one another through eyes intoxicated with true love, or kissing with lips intoxicated with true love, and playing the melody of a heart of true love? If there were an Eve of true love, God would want to traverse her world of heart completely.

God would feel an impulse to find out for Himself just how far and how deep the world of heart of this beautiful Eve extended. God would want to traverse both Adam's and Eve's world of heart, a world more beautiful than

the heaven and earth that He Himself created. It is certain that God would want to travel the world of the heart of a person of true love even more than he would want to travel the universe. God would feel that He would never want to leave Adam and Eve's world of heart and true love.

If God, after creating human beings, fell into their true love and became lost in that love, what kind of world would we have? God would dwell in the midst of human beings, and the world formed by God and human beings in oneness certainly would be a world filled with joy and beauty.

If true love had been perfected, in responding God would be totally absorbed by true love and have no regrets. God's nature is such that He would be completely happy with anything that happened within the realm of true love. If human beings were to live in this world of true love, they would live their entire lives happy and free from regret. Moreover, this would be a world without a history of warfare and free of complaint and misfortune.

Section 7. Love happens in completely natural settings

This is a story from my childhood. One day I caught a pair of birds and tried to make them kiss each other's beaks. To see them kiss, I put them in a cage, fed them and watched them. I did it out of a child's desire to see them love each other and sing happily together. This was an experiment, out of curiosity, to understand the principles of nature. I continued this experiment, which I now understand to have been quite naughty.

It was only much later that I began to realize that love happens in natural settings. Sincere love is realized naturally, in a most natural setting. It was only as a result of a long series of experiments that I came to a correct understanding about love.

When someone has lost the value of love, what good would it do for this person to receive a university education? Such a person will only accumulate knowledge, become individualistic, and come to worship materialism. Just as Korean bean paste soup tastes right only when it is served in an earthenware bowl, so character training can reach its purpose only when it is based on love.

The flower of world civilization blossoms on the basis of artistic harmony. In this sense, roasted ribs need to be served on a platter and Korean bean paste soup ought to be served in an earthenware bowl to bring out the proper taste of each dish. Once you grow accustomed to the rough, deep and refreshing taste of Korean bean paste soup, you never will forget it, no

matter where you may go.

Likewise, once people have become used to the earthy, deep, relaxing taste of love, they will not change. Just as we easily tire of instant foods that usually are heavily sweetened, if we could obtain love easily and anywhere, like we can instant food, we could not call it true love.

There are people everywhere today whose love is like instant food. This is a problem. Love does not deepen because you bathe in a fragrant bath. I would say that the love of a husband and wife living in the remotest countryside, who wash themselves in cold water before going to bed, is purer, longer lasting and ever deepening.

A couple who have to clean their teeth before kissing are not experiencing natural love. The toothpaste smell will prevent them from tasting the unique smell of the other. When I look at people who clean their teeth before kissing, I don't know whether they are trying to taste love or taste toothpaste.

When you meet someone you like and love, you want to embrace and kiss that person. This is natural between the sexes. We have a relationship with our environment so that we can feel affection toward the universe. It is natural for us to do this, as a part of our search for a partner.

When all people relate to each other within this ideal of partnership—with each man relating to one woman and each woman relating to one man—there will be no acts or incidents that violate the order of love. The order of true love emerges only when man and woman meet on the basis of the ideal of partnership.

CHAPTER FOUR Our Course of Life

Section 1. The purpose of God

God does not have a body. So God wanted to reveal Himself through all of creation as His body, with Adam as His face. This is the ideal of creation.

Originally, God was to be the spiritual focal point and Adam was to be the physical focal point. These two focal points were to form a ninety-degree angle. This is God's purpose of creation, and it is the purpose that people desire. Had Adam and Eve not fallen, they would have occupied the positions of father and mother eternally in the spirit world. But because they fell, they

could not do this. Had there been no Fall, everyone could have gone to Heaven simply by attending their parents as though they were attending God.

This created world is round: the sun, the earth and the stars are all round. Even our mouths are round. Everything is created that way. Thus the universe creates relationships by going around and around in circular movements. Even if one individual thing has a round shape, it does not exist by itself; it exists in a relationship and is connected to the whole.

Then why are we born? We are born to beat in rhythm with this vast universe. Ocean waves lapping against the shore lap against our hearts as well. Gentle breezes sighing serenely lull our hearts into serenity. Flowers in bloom release rich fragrances and stir the fragrances in our hearts.

