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Forward

It is important for those that read these speeches in the future to understand something about the context in which they were given.


Hyo-Jin-nim spoke every Sunday that he was available and delivered his final speech 09 March 2008.

These speeches began with the passing of Hyo-Jin-nim’s son and ended with his own passing, March 17th 2008.

Hyo-Jin-nim chose to deliver his words from the same stage at Belvedere where True Father spoke in the seventies, eighties, and into the nineties.

Hyo-Jin-nim’s speeches were attended by a relatively small group of those who loved him and appreciated the significance of True Father’s eldest son speaking again after an absence of several years.

There were members young and old, first and second generation, American, Korean, Japanese, European, and many other countries including the international leadership trainees who attended regularly.

In the beginning we were unknown to each other, but we became close brothers and sisters who loved our elder brother and each other.

After a few months Hyo-Jin-nim could recognize most of the regular attendees and he often expressed affection to us in his own way. It was very special.

Recording and transcribing his speeches every Sunday was a privilege and a blessing that I am unworthy of and will thank God for forever.

Nearly all the speeches in this volume are verbatim transcriptions from recordings. The first speeches are from T. K. who transcribed them from a video DVD. Next Hyang-Hwa Oh’s recordings provided the resource. By August 2006 I was recording and transcribing. When I couldn’t understand something, I would ask Hyo-Jin-nim’s assistant Janine Takahashi to ask him for clarification.

Hyo-Jin-nim and his staff were aware that these notes were being sent all over the world and Hyo-Jin-nim was pleased that they were.

Hyo-Jin-nim’s speeches were brief, but intense. He spoke straight from the heart. His words and directly experiencing these speeches changed all of us forever. I hope that by prayerfully studying these notes you can be changed forever too.

Joe Kinney 2008
“It’s been a while. Seems like ten years since meeting members. Among the members here, I am sorry for not remembering the faces of some of the member. When hearing the communication about Shin Gil, I could not understand that as itself. The phone call was from my older sister. “Shin Gil was in a car accident. Did you hear?” I was in the midst of taking a shower.

Unfortunately, I have become a parent in a world where the child passes first. What is a person’s life? What kind of life makes it a meaningful life? The important thing is how to go through the final stage and how to go to the spirit world. Shin Gil only went to spirit world a bit before everyone else. At the time of the accident, the driver’s license read “Moon Shin Gil” and that made me at ease and peace. I called the cell phones of my other children and no one answered. However, no matter what others say, it does not change the fact that Shin Gil is my son, and the grandchild of my Father. The spirit world that Shin Gil went Heung Jin Nim is, and I know He will take care of him. Therefore it is okay that people not worry about Shin Gil going to the spirit world, and okay not to worry about me.

Honestly, I don’t know how it is going to be from now on. However, I know that Shin Gil is going to a good place. I don’t think I will talk long today. I will end briefly. Shin Gil has changed me to an even better human being. That phone call from the time of Shin Gil’s passing to the spirit world, my life has become a better life than before. From today onward, I wish to become a good human being. Shin Gil made me that way. Thank you very much”
“What is Father Doing?” January 8, 2006

How are you doing? Good… I’m doing fine

It’s been a while…it’s been, what…10 years, something like that
I didn’t come here to talk about me, that’s my problem. So I want to talk about what Father’s doing. And I’m here to help you.

So having said that, where should I start? Have you been attending Father’s speeches…Father’s rallies? What do you think is His main point? Why does He think that’s necessary? Do you feel it? Do you feel it in your heart? Do you feel it in your gut? Do you feel it in your body? (Audience responds….Yes) Well, I don’t think so.

Well let’s just start with the building a bridge over the Bering Strait. It’s like almost fifty miles long and wretched waters. I don’t know, it’s like forty-eight mile or something like that. They did some kind of feasibility study on a documentary ten years ago, still gets aired on one of those learning channel stuff. They always constantly update the money, in terms of the cost, but it’s doable, it is doable. If you can tunnel your way between England and continental Europe, it is doable, sure. We do have technology, it’s just tremendous, astronomically expensive. How do you afford it, so many countries have to come into play and basically between the Bering Straits your talking about America and the Soviet Union and trying to have get them to play and all those stuff. It’s a big, big, big responsibility. And I think, unless you have some kind of where with all in terms of practicality in terms of politics, economics, it’s very difficult, okay? But it’s doable, that’s where we start.

How do you start anything, when you haven’t done anything, and when it’s never been done before? Where do you start from? So, okay, you know, in order to understand Father’s reality, you have to understand a very simple concept, why is He here?!! What is He here to restore?! And who the hell are you? What are you made of?

When you look at yourself is there some kind of universality that we can all say, in unison, regardless of what cultural, in other words, you know kind of influential background that you come from based on thought and whatever environmental kind of happenings or whatever. Is there something that is universal? (Yes) So what is that? (couple of answers) How are you made of? If you have to define yourself, if you have to define yourself, how would you define yourself? (children of God…child of God).

Okay, well let’s put all that together, simply put, how many levels do you think you got? One, two, three…ten…twenty…million? Simply put, look at yourself first. You think you’re a spiritual being right? You struggle to be one. Okay, well talk about spirit. And you want to be intelligent right? You want to be smarter than the guy sitting next to you right? And you’re a physical being. However it plays out whether you want to be tougher than the other guy next to you or whatever. It becomes apparent that that matters to everybody. You measure each other based on those conditions.

Very simply three conditions…spirit, mind and body. I think that’s universal. If you’re going to start anything, if you’re going to try to reason anything and try to communicate to the rest of the world beyond yourself you have to find some kind of basic commonality where you can create a focus in which you can create some kind of uniformity in the end. Some reason some rationality. Without that basis there is no rationality, there’s not even a breath of it. It doesn’t matter, even if you want to sell an icicle to an Eskimo, you have to have something like that.
So having said that, what’s Father’s condition? What’s Father’s life? What’s Father’s course? And when you look at it, to me, it’s very simple. It echoes that kind of stuff. It basically echoes that individual manifestation and just on a larger scale, that’s about it. So all you need to do is always focus on what that is. What that individual responsibility is that magnifies to whatever level. That’s the key point of understanding what the hell He’s doing. Don’t look at it in any other way, because you are and idiot if you do.

So all this historical stuff, what is, what does it represent? It’s just preparing the way for the Messiah? Do you believe in the Messiah? Okay, let’s say, I’m talking to this in-crowd here, you believe that shit, so be it. Excuse my language. (laughter) So be it. Okay, all of that is there to receive that spiritual entity, spiritual, that entity that represents that spirit, initially. And His course goes opposite, restoration is opposite. So it has to restore the intellect and the body, right? And that’s plainly been seen in history. So ideologically, there’s ideological wars, horizontally it’s just if you put Cain and Abel picture into the scene. WHY? BECAUSE IT’S A CONFLICT!!!

And we went through Cold War, right? Ideologically, yeah? That kind of stuff, that kind of stuff. And, that’s the intellectual stuff, crazy intellectual stuff, right? Now it’s coming down to the physical stuff, that’s about it. China will be the riches nation on earth in about over a decade. Everybody knows that. And that’s potentially conflicting to American presence. But it’s something and, something similar nature, right? They all want to be rich. It’s not like “I don’t believe in God, and you believe in God… I’m going to kill you mother…some bla, bla’ You know I would always say it, but since I’ve been here, and since I’ve, it’s been a while, I’m going to try to hold back as much as I can. (audience laughter) That’s about it.

And when that happens, when that happens it’s a great time for us. Why? Because now we have something to work with, as long as there’s a conflict of interest, Parents can always put it right. (laughter) Isn’t that sad, but true. Then what?

It’s interesting because it will be connecting pretty much every archangel nation; America, Soviet Union, and your China. Any you talk about amenities and prices and of course that interest is there. Why? Because of oil. Why do you think you’re rich. Because you’re rich, you have the money to buy that stuff and you can spend it as much and you want. And of course in those areas there some kind of just backward kind of places, however they know your weaknesses. They know the nature of the indulgence of capitalism. That’s basically what they’re feeding on. And it doesn’t matter if it’s theocracy or dictatorship, it doesn’t matter. Because ultimately in the end they have to play to the people…that’s what they feed on. And whether you like it or not there’s no way you can stop that anymore. I mean even ten years ago, like fifteen years ago there wasn’t stuff to buy, they’re very expensive, but now it’s cheaper and it’s global, you know? You’re talking about tens of millions of dollars and they’re so god damn, excuse my language. It’s available to all. All those things, knowing what the nature is, it’s doable. It’s not that difficult. As long as you believe in what you are.

How many Christians out there want to see Father as the messiah? I remember a long time ago, about seventeen years ago, I was watching the 700 channel, and I talked about it to you, and he said actually on television “how can that little yellow man be the Messiah” What the….What does he look like then? Blonde hair, blue eyes? They got some TV show on that said that least he’s not blonde haired at least not brunette haired. That’s funny. Do you think they really want to be judge, they want the Messiah to come and judge them? What’s he going to look like? What does the Messiah look like?
There’s a simple kind of step even to Father’s course, to when it comes to Father’s course. And he had to start with, kind of, spirit, mind and kind of body stuff, and kind of put it...teacher, parent, and now what do you say? It’s very difficult for some of you to understand.

Teacher is the body stuff, you understand me? I mean for many parents, I’m sure all of you had that parental experience, you don’t even feel like you’re a parent when you’re dealing with little monkeys, you know what I’m saying? They’re little monkey, they’re not even humans. And you try to teach them stuff, you know, you can’t even try to be a parent to them, they don’t understand what that stuff is. You’re basically dealing with physical monkeys.

And look just think about it, you understand, you have this church hierarchy, he used to be a president of Unification Church and he goes around to these seminaries and he’s trying to make a point. After all this time, you know he’s come to this realization that...of his success, you know, his understanding and why others who’s not here who’s thirty-six couple and who are thirty-six couple who were he’s from have failed. And talk about that kind of birth stuff...birth and children one, that conflict. The reason they fail, his conclusion is, the reason that they fail was because they believe in the children’s concept even to Father, even to the nature of Father. He was chose somehow, so they somehow ultimately can be chosen one too. That’s not of birth.

Why do you think, what do, even Christians think about birth rite anyway? Why don’t you play that to the man himself. You don’t want to put that just up on elder son crap. You know what I mean, you want to be a messiah, go ahead and be you. Why would anyone in their right mind want to be that miserable? But misery is relative, right?

Pain is relative, right? So is the opposite, right? Who gives a... What do you want? So it’s up to you too, that’s relative too. So, I didn’t come here to... I’ve really have seen a lot of crap these days, just recently, I mean unthinkable crap. And I don’t really give a... You know why, because I’m going to let someone else judge that...not me. I’ll move on forget it. I’ll try my best to find some forgiveness in my heart to do...Look...Okay...

So how can we help America? (laughter) Or god damn move on, okay. How can we help America? What the hell is America anyway? You know, there’s so much, you know, all my brothers have kind of gone to school and they got high education stuff. If only if we could use that kind of funds, all the blessings that we had in the past used it in a certain way and as well could be so much, okay, sure, but that’s in the past. And Father did it for His reasons, not yours. I mean I have more sympathy when it comes to that when it comes to the Japanese members than American members, that’s for sure. Because I deal with those interesting types, I like colorful things, colorful stuff. Even dealing with colorful, I don’t mind. I think that’s interesting, it’s exciting, it’s stimulating. Yeah, sometimes it’s the absolute opposite and it’s a pain in the, but that’s the stuff, that’s reality. So be it.

Now, having said that all that stuff, why did He do that, for what reason did He do it? Obviously to make the conditions of the spirit, the spiritual foundation. And what did He do? He absolutely tried every, just, almost like a wasteful dollar just to create all these organizations, all the stuff that have come and gone. Just to give, give, give to the, I mean, you have no idea, if I talk about it, it will blow everybody’s mind. It is astronomical, and where did that...come from? That was blessing and this stuff that Father envisioned, even on just a physical level, it’s in shambles it’s shameful.

And whose fault was that? It’s our fault, we have to fix it, okay? This is nobody else’s problem, but ours and that’s about it. You don’t want to be stupid, if you want to
advertise, you go to school to learn how to properly advertise, you dumb monkeys, don’t
do the obvious no, no stuff. And we can do those stuff, because there is still a whole lot
of blessing still here. There is. It is doable. Why do I believe that? Okay, since you
pushed me (laughter).

You know I do watch my competitors, so I kind of watch those people speak on Sunday,
you new comers like Joel Olsteen, I pay attention to all those guys, saying all this, okay,
okay. All packaging. Don’t try to give me that. And what do they want to do? What do
they want to do? They want to set an example, and example of something. Okay, that’s
okay, we can compete with that. We can do that too. Let’s just start with that. We can
also do that too.

Just start with the body first, we can focus on the body, that meets their concern. The
thing about, you know kind of, materialism is that when that controls everything, pretty
much in the end, your whole concept, whether you like it or not, if you’re not really
thinking about anything, it will just, just consume you completely. The physical stuff,
when you look at America especially, you know Pilgrims stopped coming to America to
find God hundreds of years ago, seventeenth century. People come to America to find
opportunity, riches. They want to be god…, they want to be rich. That’s about it.
There’s no other reason to come to America.

You don’t find here, you don’t, that’s about it. It’s not even freedom, it’s about
opportunity. What freedom, freedom to be what? I mean what if you were religious?
American freedom is very offensive to you, you know what I’m saying? It has nothing to
do with freedom, it just says that so many times, it like to say it. And people, you know
always like to put their best foot forward, whether it’s true or not it’s irrelevant. When
they think that they have the power to do so, then they will do so. Based on how they
want to be perceived, because without that perception, you don’t get that accolade. And
it needs to have that kind of glorification so it can fuel itself, in terms of its need for
consumption and excessive, so be it that’s reality.

Okay so when you’re talking about America’s freedom, and in essence in the end, it is
just about that, capitalism. What does capitalism create? What’s important in
capitalism? Opportunity. What does, if you’re so concerned with opportunism, obviously
you are going to become an opportunist. If you become an opportunist, you are not
going to be a very caring person for somebody else. You’re going to be a self-centered.
And if you’re a self-centered SOB, you’re going to be, you know obviously, not a good
role model for the rest of the world, because you’re so caught up in your own
individualistic need. You’re a pure individualist. Then what?

When you create a frickin climate of that stuff and you encourage that stuff how do you
think the society will end up. Do you really see in itself a future? No, I don’t think so.
Somebody will use the United States as the wrong example and try to modify it
somehow to be better than your stupid dumb ass, that’s about it. It might be a little bit,
but still in the end, they’ll succeed. Because you’re going down the wrong path, point of
no return and that’s about it. It doesn’t matter how much you try to deny it, it will happen
eventually.

It will start from you it will go up to even your, you’ll contaminate even your mother and
your father, never mind your children and your posterity. Because that’s all they see.
That’s the American dream. I don’t think so. Somewhere along the line the American
dream has passed away. And who the…how many Americans, I’m not American. I’m
proud not to be an American. I can, because I’ve been living here technically I’ve been
here over thirty years. I came here because my Father had His mission, that’s about it I
tagged along. I guess He carried me along, I had no choice I guess about it, so be it, it
doesn’t matter. That’s not the point, but Father spent so much time and energy, and so much stuff, if I actually started, line item by line item, it would blow your frickin mind, but I’m not going to do that. Not today. There’ll be plenty of time for that crap later. But that’s all in the past. What’s important is what’s going to happen in the future. And what can you do.

There are times that, I’ll share since I’m in a sharing mood I’m going to share. Okay you know, I let myself, normally I don’t behave that way, but I did and at one point in my life, and I do regret it, but that’s why I’m telling you. I let it go, I just let it go, I didn’t want to resolve it, I didn’t want to deal with it. I didn’t want a solution. I just let it go. I just let it go. I just let that anger just go. And it grew. And it grew. And I realized in the end why it was growing and started getting out of control. Because everything is connected. And that’s the realization that I had.

The reason that it was growing and getting bigger and bigger and it was going and going, because I resolve it. I let it go and it was just connecting to all sorts of other stuff. And that’s the thing about living about being a human being, it’s, you’re connected. And when you know it’s not good for you get rid of it as fast as you can!!

And I believe in the future we can do a whole lot of good stuff. Why? Why, because we’re unique god damn it. We’re absolutely unique. And we can prove this…we got something better. Hey we’ll compete and we’ll win. We’re here to stay and we’ll compete till the end. And let’s compete, alright, it doesn’t matter. In goodness, screw badness, in goodness let’s see who’s the better man in the end, you know what I’m saying? And that’s why in the end there’s an attraction to democracy. Because that’s kind of brotherly stuff, you know what I’m saying, right? Because that’s also a very important part of restoration, not just restoring Adam’s position but Cain and Abel stuff.

Then, we can win. And let it happen. It’s better to have, I’d rather have a democracy to work with than some kind of theocracy, you know what I’m saying. There’re a lot of nuts out there, crazy people “la, la, la” I’m not saying anything, if you know me, it’s just a joke, okay. (laughter) I’m just very, in many ways, the way I express is very shallow. And sometimes it works. (laughter) Not all the time. That’s about it.

Anyway, I believe we can do this kind of stuff, okay you know what I’m saying? This is kind of the first time for me in a long time. I’m going to keep it short, okay? And I try to stay away from this note stuff. If I have notes I’ll speak longer, that’s why I don’t have notes. (laughter).

Anyway you guys take care, I’m fine. You know things will happen the way they should. And I see tremendous hope for the future. And thank you for your concern and your prayers. And I’ll do my better to help you guys as much as I can. To share with you to be with you, okay? Thank you.
“How Deep is Your Love?” January 22, 2006

How are you doing? Nice to see you.

Before I start, some people have a problem with my colorful words. My advice to you.. “stay home!!!” Having said that, I’ll try to make the choice of my words as dull as possible, can’t guarantee you of any thing, but I’ll try.

You know today I came back from spending some time in Hawaii, and this is kind of a new start for me and I’m volunteering to do this and its important for me and, that’s why, might as well start with something general start with something big.

Let’s think about love, let's talk about love, how deep is your love? You know I guess if you just talk to people in general and kind of observe how they use the language, the word of love, they use it in a very, I guess, on a secular level, they do use the word love a lot. I love chocolate, I love Gucci, I love money, I would love to have all power, I’d love to have that position or this position, I’d love to spend just one night with that famous person.

And love gets used a lot, in a way, kind of secularly speaking, it’s used like a literary supplement to highlight or heighten your value and description of your needs and that’s pretty much what love has fallen, come down to. That’s how people use the word love in their lives. And just think about it, if that is the definition and description in which people in general in society, when we have to live gregariously constantly share with one another, then what is the true meaning of love?

Does the meaning of love end with the definition, the value that we at this point in time are comfortable with or accept? Or does it have some greater meaning? That’s why, I guess, people seek religion. Because something inside tells them, I don’t know maybe some inner voice, whatever.

Because you have to understand that in the individual self there is, like we all know principle teaching, there is spirit, mind and body. We have physical body, we have intellect, and we have spirit and self. And even in self, there is three stages. So we understand that because of Father’s teaching, but in the external world, in the secular world the understanding of even the simplest thing that we pursue, we hold valuable, because of what we understand, what we believe…what others believe is pretty foreign for us. We understand why they want those things, why they love those things, because, I guess, one time or the other you loved those things too. When you want something more, that’s why you seek something greater, that’s why you try to understand God. And that’s a life long process, it’s never ending.

How do you understand the depths of love, you know? Because when you look at God’s way of love, many times you have to accept a lot of things that you don’t want to accept. You don’t want the definition or value of love to be something such as suffering…pain…misery. You have to be sadistic to like that kind of stuff. If you’re a prize fighter you can teach or train yourself to love pain, because that’s how you make a living. But beyond that it’s very difficult to accept, because in many cases in the life of pursuing God’s course or God’s ways or God’s understanding, or learning about God’s definition of things in life it is opposite of what people consider love to be. Because, you know, I like chocolate too, but if you like chocolate too much you’re going to get fat.
Money’s good, sure, you can buy a mansion, you can buy, not just one, buy ten of them, have them strewn all around the world and take time off and go to those places choose something, try to conquer the world again and be the richest man on earth!

All those things maybe you like to talk about, you like to think about them at times, sure. There are many ways to go about, just if you don’t think about those things, maybe it’s because I haven’t learned about these things almost to the point of brainwashing ever since I was a boy. Maybe I can’t, you know it’s very difficult for me to part from it, just cut away from it, because I don’t want to go down in history as such and such and such, because that’s kind of engrained into me. There are ways to go about pursuing that kind of stuff, but if I do I’m going to go down in history, because of my lineage, what I belong to, is something that I can’t ever change.

Just because you change my children’s name from Moon to Hong doesn’t mean that they’ll forever be Hongs. People can do that, crazy people do those kind of stuff, without my permission they can burn my son’s body, they can deprive me of my last right to see my son, they can do that kind of stuff. And what happens after that?

I think about the consequences no matter how at times, how difficult for me it is to accept certain things. I have to think about those things because I believe how I came to accept that, that’s not the problem. The situation is that I believe it, that’s the problem. Because I accepted, I have to deal with that issue, because I believe in the consequences, that’s why I have to make and interpret things based on that direction and that’s why it is very difficult for me to try and go the opposite direction, I struggle with that.

I wish when you think about, you know, giving excuses and stuff you can rationalize things, yes I can do those kinds of things to, BUT WHY? What am I doing it to? Who am I doing it to? WHY? For what reason? It’s like forget you, don’t even talk about it at all…but that’s not important, that’s not important.

I’m here because I want to be here, not because it’s my duty, so I want you to make the best of it. I know what duty feels like, you know, I was there pretty much a long time, every Sunday, pretty much for eight years, but this is not something of that nature, there’s something different. And I feel that I have something to say and I’m going to do my best to do so.

So having said that how do you go about trying to understand God’s love? First I have to understand my parental love. If you want to go up everybody has someone above them. Right? Even Messiah has Father. So immediately that’s where I would start. That’s the first thing that you base yourself on and of course in life you have bosses and stuff, subject and object relations, but let’s just be intimate and the best way you can start in general that we all have, which is parental relationship with self. So that’s the fundamental kind of primeval subject and object relation that we can start with.

In order to understand your father, you have to understand yourself first. And there’s “Where’s my limit, where do I belong in this relationship?” Many people I see in the secular world like certain positions, and they’ll do anything to achieve…attain it. But many times just getting it is not the end of the story, it’s only half of the story. You have to fulfill the postion, you have to understand the responsibility, you have to be accountable for the position, the demands of the position that you have just acquired by any means necessary.
So even just having the position is not the end of the story. It’s just the beginning. So just start with yourself, don’t think about any other position that you’d like to achieve or attain. Think about yourself.

I’m Father’s son, OK. What am I? Who am I? What is my limitation? How should I define myself?

So when you talk about the definition of yourself you have to understand the merits of your responsibility. And what is that? What is the nature of my responsibility? What is the merit of my responsibility? What is the expectation? When you talk about merit you have to connect it to your expectation, expectation of your position. Otherwise there is no meaning. So when you talk about expectation, how do you go about trying to understand the meaning of that stuff, if you don’t start to try to understand who is your subject? Because, that is the basic relationship that you’re trying to achieve. That is the beginning of understanding greater, ultimately God, right?

If Father is too far from me, let me start with Mother or something. You know what I’m saying? Well I do have an older sister. Maybe if my older sister can be some kind of indicator for me to understand and familiarize myself with the basic direction as to how I have to approach understanding my Mother. Then maybe that’s where I should start from. Sometimes you have to take things step by step.

You can’t just think big all the time. Especially when you want to be, if you are really serious, you want it to be meaningful; if you really want to find a quality, achieve quality, then you really have to take caution, right? You have to do things step by step. You can’t just always take giant leaps, maybe in general as humanity we can, but not as an individual, Right? So that is where you should start. And if you get to know that, know your ultimate, then maybe you’ll have a little more understanding as to what kind of direction you should choose to make that contact and start to build something on that, something more meaningful. And if you have that kind of prepared knowledge then you can try it out, it can be exciting and it can be more stimulating for you. Because you have the kind of properties that you can bounce things off from because you have all sorts of greater options that, maybe you’ll hit the mark, because ultimately in the end you have to make it work, somehow. That’s your responsibility.

I mean we understand God as a suffering God and He’s trying to make it work. So in long waiting, of course, it can be perceived as something painful, miserable, tremendous suffering, never ending agony and concern, worry. But you have to start somewhere, so starting somewhere I feel that you have to understand about who you are, and try to better make the best preparation possible and try out all sorts of different things and find the thing that works to make that connection upward, properly.

In the past I just did it, I just did those kinds of things, I did what I was told to do. I was kind of a crazy kid, I knew all the crap about the world when I was young and there came a point in my life when I changed and I did everything I was told. And I did my best that’s about it. Might as well, I don’t like it, I really don’t like it, but if I’m going to do it, I might as well do my best. Try my best. See what happens. What you see is what you get.

Why would I hide anything from you, the only reason that I don’t talk about it is because I can’t. I’m not afraid of men. You can kill me, you can shoot me dead, you can poison me, I’m not afraid of you, you think I’d lie to you.

I think about myself first, okay.

Let’s just talk about men. Things that men have problems with in dealing with relationships I kind of simplify into a definition of three words…“triple A” I call it: Arrogance, Aggression, and Ambition. And that is pretty much the basic premise that we
deal with in terms of subjectivity. And if femininity the woman’s kind of stuff…I call “triple S” to keep it simple: Sensitivity, Sensibility, and Seduction.

You know why do men have a problem with aggression…and arrogance…and ambition? To put it nicely, you know…Ambition is, “oh he has a high goal”…Arrogance is…“oh he’s proud”…and Aggression is…”oh your so tough and powerful"

And when you look at physical self and intellectual self and spiritual self that “triple A” stuff has a different meaning but all those different kind of words have the same value in the end…there’s the same meaning. When you talk about Messiah, you talk about him as an arrogant, ambitious, aggressive, just as different words describing that basic nature of it of words that I’ve just used…that’s about it. How would you want to put it? Absolute? Someone that demands absolute obedience, absolute faith.

All those properties that we have, have a meaning behind it. But we abuse it, we misuse it. Many things when we mishandle. It’s not the gun that kills people it’s the people who pulls the trigger of a gun that kills people. Everything that we have is a tool. We can misuse it. Our intelligence first of all is a tool, therefore all the words that we create to enrich our lives beyond monkeys are tools. So we can enrich our lives, you know, and grow harmoniously and in an infinite way and all sorts of possibilities.

Even music, anything that we have, instruments, it’s a tool, it’s only a tool. TO DO WHAT? Of course that’s what we have to figure out and that’ll take a lifetime. You’ll go through the journey of redefining, defining, revising the value of words that we normally use till the day we die. And hopefully everyone can always enhance the quality of it and in that, that will be the ideal world, if everyone were to pursue that kind of endeavor. If they never ever stop enhancing that quality of things that they understand and try to enhance the quality the value and the definition of even the basic things that we understand…till the day we die…never stopping. If you push till the day we die. Yes we can change the world. Yes that would be the beginning of the ideal world.

Because we struggle with the things that we describe as our needs, that’s why we, want to have religion, we want to unify that stuff. The basic stuff that we rely upon to create community, to create society. And think about yourself. Think about yourself just dealing with the basic understanding of words that we, describe, that we use to communicate with one another.

There’s a difference when you use basic language for children and your immediate family and even the same meaning will have different kind of tone and you’ll use a different kind of words with a similar meaning, but you’ll use it in a different way. Or choose different words when you go to a tribal meeting a social meeting or on national stage or on a global stage. This is kind of informal for me, that’s why sometimes I would curse, but if this were some kind of public rally I would choose to not use certain language. You know what I mean. Who gives a hoot if I use colorful language at times? I don’t think that that would demean the value of what I’m trying to say. If I’m trying to make a point, that’s what’s important, and I don’t think that you should be distracted by frivolous things because many times if you’re that kind of person, I don’t think that you’re going to make it in this world, I don’t think that you’ll be somebody, okay?

You know, it’s very easy to criticize, but it’s very difficult to create something, okay? And if you understand the value of that, the basic things that are important in life and how to go about achieving it, you wouldn’t be that critical that cynical. Because what’s important is the essence of stuff that you try to create, and why do you do that? Because if you’re trying to do it for God, you’re not doing it for the money, right? You’re doing it for the sake of the betterment of federal man, right? Everybody needs the
secondary stuff, it’s not a primary concern. If blessing comes…so be it. And if I’m more, I can give more that’s about it. I’m not going to take it with me. I see my sister come and try to fundraise for Col. Pak. Did you guys give? I gave a long time ago.

You know you see people sometimes and you try to justify yourself and you pick and choose what is favorable to you, that’s why I don’t like to make excuses. I’d rather just say forget.

Anyway if you talk about this love stuff there are just so many things that we have to work out within ourselves, so when we paint the picture outward and try and advertise as who we are, you gotta put that stuff, it has to be in the stuff..you have to put the proof in the stuff.

You know when I think about Shin Gil, I feel sorry in my heart, I feel sorry that I couldn’t spend much time with him because I couldn’t, because the court wouldn’t let me, it’s a unique circumstance, unprecedented stuff. In a way, I know that is my victory when it comes to what had happened. But I feel sorry that I couldn’t spend much time with him. And I really wanted to. And it was just about at the point I could spend some time, because he would be legally independent. That’s the kind of stuff the kind of gets you. We were planning all this stuff and well I’ll just have to wait a little longer. That’s about it we all die, we just have to die well. That’s what is important.

And when we look at our individual lives with our individual families…they are constantly trying to understand the value of love. And normally you’d start with language…the words that you use, because it’s basic it’s where everything begins…with and idea, exchange of an idea. And we have to understand the eternal concept of divine love so we have to begin somewhere. And it starts with words. Words are very, very important to little kids and the meaning of it, that they’re constantly asking you. And if somehow pick out certain words and try to use it in their language and they communicate with each other or relate with me. They’re constantly trying to expand the understanding of it. And many times in that expansion when they feel love is kind of interesting is because it has to be something personal something that they can recognize as of value.

If we talk about something of value, even kids with their limited understanding, its important, they feel love and you somehow kind of promise them stuff, and I’m going to give you more and more and more stuff. And the promise of that expansion at that least that they like it, gives them all sorts of tingling sensation in their head and they’re happy, because they understand the importance of that possibility, because it is going to give them some kind of fulfillment some joy.

And of course you start with physical self pretty much those valuable needs to those little kids are very, very tangible stuff. That’s where you begin. Then as you grow as you mature, normally you start to see when a teenager reaches a certain age maybe 15, or 16 or 17...friends become more important than your whole family (your brother and sister your father and mother). They start to become tribal they go beyond at a certain phase they go beyond the family they will start to be tribal. And they expand to society and nation... And in Korea and normally if you reach 60 years old and if you give yourself 0...10...20...30...kind of decade and spread it out, it will take till about 60 yrs to get to the global stage of some sort if you have a defined pathway and you have preplanned some kind of program and if you’re successful at it most likely you’ll reach that stage that phase. So in Korea when you reach 60yrs of age, that’s where you begin again. Most likely on the path they didn’t live that long so if they reached 60 yrs of age obviously you’re getting a second chance at life. That’s kind of process stuff but there is a philosophy behind it and that’s about it, your life begins at that age...and why? That’s my interpretation.
So the value of that kind of needs change as you move up in life from family to tribe to society to nation, the value will change to the world and if you go beyond it of course the value will change. In terms of your needs.
If I started with a bunch of toys in the beginning but it will change as it goes up. The value of your needs. The definition of your needs. Because ultimately you have to understand what God sees as defined love or valued love. That’s what you have to understand. That’s what we’re trying to understand and we have to constantly upgrade our value. The definition of our needs.

That’s the most important thing I feel if you want to understand God’s love. You can’t just get stuck at a certain kind of level and say this is God’s love. I think that’s stupid. I think that’s blasphemy. You have a basic direction of love because in the end all this plus and minus, good and evil stuff and tree of life it was all contained in the garden of Eden so the important thing is what’s the next step. You just have to choose one direction, that’s what absolute is. Because that’s what’s in yourself, selfishness is bad, living for the sake of others is good and that’s plus and minus and that’s what we start with. That reality will never change. We’ll always have that individual self to deal with to try and accomplish that task. Forever!

Certain things can be habitual. We understand there are properties there, there are tools out there even built in, innate. We just have to trigger it. That we can use to make or make that kind of process, but all these things have to be triggered has to be connected and triggered.

We do have all the tools. But you have to understand what that is and trigger it and keep it moving then you can automate it can be habituated. You have all the basic stuff you just have to use it in a functional way. You know you can build you can make, give yourself a lot of bad habits, but you can also give yourself good habits too. Right?

You can teach yourself to give, right? Because there is great joy in it, there is pleasure in it. And it’s better in your pocket than in my pocket and you see that person just light up and you get a kick out of it. Even with the simple kind of giving…with stuff. There’s a pleasure in it. And you can make that into a habit. You can get addicted to that kind of stuff. Not only things that can kill you.

So you choose it. You have all this stuff even things that can kill you or in many times save your life, right? Vaccination. There’s all sorts of stuff, we just have to understand the meaning of it. Understand why it exists. Define it properly. And as we heighten the definition into greater truth, greater sensitivity, sensibility, yes, everything can benefit us based on right choice making. Everything. It’s up to us. Some people get that, that’s why you have to share that kind of stuff. You have a social duty to do that kind of stuff if you’re civilized, right.

So everything that is basic we already have it, we just don’t use it properly, we don’t stress it enough at times. We kind of bury it away because someone wants to be vainglorious, you know? That’s about it. That’s the only reason that we struggle. Just think about it if we can focus the kind of resources that we have we are absolutely unique. In certain ways we can have more cash than any large corporation in the world in a given year.

How many people will envy that, that’s something for people to envy about you know? And that’s reality! And at the same time we’re a unique church. Why, because we put emphasis on the Blessing. And we actually have this kind of reality of all this international blessing coming together, seeing the importance of being engrafted,
understanding the importance of lineage and trying to establish that kind of foundation of substance based on the ideal of who we are. That’s very unique.

We can talk about all kinds of racial propensities and there is a lot of stuff that we have to push and we have to challenge the world with, but can’t do alone we need to have an army though. We can literally start a television network with a certain amount of money with certain kind of characters. Yes we can make it work based on if we have some kind of prepared investment capital and if we’re willing to use it solely for that reason, sure, we’ll make it work one way or another, in ten years. If they can do it, we can do it absolutely. But that time will come. Father will do his best to complete his mission while He’s breathing, period. Here’s the right way. That’s about it.

Do the best you can. Father I hope you’re successful. That’s all I can do. I’ll try to help you though if I can. Sure, I’ll do that.

But taking the next step sure we can do that stuff. We already have that foundation we just have to act upon it and then that day will come, I know. I absolutely believe it. It’s not that difficult we already have the, to do it. It’s just a matter of doing it. We can wait. That’s about it.

You measure your love.

How deep is your love?

How far away from God are you?

How do you define love, you know?

How do you define your needs?

Measure yourself…I don’t know you, just as you don’t know me that well. If some of you think you know me, you only know me because I had my obligation…my duty to study in front of you for a long time that’s about it. And pretty much that’s about it. And to me the reason I like the kind of creativity because it keeps me simple, because that process is really painful and complicated. So I like my life to be simple. I need that balance. That’s why I can’t really understand people who criticize…Bla, bla, bla, bla, because they don’t understand that process. That’s why they just have so much time on their hands and so much energy, they criticize, this nonsensical garble, superficial analysis.

Do something meaningful. If you really want to use your head make something meaningful. Then you will truly appreciate the simplicity of life.

Only you can’t start to see the essence of stuff unless your life is somehow balanced. When it’s all jumbled up you aren’t going to find it. You want to understand, to find God’s love? Find something. Bring some kind of balance into your life. In order to do that you have to try to do something meaningful, make something meaningful, create something meaningful. You can start to recreate even the basic definition of what life is to you, the things that are important to you, the needs that are important to you. Do something that will actually be meaningful to you that can change you. If you can’t expand outward yet, start with yourself first, you know? Only then can you start to see some clarity. Otherwise everything is jumbled up, you already have all this cynicism, criticism, all these jumbled thoughts in your head. You’re not going to find anything.
So, please, start with the basic things first. First stuff first. First things first. Find a new definition of life. The things that are important to you that leads to, I don’t even want to say love because that’s too big for me even, even I’m trying to redefine the basic stuff, I don’t even want to think about love. But it's leading up to that stuff that’s about it. That’s my faith.
Okay, I hope that I shared something with you that you can use. Anyway, Take care, okay.

Transcription by T. K.
Good morning.

We’re in the process of debugging myself, so just bear with me today.

Today, I want to share with you about family.

How many people come from a large family? (audience response) More than 10? (laughter)

I have an older sister, older brother and, many younger brothers and sisters and when you look at my family situation there’s always an issue, all the like time resonating. Somebody always has a little more than the other guy.

In tradition in general, even in the western culture too, there are many countries in the western society that still hold on to certain kind of tradition, historical tradition. Let’s say having a monarchy, I need to have certain very strong as to that line of way of thinking, in terms of government and politics and social structure. So there’s a basic structure that we pretty much accept. The reason I didn’t talk about it or mention our society already, is because it’s pretty much given. In China, Japan, Korea there’s certain tradition that’s just untouchable and it’s permanent and it always will be permanent.

So there are certain things that we always expect out of it and basically what it comes to even personally speaking my family situation, well there’s the horoscope way or even when I was growing up that he gets it more than me and I want to be equal, I want more fairness. (laughter)

Of course all my little brothers and sisters, they like that too, they want that stuff more than anything because, I guess, someone, some unfortunate sole like me is the primary cause of all that ruckus.

So when you think about that situation, I don’t know, is that a blessing? Depends on how you look at it I guess. What if you got nothing? I don’t think that’s a blessing. What if you have everything is that a blessing? I don’t think so either. It could be a primary source of greater conflict and ruckus to come. So you can’t really just accept certain things just because it’s there, Because there’s a story behind the story, right? Always, because we’re human. In a human society even down to the microcosm level or single family, you know family, that stuff is real. There’s a story behind a story. Why? Because they’re individuals who make up a greater something and it moves up. So as it moves up obviously the story gets larger and more complicated because there is a story behind a story behind a story…bla, bla, I don’t know.

So that’s the basic kind of complex reality that you have to kind of sort through if you want to do something like make changes in society. So you have to try to understand, so basically even when we talk Principle, we talk about Principle in a very simple way. We know you must first understand when you go through the rigors of basic workshop up to advanced work shop, we try to understand the reality of subject and object relationship.

Starting with that let’s just start with that. What is the point of going through the rigors of being educated about that relation of subject and object, which is fundamental in Divine Principle. And just trying to remind us how to think and how to approach how to analyze how to understand not just myself but that guy, the subject, and that is the basic. That is
the basis of trying to, you know, kind of pound you with the basics. And that is the essence of what we have to walk away with after hearing all those things over and over and over again. Not just knowing myself, but what about that guy?

That is the basic, the premise in which why we go through the rigors of going through those workshops and being drilled with things over and over and over, because it's difficult. Why, because it's ongoing. You have too many times the greater difficulty and practical reality is that things happen you have to understand and learn at the same time, in real time. And it's changing constantly. It's not always just linear and stagnant, it's constantly flux and many times the peaks are higher, many times the values are lower, it's not always consistent and even if it's always on the course of a ripple. It is very, very organic. That's the problem that we face. So based on certain kind of even simple measurement or standard of measurement we have difficulty because sometimes it peaks above it sometimes it dives under it.

So how do you measure yourself, when things like that happen? In those circumstances what is my duty, I guess, what is my, you know, responsibility to somehow secure myself to give me some kind of stability. Because in the end you're in control of yourself in terms of stability, right? Because you're in control of your actions in the end!! Right or wrong, you have to face up to your consequences if you want to be responsible. If you want to deny responsibility, yeah you can do whatever the hell you want. But if you want to be responsible you have to make that responsibility and creating that stability for yourself, so how do you go about doing that?

Well let me just start from myself, you know. I have a older sister, I know she wants to be me (laughter). And have a lot of younger brothers and sisters who wants to be me to. Some have it more than others and that's fine with me. But I think about, so how do I fit in with even just the basic family situation that we all have as person who's standing in front of you who has a position whether I liked it or not, it's not voluntary stuff. It was just shoved (laughter), given to (audience laughter) I had no choice. I lent myself for that, no, you know what, it doesn't come like that just, hey do that, okay? You're just stuck with it forever. Alright, so what can I do with this stuff.

So in this kind of horizontal..., the funny thing is, the girls, they, you know, my little sister they're constantly complaining, “I want to be treated like the boys, I want equal treatment, I wanna so everything like a man. How come all these boys get all this preference treatment” Bla, bla, bla...on and on. And I, you know, okay, okay, okay no problem I can handle it. But some of the other boys might not agree (laughter). So pretty much the girls want what the boys have and whether it's younger or older. But the boys want what the older brother has. (laughter)

And in our unique situation because we have Cain and Abel type families and children centering on Father, you know, Cain family they want what Abel family have (laughter). But it's all this kind of chasing around, stuff, and what are you chasing basically in the end? That's about it. That's the cause of the problem, a bunch of them, pretty much general conflict 99.99 percent of the time that's about it. It's very rare to fight over something else. And that's it! And it starts from your family, whether you like it or not.

I'm not special. We're not special in this case, you understand me? Everybody has this problem. It's pretty much universal and that's the sad part. Right? That's the problem that needs to be resolved. So how do you go about that? What would be the ideal...kind of I guess position, of an ideal elder son? Let's just say the boys are over here and the girls are over here, if I'm stuck in the middle, because I pretty much have to stand in the middle, and to allow them to come in and have access to above, to the
vertical. That would be the ideal, elder brother. Not always hogging it, but multiply, selflessly, if you can do that, always, then you can pretty much create peace, all the time.

Wouldn’t you say theoretically speaking. It seems so simple, but it’s so hard to do. Why? Many times, you know, we have different things that we like. I guess because of character differences, or personality differences we like certain things more than others in certain things and many times it’s difficult to accommodate all that difference. The problem is because of that. Because of everybody, based on a situation, of course it’s constantly, hopefully, moving forward, expanding, growing larger and stronger. But sometimes that growth, you know, is not fast enough to cover the demand. And you seem powerless or you seem, I guess, you know, not caring to the people that are demanding. That’s about it.

If only those who are demanding something, at times, just be a little patient you can recover from that kind of potential crisis. But sometimes stuff gets the best of the situation. What’s the stuff? What do you think? You fill in the blank. And why do you need to have it so quickly? What are you going to do with all this stuff when you have it? If you have everything that you want, what are you going to do with it? I see what you do with it, that’s about it, I don’t think that’s a good thing, man, that’s going to come and bite you on the behind, any time soon (laughter).

And I’m worried about that stuff. And it’s not because of, I don’t know how to do that, and kind of try to avoid it. You’ve got to know your limitation you’ve got to know your circumstances. And some things it’s not going to work so well, I guarantee you. That’s why you don’t do it. That’s why you avoid it. It’s not, you walk around shit not because you’re afraid of it it’s because you don’t want to step on it. I mean, you can get pissed off and you can do that. But you avoid it because, obviously. And that’s about it. And some times we just get too hurried and we want too many things all the time, too quickly. Just walk away, sometimes. Just step back. I don’t really need it now. If you give yourself that kind of time and try to think about more positive things rather than very selfish things, maybe all those things, all that stuff that you want, might not be that important when you mature. Give yourself the proper time to grow.

I know the world is in a hurry. And what does it do ya, and you follow that and you become sensitive and sensible to that kind of stuff, what do you think you’re going to end up with? You’re just being like them, that’s about it. You’ll be chasing the same thing that everybody’s chasing. And the way they chase it and the strategy they use to chase those stuff. It’s nasty stuff, it’s not something that you want to be proud of, to be holding your heart to be proud of, forever stuff, I don’t think so. The glory might be temporary but if that’s what you chase, I can’t stop you. So that’s about it.

So how do you start with creating and ideal world? You start with yourself and your basic understanding of even your basic family that you grew up with. Even the family that you have if you have unresolved issues, try to make it up, try to do something about it. Start from there. Don’t look at, don’t look too far start from you. You, all of you have to have that cleared out and proper. That’s the only way we can start to influence society, alright?

So if you want to go about it properly, let’s just be proper (laughter). Then we can talk about it. We can make a strategy that is real that can make things happen otherwise it’s just talk. And who gives a hoot about just talking. There’s plenty of people who can just talk. But let’s talk about something that can make a difference in you. So, I think that’s important. That’s the kind of stuff that needs to be said.
People need to talk like that. More people talk that way and try to walk it, and I guess we can have a foundation to start making things different. Because we’ll have an army who can stand on their own and we can cover each others back. Some fighting you can’t just do alone. And that doesn’t mean that just because you have numbers that you’re automatically going to win either. In this stuff quality and speed matters in competition and you really have to work on those suckers, if you don’t do that it doesn’t work. So that’s about it. That’s what I want to share with you.

What’s family? Family’s about learning about this property stuff…proper order, subject object relationship. How to live with God?! For crying out loud. If you can’t live with each other in brotherhood just because you have this elder son stuff, how the hell do you live with your parents? How the hell do you live with God?

Brotherhood is this horizontal stuff, this is where we work out that ultimate quest of living with God stuff. Rather than just seeing my little sister as…”Arghh, I’m better than boy”, well let’s see what good you got. You know, that kind of simple stuff. You do more of it and all that stuff goes away. It’s not that difficult if you just practice it. When you have a good family it works in a lot of situations because you’ve got this void of, you know, no communication. Jump starting it, that adds some tremendous challenge. That becomes the greatest problem and challenge, but it can be done. And if it’s done, no matter how difficult and daunting it might be, but if you do it, in the end it can be resolved, no problem. But getting that stuff ironed out, ironing out those stuff, it’s important at every level, but one way or another it has to be done. And the more clear we are, the more focused we are the better the soldiers we’ll be. No doubt about that. I believe in that stuff.

Anyway, I’m just here to perform, to give you a pep talk, right? So that’s pretty much all I have to say, I guess, not much, huh? As far as this topic is concerned.

So for you, I said to myself, I’ll be here every Sunday from now, but I have to go away for a few days, next week I don’t think I can make it, but the week after, I’ll be here.

So, take care you guys, alright?

Transcription by T. K.
“Something in the Middle Called Life” 19 Feb 2006

My topic is Something in the Middle Called Life.

We don’t really have a choice about our birth or our death. Life is that thing in the middle between our birth and our death.

Scientist can claim to “create” live by in-vitreo fertilization. They use their knowledge to combine genetic material in a Petri dish but they can’t really take credit for creating life.

Just because you have knowledge and power doesn’t justify your activities.

You can use suicide can control the time and manner of your death, but it isn't really right.

So finally life is that thing in the middle between life and death. You have the power of choice which gives you control.

As you get older and older because life gets more complicated, choices can be more difficult.

If we consider life is 90 years and we sleep 8 hours a day, then we spend 30 years sleeping. The rest of the time you put stuff into your mouth and it is processed and then comes out and you move your body around from place to place.

You spend 18 years getting an education and this determines your life’s goal.

Based on challenges you have to make choices.

Who is the biggest employer in America? The government is the largest and the next is Wal-Mart. Maybe the high-tech government contractors which have the brightest engineers and influential people have more power than Wal-Mart.

Any major project requires government support and organization, but besides that the economy is up to the free market which is fundamentally driven by greed for money.

So what is the end purpose of this economy? Money? Is that what's most important?

What is the purpose of power and money?

The best investment is to invest in people.

People want wealth and power. Everyone wants to move up.

It's very difficult to unify a single nation, much less the whole world.

What do you see in the USA’s largest employer Wal-Mart or Sam’s Club? You see food, TVs and other stuff for your body.

Parents tell their kids to become Doctors and Lawyers because these are the most secure professions, not because they want them to find a cure for cancer or something. If they do its just a side benefit.
Out of 90 years on earth you have just 30 years of time that you can use to make a difference. So how can you do it? You must have some kind of value and direction.

How can you use direction in your life? Two realities, pessimistic or optimistic.

We are always dealing with this kind of dualities.

We need a greater principle and higher value to make the right choices under the pressure of dualities.

God’s command is called our responsibility.

It’s fun to act irresponsibility and not to care.

I’ll try not to curse, but that’s the kind of people that I grew up with.

So if there is a market demand and I make a right product, I can make lot’s of money in the free market.

There is a limitation to this.

The free market can be very nationalistic. Americans may only want to buy made in USA and Koreans may only want to buy Korean mad goods.

You have to make choices every day and it can be overwhelming. That’s called life.

This is why Father does things. Whose value is the greatest value?; The value that can tie everything together.

All the value of this (speaking every week) is if I can give you one or two thoughts that you can think about for a week. You have to know the limit of this.

Vainglorious stuff can really ruin everything.

There are no guarantees in life, but every day we need personal values to make choices.

Knowing what I can do. Knowing what I have to do. Knowing how to die well. Those are the choices we can make.

I made stupid choices in my life and I will pay for those till the day I die.

See you next week.

Notes by Joe Kinney
“Can We Make True Love Addictive?” 26 Feb 2006

How are you doing? Today I am going to talk about something interesting.

Can True Love be addictive? Can we make true love addictive?

Hey Richie! How are you doing? Long time no see. (To Richard Wolfe a former member of Hyo-Jin-nim’s band.)

Is there good and bad addition? Does every human behavior result in a consequential action? Yes is does.

So what is the result of addiction?

As a concerned parent you worry about your children going out of control. The Children’s argument is “How can I know my limitations if I don’t test them?”

Even 80 year old parents worry about their 60 year old son. They say “Look both ways when you cross the street and like that.”

How do you deal with addiction? Addiction is some kind of action that gives you pleasure, no matter how stupid or how bad. Different people are addicted to different things. Addition is part of life because we want to feel Joy, Pleasure.

So we question is it good or bad. People’s pleasure is different.

In the South or Mid-West people like hunting. I used to like hunting, but I stopped because I didn’t want to kill anymore. But what a great feeling killing your 1st deer together with your son.

What is True Love? Its when you can even love the Devil. True Love is God’s Law, God’s concept, God’s will. How can you practice a concept?

You need a concept, but ultimately True Love too, must bring pleasure. So God is True Love. How do we make that concept work in our life?

How does one allow ones self to become addicted to something? You start with the need to feel something. Your goal is your expectation. You give your self a routine that matches the goal of your expectation.

You manifest some behavior which you try to make a habit. You try to become addicted to true love. When you become habituated to true love you want every action in your life to give you gratification and pleasure of true love.

There is something in between (ritual) which I will explain later.

Every kind of action can have an addiction. Power makes people crazy. Money does too. I’ve see so many people get just a little bit of power and they become crazy.

What is right and wrong? Before you talk about right and wrong you have to know your own addiction. You have to understand your limitation and WHY you feel joy with certain stuff.
It's easy to feel joy when you want to kill your enemy. Every pore in your body smells your enemy's blood. I beat up lots of kids when I was young. It's true it gave momentary pleasure. Kids do sports, academics, or art to prove them selves and get pleasure.

Just because you feel what you want to feel, is everything allowed? In love there is law. In true love there is true law.

Can you feel joy in doing a difficult task? It's very easy to judge, but everyone has their limitations.

If you give someone love they try to consume you. This phenomenon occurs 100% of the time. Maybe jealously or envy are involved.

Why do people become criminal? So where does it end? What is right and wrong? Certain things have certain consequences. Is there honor?

I'm trying to get back into the groove of things. It's not easy after 10 years. What you see is what you get.

(From this point till the conclusion of his speech Hyo-Jin-nim is in tears, but not sobbing)

I've had my problems. It's my fault. If it has affected you I'm sorry. I understand what I did was wrong.

I know my son is listening and I want to make a difference. If I can stay away 10 years, I can stay away forever, but I'm doing this for my reasons. I'm doing this because I feel I need to do this.

What is important in making addiction work for true love is you need some ritual, or symbol between expectation and habituation. Make it meaningful! Make it work!

Ultimately if you can make your habit acquire action, make your routine into a ritual. Make it something valuable and meaningful. Then one step at a time you can understand love.

If you give someone power than they change overnight; that's crazy.

You need to be surrounded by a good community to bounce stuff off of. You have to know your limit and take your time.

It took five years to settle the Nan-Sook Stuff and in 2001 I began to write 10,000 songs.

Two 2nd generation asked me "Make me a star!" How can I invest what little I have for that? Ultimately to be a star you have to prove yourself to the world. The two 2nd generation tried and just gave up.

You have to know your limitations. It's very difficult, but I'm Father's 1st son. I cannot do things just to make money. I get a lot of flack because of what I spent.

I know what's important in the 21st century. Ecumenism, that's every thing in the end.

Do that stuff, that little stuff in your own way, and if you shine, that's great.

See you next week.
Notes by Joe Kinney
“Addressing Problems” 26 March 2006

All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and everyone offers a standing bow.

Today I want to talk about addressing problems.

We all have problems.

Nobody has problems in this room?

I’m trying to find some kind of universality in sharing.

I guess the way to approach problems is to understand what kind of standard we set in terms of absolute on a primary level, a secondary level, and physical level.

What I mean by primary absolute is absolutes like the laws of physics. It’s stuff that we’re learning. There are things that are confirmed and we know that exists to the extent that we understand and that we have verified it to the point that, due our limitations, that’s how we perceive the physical world to exist. And even that has certain absolute value.

And secondary absolute will be something that has to do with intelligence that WE manifest in our reality to create some kind of law and order. So this is human-based stuff the laws that we live under and by. If we break the law whatever punitive or legal addressing that needs to be dealt with will be done or remedied.

The third level to me is kind of physical stuff but it is etiquette. Some people get offended if I use colorful words. You protest to your friends and since we have a small society it will ultimately come back to my ears and I’ll hear bla-bla-bla and that kind of stuff.

We have certain standards, something of universal value on the real of intellect and physical that we set and we try to use as some kind of benchmark to regulate our lives.

Having said that, the problem is that certain individuals don’t recognize the set standard of absolute whether is is primary, secondary, quote, unquote, or etiquette wise. That’s basically how problems arise.

And when you talk about problems, in society, most people don’t live alone. Right? Even if you’re single and don’t have family still you live in society and make a living. That is unless you are like Jeremiah Johnson living out in the hills somewhere hunting for a living.

Unless you’re somebody like that, maybe there’s that kind of exception, but otherwise everybody, everybody, has some kind of connection to society in general. You can’t depart from that gregariousness because we need it. You don’t want to be alone, first of all.

So when we talk about that basic human reality the problem arises by not understanding the nature of gregariousness which creates complexity. Why? Because it’s individuals coming together creating a gregarious reality. So that creates complexity because we believe that we are individually unique. We’re idiosyncratic, however minute the difference might be, it’s different. There is some sort of difference recognizable.
But many times the complexity, we blame the complexity because we don’t take time to understand all the factors that are involved, even just dealing with your immediate group; never mind society in general, just in your gregarious setting. That’s why a problem arises.

How many parents can honestly say “I understand all my children’s idiosyncratic reality?” Sometimes I want to ask that my Father.

Well, I want to ask you the same question. If you have more than two or three children, how much do you know about your kids? What do you really know? How much are you connected with them? The problem arises when there’s that disconnection.

To recognize a problem, first of all you have to understand how many factors are involved in the picture. What are the components that are vital components? There are always vital components in any complex organism or any complex thing. How many vital factors are there? You have to identify and recognize and understand them, and know how they connect to one another, how they make that relationship in whatever reciprocal ways people do, just to have a relationship.

If you don’t understand that clearly, if there is a problem, you can never address it. Many times the problem is unsolved, or you say to yourself “It’s difficult to solve” because you haven’t fully identified all the factors. That’s why it’s unsolved; it cannot be solved; it’s difficult to solve.

It can be solved. Just as anything that we’re still learning through science or whatever, just about what we learn about the physical universe, the laws of physics; there’s still a ways to go.

Healing our body for instance, there are many diseases that we don’t understand how to cure, because we haven’t fully comprehended or identified all the factors involved that cause that kind of problem. Therefore we don’t have the ability to address the remedy for the problem. We still have a long way to go just dealing with the physical universe as we know it.

So, let’s start with things that you can do. Let’s not talk about things that will take years and years, generations and generations to fully comprehend. Even changing the world, it will take generations. That’s why you can’t really take yourself that seriously. I’m in the process of things; that’s about it. I’m not Father. I’m in the process of things; that’s about it.

So when you address that kind of reality, the kind of reality that we face, because that is true; that affects our lives. That has something to do with our future too, however long you live.

Just recently a member that I know personally passed away. (tearfully) And I hope that she goes in peace and she settles in quickly, and have hope that her family will be taken care of by people that care about her.

In other words, our lives are very short. Even with the short life that we are face with we still have a ways to do, a ways to go. There are many problems that we still haven’t fully comprehended. Why? Because we can’t control them.

You know, just because you have the position of leadership, if you don’t know how the people below you work, you can’t really become a good leader. Of course there is a
cliché or a certain concept that is obvious. If you want to be a good leader you have to lead the way.

There are so many programs that try to teach you, whether it’s governmental or religiously motivated that try to help people. The US government has a program called The Peace Corps. Right? I think that was starteded in the ‘60s by John Kennedy right? There’s so many other organizations that have done a lot of good. Mostly Christian-base organizations do charitable work. Even Jimmy Carter and his Habitat for Humanity, he goes and builds houses to give to people in need, who are low income or in poverty.

If you don’t do something like that, it’s very difficult for even the good-intended ideas to last.

You have to know what your limitations are, you have to know yourself. You have to know what you’re doing. You have to understand your position, yourself first. Know your limitations. Know your boundaries. Know your responsibilities and it connects to others.

That kind of reality should come down from above. Right? We try to talk about hierarchy, law and order, but if that is important to us, that should be a given. That kind of attitude, that kind of way of living should be a given. Otherwise do your own thing. You don’t want to pretend you won’t go far.

Don’t laugh. What you see is what you get. You know what I’m saying? And it should be that because you can’t change your self if you’re going to pretend. Obviously you’re not going to help the people around you; you’re certainly not going to change the world.

You can only get better when you understand your limitations. then you can expand them, increase your boundary, your potential.

The things that give us problems are often immature confidence, arrogance, quick judgment, jumping into judgment without fully grasping the issue at hand, even the issue at hand. That’s the problem.

If we can just step back when we make any decision; if we can just talk about the basic stuff, I think that many problems that we have we can address with our own hands. we don’t God’s help; we don’t need Father’s intervention.

You can solve it. We can take care of those problems. If we can’t do that, don’t think you’re going to change the world. That is just a lie. That will never come true.

We can do it; start from yourself. Understand your limitations. Know “you” and try to connect to the people around you. Try to get to know them. Understand those factors all the factors that create complexity.

So work small. You don’t always have to think big. Everybody likes to do that. I know, but work within your limit, If you want to understand greater complications, then start small. Try to understand it; see how it works.

And LEARN! Have life experiences, that’s important, not just the theory stuff. You can talk about stuff until the cows come home. But look, you have to know how to work it. If you don’t know how to work it, you’re not going to change anything.

Start from there. Tell your self that that’s important for me, for my future, for my betterment. If you just say that it’s for other people then it’s just sounds so cliché-ish, and
something like lip service, and then it’s almost like brainwashed stuff. Tell it like it is, that you like to hear it, the way you would understand. There’s nothing wrong with that.

The nature of a humble man is nothing other than a man that keeps his arrogance to himself. You understand me? Everybody’s arrogant. Everybody’s self-centered can be. You start with self. Right? That’s the place where we all begin.

So just try to work with what you have. And don’t lie! Just recognize it and sometimes say it. But hey! If it’s true, it’s true! I don’t want somebody telling me it’s not true when I know it’s true.

Anyway, something like that, if we can start, I think we can do something about it. We’ll start to feel the spirit and stuff in our lives. Then that’s something. That is a new beginning.

BECAUSE YOU FEEL IT! IT’S NOT SOMEONE TELLING YOU.

YOU FEEL IT! YOU SEE IT!

You can see it in your mind, even if you don’t see it right now, you feel it but at the same time you can see it.

That something. That something is change.

I’ll be away for a month.

I’ve got something to take care of.

So I’ll see you in May.

Sorry, but I got to take care of something.

So take care of your self.

Okay?

See you later.

What Hyo-Jin-nim so humbly referred to as “something to take care of” is His concert tour in Japan.

The itinerary is:

April 6th Kumamoto

April 8th Kagawa

April 11th Shiga

April 14th Nagoya

April 16th Ishikawa

April 20th Chiba

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Rev Compton welcomes Hyo-Jin-nim.

Are you concerned about all this sectarian violence around the world?

It’s bad isn’t it?

It seems like its only going to get worse.

I think it’s only going to get worse before it gets any better. That kind of sectarian divide will increase on an academic level, religious level, and political level. Then we’ll just see more of it before it changes.

How did you join; how did you join the church? Why did you join the church?

How many people are still going out there and trying to reach out and still keeping on the faith and doing the duty of trying to spread the word, the news.

How many people are truly serious about that mission of educating the rest of the world based on the principle which was taught by Father?

You see even in the church of course Father wants to institutionalize more and more. Why, because He’s 86 and in 2012 He will be 92 years old. As the days go by He is only going to get older. He is not going to get any younger. That’s for sure.

It seems like certain things we still have to hold on to because of who we are. It doesn’t matter if the climate is political. That doesn’t make everybody just run and become a 2nd rate politician.

That kind of stuff always, I’ve seen it many times you have this kind of hoopla and woo everybody crawls over there to want to get into business and whatever. Whether it’s in politics or you become an educator or whatever. There’s a kind of fad even in our church.

But I don’t think our lives should be governed and dictated by fashion. If you’re going to change somebody, it’s going to take a long time.

And if you ever had to take care of some young members or whatever, let’s say that that person has an attitude problem they’re arrogant and sure of them selves. Dealing with that kind of situation takes a whole lot of time. It doesn’t happen overnight. You have to be a parent, a teacher. You have to be sometimes a friend and a brother, even a sister (laughing). You have to play a whole host of roles, sometimes everything under the sun, and maybe even counseling or therapy, whatever it demands.

That’s the point. That’s what you have to do, just to save one soul, just to save one guy, young guy, new guy or gal. That’s just the reality.

And how can we expand if we lose something that is so true and valuable?

Something just doesn’t change. It’s just like the concept of rearing children as a parent. The parenthood, it’s universal. What works never changes, regardless of what your religious belief and discipline might be, it doesn’t matter.
Some things are universally true; there ARE universal truths. Yes what we’re trying to do is say that we’re unique and that our uniqueness represents God more than anybody else. SO BE IT!

Before you say that you have to apply universal truth to your life and to our actions, to our belief and actions. Otherwise all that unique stuff doesn’t matter.

It will not sell. How can you convince somebody that you are this, if you can’t convince them to persuade them.

Even just to sell a cookie or cereal somebody has to see the value in it before they purchase it. Just dealing even in business they try to make money and dealing with in animate things they go out there and try to make money. So be it! That has to be proven.

By what? By the quality of the product.

How can we prove our selves are what we say we are? We can never loose site of that fundamental universal truth. If you’re going to make a difference, that’s how you have to do it.

If you’re going to institutionalize, certain things have to be bedrock. Certain things have to be fundamental before you start expanding and growing overboard.

There is so much information out there, even human stories member’s stories their life stories and stuff. There’s a lot of stuff; I read it but sometimes it gets lost in translation I guess.

There are so many stories out there, members life stories and testimonies. Some times the meaning is lost over time or in translation. Some people don’t get it because it’s not translated properly, or not translated in time and there’s such a long delay in things.

When you’re living in the world of expediency and convenience that becomes a real serious problem because you look like an idiot; you look like an inefficient system.

How the do you prove to the world that we are better when more and more people are just becoming more fashion oriented base on what ever is given a hand in one moment?

Those things are important things that we always have to address, because if you don’t we’ll loose it all one day. The word might stay, but it’s going to take a longer time to bring it back.

Father will go down in history, yes sure absolutely but what about you?

The only solution is to practice that stuff isn’t it? Just to go out and try it again; that’s the only way. Do it and bring more people in, and try to reignite that fire that once was lost, step-by-step, one person at a time. If that is what it takes that is what you have to do.

There is no shortcut to greatness; there is no shortcut to success. Maybe there is in America. Maybe you win the lottery. How many people win that stuff?

Think about the whole misunderstanding and separation that people have toward the United States with each other, therefore this kind of sectarian violence and divide.

It’s so observable all around the world.
Even when you think about the Moslems that hate America, they do have an issue which we can understand. But our capitalism and democracy create opportunities and freedom, even if you have so many questions about certain methods and certain ways, certain things that are accepted.

And you can understand why they want to blow up Americans, the great Devil. Of course you can’t condone those kind of things, but they do have an issue and we live with it. It’s difficult for us to change. So that’s why they try to blow you up. That’s all they know I guess, but they won’t change.

People want to be better; people want to feel joy in life and have something to be proud of to give them those things. They want that kind of prosperity and what ever happiness that comes from it. Sure, no problem, but there are way in which you can go about achieving that, but violence is a questionable method. As long as there is a questionable method it’s going to be difficult to bring any kind of stability permanently.

So how do you go about changing that? How do you change America when so many (immoral) things under the banner of freedom are guaranteed, protected absolutely? You aren’t going to change it. It’s Religion and that sanctimonious stuff.