If we are born, raised, live and die in love, then we can be grateful for our birth, life and death. You all were born because you participated in the place where your father and mother expressed the utmost love for each other. You were participants in that love.

Since you were born through your parents' love, you consider yourselves born as flags planted by your parents' love. These flags flutter to express love. We are meant to live for the sake of love throughout our lives. So you must wave the flag of love for your mother, wave the flag of love when you see your father, and wave the flag of love for your siblings.

Section 2. The importance of the moment

Your living body cannot be perfected unless your entire existence becomes a foothold for absorbing nutrients. This phenomenon occurs in the natural world. The crossroads of life do not appear over a long period of time; they arise at a single moment.

People who ignore the moment cannot obtain anything of value. They cannot become great people or inherit God's throne and crown. So, to make each moment shine, you need to exercise care with each word you utter, each action you take and even each thought you have. Deal with life and resolve problems, believing that the contents of your daily life will remain as phenomena through which you maintain a relationship to the world. That is the only way the realm of victory is determined.

It is in the moment that the victory is determined. It is the same with the historical realm of victory and the cosmic realm of victory. Those who live with unlimited value capable of making each moment shine brightly can

become great people, even saints, and even God's sons and daughters. In this way the junction of life and death is crossed in a single moment.

Today our attitude is the problem. Of course it is necessary to desire first the coming of the kingdom and wish for the Will to be done. Yet, what is more important is how we ourselves personally can become one with God's Will.

If we refer to a particular hour, it is more important to ask how we can spend that hour to come into a greater oneness with the Will than it is to simply desire that the kingdom of God be accomplished. So we first must create the environment—as individuals, families, tribes and peoples—that will enable us to inherit God's Will. Only then can we establish a relationship with God's kingdom. Then, with God at the center, how can you make a relationship with the Will in this one hour, if you are given an hour, within the sphere of your daily life? This is a very important question.

Looking at the history of the providence of restoration, there were four thousand years from Adam's family through Noah's, Abraham's and Moses' families up to Jesus' family. The mistakes that occurred during this course did not happen in the span of, say, a year. In Adam's family the Fall of Adam and Eve was not something planned out and put into action in the span of a year or a decade or even several decades. Their mistakes happened in a flash. When we think of how the breakdown of that one moment has been perpetuated for eons of time, we can understand the fearfulness and dreadfulness of that instant.

Due to the misstep of that one moment, so many people who walked the path of righteousness in the course of history had to undergo untold suffering and many nations that could not follow the Will fell into the abyss of destruction. All these became a source of a tremendous indemnity offering. When we understand this, we can see how fearful even a single hour that we let just tick by can be. Even the eternal kingdom of heaven does not exist apart from the single moment.

Eternity does not start when we die. It continues on from the moment we come to know God's Will. Here, if there is a leap in the relationship of time or a gap created for even an instant, eternity will be interrupted.

So while walking the path of faith in the course of your lives, do not procrastinate by deferring your providential responsibilities from this year to the next, and then to the year after that; or from your twenties to your thirties, your thirties to your forties; or from your forties and to your fifties.

You must not live this way. People with such a lifestyle will die without having lived even one day in oneness with the Will. They cannot go to the kingdom of heaven.

However wonderful a country you may live in, you cannot go to the kingdom of heaven if you are unable to live even one day according to a victorious standard; you cannot enter heaven if you do not live even one year victoriously. So, while it is important for believers to dream of eternity in their lives, it is even more important for them to eradicate evil and become the standard-bearers of goodness in the real world. This is what is most important.

From this perspective, Adam's mistake of one moment resulted in eons of anguish. In Adam's family, Cain and Abel were supposed to have dissolved the anguish of their parents, demolished the wall between the brothers and created the starting point for a family of oneness. However, the death of Abel, who had been set up to fulfill the providence of restoration, also occurred in a moment's time.

Consider the course of Noah, who toiled one hundred and twenty biblical years to build the ark. It was in just one brief moment that God issued the command, "Go into the ark, for the day has come to fulfill My desire." Those who followed this order received the blessing of the eternal God; those who did not were submerged in a realm of eternal judgment.

It was the same with Abraham. God's promise that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sands on the seashore was bestowed in just a single moment. Abraham's sacrificial offering did not require decades, rather a mere day's work. The time it took him to cut the offering and place it on the altar was not more than an hour; yet that single hour historically bore the seeds of all life and death, curse and blessing.

People of faith today need not fear the coming of a day of judgment in the Last Days. Instead, worry about how to connect the time that is given you in your daily life to the Will of God, and how to form an intersection between your life and the Will.

Section 3. Infancy and three orderly stages

If God created Adam and Eve, how did He do it? If He created them from the soil, what kind of soil was it? Where did He begin? Which part of the body did He create first? We cannot think that God created them as adults.

He created them as babies. Without the notion that God went through the same process as a mother, who conceives a child in her womb, gives birth to it and then nourishes it, we cannot logically explain the formation of all existence through the three orderly stages of growth. So Adam and Eve must have had a period when they were infants. Later they went through a growth stage. This is the heavenly principle. Then there must have been a completion stage.

What was Adam and Eve's infancy like? We must proceed from the concept that the invisible God nurtured and raised a baby who was able to go through a process extending from the world without form to the world with form.

Section 4. Our life course

Since the society, nation and world in which we live are far from ideal, all manner of suffering occurs and good and evil are at cross-purposes. If we were to look at a hundred people, we would find them all struggling against their surroundings and pushing against their environment in an effort to carry on their daily lives.

Our experience in our daily lives tells us that no one can be confident that daily tasks planned in the morning will be accomplished during that day. The wider the environment in which we work, the greater the drive and determination needed to bring a victorious conclusion in each day of our life. If these are lacking, the day cannot be a day of victory. Such days turn into months and months into years.

We lack the environment to live even one month according to our plan. To bring about victory for a month, we need the drive and determination necessary to break through all the complicated situations and circumstances we meet during that month. Otherwise, we cannot carry out our plan for the month victoriously.

Getting through a year successfully requires us to be equipped with a fighting spirit or driving force that can thrust aside all the challenges of each and every one of its three hundred sixty-five days. Otherwise, we cannot celebrate that year victoriously. If we live a year like that and continue in this vein, eventually it will add up to ten, and then twenty, and then thirty years, and that eventually becomes our life course.

People living on earth today cannot escape from the constraints of time.

That has been true throughout history. Individuals, families, tribes, people, nations and the world all move within the realm of time.

Wherever there are people, there are always purposes to accomplish. We need to live our lives with those purposes at the center for ten, twenty, thirty, seventy years and, indeed, our entire lives. The greater our goal, the stronger our internal commitment needs to be. Otherwise, we will not accomplish those purposes. Unless we maintain an internal determination that surpasses the goal through the process called time, the goal will be unattainable.

Section 5. The original homeland

You may not know the reality of the spirit world; however, I enjoy the special benefit from God of having a clear insight into that unknown world. When I went down to the fundamental level of that world, I found it is based on simple principles. It is a world that can be entered only by those who live for the sake of others, which is God's principle for heaven and earth. The world structured along these lines is the ideal heavenly kingdom.

That place is the original homeland that humankind must seek. Today, although we are exiles from our original homeland and live in a fallen environment, we are destined to return there. Throughout the course of history, God has worked to create a path enabling us to return, because we could not do so by our own efforts.

This is why God raised up many different religions. They are training grounds through which He has been directing all people along that path, whatever their race, cultural background, customs and traditions. Religions are the training grounds for preparing people to become eligible to return to the original homeland. Taking into account the diverse cultural backgrounds of people all across the globe, God is leading humanity toward a united world of religion that can progress upward onto higher ground.

If religions were to guide people to such a homeland, what would they teach? They must teach people to live for the sake of others. The more highly developed a religion is, the more it emphasizes this principle. These religions teach their adherents to be gentle and meek, to stand in a position to elevate others, live for their sake, and serve them sacrificially. All this serves to instill in us the discipline we need to abide by the laws of the kingdom of heaven.

What is our life path? It is the path of possessing God's love. Possessing God's love is life's highest and final destination. Men must go this path, and

women must go as well. Everyone must go this way.

Our life path is to seek the God of infinite love. The loftiest path for our lives is the path that seeks God's love by crossing over the peaks of death tens and even hundreds of times and continues in that search even after death.