They’ll die before they try to change it. They’ll die fighting for it.

So how are you going to change the situation? It’s going to take a long time to inspire, even your children.

In other words you have to absolutely inspire generation after generation on and on and on unendingly until it happens, until the change happens, the change that we can see, that we can feel. That we can guarantee ourselves that “yes, this is the change; this is the change that will stay.” we can sees this change to true values ie permanent.

So you have to start with something. You have to start somewhere.

And for me it’s something that is kind of silly, I’ve been doing stuff and I’m going into China now and you try to think, but if I have to do this on my own you think “stuff costs”

That’s why I try to do my best not to cross that line. There opportunities that I know that I’m going to get more return on this stuff, but I can’t of take advantage of my name to exploit opportunities to make money. I don’t want to be an idiot.

But you have to start somewhere and you have to try this kind of stuff, and the children need this kind of stuff. The more we have, the better.

Multimedia is very very important. Why, because if we have to sell Father we have to master our communication capability. Things are out there for a reason Things are given to us for a reason. That timing is here for a reason. That’s the first step, obvious step.

Look at how Fox News has succeeded in America. It’s pretty much taking over every level in such a short period of time. The trend with the money invested would be much less than the way we would do it. When you look at Fox News it is literally run by a few character driven shows, and they cycle it three times a day. They have some live stuff in the morning and mid-afternoon. But everything else is just a few character driven shows. The format is very simple with Cavuto, the O Riley, Hannity, and Greta Van Susteren. A few character drive showe influence so many people. Just that one single person Bill O
Riley has such huge ratings and people religiously turn his show on every day to watch him blab for an hour long.

I watched a news story the other day about a good guy who made money with fast food who was a Catholic man who $250,000,000.00 to create a Catholic town or something. And a lot of people are giving their money, like the billionaire who dies and donated his billions to charity. They aren’t giving their money to us. They’re (Catholics) doing that, there trying to become more and more established and showcase their life style, their tradition, their ritual, their religion.

So you all want to go to Cheongpyeong now? (laughing) That’s funny. What’s the story behind that stuff? Well anyway…

At least your children can help (accomplish the mission). You guys are getting too old. You aren’t dead yet. (Laughter) You want to die fighting. Right? You’ll go out to your last breadth. Right? All right.

If people are actually going to make a difference, If there’s going to be a change made I’d rather bet on your children.

All those activities that we used to do, if we can afford them, of course they should be continued. Because it’s important the science, medicine, and engineering community have to be brought together, and you can’t really be intellectual unless you can have a discourse with them and at least create a serious, much more meaningful, much more useful foundation base on those communities. It is necessary to help what we want to achieve.

When was the last year that the ICUS conference was held? Anyway a long time ago. There’s a lot of stuff that’s important because you need to communicate. You persuade people through communication. You need to have those four. It’s very important, especially in a democracy and free society.

President Bush always says the only just form of government is democracy. And his own people fervently believe in that stuff, then so be it.

All those things, we should take care, we should nurture it, even if it’s just an idea.

Those things are important. Fundamental things are important. We have to master those fundamentals before we try to think about anything else.

It is absolutely not going to happen. I’d rather be in Aliens.

Wouldn’t it be great if a flying saucer landed on the White House lawn and little green men would get out and say to the world “You have to believe in Reverend Moon or I’m going to laser you?”

I mean we can change the world just like that! I’d bet a million dollars on that one.

So we should invest in ourselves. These things are important; the fundamental things are important. We should encourage, not just ourselves, but our community. We need to act together as grass roots too. Certain things are important and certain people, the powers that be, they need to know that.

Then anything is possible; life is short. It’s about finding something in life, this short life.
It’s about making the right choices and finding something of value, eternal value in this life, because only here can we make choices that can alter your life like this or that.

Because think about it; we believe in spirit, mind and body; fate faith and FACT!

CONTROL IT!

Know what that is.

Make the right decision, right choices, know how to control it. That’s the best you can do.

It’s not what you are that gives you livelihood, that’s just livelihood stuff.

Ultimately in the end THAT is the question you must answer, ON YOUR OWN, in your lives, in your self, in your idiosyncrasy.

That is your purpose; that is your job.

Good luck!

It will take a life time; it won’t end. This quest will never end.

Why? Because you want more. Trust me.

Okay, take care of yourselves.

I’ll see you next week.

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Teamwork 12 March 2006

Rev Compton welcomes Hyo-Jin-nim and asks everyone to offer a standing bow.

How are you doing?

Another day of judgment. (laughs)

I want to share with you about something which is basic, teamwork.

People think about teamwork in all sorts of different ways I guess.

Even I heard that it’s a sign of the changing times that young people get together
They become day traders (on the stock market) and come together and share information with each other.

Some people gather together at church after Sunday service and get a little rally going and that’s how they get their allowance. It’s a different kind of world.

To every one of them teamwork has a different meaning,

We can have teamwork on the physical level, intellectual level or people like us. If anything matters it has to be spiritual.

Because everything else is underneath it right? So that’s the priority, of course it’s important in terms of reality. However on the bigger scheme of things, what’s important is the hereafter, and dying well is another way to put it.

The dying well concept is the ultimate control, controlling your life, controlling your living well for the inevitable … death (laughs)

So, it’s controlled living. So that’s what we’re trying to accomplish on a daily basis.

Everything that we’re curious about and therefore we gather information is all about controlled living in the end, the best way that you know how.

Some things are so tremendous because they are so expansive and difficult that you can’t do them alone. You need a community, your extension to a greater family.

Everybody belongs to some family. If you look at a single unit of family it’s like looking at certain people, if there’s a standard test, some people do well; some people don’t. Some families need some special help. Right? That kind of stuff. That’s why you need a kind of support.

In teamwork the most important thing is having that support base, something that you can depend on. Because it’s the opposite of independence, Right? Of course you want to teach your children to be independent and at the same time to be a team player. Because you want them to go out into the world and be successful somehow.

But having said that, before we talk about independence and idiosyncratic individuality, let’s just focus on teamwork stuff. Why do we need that stuff? Because certain things are very difficult to achieve alone. That’s why it’s not just for the sake of taking care of your menial self or your lively hood, nut because of your faith, because you believe in
something greater and basically the life that you accept in this physical world at present is all about preparing you for that spiritual and final stage.

And you need that kind of support. You need people who understand that stuff who can think in communion with you, and that can take care of you like family and that you can depend on. Having that kind of stuff is important because without it, it doesn’t work. Even on a physical it doesn’t work without that understanding.

You can’t try to become a team player with the ulterior motive of being selfish. In the Garden of Eden and prior to the fall there was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. If you believe in that stuff so be it! Still prior to the fall, the falling itself existed after that what actually is you HAVE to deal with your selfishness and selflessness and stuff, Individualism, independence, and dependence.

It always exists whether you like it or not. It doesn’t matter if everything is good that restoration is all about. That stuff starts all over again. The fall of Man is just the aftermath of being selfish. That’s about it!

THAT IS THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH!

So how do you go about changing that; how do you go about dealing with that issue?

When you look around the world it’s still selfish.

How do you open up hell if you don’t control (contain) hell?

Hell is nothing other than our selfishness gone awry out of control.

Still even if symbolically every thing was done, so be it. Then we would still have to go backwards. We still have to contain selfishness intellectually, that selfishness physically.

It takes time it doesn’t happen just because of commitment. That is the absolute.

If you don’t understand that you shouldn’t be here; I shouldn’t be talking to you because that is the basic principle that I understand.

How do we go about changing that reality? Where do we start?

Look at you; look at yourself; what can you do if that is the basic simple question that we have to answer.

Where do you stand? What kind of community can we make ultimately to achieve that goal, the task at hand, some body has to do it! Where do you stand?

I don’t know you that well and you don’t know me.

So start from someplace where you can create that kind of community with some kind of passion. Find the people that you can relate well with and create a community. I don’t care if you focus on spiritual or intellectual or physical things. I really don’t care; that’s not important. Find somebody and create a community. I think that’s very healthy as long as we clearly understand why we’re here.

But all that, in the end, should come together if you understand that rule of thumb and that should be absolute, knock yourself out! Why? Some people can’t do it alone.
Even the greatest man, even father can’t do it alone. That’s why He needs you.

Don’t feel shame; don’t feel bad. Sometimes you need to reach out.

The important thing about finding the people and knowing how that teamwork stuff works, is knowing what lessons are being taught through the teamwork process.

What’s being taught is that you have to set the team goal, process, and realistic time duration expectation collectively. It teaches you how to shape ideas. Then you need to understand your boundaries, in other words know how to set your limits based on your capability, collectively, because we’re talking about teamwork here.

And of course, like I said earlier, it’s important to have a support group because that gives you something, and it teaches you how to share ideas and keep the check and balance stuff.

For me teamwork is important because it keeps me humble. I have to keep myself humble to be with the body of people that I’m with. Why? Because anything that has worth, anything that is meaningful should last forever. Why? Because love is eternal.

What is the purpose of coming together? It’s not for me. It’s so we can all grow up together. It keeps me honest. Why because I have to live with those guys. And you’ve got to have that transparency.

It is like a helmet that protects me.

It is some security from falling, hurting myself, doing stupid things; like I am known for doing.

I react of course, and sometimes you shouldn’t do that.

Hey I’m not perfect. Did I ever say that I was perfect? (No)

Perfection lasts for ever. Do you know that? It is a pure theoretical concept. That pretty much how you have to see that stuff and that’s how we have to approach it.

Why? Because ultimately we have to deal with the real world.

Three people that are difficult to forgive are my ex-in-laws and one guy.

He’s got a good job, he works in New York in some advertising somewhere. That’s my reality. How do you change that? If that’s difficult to change, then how do we change the world? Do you think it’s going to happen automatically?

Because you believe? Believe in what? Believe in yourself, do you think that you are holy? Why do you think that? Why would you think that you are holy? What does that mean? Do you have lots of holes like a sponge? Maybe then I’ll believe you.

How do you help somebody with that kind of attitude, even if you were?

You can take the fall for somebody; you can take the blame, you can even go to jail for somebody, but how do you change the world?
The important thing is: “why do I need team work?” I need people to help keep me humble. It keep me honest to my heart. That is my helmet; that is my security. That’s why it will take an army of people like this like a tribe to start the change.

(Hyo-Jin-nim is becoming very emotional)

If things are going to change, you have to reach out, and how do you reach out if everything ultimately involves power, spiral down physicality in terms of manifestation we have to communicate. That’s what’s important, that media somehow must be contained and controlled. We have to have that capacity, otherwise it can never be done.

How can you do it? How can it be done? It’s never too late. Something that never goes away, it’s inevitable; it’s never too late. You just have to remind yourself of that stuff. Once again, that’s about it.

You know, somebody needs to talk about this kind of stuff. And you have to remind yourself that even when somebody talks you have to understand how society is changed.

You know that! What the hell are we doing? Its very very difficult controlling those media because they pick up all the smart people and they spend a lot of money and spend a lot of time to get there and even they fail sometimes.

There’s no guarantee, but what’s necessary has to be done one way or the other. Can’t quit!

If we think that we can’t do it do we quite believing, you have to be kidding! How are you going to win with that kind of loser’s attitude?

If you really want to change the world you have to finish

How can I believe it will happen if I don’t see the stuff to make it happen? I’m not just talking about physical stuff. We don’t just need intelligence we need SPIRIT!

It’s going to take a long time. If you think it’s going to happen in your life time you’re crazy.

(Hyo-Jin-nim is now in tears)

I see so many power mongering politicians in our movement…….

Any way I believe we can do it and I’ll do every thing that I can.

I’ll be a team player too, to do what ever it takes to (accomplish God’s will) to change the world.

Some things you just can’t do alone.

Okay.

I’ll see you next week.

Recording by Hyang-Hwa Oh Transcription by Joe Kinney
"Attraction and expectation" 19 March 2006

Rev Compton welcomes Hyo-Jin-nim and asks everyone to offer a standing bow.

Thank you; good morning, Please be seated.

Another day of judgment. (laughter) That’s how it is.

Today I want to talk about attraction and expectation,

There’re a of young people here. What are you attracted to, physical things, mental things, spiritual things?

Ultimately in life we have to define where we stand at every step of the way of our lives. We always have to contend with the reality that we face which is dealing with our selves and within ourselves in our inner selves there is always a conflict of mind and body and ultimately searching for the greater spiritual truth.

Even when you look at everything, it’s a single word that we use in casual ways of describing things, of communicating with one another. Everything should have some eternal connection to that reality of body, mind and spirit.

And knowing that process, how to go about achieving that union, understanding that process, I think it’s a life-long endeavor that we all inevitably have to face, and that we have to answer ultimately in the end.

If you don’t you are going to be lost.

A lot of you are bringing your children here, If you are lost then obviously your children will be lost too..

It’s important to talk about those things to your children. Why do people get attracted to certain things. What is the meaning of this or that, starting with the basic things, simple things that are important and relevant to children growing up, because whether you understood it or not, it was important to you too. It’s important that if you did not question yourself to that extent, maybe it’s time for the sake of someone else that you try to redefine what you think that you understood up till now for the sake of someone else that you care about.

Everything doesn’t have to revolve around you. So attraction... Just talk about physical attraction. You’re attracted, first of all, to good looking people, right, the beautiful people on television and in the movies.

According to Principle, beauty is important. People are attracted to good looking people for the sake of power. Powerful things, powerful this and powerful that, the creature out there in the wild kingdom or what ever, something that represents or gives symbolism towards power. They’re attracted to it, and in civilization, money is also very attractive.

Most of the time if you look at all the kind of networks that are out there, that are sharing information in a social setting, pretty much those things (beauty, power and money) rule the day.
It's very difficult not to see it, to not see those kinds of images or glorification of it or usage of it in a given moment. We see it all the time, constantly. because it’s effective. People do those things because there attractive to them.

Then you go into the mental stuff, intellectual attraction. You’re attracted intellectually to people that do creative things with color and sound, riding a horse or mechanical, something that has to do with creativity, or mastery over some kind of virtuosity toward some kind of specialty, or just the wealth of knowledge in general. People are attracted intellectually to those kind of people.

And obviously, the final stuff is the spiritual stuff. And the spiritual attraction has to have eternal purpose and value. In order to be spiritually attractive, that’s what we’re taught to understand. Something that is spiritually attractive has that end. And something has to come, and when that is manifest in front of you, that’s the kind of stuff of inspiration or value that you will partake from it because it represents… It can be many things it can be all the greatness that defines what it is eternally great or what is true love. It can be in many forms. You can even see it sometimes in the actions of a little child. It doesn’t matter. You’ll know it when you see it, because it will always ring in you. This is true, even after you pass. Generations and generations, people who search and seek out that kind of eternal truth will always get to those people things of that nature.

It will always resonate. It will always have some value. It will give you purpose from it. Okay that is the basic outline of what I think.

There’s attraction physically, intellectually, and spiritually. The next question is: “What are we going to do with this? If we have these kinds of things, what are you going to do with it?

Before you even get into that type of questioning, do you have it?

Do you have something that you can share with others; do you have something that is attractive? And if you do, what are you going to do with it?

When you see television, people use a lot of attractive things to sell stuff.

Elections are coming up soon. The politicians will go on television try to make them selves attractive and appealing and sell them selves so that they can get elected. You see all sorts of them, people that are involved in politics, of course obviously people that are selling stuff. They always try to make them selves and their product as attractive as possible.

But is it true? Unfortunately many times it is the consumer who will find out the hard way. I wish there was some kind of guarantee that you’re always getting what you’re promised that you’re getting.

We live in a society where we really don’t have a clear definition about what is true eternity, but true love… But when we think about it, Orthodox religions, still they’re waiting for the Messiah. Whether you are a Jew or a Christian, Catholic or Muslim, you’re still waiting for the savior to come.

And even second class (new) monotheistic religions like scientology, the Mormons, or the Unification church… (Hyo-Jin-nim is smiling because this got everyone attention.)

As for the Unification church, well at least we’re not waiting for any body. He’s already here. We just have to prove it. (Hyo-Jin-nim and the audience are laughing)
You just have to go out and convince people that He’s here. And you need to have more give-and-take and to learn. There are people out there selling their stuff every day, every day using their attractiveness.

A funny thing is, in the metropolis all those smart people, somebody that can show their intelligence and their intellectual brilliance comes and they work and they try to move up the corporate ladder. And they show their brilliance, their specialty in that excellence. But the funny thing is that is pretty much the end. That’s the pinnacle. That’s the maximum they settle with. They all would like to have horizontally more, but they don’t want to go up any higher. They don’t want to pursue spirituality. So they pretty much come down again. So they use their talent, their brilliance, to indulge in what? Materialism.

When you have attraction, it’s very very very easy to be indulgent. It’s very very easy to exploit things because you have that power. You have that power to attract. And if you don’t know how to contain that, that attraction can be devastating to civilization. Because what you’re glorifying is pretty much self-destructive things, exploitation, indulgence, self-aggrandizement, self-centeredness.

Once you start exploiting and start enjoying indulgence, you’re going to be self-centered pretty soon. That’s pretty much the given course. We can 100% expect that person is going to be self-centered.

You can’t become exploitive and indulgent and be a nice person. You don’t become a nice person by doing that kind of stuff.

So it’s important because that is the basic bedrock of trying to be decent and nice and honest. Even children can understand that stuff. You have to define what tricks them into becoming that kind of exploitive, self-centered person.

There are things that can encourage people, not just children, even you, even me, it doesn’t matter, that you will learn till the day you die. Things that can teach people how to become better persons, by truly defining the meaning of attraction.

So you need to make the list of the dos and don’ts in your mind, in yourself. Start from there! What kind of attraction is “do” and what kind of attraction is “don’t” and see if it works for you. And if it works for you, teach your children. Start from there.

You can do that. Right? For the sake of your children, try and compare notes about what you’re saying and what you see on Television. Sit together and talk about it. That’s the best way to get to know your kids. That’s the best way to teach your kids how to respect you and depend on you when it comes to things that are right and learning what is moral or whatever. They ought to come close to you when you become that kind of figure in their lives.

You expect somebody that stands here to be that kind of figure like that. Right? I’m not saying that I’m that kind of figure, but that’s what you expect. (laughter) It’s the same thing. You have to have that kind of relationship with yourself first. You have to define that stuff to yourself, and you have to check does it make sense to me. “Can I believe that stuff? Do I accept this stuff? Yeah somebody needs to share, I’ll share with you. How does it sound. Does it sound Okay? Okay, I’ll tell the kids then.”

Last week I talked about team spirit.

That’s the kind of things you need to talk to your kids about. Not stupid stuff.
It’s important to us that we have a higher quality level of defined things, because that’s how you compete. That’s what people look at when you’re competing. Otherwise you can’t compete, you’re going to loose. You’re going to loose out on those things.

It’s a small thing that makes the difference between first place and second place. All those things matter. But we need to control any thing that we are defining. So before we think about control, we have to define it properly. Please! If you don’t define it properly and think about control, you will screw up. It’s not going to last. Even if you think that you have something, it’s not going to last.

Start from something true that people take it for granted, that your children are interested in. Let it be true to you, that “that definition I can stake my life on it.” START FROM THERE!

(Tears are welling up in Hyo-Jin-nim’s eyes.)

When your children look at you they want you to be confident, to be able to define certain things with confidence. So it’s important. All those little things are important, and you must define properly. Because that’s God’s expectation; that’s Father’s expectation to humanity.

You have to know how to take care of your self, and starting from your family, take care of them before you start going out and doing that “I’m going to change the world” stuff. If you have that opportunity, use it wisely. It’s a great time for your learning too.

Anyway, I am grateful and I going to do my best. I don’t think it’s ever lost; will all come back someday. With what I’ve got, with what I’ve got, I’ll do my best. I’ll do better. I have more to do before I get there.

I want to become an attractive dad.

Take care of yourself.

I’ll see you next week.

Recording by Hyang-Hwa Oh Transcription by Joe Kinney
All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and everyone offers a standing bow.

Today I want to talk about addressing problems.

We all have problems.

Nobody has problems in this room?

I’m trying to find some kind of universality in sharing.

I guess the way to approach problems is to understand what kind of standard we set in terms of absolute on a primary level, a secondary level, and physical level.

What I mean by primary absolute is absolutes like the laws of physics. It’s stuff that we’re learning. There are things that are confirmed and we know that exists to the extent that we understand and that we have verified it to the point that, due our limitations, that’s how we perceive the physical world to exist. And even that has certain absolute value.

And secondary absolute will be something that has to do with intelligence that we manifest in our reality to create some kind of law and order. So this is human-based stuff the laws that we live under and by. If we break the law whatever punitive or legal addressing that needs to be dealt with will be done or remedied.

The third level to me is kind of physical stuff but it is etiquette. Some people get offended if I use colorful words. You protest to your friends and since we have a small society it will ultimately come back to my ears and I’ll hear bla-bla-bla and that kind of stuff.

We have certain standards, something of universal value on the real of intellect and physical that we set and we try to use as some kind of benchmark to regulate our lives.

Having said that, the problem is that certain individuals don’t recognize the set standard of absolute whether is is primary, secondary, quote, unquote, or etiquette wise. That’s basically how problems arise.

And when you talk about problems, in society, most people don’t live alone. Right? Even if you’re single and don’t have family still you live in society and make a living. That is unless you are like Jeremiah Johnson living out in the hills somewhere hunting for a living. Unless you’re somebody like that, maybe there’s that kind of exception, but otherwise everybody, everybody, has some kind of connection to society in general. You can’t depart from that gregariousness because we need it. You don’t want to be alone, first of all.

So when we talk about that basic human reality the problem arises by not understanding the nature of gregariousness which creates complexity. Why? Because it’s individuals coming together creating a gregarious reality. So that creates complexity because we believe that we are individually unique. We’re idiosyncratic, however minute the difference might be, it’s different. There is some sort of difference recognizable.
But many times the complexity, we blame the complexity because we don’t take time to understand all the factors that are involved, even just dealing with your immediate group; never mind society in general, just in your gregarious setting. That’s why a problem arises.

How many parents can honestly say “I understand all my children’s idiosyncratic reality?” Sometimes I want to ask that my Father.

Well, I want to ask you the same question. If you have more than two or three children, how much do you know about your kids? What do you really know? How much are you connected with them? The problem arises when there’s that disconnection.

To recognize a problem, first of all you have to understand how many factors are involved in the picture. What are the components that are vital components? There are always vital components in any complex organism or any complex thing. How many vital factors are there? You have to identify and recognize and understand them, and know how they connect to one another, how they make that relationship in whatever reciprocal ways people do, just to have a relationship.

If you don’t understand that clearly, if there is a problem, you can never address it. Many times the problem is unsolved, or you say to your self “It’s difficult to solve” because you haven’t fully identified all the factors. That’s why it’s unsolved; it cannot be solved; it’s difficult to solve.

It can be solved. Just as anything that we’re still learning through science or whatever, just about what we learn about the physical universe, the laws of physics; there’s still a ways to go.

Healing our body for instance, there are many diseases that we don’t understand how to cure, because we haven’t fully comprehended or identified all the factors involved that cause that kind of problem. Therefore we don’t have the ability to address the remedy for the problem. We still have a long way to go just dealing with the physical universe as we know it.

So, let’s start with things that you can do. Let’s not talk about things that will take years and years, generations and generations to fully comprehend. Even changing the world, it will take generations. That’s why you can’t really take yourself that seriously. I’m in the process of things; that’s about it. I’m not Father. I’m in the process of things; that’s about it.

So when you address that kind of reality, the kind of reality that we face, because that is true; that affects our lives. That has something to do with our future too, however long you live.

Just recently a member that I know personally passed away. (tearfully) And I hope that she goes in peace and she settles in quickly, and have hope that her family will be taken care of by people that care about her.

In other words, our lives are very short. Even with the short life that we are face with we still have a ways to do, a ways to go. There are many problems that we still haven’t fully comprehended. Why? Because we can’t control them.

You know, just because you have the position of leadership, if you don’t know how the people below you work, you can’t really become a good leader. Of course there is a
cliché or a certain concept that is obvious. If you want to be a good leader you have to lead the way.

There are so many programs that try to teach you, whether it’s governmental or religiously motivated that try to help people. The US government has a program called The Peace Corps. Right? I think that was started in the ‘60s by John Kennedy right? There’s so many other organizations that have done a lot of good. Mostly Christian-base organizations do charitable work. Even Jimmy Carter and his Habitat for Humanity, he goes and builds houses to give to people in need, who are low income or in poverty.

If you don’t do something like that, it’s very difficult for even the good-intended ideas to last.

You have to know what your limitations are, you have to know yourself. You have to know what you’re doing. You have to understand your position, yourself first. Know your limitations. Know your boundaries. Know your responsibilities and it connects to others.

That kind of reality should come down from above. Right? We try to talk about hierarchy, law and order, but if that is important to us, that should be a given. That kind of attitude, that kind of way of living should be a given. Otherwise do your own thing. You don’t want to pretend you won’t go far.

Don’t laugh. What you see is what you get. You know what I’m saying? And it should be that because you can’t change your self if you’re going to pretend. Obviously you’re not going to help the people around you; you’re certainly not going to change the world.

You can only get better when you understand your limitations. then you can expand them, increase your boundary, your potential.

The things that give us problems are often immature confidence, arrogance, quick judgment, jumping into judgment without fully grasping the issue at hand, even the issue at hand. That’s the problem.

If we can just step back when we make any decision; if we can just talk about the basic stuff, I think that many problems that we have we can address with our own hands. we don’t God’s help; we don’t need Father’s intervention.

You can solve it. We can take care of those problems. If we can’t do that, don’t think you’re going to change the world. That is just a lie. That will never come true.

We can do it; start from yourself. Understand your limitations. Know “you” and try to connect to the people around you. Try to get to know them. Understand those factors all the factors that create complexity.

So work small. You don’t always have to think big. Everybody likes to do that. I know, but work within your limit, If you want to understand greater complications, then start small. Try to understand it; see how it works.

And LEARN! Have life experiences, that’s important, not just the theory stuff. You can talk about stuff until the cows come home. But look, you have to know how to work it. If you don’t know how to work it, you’re not going to change anything.

Start from there. Tell your self that that’s important for me, for my future, for my betterment. If you just say that it’s for other people then it’s just sounds so cliché-ish, and
something like lip service, and then it’s almost like brainwashed stuff. Tell it like it is, that you like to hear it, the way you would understand. There’s nothing wrong with that.

The nature of a humble man is nothing other than a man that keeps his arrogance to himself. You understand me? Everybody’s arrogant. Everybody’s self-centered can be. You start with self. Right? That’s the place where we all begin.

So just try to work with what you have. And don’t lie! Just recognize it and sometimes say it. But hey! If it’s true, it’s true! I don’t want somebody telling me it’s not true when I know it’s true.

Anyway, something like that, if we can start, I think we can do something about it. We’ll start to feel the spirit and stuff in our lives. Then that’s something. That is a new beginning.

BECAUSE YOU FEEL IT! IT’S NOT SOMEONE TELLING YOU.

YOU FEEL IT! YOU SEE IT!

You can see it in your mind, even if you don’t see it right now, you feel it but at the same time you can see it.

That something. That something is change.

I’ll be away for a month.

I’ve got something to take care of.

So I’ll see you in May.

Sorry, but I got to take care of something.

So take care of your self.

Okay?

See you later.

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What Hyo-Jin-nim so humbly referred to as “something to take care of” is His concert tour in Japan.
The itinerary is:

April 6th  Kumamoto
April 8th  Kagawa
April 11th  Shiga
April 14th  Nagoya
April 16th  Ishikawa
April 20th  Chiba

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“Anti-Christ” 14 May 2006

This is the first Sunday speech since March 26th because his band has been on tour in Japan.

All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and everyone offers a standing bow.

Hyo-Jin-nim comes to the stage and there is a long pause while Hyo-Jin-nim looks over the crowd. There are many 2nd generation from STF.

There are a lot of young people here.

What is your greatest difficulty when you go out there and try to convince other people who we are? What is the most difficult thing that you face?

I guess it is to try to prove that Father is the Messiah. Right?

Let’s talk about the anti-Christ. What is the anti-Christ? Can anybody tell me what the anti-Christ means? Can you define to me what that is? You have to if you’re going to tell somebody else the opposite.

Many members in the room offer various answers including:
Somebody that says they have all the answers but doesn’t…
Someone who block people from following the messiah…
Communism…
Obstacle to coming to God…

(Hyo-Jin-nim can’t hear someone’s answer and he says) I’m sorry I have a lot of wax in my ear.

So, what else? What else is the definition of the antichrist? (He continues to encourage participation from the members and the replies continue for a while.)

(Somebody that prevents people from coming to the Christ.).

Knock yourself out. We have to talk about this stuff. The more of it, the better.

(Someone who is against human welfare…)

Ok what else. Let’s talk about this stuff. Let’s talk about the antichrist before you talk about the Messiah.
Please enlighten me, and enlighten yourselves in the process because this is the opportunity, Come on! I’m all ears and everybody’s listening! You can say whatever you want.

(obstacles to coming to God) Well whatever.

More, I want more!

Please, give me more. (Fallen culture)

Yes, give me more! (anti-God)
Give me more! (anybody without mind and body unity)

Give me more! Go, give me more; give me more!

(Inaudible) Excuse me? (Somebody who tries to be the Messiah figure when actually they’re not.) Oh, okay, give me more. (Laughter all around)

Give me more; give me more; give me more; let's go; let's go!

Let's just try to reach the end of what we have in and of our desire to understand what the answer is. I guess that's why, if you want to start something, If you expect something from me because of my status (as Father’s son), at least give me the benefit of the doubt.

Give me more! (Answers continue to come)

Huh? I can't hear out of this ear. One day this ear wax will fall out. I believe this stuff.

(any person or thought or experience that keeps us from fully accepting True Parents)

Whatever the heck he said guys heard it. (laughter)

So, what else, Come on! Let's go!

We want to go out there and try to convince people. Give me your best shot!

(some inaudible answer about Satan) Are you calling me Satan you little guy? (much laughter) Ok I’ll see you later.... You know Satan that closely huh? (laughter) Does he look like me? (laughter continues)

(Hyo-Jin-nim’s expression becomes more serious and he begins to speak again)

I believe that the best definition when you come to that kind of question and that kind of questioning,,, You have to define individualism as a concept, that is wrong in concept.

The anti-Christ in its self is the concept of individualism.

It is very very important. You have to look at it as a concept not a single individual. You’re not looking for a Devil here. It’s a concept a concept called individualism. That’s what antichrist is.

Even the old guys like St Augustine talked about that stuff. You have to understand that there is a possibility of anti-Christ in you.

Unless you address the anti-Christ inside yourself you can’t fulfill our duty correctly as Moonies. You have to get individualism out of the picture. You have to nullify that nonsense. Because it will get you if you don’t do it right, if you don’t answer the question correctly. You know what I am saying?

It's a concept; anti-Christ is a concept, not an individual.

Trust me on this. This will live for a long time, this is a good gig. Trust me.

From here you build your understanding. I want to show you guys something, something that you can do something with, I guess.
I don’t know you guys that well, but that’s important. You have to look at it that way. It’s a concept that is wrong, not an individual.

Why? Because remember the fall in itself in the Garden of Eden, that kind of mythological story, something like that. It’s the opposite of that.

Individual stuff became a concept. Do you understand? Trust me on this!

If you want to fix it, then go back to what went wrong. And what went wrong is that just in reality as you and I know it, reality as a concept; we have to change the concept.

If you can change that concept, then you can change the essence.

I’m sure that you have a lot to say about why you don’t want to be a selfish idiot.

You want to suffer for the sake of the greater; you want to die for…
Hey, look…. So be it!

Life is short.
Life is short.
Life is short.

Put it into perspective, on your own, somebody will tell you how to do it. If nobody does, then you can do it on your own eventually. That’s it. God will win.

Don’t take your self that seriously. You will die.

What do you think that all this stuff is about?

In some ways it is kind of like predestination, isn’t it? Everything is about predestination. If it’s about that and in the end if God wins, it’s about predestination. Trust me. Okay?

If somebody wins in the end, no matter what you do. That’s called predestination. So what does that mean? How do we understand the concept of predestination?

Let me tell you my opinion whether you like it or not. It’s all about give and take, learning about give and take. If God is the Almighty, that’s it.

It’s all about learning about the true process of ontology. That’s it.

And why do we need good examples? Why? Because we DO need good examples to tell us what good actions are. That’s why we need good models.

I know that you can think about all these things, but without really trying, the least we can do is think about it. That’s about it. It’s pathetic, but it’s true, absolutely true.

What do you do with your thinking? How do you make things go forward, which you believe? If you want to make money, then go make money. I don’t care.

Have something, regardless of what you believe. Do something! Do something beyond….

Be a man!

Be a woman!
Be human!

Animals just act to survive.

We think that we can get away with a whole lot of stuff where in the animal kingdom there’s no way you could survive.

So do something; do something. Say something. If you want to think something and make that thinking into something that affects someone next to you, now that’s very difficult. That’s difficult, very difficult.

Do you think that you have something that can you change the thinking of the person next to you already in your possession, in your control, in your dominion? If you do then you’re good; you’re set; you have no problems.

All you have to do is improve and increase that. Whatever you believe in, make it bigger; make it better. I don’t know what it is. I don’t know you.

You want to die for something? You have to die for something.

If you want to live then you have to think about dying, otherwise you’re not truly balanced.

If you want to be in control in your life then you’d better know how you’re going to die. Trust me, if you don’t understand that stuff, you’re not going to make it. Trust me.

Anyway, if you want to live, you’d better know how you’re going to die. Why? Because you want to be individual; you want to be AMERICAN! (laughing, the last sentence was a joke) Okay, no problem, be a great American, but you’re in control, nobody else. You know what it is. You know why you’re living; you know why you’re dying, and you’re going to do your best, do as much as you can; be the best you can be for what is important to you. That’s about it.

That is the basic premise about why you believe in God, in my view.

I don’t care what you think. (emotional pause)

But I have to live with this till the day that I die, knowing that I have to deal with this truth. (long pause)

What do you say guys? That’s about it and you die.

Every year you try to do your best and it never ends. You want to live for others. There is no other way. If you have a better idea, then you do it. There is no easy way when it comes to some things.

What can we do together with each other? I hope that we have good people here that can do what we have to accomplish.

That’s all I hope for. I don’t want anything else.

In the end it’s communication. It’s all about communication. You know that. Right? In the end that’s all that is important. You know that’s important to you young people.
It is all about communication. It doesn’t matter how it’s approached or the style in which it’s delivered, presented. The only important thing is that the message is delivered. So how do you go about communicating the message?

Some people think that we need to have an Air-Force and a Navy and an Army. If you want to put it into that context, then go ahead. Knock yourself out!

This is the twenty-first century, you have to take initiative. If you understand the direction, then do something about it and take responsibility for it and inspire other who are doing the same like you.

I know that I’m going to die, but let me die harder; let me die faster; let my death be more relevant. Can you inspire me to do that? That’s a good thing for you. If you help somebody, some pathetic fool, that’s a good thing.

Why did all the young people come here all of a sudden? (Someone says that they are from STF. There were 3 STF vans parked)

I was comfortable with all the old folks that are dying. Now I have to think different.

(Addressing the 2nd gen)

This stuff is important, everyday give and take. Preaching is important. Regimentation is very important. You have to train yourself. You can do crazy stuff but the regimentation is important too. You have to know how to balance that polar opposite. That is the only way you can realistically control reality. If you think you can, only time will tell. So be it.

Basically that’s how you’re going to go about trying to prove that stuff.

Why? Because you live for somebody else, not yourself. Right?

Trust me, that’s important when you think that me stand her saying this to you guys is important.

You have to live this stuff that we are talking about.

It is important.

Trust me.

It is very important. It doesn’t matter what you get out of it for yourself, if you want top do this, you have to do this for your own sanity, and your own reality, and balance. and if you don’t do it you will get corrupted. Trust me.

Your life is short; and you yourself have to be sure that you know what it means when you say “I live for the sake of others.” It is true. Trust me.

So that’s why you have to know how to plan your life and know how to die well!

You want to be smart? That is smart.

If you can do that, you’ll be a free man.

Remember: The anti-Christ is not an individual; it is a concept. Trust me.
This gig will last a long time, but we'll see. In my mind, it will. It's a good gig.

Anyway…..Nice to see you again okay guys? (see you again soon! Laughter)

I’ll see you again next week. OK?

I’ll see you later okay?

Recording by Hyang-Hwa Oh Transcription by Joe Kinney

All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and everyone offers a standing bow.

Your still (coming) here?

Today I want to share with you about dealing with fallen nature.

Where does God reside?
We talk about vertical and horizontal stuff base on Principle lecture.

So where does God reside on the vertical top or bottom or left or right or where?

In extremes? Where does He exist?

(audience member replies “in the center”)

The center: Ok I guess you can say that. If you want to create a three-dimensional sphere you need seven points. Right? You need to define the center to create a sphere. So you have to have some kind of center.

So you have the horizontal and vertical and the center. What is the center?

That’s where the fun begins because you have to talk about the extremes.

You have to talk about all the extremes, left and right, up and down, front and back, based on center in all different perspectives. You might have a vertical left and right up and down stuff at a certain point of the angle, but as it shifts, that stuff changes to that person based on their perspective or that individual person as it changes.

Although keeping that system or concept in which, in the end it makes a sphere.

Look, I’m trying to keep time to Korea because I’m going to go there sometime soon. I’m trying to keep Korean time where day and night are opposite. If it’s day here, it’s night over there. Literally it’s like that. There’s a degree of difference in that. So how do you determine the extremes?

What do you think is the difference between….. Let’s say you fear something, and you get inspired in something, what does that teach you in the end? Do you think that there is some kind of assimilation of something, something that within seemingly opposite based on the definition, as we know it, in reality or in causality, what is the difference?

Within that difference, there is something that brings that stuff together in opposite. Any time you have an opposite you will find a center. Trust me. That’s the rule. You can not have opposites without the center. Without it there’s no concept such as opposites. Right?

In order to even understand what opposites mean you have to understand why the center exists and know the definition, just on that particular, just on that particular, many angles, just on that particular. That’s it!
Now don’t tell me that you can do everything, now look, just start from there. Just on that particular. You have to find “what is that general definition, that thing that is zero that represents God, that brings opposites together, that holds opposites together?”

What is that definition? First of all, to me when I fear something, when I’m inspired by something, it gives me a certain kind of literal definition; it gives me a certain direction; it gives me discipline. It gives me destination.

Why? Because I fear something, I’m inspired, same thing.

Talk about love and hate, when you love something, when you hate something, obviously it gives me some kind of passion for something. It gives me obsessiveness. And at the same time it gives me some absolute something.

How do I define it? It’s up to me. Why? You answer that stuff. I’m not going to answer it. You answer it. Because even if I’m not standing here, if I’m gone you’ll be answering that whether you like it or not. And you’re not going to blame it on me.

You could divorce me, but in the end you still have to face the maker on your own, right, just like me. (long pause)

It’s up to you, in the end what you choose to think, because based on it you’re going to act on it, is up to you. Like is I’m angry about something, I might just loose it sometimes. Hey, I’m only human. So what? Take it or leave it. What you see is what you get.

I know what the purpose of stuff is. There is a purpose in every stuff.

Do you know the difference between… Okay, let me put it this way. There is a similarity between vacationing and (listening to) preaching.

What do you want when you take a vacation? You want to kind of relax and to be rejuvenated. You want to see some new things and learn something. You want to get into all the stuff that you like, indulge in or whatever.

Look, what do you expect from a preacher in today’s world? Who would want to do this stuff forever?

Anyway, it doesn’t matter; I know reality; I’ve seen worse than this many times over. Look, stuff happens, okay. I think I’m an honest guy, but there are some things you shouldn’t talk about some things. I should just keep them to my self. Do you know what I’m saying; do you know what I’m saying? Do you understand that?

Can I be honest with you? (long pause) Yes sometimes I can loose it, yes. Sure; so be it. Hey, but I still show up don’t I?

Because I really don’t care what you think.

I’m trying to do my best, okay.

I’ve had problems, but some things you just have to keep it to your self, okay.

Let’s talk about the archangel. Anti-Christ, yes selfishness, the devil, all that stuff, you see that stuff all over the place, false prophets and people who don’t believe in God. Because of the time, what is the platform they are using, the multimedia, okay.
Look, they don’t believe in God and they have the opportunity and they say all sorts of stuff.

Look, selfish individualism is wrong. There’s individualism and there’s selfish individualism.

Even when you talk about the extreme, even before you get into selfish and unselfish stuff, you have to talk about the extreme first. You have to define that first. That’s my point today.

That’s the next step. You have to define that extreme first to center it on GOD!

That is real. Everything else is secondary.

You will always find that definition in every extreme when you just look at it as the opposite, polar opposites. Do you understand me? You understand that and you control it and you move it into the direction that you want to move.

THAT’S HOW YOU CONTROLL YOUR SELF!

Nothing else matters. If you’re doing the right thing, then God will bless you.

I guess you all are here because you love me, right. Okay, so be it.

I’m not a politician; I’m not here to win a popularity contest. I could care less whether you like me or not. Okay?

But don’t judge me. Judge me when I’m dead. (pause)

And I won’t judge you.

In certain situations it seems so easy, many things, but that’s just a moment, I know how it’s going to end.

I know that even some kids close to me that are throwing their lives away. They are doing stupid stuff; they’re making stupid decisions; and they’re going to bear it in the end, if that’s possible. And it will happen. Many things like that will happen all over the place.

But that’s not your problem, right. Why? Because if you want to help somebody else, you have to start with your self. It doesn’t matter how big or small you are, if you can’t control yourself, right.

That’s what you blame me for because I’m such an obvious goof up all the time and I actually advertise it.

It isn’t going to work. Okay? So, think about that.

You can bring your children (to attend my speeches). I won’t curse anymore.

I’m trying to explain to you, okay, I’m sorry, okay, but I’m trying to make a point. You talking about eternity and you can’t even wait for a week for a comeback? Come on.

Come on white, people give me a break here! (laughing)

If it’s going to happen, it’s going to happen, there is nothing that I can do about it.
That's about it. You know what I'm saying?

This is about talking about a point, Okay?

I'll see you next week.

Take care of your selves and don’t worry about me; I’m not that crazy. (laughing)

OK?

Take care.

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All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and everyone offers a standing bow.

(This time I looked at Hyo-Jin-nim when we bowed and I saw that he also does a half bow to the audience.)

Please sit. Some people have been commenting that sometimes my talk is a little too short and I kind of run out of place. So from now on, at the end of the stuff if I will give a moment to answer questions if I can help it. If I can’t give you something at the spare of the moment, I’ll catch you next week. Okay? (Thank you.) Alright.

Anyway, it’s supposedly something - how should I put it - it’s a gift. When you have to talk about stuff, there is so much chatter going on out there in the world. You have to try to be almost like a dragon slayer. And you have to know what the dragon is. Because everywhere you look, you are threatened.

Pretty much in a free society where freedom of expression is guaranteed, the dragon or the monster is nothing other than multimedia. That’s about it. Why? Because it gives you medicine and disease.

Under the banner of free expression and freedom of speech, whether you like it or not, they can get away with it unless they frequently disobey the law or break the law. Because in the end they can say, “Hey, that’s not my problem. People can turn them off but some people don’t.” And guess what. Guess who those people are. And that’s why it is never ending stuff unless you address the dragon in a free society.

There is nothing that free society or the capitalism produces that actually affects people to the extent that multimedia can. Why? Because they don’t sell refrigerator, they don’t sell cars, they don’t sell airplanes, they don’t sell bombs and gadgets that give you convenience. It basically sells people. It sells people.

However degenerate, however great they are, they sell it for the buck. Period. There is no discrepancy. As long as you can get away with it, you will do it. Somebody is going to do it.

So that’s the dragon. That’s the monster that we face. That’s obvious. It has always been that way. What do you think I was influenced by when I was young, by all this western influences of culture? Especially through multimedia. Because it’s dangerous, it’s powerful.

When you have no direction, it doesn’t matter whether you have no original sin. Obviously in the Garden of Eden, somebody fell. You can make choice to be evil. But when there are a lot of opportunities out there, for children, regardless of who you are, you are going to make mistakes. Absolutely. Because if it can happen in a primal sense, it can happen in reality. Your reality. That’s about it.

Okay, having said that, so how are we going to deal with that monster? How can you stop that monster? I think the best way to approach that question is to start from yourself, start from you.
And you have to define what you got, the best you got. You have to know what that is. Otherwise, you can’t be a warrior even if you wish that you can. Everybody wants to be a superman and superhero.

You can’t even be one if you don’t know who you are, what your limitations are, how you take, what you are capable of, on and on. The reality. Your reality. No nonsense reality.

Something that you can do to change something. If you are so desperate to change it, and you are willing to give your life away. That something - what is that in you?

Simply, even when you are listening to a Disney movie, people say, ‘follow your conscience.’ What is that? What is your conscience? What does conscience tell you? Does conscience tell you to be arrogant? Does conscience tell you to be rich, be famous, and live for yourself?

No, the conscience tells you the basic stuff. Basic stuff that affords you to be objective. That’s about it. Basically it reminds you of what your least is, not your greatest. That’s where you start.

And the opposite that conscience tells you in what you’re bequeathing is, what your inheritance is. Inheritance. What do you think is the greatest inheritance? You think inheritance is money, power? I don’t think so. I see that stuff come and go away. I really don’t care.

It’s something that is eternal, something that teaches you, reminds you things go on forever. And that’s what you need to inherit whether you call it a heart or whatever. It doesn’t matter.

Inheritance of eternity is important. And the basic premises in which you can start to regain that understanding is starting to have some kind of faith that you are a little more than what you have in your pocket, on your reality - on what you can consume, what you can possess, what you can conquer, what you can take. If you are truly selfish. You have to go beyond that. That’s about it.

Having said that, what does conscience truly teach you in the end? If you try to listen to your conscience, no matter what, it allows you to appreciate another something in front of you who is supposedly like you.

You might not like the way I put it, but to me, it doesn’t matter. It comes in all sizes, all different things. I’ve seen it all.

You have to try, you have to try. That struggle will never end. It will never end. Not as long as I live. That’s for sure. And I’m not going to tell you [it’s going to go beyond,] it’s going to end with me. No, no, no, no. That’s not true. It’s going to take a long time.

We really have to address the issue even of the essence of stuff. The original sin and fallen nature. I talked about fallen nature. I just kind of tapped into that stuff.

In order to deal with the fallen nature stuff, you basically have look at things in every situation. You have to know how to separate the extreme first. It doesn’t matter. Before you get into your selfishness or selflessness, before you get morally involved, you literally have to separate it.

For instance like man and woman. You have to try to define what brings that absolute together because God somehow exists in the center. We don’t know how to define
neutron but every living element doesn’t have a form without it. That’s about it. It’s based on difference of plus and minus numbers of it.

Obviously our limitation is such that we don’t know at this point in time how to define that center properly yet. Because there is so much to learn and we are just basically beginning the basics, scratching the basic surface of it. And we all know that.

And it doesn’t matter how arrogant you try to project yourself that you have all the answer. It’s okay. That’s about it. Everybody has all the answers. That’s called free world, isn’t it?

Then what? In the end, you have to come to something. Even when you talk about man and woman, there is something that brings man and woman together regardless of your selfishness or your unselfishness, there is something that is inherent that brings man and woman together.

There is conjugation and procreation. Something like that. You have to define those kinds of elements, factors within the picture. Before you get into your selfishness and unselfishness, getting on your high moral horse. There is always something like that.

And that has to be clearly defined and recognized if you are going to attack it. Otherwise, you have no strategy. It doesn’t matter what you think. You have no strategy; you have nothing to deal with the problem, if that becomes a problem, if that is a problem.

You have to know how to contain yourself. You have to know your limit. Conscience tells you your least. Why do you need to know your least? Because it’s much favorable for your situation when you start to be objective in certain situation. Whether you like it or not, if you believe there is powers to be that is higher than you, you have to understand that concept of objectivity.

Obviously if you don’t, even in the social world, you are a criminal, right? Well, anyway, but it’s like that. That stuff exists.

Now, knowing that, know your limitations. Know your absolute limit. And try to understand it. That’s the kind of guessing game that everybody has to go through. Whether my maximum and minimum somehow ranges within the universal normality, some constant, some zero.

Some might go up and some might go down. Do you know what I’m saying? Some might be literally above something, that maximum and low, and literally above the universal zero. Somebody might be literally under it. And somebody weighing in somewhere in the middle. Plus or minus stuff for maximum and less.

You have to figure that out. That’s your problem. How can that be anybody else’s problem other than yours? Who knows better than you? Yourself. No one. It should be you.

You get pissed off all the time. I do. Because somebody thinks on my behalf about what my limitations are. I don’t care. So be it. I really don’t care. I really don’t give a hoot. Because in the end, I stand alone not you. That’s about it. I believe in this stuff.

When you accept also the other aspect of that conscience, which is inheritance, you have to have faith. You know what’s good. And that’s what you want. You want something that lasts forever.
I'm going to keep somebody anonymous. But they have something, and they get used to a certain kind of lifestyle, lifestyle of certain things, luxury. And they change. They move with that kind of people and they change. They like that kind of lifestyle. They like how they are treated because they have all sorts of money. They can have four of this and four of that, and they change.

One of the greatest addictions in my eyes is power and money. More than anything else. The other stuff is poor man’s stuff. But even that, you can conquer it. But some people just don’t want to conquer it. That’s why problem happens to the world.

When people of certain significance hold on to something, without knowing that they have problems, it causes a problem. It trickles out whether you like it or not. It’s hieratical whether you like it or not. It’s a free world, even the so called free world. Trust me.

Then what happens? Same problem happens over and over again. The struggle. No matter how well we can try to give each other basic stuff that are obviously.

One hundred years ago, people used to wipe their butt with straw-weaved rope. They literally used to hang strings from the main-house to the outhouse (motioning a string with hands). And they literally go like this (motioning to walk over the string) and walk and wipe their behind.

So obviously a lot of things have changed. But that’s not the end, is it? Just because we have more convenience in comparison to whatever. Everybody in culture can always go back. There might be years of differences. But you go back, that’s about it.

And what have we accomplished? Did we get rid of all that stuff? No, we didn’t. Then how are we going to do that? We have to compete with the rest, who are morally righteous. So be it.

We have some concept, and yes, it’s a good concept. I believe it can happen in 10 generations. It will take time. Trust me. Because I have to let go of a lot just of things just to say this to you. (long pause) What you see is what you get. It’s my struggle, not yours. Trust me. But it’s okay. You don’t live that long. Life is short. You take peace and that’s about it.

Because it never ends. You give, you give, you forget, you give the more. Nobody counts how much you give. It’s between you and your God in the end. That’s about it. Worst case scenario. You always have to think about that stuff. And you die. But I control it. Nobody else.

Any questions? Knock yourself out. You have a question? (Hyo Jin Nim, when you came last week and spoke, you spoke about fallen nature. We all go through so much pain in different levels. But I always think that’s Adam and Eve and always have this anger toward Adam and Eve. Last week, I wanted to ask you about that. But that’s not what I want to ask you this time. I want to know if there is somebody who is contemporary or already passed on you really look up to and inspired you. Not just Adam and Eve who takes/talks everybody to hell, but someone who is really inspiring and you look towards.)

You inspire me. That’s why I’m here. People tell me people love me and that’s why they come and you would not come here for another reason.

And I’m the kind of guy - I think based on what I see normally and initially. And I was really pissed off at a lot of things. I really didn’t care. I really didn’t care. Okay, you do it then. And that’s about it.
The only reason that I started to do this is - I’m sorry for saying this, it might sound selfish but - because I lost my son. And yes, I was blessed with a new family, and I started a new family. That helped me a lot. [Only is my life] and that’s about it.

And people start to respond. And they always try to encourage and try to say, don’t lose hope. Sometimes I’m a stubborn-headed guy. I only brought this because like I said, from now on, I’ll take your questions. If I can help you, give a little more if I can. That’s about it. That’s it.

Yeah. (You mentioned conscience and inheritance. Could you explain a little more?) Why do you want to make money - if you do make money as a family man? You obviously want something for your children. You want something better for your children.

Inheritance is a very important concept of God. Why? Because God is of love. And He is absolute entity when it comes to His discipline and His discourse and His actions. So obviously when it comes to His inheritance, He has to absolutely mean it. It has to be absolute.

And what is absolute? It has to reflect the entity. What is the ultimate greatness of God? It’s His eternal capacity. Capacity of what? Omnipotence, omnipresence? More than that, we believe in religious community, love, eternal love. Something like that.

So that’s what we are trying to inherit from almighty God. Why? Because if God is that kind of God, and He better be, that’s about it. Isn’t it? There is nothing else greater. Because He is already omnipresent and omnipotent. He is the creator of everything. Why does He need you?

What is the difference between a man and an animal? You can inherit God. That’s about it. An animal at best, maybe, I don’t know, let’s say they can inherit you. But I don’t think they can inherit God. Okay? That’s about it. To me, that’s how I look at God’s inheritance.

And everything else, we try to take into our own people’s stupid stuff. Who cares? For me personally, I don’t like to travel because if I go there, I get disappointed. Because it doesn’t look like a postcard. That’s why I don’t like traveling. It’s a waste of my time. Maybe I go to see some people, but that’s about it. Not for sight seeing.

America has so many beautiful places, most beautiful places in the world. America hogs it all, in my eyes. So something like that. To me, that’s the kind of inheritance.

Conscience? Okay, how many times do you have problems with your conscience? When do you have the most problem with your conscience? Well, knock yourself out. Fill in that blank. It’s like I say, when it teaches you, you should be [humble].

Think about your least. You are not that great. Be practical. I’m trying to tell you, trying to ground you, trying to make you more objective, more like a son, not like a father.

When your head is going all over the place, you will want to conquer your own folks and even God. Try to bring you down a little bit. You know you don’t need to do that. Settle down a little bit. And that’s the time when you learn from your conscience. Because it tells you how to be objective.

If God didn’t love you, He would not have given you conscience. Think about it. What is the difference between original mind and conscience? It’s similar in my mind, the same thing.
We just call it differently because we associate Fall with restoring lineage. That’s a very unique concept, tremendous concept. That’s what you guys believe. In the end, we can win. I believe this stuff.

I might think of a lot of fantasy. Many times, at times I think irrational fantasies as well. I wish I wasn’t born into the, that’s absolutely irrational. You are just blowing off steam, that’s about it.

Sometimes your mind allows you to go into that moment of psychological babbling or rambling just to blow off steam. Otherwise you are literally going to kill people. The difference between a murderer and sane people is only a paper thin difference.

Just like people say the difference between love and hate is that shallow, that thin. It’s the same thing. You just have to know how to deal with your reality. That happens. It’s okay. Just know how to deal with it. Know when it’s coming.

Okay, okay. I’m going to use the best so I can to blow it off. Let’s just do something a little more creative and creatively stupid. But it’s only in fantasy land. Do you know what I’m saying?

Of course it’s irrational. Of course it’s fantasy. It’s only thought. You’re not going to actually go out and carry out it into action. Because you are not that stupid. Why? Because you don’t want to be locked up forever.

Just know how to take care of it. Just walk away from it. Those stuff happen. All those little tools there, just a little jams there. You just have to know how to tinker with it and know how to manage it.

First thing is to recognize it; it exists for you. Know how to use it for your benefit. But know what is right. What is right? Guess what. You have to do this forever. Whether I like it or not, for me.

Do you like to be appreciated? So does everybody else under the sun. Anyway, do you have any more questions? Can I go now? May I be excused? Okay, I will see you next week.

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All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and everyone offers a standing bow.

Hyo-Jin-nim offered a standing bow he brought a small notebook and opened it on the podium. I was told that this is the 2nd week that he brought notes.

How are you doing? Good morning. I’ll be away for a few weeks. I’m leaving today. The reason I’m going to be away for a few weeks is that I plan to go to China and Japan. I’ve got something starting in China. I hope that you can have something in your prayers for the success. It’s kind of exciting, but you never know.

Today I would like to talk about loyalty. Because I hear so often, “I’m only loyal to myself.” That kind of statement from - how should I put it in the best way - in the enlightened world.

So when you are enlightened and when you are free, that’s what you have to be, I guess, to find whatever that is out there in that the enlightened world and the free world offers to get the most out of it.

Having said that, let’s get into the boring stuff. Why do you want to be loyal to something? Can you help me out on this stuff? Why would you want to feel loyal? Why would you need loyalty? What is the concept of loyalty?

To me, first of all, loyalty, right off the bat, is a concept that exists. And it’s necessary for certain things, for instance like forgiveness, eternity, paternity, and stuff that we believe that is important that makes us bigger than ourselves, individual selves.

Why? Think about it. If you don’t have [loyalty], what is the opposite of being loyal to something? Selfishness.

There has to be some kind of program, some kind of system, some kind of concept that no matter how stupid you are, in the end it will guarantee you some kind of right passage. The passage of right. Right of passage. Not just symbolically, but literally right! Not R-I-T-E, but right.

Some thing that guarantees you. Because you can see it all around you if you are looking for it. Many times, it’s just. There’s a Korean saying ‘등잔 밑이 어둡다.’ Underneath the lamp is the darkest place. That kind of stuff. That kind of saying.

Many things that are true, because it’s so simple that we just forget to see the truth in it. We just forego it just because it’s so near and simple. We just don’t care to pay attention to it.

How can this something be true? How can it be that simple and that idiotic? It has to be more complicated than that if it’s going to be truly true. What does that mean? Who determines how smart you are then?

Loyalty gives you a sense of wholesome, a sense of objectivity. It’s a proclamation of receiving a subject into your life. That’s about it. That’s what it means. I’m loyal to not just myself but something greater than myself. I’m willing to have that kind of relationship. Ready.
If I’m going learn about something that is almighty and comes from the almighty, you have to understand why God forgo all those stuff to just rely on concept of love, even if He’s willing to suffer.

And He has been suffering. Why? Because we’re still trying to restore the world. The world is not correct. Even based on the way we think of what ideal should be, never mind what He thinks.

If you ever have the stuff to wonder as to what goes through the mind of God, the almighty God, the creator, the omnipotent God, the omnipresent. Everything that you can possibly think, and you can possibly think about, joy and all those stuff that is ideal. Endlessly.

All the potential that can give you joy just because you live, you have the presence in your life; you have that opportunity. Because of that you have the wherewithal to have that experience to learn all sorts of infinitesimal stuff.

And it can give you joy just by understanding it as they tick tock go forward. That’s nasty; that’s powerful.

Why would anybody want to suffer? Many times, to understand love, you have to remember the concept of the wave stuff, ups and down stuff. To me, that kind of phenomenon gives you the understanding of life.

Anything that has some kind of benefit to physical existence of our existence pretty much exists in that kind of form. Whether it is light, literally waves, whatever, any kind of energy.

It undulates. It goes on. It has to. Why? Because in the end, through that phenomenon, everything because in the end... That is the way in which all the selfishness, if it exists, will neutralize itself. How can you be arrogant when you go through that kind of cycle?

When there is that kind of cycle that gives you right, literally, in your life you go through that cycle of ups and downs, how can you be selfish and how can you be arrogant? You can’t. It’s impossible.

I always talk about, to me, the greatest addiction is, you get addicted to power and money. That is the nastiest addiction. That stuff really does not really end.

You might not be addicted to drugs, that might literally kill your body or eat your body, but it will eat your life eventually, that stuff. And you wouldn’t know it. It will never end. Because you go into that kind of cycle. You literally get stuck into that cycle of lifestyle, and it’s going to get worse and worse and worse.

In other words, you are going to measure yourself to something greater and greater. And what is the greater? If you are a millionaire, you want to be a 10-millionaire, 100-millionaire, billionaire, 10-billionaire.

Look. And you are going to measure yourself up to that stuff. Okay? And you are going to get locked into that for the rest of your life. That’s it.

And power is the same thing. How much is enough for yourself to have that kind of joy and gratification and pleasure that you desire, that is the extent of that for yourself in this life? Then what about something else?
What about love then? Love has nothing to do with loving yourself only. That’s not true love. Is it? You can try to make it, you can make up anything you want.

You can say, “From now on I’m going to call this (holding up a rolled up towel) a stick.” But it looks like a stick doesn’t mean it’s a stick to you. “I’m only going to drink wine and whiskey.” No, you should drink water, too. Okay?

It doesn’t matter how you try to form your life because you think that you have control over it and you think you are better than somebody else. It really doesn’t matter. Because in the end, those kinds of people are only loyal to themselves. That’s about it. And their addiction. That’s it.

You worry about people who are screwed up, that’s screwed up people. Because you see right through them in the end. That’s what they are loyal to: themselves and their problems, their limitations of selfishness, and their intelligence. Trust me. It's worse than being addicted to anything else.

Having been accused of being addicted to many things, trust me. That stuff is nasty. No good for you. It will ruin your life and it will ruin every opportunity that you might have in good in the end. And you will lose it all. It’s not going to help you. It can’t.

Why? It doesn’t have life sustaining power. Because in the end, understanding greater level is going beyond self love, right? That’s where the key lies. That’s where true happiness lies when you understand something and learn about something truly, meaningfully.

Who cares about learning new things when you know you are going down this pathway of self destruction that leads you nowhere? That you know has obvious limitations? But if you are willing to do that, you have to have a good reason. You better be willing to die for that stuff then. And you better have a good reason for it.

Beyond that, why? Why would you want to? You are not going to find something greater. Not down that time.

Look, I’m trying to get back into the groove of preaching. Please bear with me. Sometimes for me, I step back sometimes and say, “What do I need that stuff for?” But because of my kind of experience in life, I saw a lot of things that I love come and go. And at times, I see it just ‘poof’ and go away. Many things.

It’s important. What’s important to me is that sense of belonging. I need to belong. I need to love something. I need to belong to something. Whatever you can say, personally, I’m sure it makes sense.

But to me, what is most important is that stuff. That sense of belonging. I need that stuff. I don’t want to be alone. I don’t want to wake up one day and have nothing. I don’t want that. That’s, that’s bad. Not good!

You expect a dog to be loyal obviously as a master, you should be loyal to be your dog too. But hey, something that you love, it’s just no, no, no. That’s the worst thing that you can feel. That’s terrible.

I need that. I need that sense of belonging. Because I am human. I know you feel that too one way or the other. You need that stuff in your life. You can’t live without it. If you try, you are going to miss it one day.
No matter how tough you try to make yourself to be to go against it, it’s not going to work. You’re not that strong. Everybody will crack under torture. I don’t care how tough you are. You will crack.

And why do you think that exists, that kind of stuff exists? Because God has chosen LOVE. And YOU, under the light you are His reflection and shadow. That’s why the evil stuff tries to go into the darkness where there is no reflection and shadow, stuff like that.

And think about it. And you have to make that choice. You have to make the choice to become like that. That’s why it’s always a constant struggle, constant trial until the day you understand what your responsibility is.

It is a struggle even if you know it. But at least till the day you know it, you are going to struggle, period. But even if you do understand what it is, you are going to struggle. You will struggle till the day you die.

Why? God is not that happy a God. How can you be a happy camper when you see all this crap in the world? Why do we see all this crap in the world? Because people are still struggling to find themselves and trying to figure out who God is and what His true reflection is, what is true being an object is to Him, His shadow under the light. The light that guides Him, love. Blah, blah, blah.

You will struggle till you die because He wants everybody to understand that. He wants everybody to make that decision. Like God in His darkness, thinking about this, the light of love. Because it came from Him, right? The cockamamie idea, right? The ultimate idea, right? That stuff that makes us all miserable.

You have to do that. You have to pay your dues. That’s about it. It’s not going to be a free ride. You want your perfection. I know you do. I know you want to be the best that you can possibly be. I know you want to find your light. I know you want to be perfect in your idiosyncratic ways. And more power to you.

But look. That’s what we have to go through. Everybody. No exception. And we should be loyal to that. Because that’s what Father teaches. And that’s where we belong. It’s difficult. But we’re crazy, right? I don’t want to be normal, that’s for sure. Anyway, take care of yourselves. I’ll see you in about 3 weeks. Okay? Alright?

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Rev. Michael Jenkins is the MC and says “Let’s all welcome True Parents, by welcoming our older brother Hyo-Jin-nim who is representing them here today.” All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and everyone offers a ½ bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim does a half bow to the audience; he brought a small notebook and opened it on the podium.)

How are you doing?

Nice to see you again; today I want to talk about leadership.

Let’s talk about what I experiences during my absence during these past few weeks.

It was interesting.

I did go beyond. Based on this same premise (purpose that I give these talks every Sunday) I did share with people that I normally don’t share with.

To get ahead that is what you need to do. (Go beyond your limitations.)

All I can say in front of you is what I feel. That’s the only offering that I can give. That’s about it.

I didn’t expect Michael (Jenkins) to be here today because I was planning to talk about him. It’s very uncomfortable to talk about someone who is sitting in front of you.

He took on the mission to become Unification Church President. Prior to that he had a successful business and he had other problems to conquer and issues to deal with. As he became president he gave all that up.

That attitude of sincerity and commitment is very important.

The purpose of whatever we are struggling to overcome today is to understand something great based on common sense.

That is enviable and admirable. It is enviable to separate yourself based on dedicating to public life.

That is beyond the ordinary.

If you want to lead that is what you have to do.

If you look at all the monotheistic religions they all have a certain aggression based on their confidence that they have the truth.