What is the endpoint of our desires? It is to possess God's love. Even if we say we know God, unless this brings us a more precious love than we have known before, we cannot say that God is our God. We need to come to experience God's love. If we only had God's love, it would be all right even if He were not present. Once we have God's love, what is His becomes ours and ours becomes His, and the internal and the external become as one for the first time. A nation based on such love would be an ideal homeland, with no such thing as higher and lower classes.

When we are surrounded by that place of love, we feel there is nothing under the sun that does not appear good and that does not exist for our sake. Because God's love is like that, the heavenly world, which is humankind's destination—the kingdom of heaven—is a place filled with love.

Section 6. The wrong standard of birth

People in today's world may boast that they are high and important or tell you about their academic degrees, but what they do not realize is that they were misbegotten at birth. They do not know that they were born with the love, life and lineage of Satan, God's enemy. This is a serious problem.

Due to the Fall, people have been born from Satan's love, which was passed down to them through their parents. Satan's blood was flowing in the life of our mothers and in the life of our fathers, and that blood now flows in each person. Each person is a fruit of this lineage.

For this reason, each of you belongs to the lineage of Satan. In other words, you could say that Satan's blood is running through your veins. So while Satan is bearing his corrupt fruit automatically, God is striving to redeem those very men and women by transforming them into the pure and perfected people of His original vision. Your beginning was in Satan's love. You were born from his lineage.

The beginning was wrong. Since the beginning was wrong, you must return to the original point. So we are going to go back. To where exactly do we go back? We need to go back to the origin. Since we originated from

false parents, we need to return and start anew from true parents. How serious is this? It is imperative to inherit God's love, life and lineage afresh.

This is why, when you receive the Blessing, you undergo a ceremony to change your lineage. You must believe in this more than your own life. Just because it is a Unification Church ceremony, you must not think of it as some ordinary ritual. Think of it as a wonder drug, an antidote, to restore the dead back to life.

Our ancestors made a mistake. Because of this, countless people throughout the course of human history have suffered. Knowing this, we cannot go that same path again. Never again! We paid a ghastly price throughout history for having perpetuated illicit love in the fallen spirit and earthly worlds, with far-reaching consequences for individuals, families, societies, nations and the world.

Section 7. The standard of our life course

When I say "life," I mean eternal life. I am referring to the spirit world, and to the life we live for eternity. Each individual was created to be an object partner of God's love. You are an object partner of the absolute God, who is the subject partner. You are His partner in love. God cherishes the notion of true love more than He values Himself. God is the absolute and eternal center of life. His ideal is eternal, and the center of that ideal is true love. The object partner of that love is you.

An attribute of love is that it brings subject and object partners into oneness. Such love can unite a nation. In this partnership one partner can accompany the other in any situation and follow unconditionally. God's partner can inherit His entire fortune and even His entire heart. I went through a miserable course to discover this, and I now stand on that sublime and lofty foundation, which cannot be exchanged for anything. This is an amazing grace.

For that reason, I can stand in the same place as God and share the eternal position of true love. The spirit world is in a different dimension from this limited earthly world. We cannot move freely within our mundane confines here on earth, but the spirit world is on a higher dimension. There we can do anything; we can leap across time. If we desire anything with a heart of love, we can have it anywhere, at any time.

We were created originally as eternal beings. If we become eternal beings

of true love, when we go to the spirit world we will be free. The first standard of life is to overcome evil with goodness; the second is to reach the original starting point; and the third is to attain eternal life.

CHAPTER FIVE

The Corporeal World and the Incorporeal World

Section 1. Prayer related to our life course

Beloved Heavenly Father, I thank You for the grace by which You have protected me since childhood, as I fought to prevent the possibility that Heaven might suffer the shame of humiliation.

Among all the good things on this earth, nothing can be more precious than to connect to Your original heart. We must yearn infinitely for that relationship. We must realize that those who experience Your love will find themselves in a place where they could forfeit everything else in this world without feeling any regret. We must prepare today on earth for the day of our birth as liberated children who are endowed with the right to be free in our third life.

Loving Father, in order to greet the new spring, we know that we must be completely absorbed in our destined relationship with You, and we must attain perfect harmony with You in our lives. Only thus can we greet the spring season and bloom as beautiful blossoms. We must not become pitiful souls who, when asked whether we ever greeted a spring season in our lives, are unable to reply in the affirmative.