They have used holy wars in the past.

Moslems are still into this way of thinking and look at the Jews in Israel. Christians are the same, just a little milder. They still want revenge against the Anti-Christ.

There is no end to revenge and violence. It will never solve anything.
I am a violent person. I had to fight my way through school. I had to fight to hold onto my name. If someone would attack me because of my name, I would strike them down.

You want to make it on your own, right? That is the American way.

How can we communicate with those that still exist based on revenge and violence? It’s doable, but it’s like opening Pandora’s Box.

You try to do good; You say I followed father all my life.

When you try to do things and take care of a certain responsibility, it is because of you, not Father.

If you mess up, then its your own fault.

Just tears alone will not wash your mistakes away.

People like me have no choice (but to be connected to father). But that having no choice ironically gives me freedom. That is the paradox.

“Do not eat of the fruit…” This command from God raised so many questions. Still you can’t get away with it. (Violating the command)

How do you define obedience? It is to be true to something greater than yourself.

Nobody has that kind of prerogative. (of disobeying God’s command without suffering consequences.)

Nobody wants to be a King. That is crazy.

My Father lives in a Fishbowl that is the size of a molecule, maybe the size of a neutron.

There are all kinds of people floating around him with all kinds of charges floating around and people kissing up to Him. Finally He is responsible.

People should understand and try to help this poor miserable man. (Hyo-Jin-nim is in tears)

Let’s talk about leadership.

What makes a good leader. You want your leader to stand out front and lead the way; do or die, hell or high water.

If the cause it that important, then that is what you expect.

Any monkey can sit behind a desk and tell people to do what is seemingly right from a position of power and authority, but you have to lead so that the misery of the followers is not forsaken.

If I use bad language, I apologize and ask your forgiveness. That is sincerity.

Dedicating to what you believe in...You have to have some kind of dedication. If not then you are not truly sincere.
You really don't care about anything but yourself if you don't do that.

You have to think “perhaps I’m not as lost as that person. Maybe I can help that person.

If you count all your offerings or calculate your reward, then you are just working for your self.

I’m talking to those kids here, not just you old folks. You can’t base your life on this bla bla bla world.

“I know you want to be my brother.” That is where it should start. Let someone else measure the time and count the offering. Fellowship is what truly matters.

I understand the importance of propriety. Don’t judge me if I ignore that sometimes. I can choose to regard propriety or not, but the core is what is important. Don’t make fun of me.

Let’s use the vertical argument. Your up and down is very small.

I don’t want anyone to be hurt or to go to jail for doing stupid things but if you don’t know then it can really hurt you.

How long can you persevere? We’re talking about universal value, to be someone righteous so you don’t fear judgment.

I’m trying to live a righteous life so that I don’t need to fear judgment.

I was a very optimistic little kid before I became the kind of guy that you see here.

I just want to stand here to fulfill the (responsibility of wearing the) shoes of (the man standing behind) this platform.

I don’t care what you think about me. I just want to come back here and give again next week. (Crying)

Do you have any idea how difficult it is to be a leader?
What you see is what you get.

See you next week.

Rev Jenkins says thank you and asks someone to say a closing prayer.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang Speaks.


Now Kook-Jin-nim is traveling with mother to a different country in the former Soviet Union every day.

Father is supporting from Korea. True Parents should have time to be together after the opening of the palace. This is a tremendous Sacrifice.

Now I want to invite all of you that have time to join Michael Jenkins and me for breakfast at the Eldorado Diner across from the old Tarrytown Hilton.

Recording by Hyang-Hwa Oh Transcription by Hyang-Hwa Oh & Joe Kinney
Rev. Eric Ersting is the MC and says “Let’s all welcome Hyo-Jin-nim” and everyone offers a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim does a standing bow to the audience; he brought a small notebook and opened it on the podium.)

This week’s topic is ‘Love.’ I felt obliged because during my week some old member came to ask me for some counsel and I had to talk about marriages and stuff because he was struggling with that, the blessing that he has gotten and… came and …

I guess, in a general statement, anytime you go to church, you are going to talk somehow about love, because everything else sucks. That’s about it, I guess. So, okay. So to people to that need, I’m going to try my best to talk about something… love in a way that I can somehow relate to you and you can relate to me.

Individually speaking, we realize that we have within ourselves there is three different partialities, three different propensities. There is physical, intellectual, and spiritual. And the ultimate quest, I guess, in individual lives, which is very short to begin with. It isn’t that long.

You have to somehow figure out how you can manage to control your body, mind, and spirit because it does have very unique properties. It does have a very individualistic propensity. Because it does, it can act on its own regardless of the three propensities I talk about.

So, many problems that we face are because that’s the problem. That’s the main cause of every problem that we face in our life. Starting with ourselves and because we are in that situation, dealing with others obviously exacerbate the situation. That’s (a) given.

So, how do you go about dealing with your basic self? You know, to me … perfection number. It’s number 10. Number ten is the perfection number, individual perfection.

But it happens on a physical level. If you break down the physicals you put, if you break down the physical part into formation growth and perfection, you do get nine and completion and management of rule will give you additional number; therefore perfection, completion number or management number, if you call it controlling your, I guess your maturation number.

It doesn’t matter how you call it. It’s about controlling that phase. There is growth, there is formation phase, there is going to be a growth phase, there is going to be a perfection phase and every phase can to be chopped up into ten in completing it.

If completion is the end, which is the final number, you need to pause. Right? To deem such that you have wherewithal to have management over it to others. Oh, no, you start with yourself. … You expand out. You just have to prove it, right? But it starts with something of that nature. That’s the standard. There is always a standard in everything.

So physical level there is a spiritual and physical level you can look at it, on a formation level, you can break it down to three different manifestation of yourself in terms of your propensity, physical, mind, and spirit.
You can chop it up in three. Body into physical-physical, physical-intellectual, physical-spiritual. Intellectual-physical, the next level will be intellectual-physical, intellectual-intellectual, intellectual-spiritual, spiritual-physical, you know, spiritual-intellectual, spiritual-spiritual, so on and so forth.

That is a basic platform because it will basically break down from the basic block of individual self into just diversity, that's about it, to create that number. And you look at that ten as one, body, then mind, then spirit. So you pretty much have to kind of go through thirty hoops.

Only then, because even when you go through the first ten steps, all you are ready is to just receive nothing else other than, this is ...just formation, physical phases, completed formation, physical formation. You're basically ready to receive something that has to do with something in nature to conjugation. You're in puberty.

You know, for instances if some families, if they have some kind of situation where they can actually give and take with children, just do physical things and everything, there is a saying, 'If you play together you stay together'. Okay, that's physical stuff.

And you get another. You go beyond it, beyond just physical playing and excitement and whatever pleasure you gain from life experience, in gregariousness. Beyond that, go do some little more intelligence involved. You start to create.

I mean start with cooking. Let's say that you have a situation where your children grow up to a point they start to actually help you and try to, you know, and you talk and you give and take, try to make the stupid food that you make everyday whether you are going to eat this everyday but you are going to somehow turn it into better. And you are going to give something into that dish.

And that stuff is a very, very important tool to your kids because they are going beyond just physical, physical intellectual whatever that comes from it, idea of speaking. They want more. And it's intellectual. And of course, beyond that is spiritual. And that, even on a formative phase, every phase has formation, growth, and perfection.

Formation, growth, and perfection is nothing other than body, mind, and spirit in that order. You need that stuff. It happens whether you like it or not. It's there. But it's important to recognize as such and teach the child as such because if you don't, it can be anything. It can be whatever it can be out there.

Once you don't define it correctly, under your auspices, when you go out into the public in a multimedia setting as we know it today, free society it can be jumbled into anything. That whoever is in control (uses) to gain whatever the heck their agenda might be. That's the problem. People have agenda. That's why they become famous and they become powerful and rich.

And then it's, I mean, there aren't that many Bill Gates. Even Bill Gates, he has acquired enough. Now he wants to be charitable. Okay? So that's pretty much the highest standard in a secular world.

So how do you go about controlling what affects your children? In the times when people are out there in the secular world who have way more control than you to oversee the airwaves through multimedia to bombard you with stuff that they in turn will benefit one person, themselves, and later on down the line, decades down the line, once they have accumulated enough they say, “I'm going to be charitable.”
Well, do you think you should be at the mercy of those kinds of people, because they have done their game at your expense? They are not going to make their billions without you. I mean, it’s illegal to print money. You have to somehow legally take it out of your efforts.

How do you control it? Do you leave it up to the people who are willing to in the end ultimately because you believe in almighty God in the end, everything will just flatten out, that they are going to be charitable, and you are going to be waiting for a long time.

Now who’s the next in line after Bill Gates? I mean even Oprah and she says lot of things. She is a very, very rich woman. She’s doing a lot of good things. That’s what she thinks. She has an agenda, too. And until she is ready because she’s dying, she has reached her end, because if you are intelligent you have to know your end, you have got to know your limit. Otherwise, you’ll be a stupid monkey.

Whatever it’s coming, I might have the ability to control whatever the hell it was in the past and present, but what’s coming I can’t control. Smart people, normally, that’s when they retire. They start to become charitable. That’s about it.

In almighty America, the most powerful nation, still when a woman raises an issue, she can bitch about it and still have a biting force, right? So that’s some teeth. It hurts when you chew, when you start chomping.

Sure, then what? What are you trying to get to? What? I’m not going to try to discredit somebody today. I’m just going to talk about the basic stuff, the physical stuff at this point in time right now.

Even the physical stuff has that kind of level. You go through that phase. When you look at your children, you see them struggling with physical-physical and physical-intellectual, physical-spiritual. That’s formation right there.

Then they go to the next level. Then, instead of physical, they put intellectual. Then they go intellectual-physical, intellectual-intellectual, intellectual-spiritual. They try. They actually try to control it. You start to see that stuff.

Then after that phase comes that spiritual phase. It’s the spiritual-physical. You know when they are actually going into that final phase. It’s not final phase but in that phase, it’s final. And that spiritual stuff, when they are struggling with physical stuff they are actually trying very hard to include you into that picture.

On their own, they are thinking about you. They are thinking about what you think is important. What you told them all the years if you had them doing what you did, that they weren’t supposed to be doing, they’re actually thinking about that stuff.

Physically, even the physical stuff that they do, they try to correct themselves. Or try to at least kind of merit themselves to the point that where you can kind of accept that. Yea, okay, you’re thinking.

Then comes to the point when they’re actually intellectual, they are rationalizing that process. And they are ultimately in the end, they really want to do it because they believe its right.

See, the only way you can feel, you can determine spirit is when you know what is right and wrong. It doesn’t matter whether you think like a bug. Well, if you think like a bug
and you know what's right and wrong like a bug, you know what's right and wrong like a bug, in a spiritual way.

And everybody has a place. Everybody has a place to begin. You know what I'm saying? And I don't mean it's in our place to make that judgment call. How does one start to realize what right and wrong is?

It doesn't matter. It can be in the depth of hell. It doesn't always have to be in a plateau of milk and honey and glory and all that. It doesn't have to on a pedestal. It can be in the bottom of hell.

Because God exists everywhere. Because if you can remember, God knew about good and evil right from the start, didn't He? It's the choice that He asked you to make.

That's the irony. You have no choice but you choose to accept the choice that I don't have because I want to be part of your head, part of you. Because you are the almighty, you are the life-giving, omnipotent, omnipresent God that I need to learn a whole lot of stuff from. And I will follow you, I will learn from you. I will do my best to be your mirror-like person, to be your ultimate counterpart.

And you measure yourself in that. Nobody set that standard. It's up to you. How high do you want to go? How far do you want to go? Nobody tells you that you are going to do this, you are going to be doing this you are going to be doing in that. But you going to do right, and that's the problem.

That is why we have to think about the basic stuff always. That's why it is important to remind ourselves of a basic right and wrong because we can get ahead of ourselves sometimes knowing (that), not knowing who we are, do things. And we have done that many times. That's the problem.

It doesn't matter what you think in your head that 'I'm the greatest.' Are you really? Based on whose standard? That's why you get, you win American Idol. You become a star. (Laughs) Whoop-dee-doo. Oh yea.

It doesn't matter what you look like. You just sing well because that's a program, it's that kind of era. Because people are willing to do what the big boys (want) because they know. Oh they can make tons of money just showing it and after life make a movie. And those people are going to be a star instantly.

Every criteria prior to this kind of reality goes off the wonder. I mean just think about it. The...era of just radio waves stuff, you got to sound good. If you sound good, you can make it, right? Somehow.

But you got to be lucky because not many people, only selected few are controlling this kind of airwaves. And they have all sorts of agendas, self-interest, obviously, for some other business.

And they actually did it and stuff and in the end obviously, they can't really become responsible because it was just a kind of.... It's not like multimedia as we know it today all encompassing just in your face, you can know, and it seems like it's up for grabs for all. It wasn't like that.

So, there's a whole lot of politics. All sorts of different levels of strata, you know, strata, stratification that existed in all sorts of different, even in partial multimedia, because it was separated. It wasn't unified like today.
So all sorts of stuff, all sorts of wrong doing will crossover somehow that will lead into the
general population. And you know, just mess up rest of it here and there... That's why it
was so difficult to control.

But today, it's very easy to control if you play the game like the big boys. Yes, I think we
can do it. It takes investment. But I think we have the wherewithal to do it, tangibly speaking.

And just go down the list of how body and mind and spirit works in formation, growth,
and perfection. If you can set the pace, and have the people who know what they are
doing, just like the other guy, that's all you need to do. Let the best man win, right?

How did Fox Network and Rupert Murdoch they started with the stupidest stuff. You
know, Married with Children, and what is it, The Simpsons and all those crazy stuff.
Then they start branching out into Cable and then News Network and, it only took them
10 years to become this.

Yes, they put a lot of money. Look. If we alternate 2 billion dollars, let into print media,
any monkey can do this stuff. When you got to have the resolve you got to deal with the
a-holes that you got to, you have to lead. That's about it. They can lead, no problem. If
they can do it, we can do it.

Look, it's not about me being a star here, right? It's about us winning as a greater family,
right? Unification Church, right? Right? [Yes.] Yea. And I don't think that, how is it any,
people who know me, I don't think I was the, I don't think I ever did this stuff.

I must have been stupid for reasons I don't talk about because it's my problem. And I
bear the burden. That's about it. Right? I pay my dues. I do the time. Not you. And I don't
believe there is anybody who knows me that accuses me of this stuff.

Anyway, so what, who cares? What's in the past is in the past, right? You move on. But
wouldn't it be great if every step we take is right in the eyes of God? Every choice we
make will turn out to be something. You know, wouldn't that be nice. It can be done. And
that's what we need to strive for.

Hey, take it or leave it. That's the privilege that I have. I can do it for free. That is not to
say that I don't know how to build myself from scratch.

Anyway, I just want to fix this, just getting to know each other. Anyway, what you see is
what you get. I'll do my best not to lie to you. You want more? Well, we'll see what more
can happen.

(long pause)

Take care of yourself. See you next week.

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How are you doing? Good morning. [Good morning.] Today I want to talk about compassion. What is compassion? I feel it is very important for us to think about that and live with that stuff on a daily basis for us to realize what is greater. True love, that’s very difficult. I don’t want to just talk about it. You know, one way or the other if you want it you have to get it.

So let’s just talk about something we can understand. Talk about compassion. Latin stuff, com (together) and pati (Latin for “to suffer”) together to suffer, to suffer together. That’s what compassion is.

You have this kind of sorrow for other people who are suffering, who have problems. And you want to do something about it. That, based on definition, according to whatever that we have in terms of dictionary, that’s what it says. You want to help somebody, you want to do something to reach out to somebody because you know they’re in a …

Okay, now, before we get to compassion, let’s talk about our basic subject, individual selves. What is generosity? How do people become generous? Many times, you really don’t think about it. You do it because it happens.

Generosity happens because you think you have something more than you need and it’s, on a moment of thinking you just do something for somebody else. Sharing whatever that you got. That’s about it, isn’t it? Yeah, that’s what generosity is, right?

(Cellular phone rings) And please, hello?

Basically that’s what it is. That’s what generosity is. You do it at the spare of the moment because you think you got something. You have something to give. [And I have] more money than I normally need so I can do that kind of stuff.

People become generous because they have something to begin with and people act on generosity because they have something, that they have more than ordinarily what they need. So, yea, okay…

Compassion is little more different. It says you need to feel something. You have to feel sorrow for somebody. You have to feel something in the plight of others first before you just automatically go into your good intention or give because you are made that way because you have something. There is thought involved.

That kind of thinking process, that is the kind of growth stage. If something that is generous, if you call that a formation stage, obviously when something provokes you to think and reach far beyond that obviously it’s on growth stage. It’s on an intellectual phase.

I feel compassion is very, very important for you to understand about love. If love is perfection, compassion is the way that you can understand how love works … because you are going to think a whole lot about it. You are going to struggle with it. You are going to struggle with it.

As much as you are willing to, I mean, I try to make a documentary and try to find all these people who are supposedly giving to the people, supposedly. And it’s not really the case, you know? If you come down to it, based on a dollar, there aren’t that many
organization based on charity that gives 80 percent of the dollar. Eighty cents to a dollar, 70 cents to a dollar. It is most likely 50 cents to that….

Having said that, now how do you believe what you are giving into it the little dollar that you give because you care? That’s why it’s important that you show what compassion is, how to think about giving, how to be generous by giving. I mean you can… You know why you want to be giving.

For crying out loud, are you Bill Gates, I mean, or whoever, what’s his name, second richest guy, Warren Buffett, he gave thirty-one billion dollars to Bill Gates Foundation. I mean, you know, if you’re over fifty.

Anyway, he’s the second guy. Hey, look, if you have a few billion dollars, you are going to be well off. It doesn’t matter how old you are. With that money, you can do a whole lot of good, sure. You just go and literally and technically and tackle whatever that is poignant and feasible. Most likely you will do it in medicine.

When you have that kind of money, let’s say you got 80 billion dollar bank account, money that pays you money. When you have that kind of money in the foundation, you can literally take care of many, many operations. That means 200 million dollars or whatever, 300 million dollars, let say just 200 million. You can literally support 30, 40, 50 operations just on entry level. That’s the kind of money we are talking about. Okay, but they’re doing a lot of this. They can actually make a difference because they’re investing in actuality.

Because in the end, it’s creativity. We need to be involved in creativity. We need to be involved in things such as, and simply put, arts and, art is very, very cryptic and it changes too fast and it is pain in the neck. I don’t, I do not encourage people to be in it unless you are willing to die for it.

There is something more safe is something that is more safe in creativity. Whether it’s engineering or structural or architectural, mechanical nanotechnology or something. It doesn’t matter. Something like that or medicine or what else is there? Anyway.

For medicine, you get into medicine, engineering, or you be a scientist getting into crazy stuff, in the end, something that’s more secure than something that we, you know, in definition you need to be defined in definition every single second out of your life. You have a better chance. But I believe that’s what we need to do. Our children need to do, that’s practice. Why? Because it matters in the end.

Because I’m, you know, for me personally, I do have a good accountant, he’s very good. He’s an outside guy. There are accountants for all sorts of different stuff, corporations and stuff. He’s a good guy. He knows his stuff. But he needs to believe in something. And in the end, I have to be responsible for that guy. Why? Because he’s my guy.

What does that have to do with compassion? When you teach your children about something, to give, let’s look at yourself and think about yourself and know where you are at, teach children how they behave. What kind of an experience (would) put a smile on your face, on your children, you know what I mean. What you did in terms of generosity for per se.

They’re little kids, who you know, have something. And there’s little brothers and sisters who know that you got something and they want piece of it. And why not. Now, that’s the drama, isn’t it? That’s where drama begins.
What happens to the kid who holds that something that the other little guys want? What does that little kid do? Now, you are in control, you people. You know how that story should end because you know all those comic superhero stories. You know how the heroic stories should end, right?

...anyway. You are going to somehow divert your children to that story. And it’s only that. Dot, dot, dot. It is not difficult.

You have to try to teach them how to be generous. And we’re not talking about compassion here. It’s just one tenth of the goal for something, right? How can you guys, you can’t give something unless you got something, right? Now, what are you going to do? That’s what you are trying to teach your children. You give what you got. Why do you give it?

Now, if you give that kind of thing, you have something to work with to move it to the next level, right? You can talk about the next step, compassion stuff, because you give because you feel something. Before true love, you better think about what giving is. You know what I’m saying?

You don’t just do it, you better think it. You better know what you are thinking about when you are giving and you better know what that reason is and it had better not be self-centered, you guys. Alright?

Now, doing that is a process of becoming compassionate. No, I didn’t make this rule. That’s the way it is. You can’t think about yourself even when you think about being generous to other people. Just to be defined as compassionate, that’s what you got to do. And that’s the rule. You understand?

Otherwise, it is not action based on compassion. I don’t care if you’re uncomfortable. That’s about it. So, you better give, do you understand young kids? You better give your selves or whatever.

I want to reach out to those little guys and I’m going to give it out. No, no, no, no. That’s not compassion. I think that is called desperation. You want something in, between your legs and you are just being stupid. Okay? You will never make it into compassion no matter what. I don’t care if the world stands up upside down tomorrow.

Please don’t take certain things just based on convenience. Look, in the end you have to die for something. Please, think about dying. Okay? Don’t make it that simple. It isn’t that simple. If you make it that simple, you are not going to die for it. That’s about it. That’s about it. You are not going to die for it.

It doesn’t matter what other people think, what the world thinks, even what you think. if you can’t say that to yourself, don’t even talk about it. Please don’t. because it’s stupid. It will never last. It will never work. It will never happen. Whatever you believe in, you think you are, it will never happen.

You want love? Oh man, you got to go beyond this stuff. Now you’re thinking about something. How is it that all this crap and beyond that you really have to make the people that you say you love part of you. And look, otherwise, don’t say that because it is a lie. It is not true. You don’t mean it.

You have to understand compassion to understand love. I am telling you. It is not that easy to understand love. Yes, you can be generous. (long emotional pause) You better
be willing to die for something. That’s about it. Otherwise, don’t even talk about it. You can never leave anything behind; you can never tell each other “I’ll be alright.” Trust me.

When you do grow, whatever it works. Hey man, that’s what it is. Let’s not talk about that (inaudible). That’s about it. [You know,] let’s forget about everything else. Who gives a flying hoot? You have to deal with the situation as we know it realistically. Let’s not talk about this stuff unless you can die for it. You know what I’m saying?

When you talk about that stuff, you better mean it. And it’s not that simple. And that is the truth. In the end, remember, when you have to fight, you got to compete and win. Everybody believes in God. Oh my goodness. Hey, let the best man win? Do you have any idea how difficult that is?

Okay, simply put, formation generosity, growth compassion, perfection love. Now love is very difficult you guys. Okay? Very, very difficult because you shove all the stuff up your crevices.

Talk about (maturity?). It gives. You need to learn about compassion. You need to teach that stuff. Why? Because it is better than playing a video game with you.

If you live, then you have no excuse. You better tell them what that stuff is, otherwise you have no excuse.

Everybody wants to be good. Hey, everybody can be happy, too, in the end, because of simple stuff. So, it’s not about excess. In the end, if you have the basic stuff, you can be happy, as long as you have a purpose. I believe in that stuff.

You want to marry a handsome looking actor and get divorced few years later? Hey, remember that the highlight is; that is for the children’s sake. Excuse me, old people. I’m just going to talk to young kids here.

You know, in school, in high school, it’s most likely physical, jocks or just a little better make star stuff, pretty boys, or nerds. And everything else in between, but it’s not important to you.

The nerds are important because they actually excel in something whether you like it or not. You get an F and you are a great jock. Somebody got an A plus and you aren’t a great jock but you are a nerd. And obviously, that is some kind of stigma.

Okay, that’s about it. Look. Till the day you die, you better learn something. If you live from birth to death you create something, one thing everyday, best you can do, I guess, is 36,500 things. That is not much. Or you can learn 36,500 things.

You can speed up that process. It is up to you. Creating something everyday is very difficult. If you can, knock yourself out. Nobody is going to stop you. Because this is America, nobody can stop you. You can sue your own parents, they try to mess you up in your own head. So, hey, that’s about it. Knock yourself out.

So, how about you create something of that nature, to that extent, in terms of amount, or you learn something to that amount. It’s up to you. Well, do something. Make something up or learn, take something. Give something or take something, I don’t care what you do with your stupid life.

But that’s about it if you look at it that simply. If you want to make it complicated, then you are going to be responsible more than what is ordinary. That’s about it. Trust me. It
is not that simple. Hey kids, do you understand that? And you better understand that. That’s about it. You got me? You better follow.

(Someone coughs/chokes) You are going to be fine.

So, you want to talk about love? Let’s not talk about love unless we talk about something a little lesser than love. I believe it’s more realistic. You are going to help each other, when you talk about this stuff that is less than something that is the ultimate.

And anybody says otherwise, they have nothing coming. That’s about it. You are going to die. You are going to leave me hanging. That’s about it. You know what I’m saying?

Look, I understand. But it can be done. Why? Because this is a great time. So much information can go so quickly. If you do the basics, literally go through the basics, within unison (can be) and have uniformity, you can make changes that can make that kind of difference that people who see afar that has to live with us because the way it is. It can be done.

It’s all perception in the end because information is already there. The network is already there. Whether you like it or not, right or wrong, you are going to get it. You know what I’m saying? You can’t stop it. It’s already there. You can’t change it. You just have to accept it and accept yourself to make it better.

That’s about it. There is no other way. I’m telling you there is no other way. Start with compassion. Try to think about other people’s problems and other people’s suffering and try to help out. Find your own, not by someone else’s design.

Think what makes you better. You have to practice this stuff. Practice make perfect. You don’t just become something. There is no such a thing under the heaven. If you want to be good at it, that happens that way, you have to suffer. You have to put your sweat into it. You know what I’m saying? Look man, that’s about it.

And I don’t care what other people say—it doesn’t work. It’s not true. It’s not going to happen. … Because you want to do this stuff and as we grow, we can help each other to be bettered. That is why community exists. You understand? Right?

So, be generous. Compassion. It is better when you give something when you have nothing. Now that is something. And God bless you if you do.

So, I’m going to be away for a while. I’ll miss you, okay? Anyway, I’ll see you later. Okay? Take care of yourself.

Recording by Hyang-Hwa Oh Transcription by Hyang-Hwa Oh & Joe Kinney
Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim does a half bow to the audience; he brought a small notebook and opened it on the podium.)

I thought I was going to leave earlier (to accompany True Mother in Africa) but the schedule changed so I am here. (Hyo-Jin-nim will be leaving later today)

My topic today is “To Die For”

When somebody says they would die for something it seems to sound so terrible and tragic.

But it’s kind of like the saying about the glass being either half empty or half full.

It all depends on how you look at it. To die for sounds terrible, but to have nothing worthy of dieing for is worse.

We feel that achieving perfection is very difficult and not many people are successful at achieving it, so we focus on living.

You will die anyway.

Yesterday I drove past a cemetery with my son. He asked me “Daddy what is that?” I told him it was a cemetery where they bury you when you die.

He asked me “Why do we die?”

Many times it is difficult to face what we are doing wrong.

Even with someone else that you know you don’t want to deal with the things that are wrong with them so you don’t face up to them and just hope that these issues will just go away.

It’s not easy caring for someone’s limitations.

You want to be optimistic, to reach up to the stars, to become stars.

You want to get your small time of exposure to become a star. (Your 15 minutes of fame)

What do you live for?

In a free society the thing that sticks out, and I believe that America is freer than any other nation that I’ve been to; the thing that sticks out is that you have the freedom to fail.

How many people try to think freely about every question that comes into their life?

What is the result of free and deep thinking?
When you go to college, you are kind of forced to go to college. That is the only place that you are really encouraged to think freely and deeply.

So you get a degree and then you get a job and go to work and come home tired and turn on the TV and let somebody else do your thinking for you.

So where is your deep thinking?

That is your reality. So how many people in a free society really speak out and make their voices heard?

So how do you think deeply and really have your own thoughts?

What do you have that is worth dieing for?

You need to think freely and deeply about what that is.

You need an opportunity.

How can you say that I live for my family, my society, my nation and for God?

To what degree of greatness are you willing to live and die for?

So what is the greatest purpose that you can live and die for?

Which is harder or more difficult receiving or giving to others?

Giving is harder so it must have more value.

Every free moment you have to think about this.

I struggle about this as much as you.

Because of the position and duty that I have, I can only help you here in this moment. (Speaking Sunday mornings at Belvedere.)

You have to think for your self.

I hope that everyone can make it to the ultimate goal.

Some people give up.

Change is inevitable, everybody changes.

Possessing something that is unchanging is the most valuable thing.

Unchanging love is the most precious thing.

I can’t tell you about that because I’m not there yet.

If I get there I’ll tell you, but most likely I’ll be dead. (big laugh)

So this is something that you have to do for yourself that nobody else can take responsibility for.
You have to figure this out for your self.

So I wish for all of us to be successful.

I’ll see you in a few weeks.

Bye!

Notes by Joe Kinney
After touring with True Mother 06 August 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience; he brought a small notebook and opened it on the podium.)

Every time I do this kind of stuff (I believe he is referring to touring with True Mother.) I have to learn a lesson.

I have to do some soul searching.

I want to share with you my story.

What became really apparent to me is that Father really cares about Cain’s children.

You may not feel it, but…

There is a formation growth and perfection. That is the way things are done. The manifestation of some new foundation that is the proper way to actualize it.

Any time when you have an Ideal based on a vision you have to have a plan and that plan has to be meticulous. It has to be absolute.

Whether you like it or not, because of the circumstances of the situation that we’re faced with if we’re really going to try to make it work is has to be based on something that will last beyond our selves.

You and me, we'll die in 100 years, to say it nicely. So based on that kind of cursory observation something is done; the ideal is done.

Of course that why you wait for the test of time. What we can see is what we can see as we struggle to influence it.

You have to do some soul searching. When you really want to understand ideal stuff. It's not just about you. You’re not that important, you’re not the subject of the matter. That’s the first thing one has to recognize before you try to understand what the ideal is.

Then how would you understand if someone tells you, hypothetically that you only have ten years left and that the ideal will not be realized by then. Does that truth become non truth just because you don’t feel it.

Just because of what ever you feel at that moment can the truth no longer be the truth? You really have to think about that. And what gives you that right to evaluate the truth based on your view point and decide which way to go in your life?

What give you the right to make the right or wrong decision? That choice will define whether you are false or you are true, whether you have failed or you have succeeded.

Remember success is relative as well as is failure. It will depend on you and what you recognize. Success is making it to the next level. A lot of people just want to get out of the neighborhood that they’re in.
I just want to get out of my neighborhood or out of my country. But just because you made that escape it doesn't automatically give you the right to say that you have the right to be in possession of eternal wisdom.

What you make of what goes on in the world and how do you put yourself in a position where you can actually make a difference?

Forget about somebody else. Just think about you and me. To believe in the ideal, you actually have to be in the position to stand in the ideal. There will be a process there will be a point of growth into perfection. You have to know how to expand this process on your own.

Otherwise you can say you're the child of God but it doesn't mean anything.

Do you understand how we want to be in formation. We want the ideal; that's a process. How can we overcome the challenge the challenge of our goals?

Whether you like it or not, you will face it one way or another. It depends on what you’re chasing what your vision is. What you’re going to make your life to be. What YOU make it. I’m going to die for this. That’s what you’re going to die for. Trust me. I’m going to die for something that you’re not.

You make a determination based on your will as to what you are and you cannot blame anyone else. You can’t blame anyone for what you don’t like in me. That’s just the way it is.

Unlike any other time some people, the quote / unquote Cain-type elders, that my folks love them more than me. When you talk in terms of subject and object and you put the emphasis on elder sonship, Father and Mother are subject. That’s about it.

Blood lineage is continuity. Blood lineage is never ending. The reason that you get into this stupidity is because of a disconnect. That’s why you get into “I’m the eldest something, I’m the subject.” You have to follow whether man or woman even your mother. The basic concept of family that is broken is that you literally separate what is the family.

If you need all that stuff for the continuity of the family that the concept of subject is OK. That’s why you can get into an addiction to power and money and stuff that gives you a sense of well being. Because you are subjective is very addictive.

Why to you want to be subjective? Why do you want to take over a title? What is the point? What can you actually put into the picture?

In Central Africa on Mount Kilimanjaro it is absolute fertile. I was incredible. We think about inches of top soil, there they talk about meters. If you practice basic cultivation and farming techniques you can grow crops forever.

Any time you want to create something, you can’t just jump to high tech; you have to master the basics, food clothing and shelter that kind of basic stuff. You don’t want to aggrandize your self; you have to find something that is usable, what is actually applicable to your circumstances. Go for quantity, quality and numbers.

If raising pigs works then raise pigs. Every time they give birth they have nearly a dozen and they do this two or three times a year. They are omnivorous and you can make an organic garden using their waste as compost.
Look, if you have the will you can do it. The reason or kind of excuse that I got from the people that I met there is that even though the land is so fertile yet they are not farming is that they have resentment to the colonialism of the past, that this and that happened in the past.

That’s BS. I don’t care what color you are. Anybody that wants to make it better for them selves better go ahead and do it. For $100.00 you can buy a pig and you can buy a sow and there will be exponential growth year after year. In terms of basic knowledge all information required to be successful (in farming) is available.

We need basic stuff. The Washington Times and Father’s rallies bring results. That’s pretty much it. You gather politicians; so who cares, they come for a reason.

I realize more through my soul searching that the essence of what Father is saying will really work in the end.

Look! People are killing each other. We have one Bible and out of it came three religions and they are fighting a holy war each in the name of God for whatever reason. America always provides a reason. The Freedom country allows freedom as long as you don’t directly hurt someone. It is OK to do things that are detrimental in the long run, like pornography.

Unless America restructures its constitutional thinking, it will fuel the fire (of hatred from Muslim nations) forever.

We know that pornography is not good for our children and as long as you protect it based on the guise of freedom, some body is going to hate you based on their religion and they will attack you in the name of God. Any Christian Church condemns pornography.

Militarily the United States cannot completely defeat militants unless they are willing to use nuclear weapons and kill millions of people. There is no way this will happen. It’s not possible.

The terrorists will play the game of war by different rules than ours. If you feel like someone is sitting in an ivory tower telling you what to do then you’ll take your chances won’t you?

Christianity has something that has stood the test of time that has meaning for humanity.

My last time I was in Zambia where Milingo is from. If the religions are trying to kill each other, then is married priests really an important issue?

These three religions believe in one God so I guess we all believe in one God. Those who wage holy wars ultimately do so for revenge, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. They can’t for give so they have to kill.

You can’t do that stuff, you have to over come that kind of feeling. You have to understand why things are this way until it gets better somehow.

The Ideal is very simple if you are an Ideal person. Who are you going to blame if you are not an ideal person? My Father and Mother? My sisters and brothers? My dog?
I realized. I had to do some soul searching. My father always puts me into a narrow lesson. I had to figure it out. Finally its just people there and we have just to reach out to them and change them.

I’m just sharing my feelings with you. If it helps you, so be it. I can see the possibilities. I believe it can be done.

OK Take care of your self. (Starts to leave and pauses)

Hey It can be better.

I saw people starving in Africa and I can’t believe why.

Ask your self, “What can I do?”

Finally we have to find the way.

Bye

See you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage)

Please sit down.

Good morning.

Everything is kind of chaotic isn’t it?

There are no overnight solutions.

I want to talk about something that we can focus on.

What do you think is Democracy’s problem?

Democracy gives us more options and choices that we can make, and it guarantees you the least amount of obstruction from authorities. That’s pretty much the attraction that Democracy has.

I think that the main problem in dealing with democratic society is that we fail to recognize a reality that is not in just democracy alone, but is in any kind of society whether it is a theocracy or a dictatorship.

There is a certain structure where individual can belong; no man is an island, right? So you can group together in certain packs loosely based on relationships or your occupation, or some common interest, but it’s likely based on occupation.

Especially in Democratic society you will belong to some for of tribe or another based on your occupation. Even with in a so called “corporate family” setting there are labor and management interests or tribal relationships.

Just to sustain your livelihood you are involved in these tribal relationships and that is a source of conflict because of self interest. You may have a kind of hostile rivalry at times.

Because business is essentially competitive you are going to have the kind of situation where there is some form of rivalry and rivalry becomes tribal rivalry. Any kind of larger conflict in our society begins with this kind of tribal rivalry. This is because self interest is at the center of this relationship.

So in Democratic society to avoid the emphasis being on these tribal type rivalries based on self interest we have to shift the interest to something else. That is to shift the interest from individual value to family value. This is the key to changing or restoring democracy. It has to be done through that kind of orientation. When you set the premise on family rather than individual values, that is the only realistic way in which you can actually transform democracy. You can start with the protection of children’s rights and values.

You can emphasize this more and more, even in politics, family values and the protection of children’s rights. There are so many crazy people and so many dangers out
there that threaten children. That is something that everyone can relate to and something that inevitably will lead to a greater awareness of family life and values.

That’s something that we can do successfully, because ultimately we must make these kinds of family values clear. That standard has to be articulated clearly otherwise we can’t really transform democracy and we can never change the situation of this hostile environment.

Why? Because if we don’t take the focus and emphasis off the individual you can never address the reason which creates the conflict to begin with which is self interest. Only then can we actually expect to do something.

Father wants us to move this nation from selfishness to unselfishness right? How are we going to go about achieving that? How is this actually doable? How can we actually do that with our lives? Well, we can try, but we have to have some form of direction. The basic guiding principle is to put greater emphasis on family values. We can start with things that everybody can relate to.

If you have a family there is a tremendous threat to your children, whether they are at home surfing the internet or when the walk out the door onto the street. Why? Because there is no absolute value put on family values.

(In the US Constitution or Law) There is an absolute value placed on individual rights and individual existence, but there is no absolute value placed on the family rights or existence. We can substantially restore American society when we can bring the acceptance of an absolute standard of family values and make it accepted and implemented.

If you do this there will be no room for those crazy people who use God’s name to blow you up. Their excuse is that this is an immoral country and that the culture is corrupt and it is destroying the value of our future, which is our children. If you think about this it does, in a way, make sense, but killing people is not the way to go about making changes in society.

Killing people is wrong, but there are people who are trying to kill in God’s name every day and it’s going to be like this for a while longer. But how are we going to stop this? The first thing is to have an absolute sense of Family values and that the first thing is that we are going to protect the family.

It’s not going to start at the maximum. We can start at something just above the level of individual values and develop this over time into a substantial solution. You can’t expect a Band-aid or overnight solution, because society doesn’t change that way. Even you don’t change that way.

What’s missing is family values and based on understanding what is missing we can do something about it and change the world. And then it’s possible (to build the kingdom). I believe that we have to put that kind of value into the (law) book sometime for the sake of America, and for the sake of democratic nations all around the world.

Only then can you guarantee the basic microcosm of society itself. If you are a hypocrite to your self you will still be a hypocrite so we still need to address our own self interest and find out why those things are the way they are and change them.
I want to encourage young people to go into creative areas like medicine and all kinds of engineering, something creative. Be a preacher too! That’s creative (laughter) it’s a pain in the butt, but it’s creative.

I feel the natural change can also come about based on what Father’s teaching and the blessing and through children like you, the 2nd generation. When you actually venture into it, going through all those quote/unquote trials is going to make the difference.

It’s not about being pretentious; you are what you are; you are going to shine. Only you can answer to your selves and I hope that I turn out to be right.

We have put a great deal of emphasis on the blessing and we have to create great models in every area so that all those tribal realities in a democratic society can be changed by the example of your living model.

That’s the way to do it. That’s the only way to do it realistically speaking. It’s going to take some time. It’s not going to happen over night and the key is in your hand, especially you young people.

Your parents have sacrificed for you to be here and to rear you as best as they can to send you off to society to have a greater understanding so you can become what you want to be so you can find your calling make the difference later.

To transform society we need some sense of permanence and that is through you (r inheritance of the mission)

OK?

Well it was short! (laughter),

But that all I had to say today.

I’ll see you 2 weeks from now OK? Not next week but the week after.

OK?

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Salvation and Growth through Experience” 27 August 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage)

Please sit down.

Good Morning!

They’re a lot of young people here. (Members of a 2nd generation workshop being held at Camp Sunrise were in attendance.)

Salvation is a concept of the Divine.

That’s where we can understand salvation; that’s where it comes from.

It’s not mankind’s concept unless you are in connection with God.

So its not mankind’s concept alone, so if you think and look around the world and see that things need saving, the answer will lie not in your own heart, but when you are connected to God ultimately you will find the answer.

How do we learn? You are forced to go to school and you learn something, I guess even when you’re forced. (laughter) Some kids do like studying and reading, but most kids, especially boys like to be active and they don’t come around to see the importance of studying until its too little too late. Most likely when they’re a little older than you gals (referring to some 2nd generation sisters)

In America it’s kind of unique that you do kind of encourage your children to be independent and to be equal, to some degree to the point of fault. They’re a lot of Tom-boys out there, even the girls you know. You have to be competitive and you’re kind of encouraged to do so, even on a social level.

That’s kind of an American phenomena and it does get spread around the world because of the influence America has through Pop culture. Because Pop culture is powerful you see it every where. Now days you can’t stop it because all the kids have to have a computer just to do their homework; and they’re connected to the world-wide web. So it’s very difficult to take care of that situation, in other words to monitor constantly. You can’t. Its impossible. Who knows what kind of what kind of information your kids are soaking up while you are not vigilant?

We learn things through experience. Experience is very important. For instance, when I was growing up all I can remember is a kind of persecution and just fighting, fighting, fighting. Someone would try to steal something or put you down because of who you are or literally threaten your life.

Every phase of my (early) life that’s all I can remember just fighting, fighting, fighting; One conflict after another. For me, you know, living well, it doesn’t matter. Life is short.

Life is very short. You come to realize how short life is when you have to constantly fight all the time whether you like it or not. Nobody likes to fight but you are forced to by being
in that circumstance because of your uniqueness. I certainly didn’t choose to elect myself and give myself this position or this circumstance.

So you are kind of a product of your experienced. So in a certain way of thinking having to deal with that kind of stuff, it ended a long time ago, but I do kind of have a kind of morbid way of looking at things. I do talk about dying a lot...because it’s important to me. Your life is short. You never know when you turn the corner what kind of other struggle is waiting for your sorry butt. (laughter).

The end is coming, one way or the other, it will always be there for me. It will never change. Some things will never change for you and for me. It might be different in your case. I don’t know, because I don’t know you that well. Everybody has some kind of experience that molds them into something.

There is a kind of cycle(stages of life); a ten year cycle, twenty year cycle, thirty year cycle, forty year cycle. For members the forty year cycle is mid-life crisis. What the heck am I doing? Who am I? Where am I? (laughing)

The thirty year cycle normally happens in the family setting (on the family level) in the conjugal or married situation. For example for a woman starts to think that her biological clock is ticking.

At twenty your cycle peaks in terms of finding your limits. When you’re twenty you challenge your self in all sorts of areas. You think that you can do anything. That’s when you’re invincible you’re super man and you go out for the biggest thing possible that you can tackle. But as you get older in the valley of the cycle you start valuing simpler things, right? Simple things matter to you.

The ten year cycle is like an individual growth pattern.

(You go through) the individual, family tribe, society, nation, and world, (levels) because you feel those things. You think about those things. Those things become important to you. There is always this kind of basic pattern for us to measure our self based on what we learned and what we learned through experience.

So God gave you a certain kind of system or pattern that you can always check and balance your self. You just have to understand how to adopt yourself to the plan. Always something like that is there because God is loving. Whether you understand that or not its up to you.

You have to figure that out. You have to experience that. Otherwise its not going to be yours. You can’t be taught something that will last forever. You have to experience it. It has to become part of you. The things that you experience, that literally become part of you, are the things that you are going to die with.

You can experience something just for fun and say that I did that. I’m not talking about that kind of experience. That kind of thing just comes and goes. It’s not important because it won’t stay. You have to try really hard to recall that experience for it to matter to your life.

But if something became part of you, literally became part of you through experiencing it, that’s the stuff that you take on to the final resting place, or final dwelling place or whatever. That’s why you look forward to that stuff (spirit world) but I’m not about to strap a bomb on my self and blow my self up (laughing).
I’ll pay my dues. I’ll pay the price. And when I’m gone, I’m gone. Bye bye. I won’t look back. And hopefully everything is taken care of. My kids will take care of them selves and take care of their children. Hopefully I will get to see my grandchildren.

I sent my wife to attend the wedding of Father’s grandchildren. They’re getting married. Father is going to be a great-grandfather soon. I don’t know it I’m looking for that kind of opportunity. (laughing) Short and sweet (lifetime) is better for me. (Laughter from Hyo-Jin-nim and the audience).

If you want to connect with God, you have to really know how to kind of….because in the end you’re in control…be the captain of your own ship. You have to steer it to the kind of experience that you choose to have.

Balance your cycle according to the system that is out there, made by God in order to protect you and give you wisdom and natural guidance. Hear that, look for it, find it and make it yours. That’s the way of learning because it is literally yours. That is the creative process. You take a certain concept and apply it and you kind of make it yours. People consider that the creative process. You can literally become a product of your own creativity.

When you experience this it really lasts. You can literally take that home.

This was simple, short, bang!

That’s how I like it.

See you next week, OK?

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim offer a bow.
(Yeon-Ah-nim, Hyo-Jin-nim’s wife, has been accompanying him every Sunday)

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage)

Good morning.

Please sit down.

Do you feel awe when you see parents? (Some in the audience respond “Yes”)

When do you feel awe?

Some young people are in awe if they are face-to-face with movie stars or something, a rich man, Bill Gates or somebody.

Let’s say even if you walk into a palace. Let’s say you live in a palace and you walk into your palace for the first time and your awed by the magnitude, everything to the extreme, great halls, great dining halls, great gathering halls, everything great great grand magnificent and you’re awed by it because of that presence, that ambiance everything grand.

But let’s say you live in it. How long do you think that awe will last?......

Let’s look at the opposite side. Let’s say that you go to prison. You’re awed by that uncertainty, that fear. But let’s say that you have to live there and you have to survive in that opposite environment of living in a palace, by living in a hell hole for however long that you’re sentenced. And what you have to face initially is that awe, that awe of uncertainty and when you transcend that, when in time what happens is just livelihood.

From that moment what’s important is what is important to you in life itself.

So for instance, if we believe in religion, and in your case you believe in True Parents…
You know sometimes I feel awed by it. Even though they’re my folks I don’t know them as much as they know them selves.

So in that sense I am awed by them (True Parents). Of course through more interaction, if we can actually live together like ordinary folks, I’m sure through livelihood we would get to appreciate each other in life and understand the basic human experience that we all go through in an ordinary setting.

But in some kind of extraordinary situation the awe can sometimes really get you. And if you get addicted to that kind of stuff it can really mess you up whether you’re living in a palace or living in a jail somewhere in a hell hole what ever it might be.

So, in essence, in order for us to understand what’s important in life its not just “boy I’m just trying to have fun”. Of course that’s important to young people because they want to experience life to the fullest.
It is part of human maturation that you go through many extreme experiences so that you can understand your potential range. A lot of young people take risks while they’re young and some people never grow out of it, and that’s a problem.

But beyond the obvious process of trying to discover yourself through experimentation… because you have to; you will, because in the end that’s what you take to the grave till your dying day, the experiences that actually molded you and gave you some kind of enlightenment as to how one should live and how one should control their lives through living with other people because you don’t want to live alone.

Many times you do not just take extreme experiences to understand your boundaries but you do also take other extreme measures to understand how to live as a human being in a gregarious setting.

That social experience some times will take you to push your self a bit. Why? Because you need to understand your boundaries, your limitations and you do take chances at times. Some people mess up and break the law. There are obviously consequences to every individual action.

Even when we think about True Parents, Parents to me doesn’t just symbolize parents and the ancestry of humankind the restoration version of it, but it’s (True Parents are) also the embodiment or symbolification of law, right?

The American government has three branches executive, legislative and judicial. It (My view of True Parents as the incarnation of law) embodies pretty much that aspect of it.

So when you talk about Parents as that kind of symbolic figure, that is what a King is and the reason that you don’t trust a king is that historically kings have abused their powers. Because that’s what it (True Parents) represents, technically, theoretically, in every aspect. I doesn’t matter what kind of historical tribe that you come from, what kind of heritage background that you have, you pretty much follow that route.

And many times you don’t trust those kinds of circumstances because of historical experience. Then we don’t trust.

But however with True Parents, when they talk about individual responsibility, to me that is the way to be free from judgment. If you’re individually responsible then you’re free from judgment from God, from history and from posterity. That’s freedom.

We’re not talking about freedom in the sense that there is no law, no boundaries, then obviously that is nihilism, anarchy.

Responsibility is freedom. That equalizes things. And even if you fail, in God everybody has the opportunity to be God’s children, to feel God’s love. Why? Because even if you fail your responsibility, there is a course. You pay your consequences and indemnity, and restoration through indemnity can be restored.

That is the greatest freedom, is a sense. We can all achieve that end indeed. Sometime when you are going through paying the consequences this is very difficult, because you have to live through it. It’s not somebody else, it’s you. You have to live through that stuff and that’s nasty. Sometimes its painful, sometimes it’s hopeless, helpless, powerless, and it’s bad.

Your whole perspective of life changes sometimes when you’re going through some kind of serious situation, paying those consequences. It’s bad, nasty, but it will end some time,
it won’t go on forever. That’s about it. That’s what you have to walk through. You try to tough it out and try to reason with yourself “there is a purpose for this and I accept it. I know this will end one day. It will not last forever”

In that sense when we’re awed by things in life whether it is positive or minus, it has to do with life itself. We have to understand the basic premise of life and see the value in it. If we can appreciate that value of the plus or minus experiences that you might have. If you can try to understand the essence of why they exist, and how they affect you and why they should be relevant to you and you accept it, you have taken one step closer to understanding and mastering your life.

Ultimately you can help people, other people, if you can help your self.

Yesterday some second generation came and I showed them some video because they were wondering about Archbishop Milingo working on the issue of married priests.

Actually these are productions from a company that I created several years back, and since last year we have been working on this kind of partial format stuff.

I was going to report to you when we had over one hundred interviews, but now we have a little over twenty interviews on these kind of topics in that same spirit. They’re inspiring and I want to use them.

You can also have access to them at definingmoment.tv/ because it will benefit you.

The plan is to create shows like these. The host is Bret Moss. He’s been around for a long time. If we have more of these we can but them together and make an internet broadcasting company. It’s a cheaper version of cable TV, but you have to start somewhere. It can be done; it can be done.

The reason that we want to pursue this is because it’s for the purpose of immunization, detoxification and straightforward education. A lot of people still to this day have a kind of (negative) notion about the Unification Church “Moonies” that they still hold on to that was influenced by broadcasters in the beginning of our ministry in the early seventies.

We still hold that stigma, and that is something that we need to detoxify. We need to provide our people with information. People aren’t out there just to be our enemies. We can bridge the gap through this kind of understanding, and build on the similarities that we have with others to create a positive outcome. We can grow into something more constructive. Because it is doable when you do things in a doable way.

You can always attack. There are times when you have to attack. Most likely you defend your self first. We should always try (to educate people) and if it works, that’s great isn’t it? That’s the way it should be. I think it can be done that way. Because this is just about detoxifying people’s hearts and strengthening people’s minds, sharing and educating about what is right and wrong.

There are some crazy people that we may have to fight, but in general, in essence living in civility I think we can do it through education. Basically that’s the first step we can take on the twenty first century platform. The fastest way we can achieve this is through the field of multimedia. That’s why I’ve always been adamantly pushing that kind of area.

We have several other production companies because we have to be self sufficient. Some things are non profit, just for education, others produce income. You can’t do
anything without money. If we have more money the quality will be better. This is low budget, but the content is OK. We try the best we can and we'll do other stuff to support the growing community that we have.

The executive producer of Definingmoment.tv is Ryuichi Fujita is in the back. Please raise your hand. These projects will give us more tools to communicate better.

This is our strength. You need to network. The more networking you have even in your personal things this networking will improve your personal livelihood.

I don't know how because I don't know your talents or what you do for a living but it can help you in many many ways. Of course I'm not asking you to be a self centered…..

(Hyo-Jin-nim caught him self before he finished the sentence with a harsh word and started laughing. Many of the audience understood and there was general laughter)

I'm trying to change……anyway you know what I mean. (laughter)

Check it (DefiningMoment.tv) out and help your self with it. I'm sure that it will be helpful to you. And we are going to produce more and more content and add it to the site. The more the better.

Anyway we're trying.

Take care of your self.

See you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Multimedia” 17 September 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage)

Did you check it out? (Referring to definingmoment.tv/ web site)

It’s OK? Just keep it coming.

Well it’s got a format so as much as we can invite (people to do interviews), you can e-mail suggestions about what you’re interested in, anything, information that you would be useful to you. Let us know. We can do it.

At the same time we can develop new characters too.

These days more than any other time it doesn’t matter how old you are. Obviously young people live under the pressure to be something great, something that can be in the limelight as quick as they can if it is doable. They need to really prove themselves because there are so many ways to put a spotlight on an individual. You can deliberately do it to your self or because of what ever circumstances, because of whatever occupation you are choosing an inquisition is on your tail.

People want to know what the best trend is; whatever it is at all times. In order to actually find some kind of success in today’s world you have to go through that scrutiny. That’s the kind of reality that my children will face, that young people are facing, today’s people in whatever profession that you’re involved in have to contend with just to further their careers.

Having said that, how do you go about achieving a reality where you can actually do something and that you can compete and win? Obviously with something like this (definingmoment.tv/) if we have more of it would be better.

For our church we can provide an incentive to seek out and further individual aspirations and understanding so that you can ultimately have control over your destiny and what ever responsibility that you might have at hand. Ultimately in order for you to be successful put aside your success for a while and just deliver your expectation. (what’s expected from you). Do your responsibility and you have to be up to whatever the standard of the present might be. That dictates what you have to deliver in the end. It doesn’t matter what other people tell you. That’s about it.

You can’t change that reality. It would be nice if we could just go out and witness to several politicians and through some kind of miraculous inspiration you convert them into our way of thinking. That’s not going to change how America will be the day afterwards. America is a very different place (than Korea?) The four hundred and some odd people who make the laws get elected every two years. To pass a law or make an amendment to a law and put it in the law books, people from both sides have to agree and they went out of their way to avoid the kind of system that they ran away from. (King and feudalism)

It’s a very difficult place and even the person who is in the position of management doesn’t have absolute power. Yes, the president gets presidential treatment and to a
point and within the context of the law does have absolute power, but his power is limited by the law and by term limits.

Ultimately in the end in order to change America, you can't do it with judges. You can’t do it with politicians. You have to convince the people, people like us have to be well informed as to what America stands for and how it work; even just basic nitty gritty stuff from the bottom up that’s essential (information) to the point, no nonsense just the facts.

In America there so many ethnic and religious groups of people in this land of opportunity, the land of immigrants. So many groups hold on to their own traditions and their own cultural identity. Never mind religion.

In religion too it depends on what part of the world you came from. So you have to understand all those facts. It’s not a silly thing. It’s crucial information if you want to believe that you have the potential to change these people. You have to know these things whether you like it or not. Otherwise you can’t communicate. You are speaking in a different tongue, speaking a different language.

It would be like me talking to you in Korean. You could understand my gestures to a point but it’s limited to how universally we understand body language. So as long as we clearly do not have a universal language to present a universal culture, it’s very important that we are informed about those variations of human history. Why? Just to communicate, just to say hello in the right way. If we don’t have those basic fundamental facts.....

We can dream all sorts of dreams and anything is possible; I believe that. I believe that certain things will take time. I believe that certain things can be done relatively faster than something else. However you have to dream the dream in a realistic way. And the way to dream of changing the world, the universal idealism, the ultimate stuff regardless of who you are. Who ever does the basic homework first has a better chance of scoring than somebody who is not doing it.

Eventually everybody who wants to, every organization, every religion that wants to realize the dream will put greater and greater emphasis on that fact because that is the only way. There is no other way.

We can talk about stuff that we understand and we can inspire each other because we want to hear certain things that make us feel good, because it distinguishes us from some other groups of people. We believe that what we believe is greater than the other guy. So be it! That’s beside the point in changing the world. I don’t think that religion should be something that just caters to holding on to and managing someone’s status of reality of being or frame of mind. I think it should be more than that.

For us to increase who we are it is important that we use formats like that that are so readily available. Of course it isn’t cheap, obviously it’s cheaper than the fall, but it’s global and we should use it to the hilt. We should use it as much as we can, why? Because ultimately and in the end, if you are better informed and you can deal with the basic facts more than the other person then you will have a better chance of reaching out, connecting. It’s very important.

You can’t do it alone. We need more and more people like you, not less. Just even for your children’s sake, just imagine. Let’s get to the point on every issue, how the government works on every different level. If we can have something that you and I can feel comfortable with and give them the facts on how things work, starting with the government, wouldn’t you feel better?
What is the extent of the power of the president, and what is the extent of the power of the legislature, and so on and so forth. Wouldn't you feel better? And if that came from somebody like you and me who are committed, then that's important. We should have more of this, and it's never too late. I try to do more, more, as much as possible, but it's limited. I don't want to sound cheesy, but stuff costs and you can only do so much. But you want to do more. OK, all right. That's your limitation but you try to do something more. It's easier said than done, right? Always, right? Let's make a greater commitment and take a greater risk and all that troublesome stuff, that pain and heart ache. There is no guarantee. What needs to be done?

Somebody has to do it right? Somebody will always say that. I hate that term. But that's true though. Somebody will say that and somebody will have to do it though.

I want to dream what Father dreams. It's very difficult, but I want to dream what Father dreams. I want to believe it too. But my inner mind says that it is going to take some time. I've got to be patient. It'll take time. It's going to take time to convince Americans. It's going to take time to convince the rest of the world. It's going to take time even just in our situation to get all the generations motivated together.

Starting with ourselves, I don't think it's that difficult if there's a will, that there's a kind of uniform will. The problem, I feel, is because so many people want to still insert their way of trying to proselytize. Their way of ecumenism still has a certain validity even to this day and that's the tragedy. What's important for us is that from Father's blessing we go out to the world using whatever means that is necessary that gives us the ability to spread the news, clear, concise and to the point, as fast as we can. There is no other way to do that. It must use multi-media. There is no other way because it is so flexible.

It's through communication. It's not just showing how great we are. We can also educate our selves about what kind of similarities that we have with others that we can use. For long we thought that we were different. The more that we have in terms of building strength between human relationships it gives us greater opportunity, a greater chance to make something good come out of it. I know that everybody wants to be good in the end.

We should do away with the idea of just saying something (to people on the street) because in America the time of the sixties is over where you can just talk to some hippie on the street and they'll say “Ok I'll come over.” That kind of time is gone. That might have been a unique experience in America and that's not going to happen any more. I'm sure a lot of you joined that way. (laughter) A lot of the late baby boomers are still into the hippie way of thinking. OK more power to you, but that's only an American experience. You don't find that anywhere else.

People know that life is short and that we'll do the best we can. They know that there is law and that law should be absolute. People say that death and taxes are absolute. Yes the IRS will come after you and the government can harass you to the letter of every law on the books. Within the bounds of the law the government might be lenient or they can enforce it to the max. That's absolute. If you disobey the law you could be in flight for the rest of your life.

It's like that in America too, there are things that are absolute, but some people don't know it because they live a kind of routine life where they just wake up and go to work and come home and enjoy the weekend. They take off one or two week's vacation. That's just how they live. They don't know anything else. Even in America you have to obey the laws that you permit. If you vote, your vote gives absolute power to those
people that you elect to public office to make laws that they feel are right for you and that will get them reelected. Then they can boast that they did something to help humanity.

That is real. It’s absolute. How can we better reach out to people who are important, somebody who has something to give? I wish it could just come naturally. You have to know your self and I know my limitations, but if it has to be done you have to do it right? You have to do as much as you can. People that share our beliefs are some dedicated people and I will invest more with bigger stuff.

That’s going to take some time. If something can be done like Father says “Hey do it!” that maybe it can be done in a month, on my own maybe it will take a few years. That’s my limitation, even if we dedicate every resource that I have into it.

I know it’s important. I know that’s how you’re going to change the world. Let’s start for real. I don’t care what other people say. What better way is there to hear it from the horse’s mouth? (Hearing interviews with prominent people) You say “OK talk about your self. Let’s talk about our problems. Let’s talk about your problems.” That’s powerful stuff, first-hand information. Having that footage is powerful in a world where you have to compete with communication.

If you become more able and therefore feel more confident, we all benefit. That’s strength in us and if every individual that’s dependent on basic information received first hand accounts then that benefits us all to further our cause, to make the dream come a little closer to reality. That is the only way where you’re going to succeed in America and elsewhere in the world. There is, in my view, no other way.

Any way it’s another speech and I’m saying the same things over and over again. (Hyo-Jin-nim laughs) Any way you can never change certain main things. I’m just giving you what I feel from the bottom of my heart you know that when it comes to that question I don’t see any other way. (Except multi media) I just don’t see it. They can try that hocus-pocus stuff on me but I’m not going to change. I can’t because I’m a product of it. That’s reality, my reality, our reality. That’s the body reality. Do I like it? Does the stuff that I am constantly bombarded with inspire my spirit, Enlarge my spirit? Mature my spirit? Heck no!

There are many things about it that infuriate me. Does it titillate my intellect? Some do. Some don’t. Much of it I get offended and I get concerned because I have young kids growing up. I have to accept it because it is reality. That’s about it. It is that important. It affects me that much I know that it affects you too as much as it affects me. We have to live with that. Let’s keep on doing it!

OK? (Yes)

We need hosts for different age groups and for more different specialties. We have to make those things ours. We have to get people involved and bring it to our community so it’s not foreign to us. Whether it is science or medicine it doesn’t matter. The things that are relevant you civilization; well we’re going to be come familiar with it. It’s necessary. I’m not saying we have to be like that. We just have to know what we’re dealing with.

Just because you study something doesn’t mean that you are it? I live in America. I am accustomed to American culture but I’m not American. Why; because I choose not to be in many ways. And I’m still a legal alien. I never had a desire to become an American Citizen. That’s about it. I look at it that way. Not because I hate Americans, I just don’t feel the need personally.
I know America is important. I know we have to win here. Why the heck do I need to be American when I have a lot of Americans like you, right Joe? (laughter)

Something like that. It’s that kind of attitude; to boldly go and be brave. Within us everything can grow. Everything can happen. Everything can exist. “Everything has a purpose” God said. That’s the attitude that we must have. You think big, but practically speaking. It’s the best approach I feel. Please become effective and become more confident. Also be more loving. You can feel more love when you are a little strong and confident than when you’re the opposite. You know what I’m saying. (yes) Something like that. (laughing)

See you next week.

OK

Take care

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Dream” 24 September 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage)

Please be seated.

Good morning. (Audience responds, good morning.)

Let’s talk about Dream. (laughing)

I’m not talking about fantasies or night mares but about dream.

I guess that everybody knows about Martin Luther King’s “I have a dream” speech.

So when you talk about dream, you’re talking about a vision, and when you talk about a vision, obviously you’re talking about something greater than your self beyond your personal individual desires or reality, something grander than that. Hopefully if you believe in God it has some kind of religious tone to it.

It is a kind of mission statement. When you talk about a dream, ultimately it becomes a mission statement. I believe. I dream about something. We like to talk in general about, everybody whether you believe in God or not, world peace. We don’t want people killing each other. We want harmony. We want peace, prosperity. So that is basically what it is in the end when you talk about a dream; something beyond your self, something greater that involves a higher power.

How one interprets what is a higher power obviously can vary. Communism had its own ideology that lasted about seventy years, and pretty much conquered the world, almost conquered the world but they failed. It lived about the average life span of an individual human being and disappeared. Nobody will believe it again.

It’s something like that. A dream is something grander because it’s vision oriented. And when you think about a vision obviously it’s beyond what you are immediately pursuing and need. So how do you go about achieving something that you immediately need and can achieve? What ever the circumstances might be, if you make a mission statement, obviously you have to prove it. You’re committed. You’re basically telling everybody that this is what I am. And you’re forcing something to other people, a third party, expectation. That’s what you’re doing. What you’re dream becomes in the end, just for your sanity’s sake, your survival’s sake; it becomes a need-to-do responsibility; because otherwise you will fail.

When you fail; when you say all those big things and you fail, it’s miserable. You’re asking for it. That’s why we have to think about what we make that kind of mission statement.

Why do we do it; for what reason are we doing it? Are we doing it for ourselves or are we truly pushed because of some kind of circumstances you genuinely feel that you have to do that. And if you fail with that honesty therefore you have some dignity in it.
Even if you fail, start over. Why? The definition of arrogance is…... Keeping your word is very difficult. Being humble is keeping your word. Avoiding arrogance is trying to be humble. What being humble is is keeping your word.

And it’s very difficult. You can be a humble guy and try to keep your word and miserably fail. But in the end, the good people, who observe a higher power, can forgive you. If you don’t have that, it is very difficult.

It is easy when you look at this world to self promote and you think “I’ll become a star.” Becoming a star has nothing to do with becoming something that is relevant in changing the world. Especially in relationship to God, most likely it has a negative connotation. It’s all about megalomania……stuff.