Father, help us to understand that those who lack the heart to attend You and bow down humbly to You will be unable to have a connection to You in that eternal world. Let us open the doors of our hearts to feel Your heart; let us today hear Your voice welling up from the depths of our hearts so that we may regain our lost selves. Help us to appreciate Your historical course of toil and trouble to find each one of us, that we may humbly bow our heads before You.

Section 2. Understanding death

On the earth we have parents, teachers and relatives. We have ways to establish such relationships on the earth, but not in the spirit world. In the spirit

world everyone lives for the whole, with God at the center. All positions are differentiated. Thus, those in a higher position cannot descend to a lower position, and it is difficult for those in lower positions to go to higher positions. Originally we were to have gone to the spirit world only after becoming perfected while on earth. Once we enter that world, there is no returning to the physical world. Everyone is destined to die.

Our life course is too short. Life is too short. Even a life span of eighty years is too short. It is not even eight hours in spirit world time. In terms of the concept of time in the eternal world, it's not even eight hours. That is why the power of true love is great. True love transcends time and space and moves at a speed that is beyond our comprehension.

There is no doubt that the spirit world exists. It surely exists, and since we were born from the spirit world, we must return there. There is an interesting phrase in Korean, *toraganda* (meaning "to go back" and also meaning "to die"). To where do we go back? Going to a cemetery cannot be considered going back. We go back to our place of origin. We didn't start out in a cemetery. The phrase implies that we go back beyond the most distant origins of history. It means to return across the vast expanses of history, even beyond its origin.

For a person to "go back" does not mean that if he is born as a Korean, he then goes back as a Korean. Although you may be a Korean when you die, the place you go back to is the original world of our human ancestors. What does this mean? It means that, if there is a Creator, we will go back to the place where this Creator resides. That is where we came from, so that is where we return.

The universe is engaged in circular motion. When the snow on the mountains melts, it flows down through narrow valleys and through many streams and rivers into the ocean. Once it is in the ocean, it evaporates and returns to the air to complete its cycle. Everything circulates. In a similar way, when we go back, where do we return? We go back to a place where we can be higher, a place where we can be happier. No one wants to become smaller. All the laws of motion of the natural world, however, dictate that things diminish through work. Wherever there is work, things diminish. When we roll something, it will not keep rolling forever. It starts out fast and then slows down and finally stops.

We live in this world, yet it is not the only world that exists. There is

also the spirit world. This earthly world and the spirit world are not two completely separate worlds. They are connected together as one world. Then where is the place where we are to go, the place where we are to live? Of course, we are on earth now, living in our physical bodies; however, we are moving toward the eternal world. We are born into this world; we pass through our teens, twenties, thirties, middle age, and then old age. When we pass the time of our youth and enter middle age, we pass over one hill, and then eventually we go into old age. Finally we end our lives just like the setting sun.

People who know the existence of the spirit world, however, realize that a lifetime is only a fleeting moment, and that an eternal world awaits us after death. For this reason, they live their lives on earth in such a way as to prepare themselves for that world of eternity.

The word “death” invites understanding of the meaning of life. Who knows the value of life well? Those who seek to live do not. The true value of life can be known only by someone who has risked his life to stand at the crossroads of life and death and, while clinging to Heaven, has desperately implored to be shown the value of life.

That being the case, would people welcome death or not? They would welcome it. If you are about to die, and someone asks you what you are dying for, you would be able to answer: “I am dying for the sake of God’s true love.” We discard our physical bodies to participate in the realm of activity of God’s infinite love and for the sake of God’s world of love.

To die physically is to be born in God’s love. That is why we hear people in this physical world sometimes saying in exaggeration, “Oh, I think I’m going to die.” Death is meant to be a moment of joy; it is the moment when we go from a realm of limited love to a realm of infinite love. Therefore, the moment of death is the moment of our second birth.

Would God be more joyful on the day of your birth into your physical body, or on the day you are born as a child who is to act for the sake of love in the second, infinite world? You might wonder why I talk about such things. It is because we cannot establish a relationship with God without liberating ourselves from the fear of death.

Section 3. The three stages of our lives

People go through the stages of formation, growth and completion dur-

ing the course of their lives. We go through the realm of water in our mother's womb, then the realm of the earthly world on planet Earth, and finally the aerial realm in heaven. In other words, people go through three periods: the period of water in the womb, the period of being born and living a hundred years on this earth, and then the period of flying in the aerial world.