Most stars you see, they put on a front. They're different but it’s difficult to find the definition to describe those kinds of people. They definitely have a certain kind of mental state, whether you describe it as a disorder or not that’s relative, especially people who are in it. Obvious they do have a sense of self grandeur and power and money and whatever.

What does that have to do with a vision? What does that have to do with a dream that we seek?

There are examples our there all over the place. The problem is that it (these stars and the multi-media) comes into our sanctuary. Our individual home is, in a way, our individual Garden of Eden. Do you know that? You as a parent who have children, you're basically going through the process of building the kingdom of heaven on earth starting with your family. As the story goes, the person who had that kind of understanding to give proper guidance to Adam and Eve, because of his corruption things were tainted and the fall occurred.

Do you think that you’re absolutely in control of your Garden of Eden? You’re not! You have so much corruption coming in whether you like it or not. Unless you make you’re house a prison, literally, you can’t stop it. You can’t stop those influences. It’s corrupt. It’s decadent. And sometimes it’s outright criminal. Just because it’s available and just because you can do it, not everything is good for your Garden of Eden.

The problems is that you can’t control it. You might make your house into a prison, but the children have to walk out to go to school. Pretty much they spend at least sixty percent of the time out of the prison, even if you built it into a prison. How are you going to control that? I can only control the Garden of Eden but not the other stuff.

You have to start from somewhere, the individual level and the individual family situation. From that multiplying and through connecting you build the ideal Kingdom. Now put aside the connection for a while. Can you protect your own Garden of Eden? And if all sorts of stuff is coming in that can contaminate it and corrupt it, then what are you doing to replace it. Do you have something to replenish? Do you have a system do you have a means by which to replenish that kind of corrupt influence?

(I believe that in the next several paragraphs Hyo-Jin-nim is referring to our thirst for knowledge and the influence of bad types of multi media and information and the need to have good multimedia and information to counteract it.)

You can’t stop the mind, or the hunger of the belly or the mind or the spirit. Its wants to grow and it’s going to take it one way or the other. When you’re thirsty in the desert you’re going to drink piss water. If you’re adrift on the sea and you’ve got no water, you
are going to start drinking seawater and kill yourself. It’s that stuff. It’s the nature of survival. So you have to deal with the basic element of what it is. It makes us who we are.

We cannot avoid what we are as a human being, physical human being, intellectual human being, spiritual human being. You can’t just emphasize one. You have to align that stuff in the proper way and that’s the difficulty. And you have to keep it coming.

Wouldn’t you like to know how people think in politics and religion and business and what makes them tick? With any age group, young people, middle aged people, old people, the more stats you have the better chance you have in dealing with the physical world right? Wouldn’t you like to have that kind of information? Wouldn’t you like to know how your children think? You might think that you know how your children think, but what about their peers?

It’s not just your children who are living on this planet. There are hundreds of millions of fifteen year olds and fourteen year olds, thirteen year olds. Wouldn’t you like to know the answer to the basic question of how they think? Wouldn’t that give you a better understanding as to how you go about literally dealing with your children? It’s better to take the guesswork out of dealing with the problem.

If we can do that we will be a better organization. That is the kind of empowering attribute that can change, not just the world, but you, your family and make a difference in your family. That’s the kind of stuff that can stick; the kind of stuff that can take root and from that you can build. So you don’t have to fight when you these crazy kinds of examples of people who just because they have something well political ambition, maybe oil-rich people like Venezuela or Iraq pursuing their own agenda and having some kind of hoopla in the moment but in the end because they are pursuing something personal it’s not going to make anything better. It has to be fundamental. If you really want to change; if you really want to really make a change that matters in building an ideal world you have to include everyone. Everyone to what degree; by knowing what they’re dealing with in life, what kind of people they’re dealing with, what kind of world that they’re dealing with. The more information that you have, the better.

I know that you’re not going to go and betray somebody; you’re not going to back-stab somebody, if that information is given. You are not going to use it for your selfish abuse, your gain, your greed. That’s important.

That gives you the power, if we have to survive on our own, to survive because we understand how the world works, how people think, every aspect of life. The more you have it, the more detail you have, the better for you. Then it can really build the strong root. Screw the flower. The strong root is what is important. The flower will blossom one day. The whole point is to be the best, to be the (knight in) shining armor stuff, right; to be the vanguard of humanity.

We’re competing with every other religion in the world. I know that in the end we don’t need religion. What is your dream? The people that precede you should try to give you as much information as possible.

Go ahead and learn your skill. Learn something; learn your skill; find your calling. I don’t know what your calling is. Wouldn’t it be great if we were in a certain position where we could take care of all those things and reward those who actually sacrificed for something because every thing is managed properly? Even if it doesn’t I still believe that’s right. If you do (sacrifice) so too then I will try to do what ever I can in my little power…. Let me just put it this way: I will be there for you.
With Father every time it’s always an emergency. The reason is that He has to love you right? And He has to love a certain tradition. We all have to have that. It can be done right and it can be done wrong.

If you go into the game of criticizing; I can do that really better than you. (Laughing) I went out of my way not to do that for a long time. I made my self not to speak and taught myself how to shut up. I’m just picking it (public speaking) up again.

To be honest with you, I’m feeling something. I started this (Speaking at Belvedere on Sunday mornings) on a condition. Something changed in me. I said that I felt that I need to do this, but it’s a little more because time has past and I see certain faces and when you have that kind of human relationship and human interaction, things do change.

That’s personal and I don’t want to get into that. This is something that is mine; you try because you have that kind of stuff. You don’t always find hope at the top of the mountain. You don’t always get inspired by the biggest things that you see. Sometimes that can be big and that can be invisible.

It’s up to you. What are your dreams? There is a way to make that dream come true. You can do it. You always have to know where you stand before you die. When you die everybody knows that you’re going to be judged by God and history and posterity, if you believe in the spirit world. Before you die the greatest judge is the judgment that you give to your self. I want to be proud. I want to have no regrets. I did every thing that I could, the best that I could. Regardless I did it the best that I could.

OK?
Dream the dream. I hope that we can meet each other ion the end.
Alright; take care of your self.
We’ll see you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Propaganda” 01 October 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage; he brings a small notebook to the podium.)

Be Seated

How are you doing?

Good to see you.

Today’s topic is Propaganda.

Is it necessary? Propaganda has been around ever since people started to group together. Leaders and kings have abused it throughout history and you know for organized religion; it’s very useful for them and its necessary at the same time to promote their faith.

Pretty much that is the pattern of what we know today that we see all the time on television; there’s infomercials and commercials. The need comes because we do need to propagate the message whether we sell cereal or a message from God.

Having said that, the first thing that we have to think about is how we go about achieving the concept of propaganda for commercialization of the purpose of propagating the faith. There are many countries in the world, first of all, right? Every country has a distinction that they try to put forth that they try to do based on their law and on the unique way they proscribe and actually implement the law the way that they accept as a nation.

When you talk about law you have to go to the beginning and ask God “Did You need law?” Did God need law when he was by Himself? He was almighty. So going back to the pre-creation period when God was still God. He was almighty and omnipotent and omnipresent, you have to ask Him, Did You need law?” I’m sure that He didn’t.

Why would you need law when you’re by yourself, especially when you’re almighty, omnipotent and omnipresent? Was it necessary? So I guess the answer can only be that in the purpose of creation as we know it and allege it is that the law exists because I want an object. The law exists for the sake of the object, not for one’s self.

Of course you know God was almighty and he wanted to create something. That is the ultimate something (the creator) that the almighty can be. That’s the miracle I guess. That’s why we exist. Unfortunately we had a difficult time understanding the value of the law, but that is the essence.

So when you talk about the concept of law which defines us as a group, a nation, or a world, or even a universe ultimately you have to accept that concept that God has intended, that God’s intention by having law is to create ultimately a family, something that reflects him and that has volition, consciousness and can reflect what He is. That is the essence.
From that we have to actually start trying to create something that we can showcase to the world because ultimately we have to compete and win it won't be automatic. Even if we have our own laws by having it and being who we are, that has to reveal to the world and through that revelation people must choose because its restoration. Something that is greater and has greater promise greater than yesterday, greater than today.

Making that kind of statement is very challenging. How do you go about doing that? Do think it would be easier to just shine the limelight on a few individuals? I don’t think that will work. Not today.

Throughout history propaganda has been abused in so many ways. Mostly it’s a kind of psychological warfare tactics. Propaganda really doesn’t have a positive impact. It has a kind of negative connotation. We have to try to do it (spread positive propaganda about our movement) systematically.

Unless you can constantly prove something in today’s world where there are so many issues and so many questions, unless you can handle all of the volume people put out that can literally go around the world, regardless of who you are, in a few seconds, its very difficult.

What’s the best way if you’re going to use that concept (Of multi media / propaganda) and we have to use it somehow because others do even to sell cereal? It’s better that we increase the standing of everybody in the group. That’s the challenge. You can invite people from third-world countries who want to live better. There are still a lot of people out there. I don’t like traveling, but if you do travel there a lot of places where the people live miserably. I certain places because of that physical hardship and the challenges that they have to face; some places like it would be easy to bring people in to the workshop and make them committed (into our movement). Why, because they have nothing to loose.

I know that feeling. If you have nothing to loose then you’ll do anything. Are we ready to prepare them, take care of them step-by-step, to raise them to the position where we can say “Hey, These are the kind of guys (members) that we’ve got; Look at their quality; they’re better than you.”

How do you go from there to there? Does it happen automatically? You pray a lot and things change? It doesn’t work that way. As much as we need to disseminate the face, disseminate properly the information, we have to increase the quality of the faithful. It is the most important thing, if you are going to use propaganda, in the end that is the only way it will work in today’s world. There is no other way.

I wish that I could believe that we go to Father’s speeches, and I did some of them, and I wish it could change people’s lives. But it usually doesn’t happen. It is just a condition. I’m trying to be honest with you. There is only one (True Father). It’s not going to happen, but he is going to do what he is going to do. So be it. Make that commitment. More power to you. That’s His (Father’s) prerogative, and there is only one man like Him; Right?

When others start to do that, that’s a problem. That’s a serious problem. Why the hell do you want to be that famous? Why the hell do you want to be in that focal point? Why? Why do you want to be that important? Why the hell do you use propaganda? This is not the nineteen-twenties. You must be crazy. You have to be beyond stupid using imageries and stupid sentiments and crazy stuff. It’s ridiculous. Even a teenager will laugh at that in today’s society, never mind grown-up people who have been through that nonsense all throughout their lives.
Everybody sitting here, you know in today’s world and in today’s media driven world, we are a victim to that stuff (multi-media / propaganda) one way or the other. We can’t even use what is obvious for tutelage. We blatantly sometimes just use it for our selves. That’s ridiculous. It makes us look so stupid. That’s shocking. That’s shocking to me. That has to go away because it’s just absolutely humiliating. I believe it’s better to inspire and uplift. Make other people the star, not yourself.

If you have that capacity; if you have that realization or enlightened heart, you should do that because that is better, and I have something to give that is also great, much better than just a commercial. Even if you consider it as being a cynic, that action of self promotion; that’s a better way to self promote.

There are certain things that are basic, that are fundamentally basic and if we don’t practice it, well nothing is going to change.

What you see is what you get.

Have you ever thought of the relation ship between.........You think about your desire a lot, right? Sometimes it can be a problem. If we have a problem dealing with our desires then what good is freedom? Freedom can be a problem if you have uncontrollable desires. What good is freedom if people living “in freedom” can’t control their lives?

If it’s uncontrollable; they’ll probably kill each other in the end. What good is freedom? Why do you need freedom for the people when they can’t control their desires?

It’s that kind of basic stuff. Unless we can address those kind of basic questions all the ideal stuff that we think about and talk about really doesn’t mean anything. You can talk about it till the cows come home I guess. It isn’t going to happen till you have all sorts of stuff (knowledge ideas) in your head that you want. You have to know how to control stuff (your desires) you had better know why you want that stuff. Think about this week OK.

You’re free to do so in America. That’s why it’s silly in the end. But I live here; I have freedom, but you have no absolutes. Of course you have a lot of laws and regulations, a lot of secondary absolutes. I call man-made laws secondary absolutes. God-made laws like simple physics are primary absolutes. We make our laws because we need to live gregariously. If we don’t have any we would probably kill each other or something. There are layers and layers of complicated laws. They will absolutely go after you if you break one of them. It’s absolute; trust me! They’ll penalize you in an absolute manner. When they come after you it’s absolute.

Think about what you want to be and how we want to present ourselves to the world and try to do something to help each other. (Hyo-Jin-nim is in tears) Do something meaningful, something from the heart. Don’t do it because someone is watching you or because of your pride. Do it because you are made of something and it’s just the right thing to do……. (Hyo-Jin-nim’s words become hard to understand because he is in tears.)

Do you know the story of Sun Wukong, the Monkey in Buddha’s hand? (Explained below) That’s how you feel. That’s what you are in the end and you know it.

You will die. You want to leave a lasting propaganda? Die well and let somebody else say that “he died well” That’s the way to do it. Anyway something like that.

Take care.
I’ll see you.

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Here is an excerpt from a synopsis of the story of the monkey in Buddha’s hand that Hyo-Jin-nim referred to.

Buddha challenges Monkey: He will make Monkey emperor if Monkey can jump out of his hand. Monkey thinks this sounds easy and leaps across the universe. When he lands, he sees five pillars. To show he’s been there, he writes “Monkey was here,” and in a naughty mood, he also leaves a puddle of pee.

Then Monkey flies back to Buddha and boasts that he has won. But Buddha shows Monkey his hand—on his middle finger are the exact words Monkey has just written and, phew, the smell of monkey pee.

This is a synopsis of one event from the novel: “Journey to the West” which was written by Wu Chen-en, and is considered to be one of the four great classic novels written during the Ming Dynasty (c. 1500-1582).

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“Giving Thanks” 08 October 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage; he brings a small notebook to the podium.)

Sorry that I’m a little late.

Based on Korean Tradition, just a few days ago we passed Thanksgiving. (Chu’sok the Korean “Harvest Moon” festival is on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month)

What are we thankful for? When you are first born…. I don’t know if a baby can realize the status of their own being at the moment of inception when they emerge from the womb venturing into something that is absolutely foreign to them.

That’s a different state. I don’t know whether the newborn coming out of the womb can actually feel that stuff or anything for that matter. This is something that I wish that I could understand. Does the infant coming right out of the womb feel anything, and if it feels anything what does it feel? That’s pretty much where you have to start.

Anything that is going to be anything; that is the start. Do you see God? And that kind of stuff. Do you know God personally? Do you have His cell phone number? (laughter) That kind of stuff.

We believe in something because we want…. because of our intellectual capacity to look at the past. And the past doesn’t really look pretty in terms of building what we want in the ideal sense.

That’s why religion is a powerful force in history. Because we want to know “what did I think when I first came out of the womb?” Think? If I did then what did I think? Was I happy to be here or not happy? We could start with that.

Do you remember what you thought when you were first born? Can you honestly say to somebody else, yourself even, that you know absolutely, for sure, that I know the answer. “I was happy.” I was not happy.” Or what ever in between, I don’t care. Do you have that answer? Pretty much, basically that’s where we start from, our individual self. Everything else is influenced. If you are nor sure of your self, if you don’t know who you are, if you don’t know your limit, pretty much you’re the product of influence around you, your reality.

Go back and think about your situation. Think about your reality. How far can I go back? To my beginning, MY beginning. Now just put aside somebody else for now OK? Your beginning. How far can I go back and start to fundamentally ask myself and give myself fundamental answers?

What am I thankful for? If you want to change the world you’d better answer that question. As far as you can go back, teenage years, whatever. Middle class parents want to do their best to put their children through school and a good school is all the better, Ivy League even better right? Because they will get preferential treatment and go on to the next level.
You start off with an annual salary of $70,000 or $80,000 up to $120,000 with a law degree from an Ivy League school, an MBA or whatever. The more the better. Actually, just for fun because this information is so easy to get these days I found that from established schools like Harvard Yale etc about 25,000 to 30,000 kids come out every year. Obviously there are more prominent schools out there in America; every state has state universities from grade “A” to whatever, and it’s like that everywhere in the world.

Then what? Other issues? What is free in America? It’s an opportunity sure. You know mind and body stuff to me is sometimes very simple. I look at it sometimes as life and death, life and sense, and life and love. You kind of have to measure people based on that kind of stuff. When you look at civilizations what are they chasing?

Of course even in spirit it can be good and bad. Even in intelligence there is good and bad. Even in body there is good and bad. Right? Just because in comparison to some spiritual dumb ass on a physical level you might be better off than that because you seem opposite it doesn’t make it right forever; it is very temporal.

Father has invested in the second generation I know for sure two kids that have gotten a PhD in economics. They’re doing well on their own, but that’s about it. I could go into detail, but it’s not necessary.

There is a lot of stuff that it is not necessary to talk about. You just have to understand the essence of stuff. You have to ask yourself “Why do I want to give thanks to something? Do I mean it?” When you are thankful for something what happens? Most likely you’re thankful for some kind of personal reasons, that some kind of personal benefit might happen to you. People who are thankful, what happens to them if you’re normal? You make some kind of offering right? You don’t make an offering unless you feel something like that. Obviously unless you have something to be grateful for or thankful for it (the desire to make an offering) isn’t going to last long. That’s reality right?

That’s why that I guess in a sense that you have reached some mind of understanding that in spirit there is an end to reality as we understand it. Because of that basic reality our ability to understand stuff, God doesn’t want to be alone. God is almighty by Himself He doesn’t need law, but because of his counterpart he has to have law. Law exists for the sake of the counterpart, that’s it.

When you have that reality obviously there is a give-and-take principle that’s the basic law to bring about that happening, to bring about somebody wanting to give something because they are genuinely thankful. That’s why there is a funny phenomenon in America where you always try to look for bigger Gurus. In this wealthy country you have time and money and I guess you have nothing better to do.

Find the greater defining meaning of being truly thankful. That’s (those Gurus) what we have to compete against. Do you actually believe that stuff? I’ve tried it all there are so many ways in which you can abuse things. There are so many ways in which you can do right; but you have to make that choice.

When you try to do right you will suffer. You will suffer, suffer, suffer. If you take, take, take or you try to do the opposite, you’ll suffer, suffer, suffer. Its up to you. It never ends.

What’s the difference between Mother Teresa and the Bill Gates of the world? Both started with nothing, seemingly. They’re self made people. That’s the commonality between Bill Gates and Mother Teresa. That’s why people respect them whether they
like them or not. For whatever their reason it doesn’t matter. You respect them to the
core, to a point; they started from nothing in general.

They’ve gotten something based pretty much on the traditional kind of sacrifice based on
religious dictum regardless of what religion. A self made man is a good opportunist that
comes along at the right time and something was there beyond them self. They were in
the right place at the right time. Their contribution will stand and they will at least be
given the credit for discovery and application, and implementation. To what degree? It
doesn’t matter. They did something and we accept that. It seems like some sort of
offering.

When we have to try to teach ourselves to be thankful on a daily basis remember your
life is an offering in the end. Right? The way I look at it, and I’m a simple and morbid kind
of guy, even if you die it’s not important. It’s about an offering.

There is a connection between freedom and desire. If you have uncontrollable desire
what good is freedom? How did the fall occur? Because desires couldn’t be controlled.
Why? Because of individual responsibility. So even if you’re given the freedom to make
the choices…. Freedom means we have the ability to make choices unlike dumb
animals that act in instinct and impulses.

We have the faculty of higher developed intellectual processing to determine, beyond
the fate of impulse and instinct, to actually go further to the desire. It is constantly
expanding and seemingly infinite. What the heck is freedom then? It has no meaning in
the end. We have to live by the law of God in the end, right, whether you like it or not.
Why, Because God says “When I made you I had….. Because of you law has to exist.
Otherwise I'll kill you. The law exists so that I won’t kill you.

Sometimes no matter how much you love something, I don’t feel that way all the time,
maybe everyday once, but what if God is more extreme than me? (Laughter) How the
heck do you know?

Some second generation ask me should I go to school, what should I do? What should I
major in? I tell them that in your life you have to make choices and in the end it’s about
making an offering, whether you make your lively hood out of it or from the body you
make something greater and greater. Pretty much it’s about that.

What are you good at? What do you like? Start from there. Don’t ask me! How the heck
do I know? I have a hard time keeping my self on track sometimes. There are so many
things that can distract you in a tick-tock moment.

Just do what ever you learn apply it. Sometimes you can really logically process
everything till it makes sense to you.

How many of those thanksgivings that we talked about do you think I will see? How
many will you see? It happens once a year, how many times? How many times did you
see? Most of you maybe forty or fifty times, maybe some of the young kids here ten or
twenty. Will you see three digits? Good for you. That’s reality. You can’t deny that.

You have problems; I have problems, why, because stuff happens. The thing is what can
you do about it. What am I willing to do about it? I can blame stuff till kingdom or hell
freezes over. I’m just doing my part here. What you take from it doesn’t really matter.
You really don’t have to own the world to change the world. What we do with our lives and the choices that we make can make a difference and inspire each other. What kind of choices do you want to make?

You don’t need a billion dollars to change the world as long as intention is correct. I know about self promotion and I really don’t do it. I go out of my way not to do it. I know it better than you. Trust me. It’s not about that. Why do you want to promote your self?

You see this terrible situation in the Amish community where those children were shot. (Hyo-Jin-nim is referring to a horrible school shooting where five little girls were killed in Lancaster Pennsylvania last week)

(Hyo-Jin-nim broke into tears and I could not make out his words.)

We aren’t always good and great all the time, but you don’t want to be foolish and judgmental. If you think that you can judge someone, then prepare to explain according to what standard you live.

We all want to receive love from God equally and we should all try to do that. That is the only definition of the ideal world that really matters.

Our life is an offering; correct yours, its depending on the choices you make and history will judge you by it.

Include God and you won’t die.

See you later.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Entitlement” 15 October 2006

All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow. (Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage)

Please sit.

Good morning.

Today’s topic is “Entitlement.”

This world is crazy. Let’s go to the story telling phase.

Let’s go back to the beginning of how we build our understanding as to what is right and what is wrong.

What are we inheriting? That is the question; right?

In democracy and free society we talk about entitlement and that is about basic freedom and human rights. It’s a fundamental thing that makes you who you are in relation to God.

It’s the case that there are many people that see otherwise. It’s basically where we stem from. That’s where we start. That is the conflict. If there is any conflict in a fundamental sense, that’s where it comes from; entitlement issues. Why?

Because children of God have a certain promise based on religious doctrine and some traditions that you have something that is inherent in you because God exists. That’s it.

When you take God out of the picture the entitlement issue disappears. It’s every man for him self. If you don’t have parents you don’t inherit anything; you don’t even exist to begin with. That’s the fundamental stuff.

When you’re dealing with people who don’t believe in God that’s why anything is open to every kind of crazy stuff that comes down the pike based on conflict or whatever situation that exists based on voluntary issues ultimately things get crazier because it doesn’t have any root.

There is no connection. It is very difficult when you have to prove your self on a momentary basis, how great you are, why you’re better that the next person if you don’t have some kind of connection that allows you to speak representing good.

It doesn’t work. The only reason that there is good accepted in the world is that we believe in God. I know you never saw God. You don’t call Him on a red phone or something. I know that doesn’t exist. The only reason that we try to take the moral higher ground is because we believe that we have some kind of relationship with God. Whether we understand it clearly, whether it is real to us, to what degree that is true in every individual case, because there will be many variations of it.

That becomes the focal point ultimately no matter how you address it that will pretty much determine the outcome. When it comes to dealing with what we have to face in reality there are people that don’t believe in God. Another unfortunate fact is that beyond
that reality it doesn’t end there. There are many groups of people who say that “My God is better that your God.”

I’m not talking about polytheism here; I’m talking about one single God, but my belief is better than your belief, my faith is better than yours.

It all comes from the concept of entitlement. I deserve something because of a religious teaching. God promised. God exists. God created everything. God gave me the opportunity to be something. Based on that people try to translate whatever, however they want to translate entitlement issues. That’s it.

Let’s go back to the Christian stories. We kind of get along OK; it doesn’t matter how crazy the stuff we do is, still we seem to get along because of the Christian concept. You have to promise something. What is the entitlement? If you go to the mythological story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, the fall occurred because the entity who was delegated to rear the primary ancestors of the human race, Adam and Eve had a falling out with that particular entity based on entitlement issues.

On a hierarchy level, jealously normally comes from the bottom up; it doesn’t come from up to down. Up to down you will have contempt. “That is contemptuous; I am disgusted with that person’s actions.” It won’t be out of jealously or envy.

Jealously and envy are due to things that you see and feel, tactile things, things you need to feel and you need to have. This application will trigger jealously. If something is just out there in theory, how can you be jealous of something that you can’t measure? Jealously and envy exist because it’s measurable.

You want something. You want to take something. “Oh he has more power.” That’s measurable stuff. Base on that kind of thought provoking emotional thing you act upon it and try to claim it for yourself. This causes all sorts of problems.

When you talk about entitlement then what is the essence of entitlement? What are you really trying to…. As the human race if we believe in God and God is the Almighty, the Creator, we have to accept the will of God.

What are we ultimately inheriting? Do you think it is something that will trigger jealously and envy? I don’t think so. It has to be something better, Why? Because you have to ask the question: What do you say when somebody says “I’m perfect?” What does that mean?

Perfect in what? Am I perfect in suffering like God? Am I perfect in forgiveness like God? Am I perfect in sacrificing? What kind of perfection are you talking about? That has to be clear. And why do you want to be in that position? Why do you want to emulate God? Why do you want to assume God? What is your intent? Do you really know what God’s perfection is?

Or is your perfection or your desire just a product of just human history in the general sense? It doesn’t have religious or secular. It’s just filled with crap all over the place. Why do you want to assume that position? Why is it important to you; and if you are a representation of God then what can you do with that stuff. What is the thing that makes a difference ultimately and not just in the present, but in the future?

You can’t judge somebody until they’re dead right? So I’ll leave it at that.
You will be judged, by your children, and by God. You can’t just think about yourself, my children, my posterity, my people; there is no such a thing!

We are obviously going through religious strife in the most appalling way possible dealing with racial differences and all sorts of crap.

That’s why you have to talk in general when you try to understand God because no matter how we try to understand in detail it will take time. It’s not going to happen like that. Why? Think about your self. Know your limits. You don’t live that long. History did not start from you.

There are many things you can be addicted to. I’ve seen all sorts of additions, but the most devastating stuff is power and money. That will make you think all sorts of stupid things. If you’re high on drugs you do crazy things and its not you making the decision; it’s the drug making you do things that you will regret. Ultimately you are responsible for it whether you like it or not.

It has to be that way if everybody is going to achieve perfection in the eyes of God, “I didn’t do anything wrong” To whose eyes? To what standard?

The world will change. No matter how crazy it is, it will change. In the past it was crazier. We know a lot. That’s why we struggle in our discretionary measures. We do have a greater understanding of how history works, of how human beings work in a basic sense, physical, emotional, psychological. So basically its mind and body, body and mind.

People 2000 years ago, 4000, 5000, they were trying to have a relationship with God. We’re still going through that phase and we still struggle till this day to have a spiritual relationship with God, a God that we all see, that we all talk to every day. Obviously something has evolved in betterment, we understand that, but still we struggle. Why? BECAUSE IT’S REAL! Because we can’t control it to the level of our understanding what the spirituality is just on the individual level. Remember that reality is various. It is not uniform. It is different in all sorts of crazy ways. But that’s what it’s about, nothing else.

When you talk about your entitlement, what if you’re a prince? What kind of entitlement do you allow yourself that this is legitimate this is justifiable, and what gives you the right to do that? Because I’m a prince? What if you’re not? What if you’re the lower rung of the ladder?

Does individual responsibility differ from the people at the bottom to the people at the top? Even society doesn’t allow that, secular, democratic society. Do you really think God’s ideal society will allow that? Just because it (our church) is based voluntary participation that doesn’t mean that it (this standard of responsibility) doesn’t exist.

It might not be coerced and enforced by punitive measures, at every turn that you take, every little step that you take, but it exists. There is nothing different in the end because it can’t be.

Who cares? Why do you want to be that important? You have no idea how miserable that is based on how Father prescribed it, based on His pathways. It is miserable. It is not fun. It is not glorious. It is not easy. It will be miserable and you’re willing to do that.

That’s something that I still have problems with. I’ll tell it to you like it is. A lot of people think that they’re more effective, more able, smarter, but they all want something, the thing that I have been burdened with.
Take it! I could care less, because that was the source of my misery all my life. Take it!

I wish I could be like the other guy and just kick you out and I’m better than you, live like that. I take care of myself and do good in my own way and let God sort it out.

But I still care. No matter how selfish you want to be because of climate or whatever; you care because of your blood, of your lineage.

Sometimes I get a call “I’m your brother, I’m your sister, help me!” I need help too. (laughter). What can you say? Can you turn them down? That’s part of your family.

When you’ve got nothing to look up to, when you’re hopeless because you’re sitting in a hole somewhere and you feel that pressure the enormous shame and uselessness, and hopelessness. It bothers you. It eats you up. What are you going to do? Kill everybody?

In some ways when you talk about this kind of human stuff the most fundamentally important stuff is that entitlement stuff that created all this other stuff.

When you open up to spirit world it’s a two-edged sword too.

I do preach a lot about dying. Life is short. Do the best you can. Give the best you got. In this short span of life you don’t want to put your nasty stuff first. Try to build something that will be lasting like the spirit that is given to you, that is entitled to you at birth.

You have to acquire and earn that stuff and make it matter because in the end you will be judged. How do you think you will be judged? You will be judged by the standard of what the spirit is. What is that? You are going to answer that on your own. OK

Am I helping you? If I’m helping you with something so be it.

I’m going to talk about God and I’m going to talk about my self.

If I’m making a difference, that’s all I can do for you. That’s all that matters.

Stick to your role. Stick to your purpose.

I started this for a reason and its personal and I admit it and you know it. Take it or leave it.

It doesn’t matter to me what you do in the end. I will not be your judge.

The fact of the matter is I don’t even know many of you; it just happens that I’m in the position where I can make myself useful if I choose to be.

If I did that it hurts and you get disappointed to. I don’t want to be hurt again. But that does not mean something stops.

You know its right and ultimately the practical defensive approach that I have at this point, I know that can change.

I want to do the stuff that we need to fight and win. At the same time I’m disgusted that I have to be defensive about my self in my own world. It’s just for now. I know it will change.
You can’t be that selfish forever. You can’t be that self righteous.

Try to control your angers, because anger in certain cases lead to jealously and envy. It can lead to self righteousness and superiority stuff.

Hey, just be grateful that you wake up in the morning and say “What am I going to do today?”

Count your days and be grateful that you can. There are all kind of crazy people out there.

I have another audition (for a production on definingmoment.tv/) We can deal with Christian stuff and with other stuff too.

You just invite all sorts of people and just let them talk about them selves, all different Christian denominations.

We have access to their heads thanks to modern technology. The more we understand the better.

That’s the basic essence of communications. We’re just going to do it because we have a purpose as a church and something has to be done in fundamental ways. That is essential for our success and the future.

The more we understand, the more we have the better. Not guessing, we know exactly what you are. The difficulty is that we are guessing (about people’s views) half the time, more than half, 95%. We can be clear in dealing with humanity because we are more clear when we practice that stuff.

Practice what we learn (from these interviews) and that’s good schooling isn’t it? It’s not just because you have a Harvard degree you might have a lot of learning, but learning doesn’t stop there.

I don’t think you can change the world with physical things or intellectual things. The world will be changed when we understand God. Spirit, mind and body all that has to be proper, not the other way around. Any other mixture variation or alternative is crap. Either you do that stuff or get out, because you’re going to loose in the end.

No matter how secular you are, the world will teach you. You’ve got to know your limit. No matter how gangsterous you think you are, other men are tougher and stronger and bigger than you.

There is no doubt that America could nuke North Korea and pulverize it theoretically, but they can’t do it because of radiation fallout etc. contaminate Russia China. Let them see who can piss harder into the wind. Let them do that stuff.

Let’s get our act together and make a difference. In our lives as an individual that is something of a good legacy. If there is any value in any thing, it has to happen with a purpose intent and action. OK?

That’s how we will be judged in the end. So please the more you do that and make a difference not just to your self but to others, the whole hell, the human race all too somehow.
Anyway how are you going to inherit something become a king and control everything? What does that mean? That is the curse. That’s why God suffers. Do you understand me?

Don’t like that stuff to much. It don’t work like that.

Take care.

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Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good Morning.

I don’t see many….I guess the parents didn’t bring the kids today.

The topic is Building the Kingdom of Heaven.

If I have children (present here) I can ask some questions. Do you have rules at home, house rules?

That’s where it starts when it comes to having anything. That’s where civility starts, right or wrong it starts from home.

You should ask your children. The best way to understand the family situation is the children a general question about what is right and what is wrong.