People are born in the depths of water. The period in the womb is the period of existing in water. When the fetus is inside the mother's womb, it is floating in fluid. It has to breathe in and exhale the fluid, and it lives by way of a hose connected to its mother's womb. How is a fetus supplied with nutrients? It is supplied through the navel. The navel functions as its mouth. So we must not be disdainful our navel. Pat your navel and say, "Belly button, thanks for your hard work a long time ago." Pat your navel often; it will be good for your health. Do it as an exercise. If you exercise this way often, it will make you healthier. Even when you sleep in a cold room, if you cover your navel, you won't get diarrhea.

In the womb, your navel is your mouth. At the time of birth, your breathing organ moves upward from the navel. What's the next mouth? It is the mouth that you use for eating. It has moved upward. Eventually, what do we do with the umbilical cord attached to the navel? We cut it off.

In a similar way, during our life on earth, the spirit is attached to the physical body, like the embryo in the womb, and feeds off the physical body. When the physical body grows old, the spirit discards the physical body and goes out on its own. In accordance with fundamental principles and laws, the spirit must be reborn as a person who can relate to the eternal God, its spiritual Parent.

After being born into the earthly world, a baby becomes friends with its father and mother. We are born into the earthly world, where we can share love with our fathers and mothers. In a similar way, we eventually must be born again into the spirit world, where we can share love with God, our Parent, who connects us to the world of spirit that has no bounds.

What do we need after coming out of the womb? It is not just air, food and water; it is love. We need to receive elements of love. We cannot be fed only food. If food is the only thing you take in, you will start to die. You need to prepare for the next stage of your life. So what do you need to fill yourself with during your life on earth? You must form a new character by

filling yourself with love during this period.

What you need on earth is love. Why do you call a child who lives without the love of a father and mother an “orphan?” It is because the child does not receive the parental love during their lifetime that can connect him or her eternally to the spirit world. This is also the reason we feel pity for people who live alone without marrying.

After our physical death, which is the destruction of the body that has been breathing air on earth—the second kind of breathing—we begin breathing elements of love. Love is invisible. While we are on earth, our internal self, our spirit, grows through the love we receive from our parents and our spouse. That is why, just as an embryo develops in the womb in accordance with God’s law so that it grows to become a healthy baby, our spirit must develop within our physical body in this earthly world in accordance with the heavenly principle.

Dragonflies begin their lives by swimming in water during their larval stage, then come up to the earth and crawl about for a while. Finally they are able to fly around and prey on bugs they never would have imagined eating when they were crawling on the ground. They flutter about freely, thinking the whole universe is their stage.

There are many insects that go through these three stages of life. In general, insects have wings. They go through their lives living in the water, on land and in the air. Yet do human beings, who are called the lords of creation, have wings? We have a set of wings that are of a higher dimension. Death is the blessed gateway to our second birth. What is the meaning of death? Earthly life, the time of living in air, parallels the time of swimming in the womb. We are living in a wrapping cloth of air. Death is nothing special; it is only our rebirth into the third life. That moment of transition is what we call death.

Section 4. The central point between the two worlds

I imagine you must be very curious about the spirit world. There are many religions in the world; their purpose is to guide us to the world of eternal life, where we can live together with God. That eternal spirit world is the destination of religion. However, what has become of religion today? It is on the decline. We have entered an era in which people are concluding that religion is a man-made moral idea, appealing only to the weak and unnec-

essary for everyone else.

Even Christianity, the central religion, has declined. America represents all the Christian nations of the world, yet many people who grew up in American Christian homes have lost their faith and are living according to their own ways. Why are even Christians abandoning their religion, which idealizes Heaven, the dwelling place of God, who is the center of the world and all ideals?

There are three reasons. First, we do not have a clear understanding of the existence of the spirit world. We have the innate capacity of comparison, and we naturally seek to abandon a bad situation in favor of a better one. If we understood the higher-dimensional realms of greater value in the spirit world, we would seek them out. This is original human nature.

Second, we do not really know God. Our connection with God was severed as a result of the Fall, and we have been living as orphans.

Third, we do not grasp the central importance of love, which binds us to both God and the spirit world. We do not clearly know these three points. Even those who know of God and the spirit world do not fully understand that it is a world centered on love.

In a place of love, you are happy to go up or down and even to stay in the middle. Does a wife dislike her husband if he has a higher position in society than she has? Does a husband dislike his wife if her social standing is lower than his? When you are one with each other, you can go anywhere, from below to above, from above to below; you can even stay in the middle. There are no restraints. This is the reason that many people in the world are saying, "This world needs to become one. It ought to be united. It must become a world of peace."

It is the same for both the spirit world and the earthly world, and for spiritual and physical beings. God and His love are central to both worlds. But fallen people do not recognize this.

We have a mind and a body, and there are differences between these two. They exist in different dimensions. The mind differs from the spirit world. We speak of the spirit and earthly worlds in terms of God's love. Accordingly, for these two to create oneness, God must be involved. Without God's love, the spirit world cannot exist. It is linked to God.

People may be confused and think that the mind is the spirit. The mind is not a part of the spirit world. Due to the Fall, the mind does not have a

relationship with the spirit world. It may be easier for you to understand if you think of the mind of fallen human beings as a person who has no bones in his body. The mind of a fallen person has a form like a human body that has no bones.

The spirit has a body-like element and a mind-like element. The part that is like the mind of the spirit is immersed in the spirit world. It always maintains a relationship with God. The mind-like element of the spirit does not come into being without a relationship with God. It is important to understand that spirit and mind are two different things. The fallen mind has no relationship with God. He has departed from it. God can neither relate to the fallen mind nor exercise His direct dominion over it. Your mind changes, going one way and then another, but spirit beings are not like this, nor is the spirit world. They have one eternal goal, toward goodness, and move steadily in that direction. Why is this so? It is because spiritually mature beings stand on God's side. The mind that resides within us as fallen human beings vacillates.

What is the spirit mind? I am sure you know this from the Divine Principle. It is the union of mind and spirit, and it is moving toward a new goal. It is a motivational mind, which makes it possible for us to become our ideal selves by uniting with our conscience, centered on God. Without a spirit mind we would be unable to connect to the spirit world or to true love.

When the spirit mind sprouts up in us, our body is happy to unite with it. Everything automatically begins to unite. The biggest problem for people until now has been the separation of our mind and body. However, when spiritual energy dwells within us and engenders the awakening of our spirit mind, our mind and body naturally unite. Unless this type of revolution occurs, unless we discover the origin that can rectify everything from the root, we have no way to find the ideal. There is no result without a motivating cause. The purpose of religion is to implant a spirit mind within us. There are many religions centered on the spirit mind. These appear in all sorts of different forms.

God is a majestic being, central to both the spirit and earthly worlds, which are meant to become as one. Because true love was never manifested, the spirit world and physical world could not become as one body. This caused the separation between the human mind and body. Also, because true love was never established, there is a separation between religion and politics.

Everything comes together as one when true love is at the center. Everything—the individual, family, society, nation, world and cosmos—is linked. We have to make it so with our own hands. Otherwise we cannot inherit God's original kingdom in heaven and on earth. How do we bring about harmony between the spirit and earthly worlds? We have to unite them with true love.

Eighty percent of the world's population does not know about the spirit world. Even some religious believers are not really sure whether there is a spirit world or if God really exists. However, the spirit world does exist. If there were a wealthy man who was willing to invest his entire fortune in creating a place of happiness for himself, we can imagine what a wonderful garden he would build. Then what kind of place would God, the Creator of heaven and earth, create as His dwelling place?

The spirit world is a world of beauty beyond our imagination. You could stare at just one part of it for a thousand years and never grow tired of it. The world's most prized possessions are nothing in comparison to the spirit world. Therefore, I do not want to own things on this earth. If you were to force me to say which I would prefer, I would say this earthly world does not conform to my purpose and I would rather go to the spirit world.

Most people do not think about the spirit world. They were born, so they live with their parents and take care of their families. They think they will just go on living the life they were born to. What is at the center of such lives? It is all about eating and supporting themselves. People consider food, shelter and clothing to be the most important things in life.

How to support themselves, how to feed themselves, how to clothe themselves—these are the central issues for most people. Of course, human relationships include aspects of morality that enable people to improve, develop and find satisfaction together. The standard of that morality varies, however, among different races and nations. Moral standards and social systems all vary in accordance with the world's diverse cultural backgrounds.

From this perspective, we see that there is a huge difference between the original vision and standard that God wants us to attain, and the standard of ethics and morality that people today set for themselves. This must be corrected. Where are we supposed to go after being born and living our lives here, based on the original standard? People are not clear about this; they do not know whether there is a spirit world and whether God exists.

However, people who have studied the Principle clearly know that the spirit world exists. They do not just believe it; they know it. Why is this? They know it through countless spiritual experiences. The global foundation of the Unification Church was built through a process that included many spiritual experiences. People who know the Principle are in a position where they cannot say that the spirit world does not exist.

Once we know the Principle, what path do we follow? We must follow the path that God desires for us, the path of His Will. But what is God's Will? There is a path for an individual, and a path for a family. There are also paths for the society, nation, world and spirit world. I am the expert on this. The spirit world definitely exists.

Why is it important that we know of the existence of God and of the spirit world? Some people may think that, even if God exists, they have nothing to do with Him, but they are wrong. To say, "Even if there is a spirit world, it has nothing to do with me," would be like a person claiming he is a member of a family, but has no need of his country or of the world.

If there were a greater God and a bigger spirit world, we would surely want to have a relationship with those greater entities. But just having a relationship is not enough. What would we do once we had a relationship? We would have to unite and move together toward the same goal.

The Apostle Paul's experience of seeing the third heaven of the spirit world became the driving force empowering him in his missionary activities for fourteen years. Do you understand this? You need to have such experiences. The same is true for me.

I do not fear death. What made me this way? Love did. No matter how many times I am put in jail, I can digest all that, just as I have digested and overcome all the opposition that has surrounded me. I am overcoming all this with my own hands.

Section 5. How the spirit world was created

The spirit world is equivalent to the angelic world. With regard to the spirit world, our world today is in the same position as at the time of Adam and Eve. God created the spirit world before creating Adam and Eve. Since Satan's world came to exist because the spirit world went against God's Will, that world will be restored only after it welcomes God's Will. Also, the Lord cannot come to the earthly world until the spirit world is subjugated. That

is why members of the Unification Church have worked tirelessly until today to end the discord with the spirit world and, consequently, the spirit world has been helping the Unification Church.

Where is the spirit world? It is in your bodies. You go around carrying the spirit world on your shoulders, attending it. There is no escaping it.

The spirit world certainly exists. It exists for this physical world, and this world exists for the sake of the eternal world. People may ask, "Where in the world is God? Can there be a God in this world? Where is the spirit world?" God's dwelling place is the spirit world.

If, after seventy or eighty years on earth, that were the end of our life, we really would have nothing to worry about. But since we will be living eternally, it is a different story. So if we agree that the spirit world exists and that we will go there after death, what will we take along when we go there? Those who have not practiced true love in their lifetimes will not adjust well in the spirit world. The spirit world is vast. You may not know this, but it is a vast world without boundaries.

The contemporary interest in electricity and space exploration will open people's minds to the idea of an ideal world of love. The vast spirit world is filled with the electricity of love. With the electricity of love there is nothing we cannot do. Hence, we can say that the spirit world is a realm we are meant to govern through our thoughts and feelings.

Then what is the spirit world? It is a place made up of that which is eternal. It is the world of harmony, where everything is filled with love. Thus, this universe goes into operation just by the push of a love button.

What is God's kingdom on earth? It is the place where all the valves of love can be opened. Then what about the kingdom of God in heaven? It is the place where all the valves of true love can be opened.

All you have to do is maintain a loving heart and tug on the rope of love, and everything will come to you. When you push it back, it goes backward; when you pull it sideways, it moves sideways. You can steer it any way you like. It does not resist; it moves automatically.

So we arrive at the concept that the spirit world is the place filled with the air of love. If the God of love wants to feed all humanity at once and to make us happy, says, "Let there be food," then food will appear.

You eat the food of love in the spirit world. People look at each other with eyes of love. There are no words to express the mystery of the spirit

world. The more you hear, the more you want to hear. There is no concept there of being sleepy or tired. The spirit world is the place filled with the electricity of love. People today try to link everything to love. Why is that? This is to be in rhythm with the spirit world. Since the spirit world operates in this way, existing beings naturally respond to it. They cannot abandon that position.

When you see me in your dreams, I appear to you through the waves of God's love. For that to happen, there can be no self. You need to create a vacuum, and then a realm of resonance. You become like pure gold, which has low resistance. Why do we consider gold to be treasure? Gold is pure, it does not contain any other elements, and it has a low level of resistance. You need to become like pure gold.