If somebody doesn’t know you they can take that and they can run with that till the end because that’s how serious the family situation is.

In a difficult world where we have to deal with many other issues in an other-than-ideal setting… If it was ideal obviously you could literally understand the status of a family by asking questions to the children about what is right and what is wrong. You get a better answer, a more truthful answer, a more direct answer, not contrived answer, than from asking you.

So even on a family level you have stuff that governs your household and your house county, State, then Federal in America. Most countries stop at State; The Europeans are trying to federalize them selves because of competition with America which is the greatest nation on earth in terms of power and wealth.

We’re a church. Our foundation is built upon Christianity. I did a video in the early ‘90s about “a portrait of Jesus.” Still to this day Koreans carry this portrait of a blond haired, blue eyed Jesus. Europe carries the tradition of Christianity and has propagated it throughout the world, and takes pride in that.

There is a pride factor when it comes to European Christians. When it comes to Korean Christians, its tradition. They are indoctrinated into a certain way of thinking because they are a very receptive people when it comes to religion. Because of that tradition and because of who they are as a race those things come into play. They take certain things certain ways. They are very dogmatic about it. It’s very difficult to introduce new interpretations into their way of thinking whether its tradition or pride, it’s a very difficult thing.

You literally have to start from scratch going back to wherever they are and trying to build something from that, just purely out of logic alone and create some kind of explanation that dates back thousands of years which you can not possibly find factual stuff that they will demand. It is very difficult.
On the other hand America, yes it’s a European white people’s land, is a relatively new country, but they still pay attention to equality. They don’t care too much about the pride; they don’t care too much about the tradition, because you’re relatively young and you have this idealism. That’s the key in my mind. America is important.

If we’re going to keep on trying to convince the world of what we believe America is the only place that will allow what we have to actually see the light of day. For the Korean people it has to be something special like white people with golden hair and blue eyes. It’s mysterious; it’s mystical to them. That’s absolutely true.

When you’re bombarded by a certain way of thinking that in its self is a daunting challenge because it’s impossible for you to change no matter how much plastic surgery you have you can’t look like blond haired blue eyed white person.

They believe that it can’t be them. It has to be something else. Isn’t that the picture in the end? Isn’t that why we struggle with the concept of the messiah? Because he can’t be something like us. He’s got to be something different. He can’t defecate, he can’t fart, he can’t even piss because he is the messiah. Some people just require that something is mysterious.

What is the mystery? You can ask your self what is the mystery of becoming a good parent? In America 50% of marriages fail. When a marriage fails the father and mother decide to separate. Obviously the children will suffer. The family will break up. It will be separated and destroy the essence, the value of the union that brought forth the family to begin with.

When you face that kind of constant challenge pretty much on a daily basis, that’s almost a routine. It’s almost something that you expect. It’s almost hit-or-miss. That’s the tragedy. It’s not something that is certain. It doesn’t have that kind of certainty and security that we deserve if we think about the ideal.

Before we talk about idealism we have to pull ourselves back and think about practicality. In reality that’s the case. How do you talk about idealism even if America is prepared for that kind of setting in which Father can be what He claims to be. He will die soon. He’s not going to live too long. He is an old man. That is a fact. He is not going to live a thousand years.

There is some kid that I know that goes around meeting with big shots and rich people, saying that if we eat certain stuff we can live 700 years. Maybe it’s possible in theory. He thinks like that because he has money. He has access to stuff before it’s available to everybody else. Good luck.

People like to think about all sorts of things that give them some kind of comfort. I guess living long is a comfort to them. “That’s the purpose of living, living long and I do what I do and some how the world is working in my favor when I do what I do and have what I have and get what I want” What’s that kind of stuff? It’s not life. Then what? What if it doesn’t happen? Well, too bad kid. It’s about that person only. It has nothing to do with anybody else. Nobody will think that kind of stuff in general. No ordinary people will think that. That is just so beyond their reality. There are people who literally think like that. They’re not stupid. They’re smart people. They believe all sorts of stupid things.

What does that mean? How do you build the Kingdom? Even if you have a great opportunity, in my mind, in America. Why because they…. In my mind in our church
status it’s an irony, that equality thing is actually a good thing for us in the long run in
what we do because there’s no other way to put that kind of stress on reality to all.

If we do our part correctly, if we present our self and at the same time we can show that
we are who we say we are. In the end that’s how you can make a difference. And if you
can make a difference in America, if you can stand out, you can stand out everywhere
as long as they believe in Christianity.

Moslems and Islam is indigenous to regions where there are tribes that have hatreds
that are thousands of years old, they have successfully dominated that region of Africa
and South East Asia.

That’s why America is important. We can fight fire with fire. Beyond killing each other
and knowing who is greater at killing the other guy, we’ve got to have something more
than that. That’s why America is necessary before the spirit. The spirit talks about a lot of
stuff that is absolute. If you struggle to think about spirit and never experience it... To be
honest, I never heard God tell me to do something; its just trying to understand what I
am, what I have to do.

America is a very important place because it will allow us to compete and prove that we
can win; we’re better than the other guy. Through our actions we can do it. The reason
that we can do it in America is that equality stuff. It’s not just based on a few people that
winning comes. It’s about raising the standard of all. That represents who we are. If we
have to deal with religion, we should basically, in general know more about all sorts of
different religions than any other followers of any other religion. In general you should
focus on making sure that that becomes real. After that controlling of material wealth,
What ever ideas that are out there that can make... Give access to the people, people
who are in charge of doing something for the people in general. Go out of get as many
ideas as possible and give it out. How to invest in this, how the stock market that,
starting from that there are so many things that you can do.

Give people the understanding that we take for granted. Most people don’t even care.
We should care. We should know about every thing what ever the principles. If you have
access to that stuff, you can make your own decisions. If they can do it you can do it
because you understand the basics that they know. Sometimes if you’re hesitant, kind of
shy, what ever, it doesn’t matter, stick together. Create a group so you can divide your
risk. We have to in actuality be effective at something that we can take care of our self,
our physical needs, our intellectual needs. And based on that whatever spirit says that
God is willing to offer us it is going to happen. Only then the meaning will be true. Only
then can you really digest and interpret that experience the ways it will benefit you to
take the next step.

You can help others. It’s important to know how to take care of your self regardless of
what happens and I think that is the duty of the church to do that. Other wise it is just
words and nobody likes to just listen to words.

You have to take responsibility. Just on a secular human level as we know it we want
justice. But what if we talk beyond that and think about idealism, the original stuff. Would
the original stuff deal with right or wrong? If I cause something, if I’m willing to die for an
idea I will do my best to make it back to what it was no matter how difficult it is.

But if I did something... every body has a responsibility, but because of what I did all my
brothers and sisters went their own way, do I want justice or do I want the ideal, if I truly
care about the family and my father and mother. What would you do? What is the ideal?
I know what is ideal. Ideal is keeping your family, staying together, no matter difficult, you have to try, I’ll try at least. Because in the end what you have to try to do is do your best to become what you think God represents, what God is to you. That is the best you can offer. That is the best you can do. That is the greatest control that you can show to God, to the world and to your posterity.

You get a traffic ticket, you have to go to court; you get instant judgment. In the secular world or in a theocracy justice has to be practical. It has to be efficient. It gets served like fast food; It does. There a lot of people involved a lot of people who make mistakes. This is part of learning a lesson, because we all have to learn something to become better, but idealism is the ultimate law. That’s why it’s so difficult. A lot of people have cynicism because of the actual reality of history of religion. The actions that people have committed, the actual trials and tribulations are real and undeniable. Some people feel it more than others, but we all do to some degree and it’s real. That’s why this kind of cynicism comes to religious kind absolute stuff.

Someday, ideal world is the ideal world, people can change. We all have limitations but ask God right? That’s where idealism comes from, understanding that. That’s why we need to learn from our limitations. I don’t mind sharing mine with you if it helps you. Why should you hide yours to me when it could help me? So unless we can give and take in all the Tree of Good and Evil, the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, we’ll never be completely liberated; right?

To me that’s a kind of mystical story, but in a sense it’s true. I can understand what the old folks were saying. The less that you can deal with that in reality, subject and object relationship, because that’s how it works to create order. From that you build love. That’s how you create an ideal world. You truly care about relationships no matter what. If you can build that it doesn’t matter what kind of misery, what kind of crazy stuff, chaos too, you will never forget you will never let that go. That kind of relationship always has a place and time. It will be timeless. It only takes a thought to get there, and you’ll be right back to where you started, how it was. You will die someday. Think about what you will leave behind.

I’ll try to do it as much as we can. I’ll just pump it out to you and we’ll get into that stuff too, more physical stuff, more realistic material stuff, information, because we’ve got nothing better to do. (laughing)

Working together means a lot in America. We need to win here or it will be more difficult. Father is preparing for his dying and stuff. He has to do a lot of conditions, but the church is not catching up. That’s why it creates distance because people can’t understand it. Some of you have a hard time understanding it, how the heck can outside people who don’t know anything about us to understand stuff, and crazy stuff if you believe all that’s happening.

It doesn’t work like that. To make sense to teenagers you have to have an impact on them, never mind people with accomplishments and pride. To build the kingdom, how are you going to achieve that? We have to raise ourselves. All of us have to know who we are, and know all the other people around you. That’s the first step. That’s the first right step we should take. We have to know everything about other people’s religion. The fastest way to get it out, no matter what it is; that’s the way we should do it.

First things first, we’re a religious organization. Let’s worry about steps afterwards, afterwards. Step-by-step.
Any questions that you want to ask me?

I'll take a few questions.

No questions?

Good. (laughter)

See you later.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow. (Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

How are you doing?
Today’s topic is tradition.
We talk about tradition. We all have it right?
Regardless of who you are, we all have it.
We inherited something from somewhere; we belonged to something prior to coming here. Everybody has tradition.
To people in general, tradition is important because it deals with survivability.
Time ticks forward in the timeline of history. In order to be something, in order to have something, in order to hold on to something, secure something you need to have tradition.

The value of tradition is about that; it is about securing something. It’s about prolonging something, defining something, setting some kind of standard that will define you beyond your existence. That’s what tradition is. That’s why it’s important to a lot of people.

Even on a nationalistic fervor it goes to the tradition itself to promote that kind of encouragement or that kind of fervor. You can get galvanized because people can excite you; you can get stimulated because you think you’re part of something great, not just based on survival, but it has to have something…….

Just like everybody else in a free democratic society, you want to be something special. It has to have that kind of essence in the end. That defined essence, if that is true, should stand the test of time. It should go on and on and on as long as we procreate, as long as we survive on this planet. That’s why people think tradition is important; because there is a sense of joy in knowing right? Yes, when you define joy, it always has to define a certain understanding, a clear understanding, the more clear the better, then the depth of joy will become greater.

How can we position our selves or present our selves to the world in terms of tradition that we want to be part of. That’s the question everybody asks. If they think they belong to something then that’s what we’re competing with. Everybody out there who believes in God or who believes in a higher power……. It might not be a monotheistic value; it might be polytheistic. But still they have their own tradition that they want to present to the world and compete.
It’s a never ending struggle. Why? Because I think there’s only one God, at least that what I have chosen to believe for the rest of my life. That’s the challenge. That’s where you start. You have to ask your self; how do I fit into this tradition. In what way can I be the best that I can be to represent the tradition?

How many people here clearly can say that I know my absolute true value; I know what give me absolute joy till the day that I die? Why, because joy comes from knowing. Divine joy comes from knowing the divine truth and it starts from you. Do I really understand my divine truth about my self? How do I fit in if I do? What can I do in knowing who I am? The divine truth, how does it configure into the greater picture of creating an ideal world? Every body, idiosyncratic as they may be, has something that is divine, that is unique to you. You must find that and you must some how figure out how you can fit it into the greater picture. Achieving that is very difficult. It is easy said, but doing that is very difficult. Why, because if you just based on the concept of order, even
in a free society like America you have… I guess it's kind of healthy to a point… this doubt.

Remember, America allows religious freedom. At the same time it separates religion and the state. The state is pretty much secular. Why, just to be fair. That's the basic premise, the basic fundamental argument because historically speaking religion hasn't been that much a kind of model institution. The cliché people say is “absolute power absolutely corrupts.” Because of that, because of their distain of the founding fathers of America towards the British, their church decided this American system of government.

This is what’s being very attractive more and more to the world when more and more people are starting to empower themselves, and with their empowerment making something, making positions on their own, making definition, defining themselves on their own on the world stage.

It’s becoming more and more easy because of….. One thing about today’s world that is different is that in the past it was very difficult to understand the omnipresence of God. In today’s world ubiquity, a lesser word of omnipresence is doable. The internet: You can literally transcend time and space. It doesn't matter who you are. If you have something to say you can literally use technology as we know it; you can be in one place and all around the world at the same time. That’s the difference. That’s why it’s not going to be that easy to force upon people just by saying that this is the right way, that this is the right tradition. You really have to literally go by the principle. You can’t just have it by faith; you have to have substance. You really need more substance than ever.

If things are complete in terms if restoration conditional sense wise. If that era is over, the new era is not going to be automatic; by nature it’s going to be more substantial in terms of delivery of the idealism. You really have to be careful what you promise. If you don’t deliver it, you can’t stop people from talking to each other on a global scale at light speed.

When you deal with tradition, what is the essence? What is the essence that brings things into focus toward what is good in us? We know that centering on God that we’d believe, if we have to compete, you have to know your game in any competition. In science class get those facts correctly, not history right? You have to know what class you belong to. You have to clarify your category. You have to clearly define what you’re doing and what kind of class that you’re dealing with as a people. Other wise it’s nonsense. It won’t work! Why? It’s obvious.

If you walk down a New York City street, it really kind of boggles your mind if you actually think about “how the hell do I change that guy?” Every guy, every head you turn… where do you start?

It might be easy if you just came out of jail. You are walking where you want to walk. You don’t walk where other people tell you to walk. You want to walk the line that you want to and so does everybody else in the free world. How do you achieve a tradition?

What’s good in religion? Let’s talk about what’s good in religion. I don’t care what kind of religion, what’s a good teaching that everybody can agree with? Every body wants to be special. People want to be the messiah. I don’t think that they would want to be the messiah if they really understood how difficult that is.

At least we have to be sure that everything that we do in general is generally good. At least you have to back it up with your body, your mind, and your spirit and you stand alone in judgment for that if you’re in charge, if you’re responsible. That’s where it should
In the basic fundamental stuff, if your children go bad then in the end then you’re responsible for your children. That kind of sense of social morality, you have to start with that. You have to be comfortable with that. We have to be sure. If you do have something; if you do represent something the basic fundamental question that you have to face is you’re on your own and you’ll not blame anybody else. You’ll not just shed the tears of forgiveness and beg like a wretched wimp.

You want to go higher? OK that’s up to you, up to those people. That’s the way it should be. Life is short. You have to make those things matter. You have to feel that that matters. That’s the only way. In the end it comes to that. The determination has to fit the desire and the dream. Otherwise you’re only kidding your self.

It shouldn’t be that easy; a thing that great shouldn’t be that easy, something that awesome, that never-been-done stuff shouldn’t be that easy. If you believe that nonsense well you know how it’s going to end.

When you talk about individual people, “this is a rule in my house!” Well OK; if you have a house. Start with that, some kind of little kingdom. What kind of standard do you have there? And grow. As it becomes bigger it will become difficult. Unless you want something as you see it today to exist forever, you want to make changes. You seriously have to think about how things work.

In America next Tuesday (Nov 7th 2006) is election day. They are constantly accusing each other of this and that and playing the political game mostly by trying to degrade each other. Wouldn’t it be nice if they could find something in common for a change and actually gave credit to each other? The best man win stuff even if it’s an adversarial two-party system just for the sake of checks-and-balance so be it. Wouldn’t that be a little different? Maybe people would actually look forward that stuff.

That’s the (situation in the) greatest nation on this planet. That’s reality. The funny thing is all this stuff the freedom because the government itself has to be secular for the sake of diversity of religion, and protection of it. It allows all sorts of crap as long as long as you say “well I didn’t force that guy to do it. It’s his volition her volition. In the end its up to them. I didn’t put a gun to their head to make them do things. I didn’t hurt anybody immediately.” You can pretty much get away with a lot of stuff that hurts many many young people.

The government needs to separate from religious values in order to preserve this system which makes America unique separating from religion in order to give freedom to religion.

There are certain perks to religion, like you don’t have to pay taxes. There are a lot of things to use as an excuse to justify the way things are. Mostly the justification comes from historical failures of mankind. It has nothing to do with futuristic stuff.

This is based on the past (experience) that we can’t trust people in the future or present. Based on that kind of logic this will pretty much stay the way it is unless a dramatic change will happen like a catastrophe or some earthquake and Manhattan sinks into the sea or something, like some alien UFO lands on the White House lawn and says we’re going to zap your ass and says listen to this and don’t listen to that. Unless that kind of stuff happens..... It’s not going to happen, not any time soon. Unfortunately that’s the case.
They have analyzed all the possible market place, and in America just teenagers spend about forty billion dollars a year on crap. It's just escalating every year in terms of the amount of cash that they spend. It's ridiculous. It's a vicious cycle that feeds itself. That's reality. I'm not making this up.

You have to start (to make change) somewhere, positive re-enforcement, basic understanding in dealing with human relationships. Knowing about who we are, knowing about other religions, other people who are socially active trying to do some good in society. All those things are a useful kind of information. You have to start somewhere and that's where you start.

It's better that your children know about those things than you do because that's the proper way of growth. That's what's ideal. People in the past people might have suffered, (because they) might not have had all the tools that your children can have. But if they (your children) do that's called progress right?

You don't always have to make them suffer to make progress. Progress can just happen just by knowing. Knowing who you are and knowing who others are more clearly than you. They can have a better chance than you out there. Isn't that the whole point? Why do you suffer? Why do you sacrifice? What's the meaning of sacrifice? It's not a sacrifice if it doesn't surmount to that. It's just words. I'd rather go to a comedy show and get a good laugh than just to hear a bunch of stupid words.

If children can see that, they wouldn't struggle. I'll believe that. That's a good father's way. There is no other way of being a good father. He has to love everyone. So be it. I know what the essence of a good father's love is. That's what we have to practice in general in our reality based on our responsibility and our capability. I want to do so. Do it! That's the kind of stuff, that's the only way to start the change.
We have to start our changing environment even starting with your individual self. You will change if you try to do that. You have to because you want to win? I want to complete this stuff. I don't want to give up. If I say it I want to do it. For what ever reason even if you just don't want to be a failure. If you're that primitive then start with that! You have to start somewhere.

Not everybody that's (motivation is) love.

Anyway. Take care of your selves you guys.

I'll see you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Success” 12 November 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium.)

Hello.

We all want to be successful, right?

Let’s talk about success.

What is success? What do you consider success?

In America especially there are a lot of kids who graduate from Ivy League schools; by mid twenties or late twenties a lot of people become millionaires. When you make a lot of money it does give you a lot of opportunity to move into things and do things that you want to do.

In the end success is defined by individuals. It is true because it connotes something that has to do with one’s career. Is success just based on your career? A career doesn’t have to last until the day you die; you can retire I guess. What’s today’s average retirement age, sixty? It used to be sixty-five but it’s going down right? Now it’s going back up again, but anyway something like that.

I guess the way that we should look at success; it should be about a lifetime. It’s one’s lifetime and you should define it as such, because the way that we look at Father is basically that. He’s a successful teacher. He’s a successful father of mankind, and because of His lifetime work we define His example as something to be revered. That’s what we’re trying to do; to commit our life to follow that kind of exemplary life. And He’s still moving on right? He didn’t retire yet. I don’t think He’s going to retire till the day He ascends to Heaven, that He dies.

So when I look at my Family model pretty much that’s how you define success in my family. I don’t know about other people, but it’s because of family tradition that’s what I have to accept. I could make my own definition of success. I could define it in my own way just like everybody else in a free society. But because of what I choose to accept that’s pretty much what defines success in my family. If you can’t do that, if you don’t have something that’s within you that you can make that kind of commitment you have the definition of success then you have no goal.

You feel Father is rich and owns a lot of land. “Oh if I acquire this land and that land this property and put it together I’ll have a billion dollar company.” You can think like that statistically. You can think like that as if that is your right. But nobody in the world will recognize that as success. What success? That’s just privilege gone bad. That would be the reality. You can certainly do that….

If I do pray, and I rarely do, but if I do pray, I pray that “Father, you had a great start! I want your ending to be great as well.” That’s what I want to see happen to Him. I want that to be the legacy. I don’t want anything to be changed as far as that is concerned. In order to do that, even in my own family, you really have to understand your Father’s
course. It’s not that simple trying to care for other people. That’s a very difficult thing and making people believe as a generation goes forward, making that connection is very difficult. Even my father is having a hard time achieving that. That’s the reality. It’s not that simple.

And how do you even connect to your own generation. Where is your input? Where is your sacrifice? Do you sacrifice truly for the sake of belief or do you show sacrifice for the sake of show? What is it?

Then we should have politicians come and preach all the time in churches all around the world. Even in the secular world they try to distinguish between politicians and preachers right? Of course they both screw up all the time, but still there’s a distinction. One has to do with governing a society and one has to do with governing the hearts and minds of people, the soul of human kind. One is about the physicality more so and the other is about spirituality, right? That’s the basic difference.

And there’s this institution called education that tries to govern, tries to manage the mind of people, the intelligence of people.

I define success as people who give their lives to God. Wow! That is the ultimate success. There are many degrees of success. People see success in all sorts of ways, BUT THAT’S HOW I SEE IT! And how do I have to go about evaluating that success? How do I give my life to God? How does one give one’s life to God? Where does it start from?

Maybe you’re lucky if you just get zapped with the Holy Spirit. (laughter) “I’ve changed. I just want to dedicate my life to God from now on.” You’re lucky, but most people don’t. They do through all sorts of individual situations to make that determination. A lot of people do out of desperation as well. They’ve got no where else to turn so “I’ve got nothing so what the hell do I have to loose by turning my life over to God? Let him take care of my miserable situation.” You can do that.

Most of you made choices, or are trying to make choices in that way because I see some young people here. People that are at my age and above you have no choice. That’s how you made it OK? (Laughter) That is how you’re going to die.

If you can do one thing by yourself and if you have groups of people who can work together for the sake of each other just following all the basic principles of goodness, I think we should try to encompass that first before you try to TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL, talking about messiah stuff, that we’re a better religion than yours stuff. I think that’s the first step. We should try to do that and help each other physically then on a larger scale then we can afford to take care of each other intellectually and expand the mind and then ultimately it’s up to you to connect to your spirit.

It takes that kind of formative essence. You need that kind of basic foundation to achieve that kind of spiritual connection, I believe. And that we lack! Its like “every man for himself, go figure it out on your own” We have all been through a work shop and it’s very limited. You cycle forty days three times for 120 days. What is that? And somehow you can go out and change the world? Well you try. And you try to move up the church ladder. What happens? The same bureaucracy, so what’s the difference between them and us? Nothing, I don’t see anything different.

That’s a problem. What can we do? Can we do something about this situation? I think so. It’s important to empower individuals within the church. You have to give more and more information that is critical in doing our work. Because sharing that information in a more
easily acceptable way, more efficient, more effective ways. Let them familiarize with that stuff because familiarity breeds confidence. When one gets confident, that’s something. It gives willingness to commit to action. That changes people. Having just basic information about the essence of principle, but this is society and society is different than the essence of principle. You have gone down like this (gesturing to the focal point at the bottom of a V shape) but now you have to go back up.

You might have found the focal point, that’s all the workshop does, try to give you a focal point, and this is how Father connects to God……… That’s it! That’s where it ends! Now you’re going to go out there and conquer the world? Now you’re going to go out and build the kingdom by yourself? Give me a break! That’s unreal. Why are you not doing more of that kind of stuff? You have to start somewhere. That’s what we can do.

I found another host if you want more of it it’s called definingmoment.eu/ to focus more on the European nations. I also found another Spanish speaking host.

We have to get to know Europeans; we have to get to know Hispanics; we have to get to how they think in all sorts of different religions, about their culture, about them selves. The more we know the better. If you have that information it will give you confidence. That power will generate you into an active person. I believe that. We won’t stop at that. We’ll branch out into giving more advice on pragmatic things, finances or whatever.

We can do that, get that kind of network moving and working, invite hosts, all sorts of guests, and get that critical, useful, practical information and just delegate it to you all. That’s what the church should be doing.

Father’s course is more of overall and centering on Him and we are bound by that tradition, but after it we have to be independent. Father’s course is a very dependent course, a course of dependency. It has to be. But the next phase is a more independent phase. We have to realize our greatness centering on Father’s vision and let that proliferate out into the world and make a difference.

Yes we need body; we need an organization, sure I understand that concept, but it will go toward that direction unlike the structure and organization during Father’s lifetime. We’re not going to make a dependent structure; It’s going to be more independent, but in what way? Bearing the heart and spirit of Father’s teaching.

Not just “You do this and that! I’m in control!” Those idiots! You walk around shit not because you’re afraid of it, but because you don’t want to get your shoes dirty. Those people make me sick. Hey, it’s not my problem right?

You have to love, you can’t kill people. (laughter)

Anyway……….wouldn’t you like to see that happen? (yes).

I believe that we can literally see change. I believe that we can literally see our progress if that is the basic reality in this church. If we take care of that basic stuff we can literally see our own progress. Collectively of course you will see more. That’s how you compete with other religions. If you don’t have something to show you can’t win. You can win by bluffing. What if they will fight you? You got to have what it takes to take the blows. Otherwise it is only a bluff.

That is what we need to do. I think we should encourage that kind of stuff, and open up to each other.
I can’t be here at the last Sunday (of this year) because I have to say hello to my folks, but after this there about six more left. My condition done.

You like what we got here? (yes)

You want me to show up for one more year? (YES!)

We’ll talk about it later. (laughter)

I know that’s doable. I can see it in this very small kind of model.

But it will work. It will work.

I believe in it with all my heart.

It’s not just coming from me. It’s coming from somewhere else too.

I believe it.

So, I think your success is how you define it, not just with your body or with your head, but with everything that you’ve got. Right?

See you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Repentance” 19 November 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium.)

Good morning.

Some of you should have stayed home. (Laughter.)

Do you want to be happy or do you want to be sad? (Happy.)

I’m sorry, but my topic is repentance.

Penitence demands repentance right?

Do you like to see humble people or do you like to see arrogant people?

There are so many ways to see people these days because everybody wants to be somebody. They want to prove that they have something to offer, whether it’s for money, power, whatever in the secular setting. It takes a lifetime to prove.

Why? Perfection is given by God, not you. The ultimate judge is not you. When you even ponder the notion of individual perfection you’re only kidding your self if you don’t understand how things ultimately get judged.

Your parents force you to go to school and in the end the grade matters. It’s not you who dictate how you graduate with a certain grade that you think that you deserve. This system reflects the basic outcome of dying. That’s the basic premise that you have to accept. What you’re actually experiencing is a little taste of it.

You have no control over your perfection. That is the ultimate irony, because you can’t judge yourself to be perfect. It lasts forever. It doesn’t work like that. Basically you’re going through a certain conditioning process. It’s not easy to get good at anything.

I’m here to talk to my age group or above. That’s my forum here. It has nothing to do with what else I can do. Everything has a purpose. It’s very specific. You have to target it to the point in which it matters, to what you’re actually trying to accomplish in that specific event or scenario. If I see little kids I know I’m talking you your parents. I’m not going to talk to you. It’s not my focus. I can do that some other time, some other situation,

I am here trying to do what I think is appropriate, that I can best serve for the greater purpose.

You have a whole lot of time ahead of you. I hate to see a lot of young people here. I want to see a lot of old people here. (Laughter.) I see young people when I go home.

You don’t have to change anything. You have to change what is real. Real is not always you. Real is what is real. That’s what we have to understand; real is always beyond you. That’s why God is a suffering God, because He has a concept that makes Him a slave for all sorts of whatever in terms of time.
Please do not think that everything revolves around you. Repentance is a very necessary tool for conscience because it keeps you motivated. It keeps you moving forward. It evolves you to find your perfection ultimately. Even that is not dictated by you. You don't have absolute control over that end.

You will have to die first to have the finality of that. Do you understand me? That is absolute. No one is an exception. Ultimately it has to be represented, because the messiah is the representation.

How do you go about using the tool that we have? It's a tool. Conscience, the device that makes of do something, that tries to make us better is a tool. It's a blessing it's a gift from God. A blessing is a tool that comes from God.

It's something that will aid you and support you, to make you something better than you are. You have to know how to properly use that, because if you don't, you'll mess it up. You'll loose the opportunity. You can’t blame it on anyone else. In the end it is your responsibility to correct what ever you have to correct, what ever you have to complete, what ever you have to perfect.

When you talk about the concept of perfection, it is all about your idiosyncrasies. “I'm somebody special!” Perfection is just about catering to that nonsense. “I'm special.” Special in what? You must prove it in the end. You have to die for it. You have to prove it by dying, and in doing so you'll prove your idiosyncratic unique greatness, however minute, however miserable it might be.

Trying to go beyond that and getting into grandiosity….Why do you want to do that?

Do you think that you can change the world without going through the basic process of things? I don't think so. If you don't understand what is basic, you can’t even find yourself. There's no way you're going to get a grade. That's just the way it is.

Then what the hell are you dying for? That’s the problem. There is no one else that’s going to answer that question other than you, your individual self.

Why is repentance necessary? Because it keeps you busy, because lazy people get corrupted.

When people get rich........When politicians seek office because they believe their ideals are better than the other guy, they imagine that if I just get power I will change the world. The problem is that when you have an environment that is susceptible to all sorts of stuff that is not right for individual growth in this rich country that is more privileged than other countries. You’re going to have problems when things start to come easier and easier for you. Obviously you’re going to get corrupted. Why? You have less time to repent and repentance at least keeps you busy.

You try to be responsible for your own good, whatever you did, and screw everybody else. “I did this and I’m responsible!” Repentance is a tool of conscience; through the evolving process that hopefully can give you that completion that you desire. If you hold on to it maybe you have a chance, but if you let it go you have no chance.

Right or wrong, in the end you have to stand, because God will judge you. Even Sun-Myung Moon will be judged by God. My Father, the Messiah will be judged by God. Absolutely!
I believe that. That's how I've learnt. That's how I accept. There is no exception to the rule. If anybody says otherwise.....you have to look at the monkey and see where the tail lies and step on it. If you do something wrong you are going to suffer one way or the other. It doesn’t matter how you excuse your self. If you’re man enough you wouldn’t.

Everybody can be broken. In a war situation when someone is a torturer, they’re the one who has the self-righteousness on their side. They are the one who is greater and superior. That’s what gives them the right to torture their enemy prisoners to make them repent for their sins against you.

Everybody can be broken. What does that prove in war? Nothing.

Let’s talk about historical indemnity. Let’s say that you went through that torture for the sake of humanity, for your lineage. Make it true to that. Don’t say anymore beyond that. Let it go. You move on and think about your self from now on, because nobody is going to take care of you. You have to take care of your self and each other, if we have a community; if we’re building one.

I would like to see all sorts of...... I don’t want to see just yellow faces in my family......

I don’t intend to be something more than what I am. That is the essence of people like me. That means a lot. I don’t care what people say. I make my own decisions.

What’s important is what is good, what is basic, that can ultimately bring the idealism regardless of who we are. That’s the most important thing.

You think you can make a living, yes, but what if everything collapses? If you have a lazy mind it will be absolutely corrupt. And you have an environment that caters to that kind of reality then it will pretty much wipe out the young generation. We can change it. We can make a difference.

Define what you get beyond your self. Try; keep on trying until you see the light in your own way. I don’t care how long it takes. I hope you make it before you die. I can’t help you beyond that. If you don’t take care of your residual stuff it will get passed down and somebody else will bear the greater burden. That’s just the way it is.

What if an asteroid the size of Jupiter comes from outside our solar system and you get vaporized? You want to know the truth, start with your self.

Everybody has the voice to be heard, but don’t kid yourself. Do something before you die. And you will die. You will die of disease, accident, suicide, or natural cause. You will die. Even if you live to your fullest, how long do you think you will live? Do you know how you’re going to be judged? Are you working on your grade? Do you really know what you’re going to be graded upon? Be real, alright.

Do you think people want to be a prostitute? Do you think people want to be a junkie? Do you think people want to be a criminal? Do you think people want to be a con-artist? No, but they do for all sorts of reason.

So there is no body like that among the young people in this room, so at least that is a pride you can point out. You have to be real. Balance your reality, your physical self, your mind status, and your physical awareness. If you have a family situation where you can exchange with your folks, by all means take that opportunity, because you’re lucky if you can have that. I don’t think that there is any parents if they have the ideal scenario that would let that kind of opportunity go to waste.
(From now until the end of the speech, Hyo-Jin-nim was very emotional and often in tears. There were several long emotional pauses)

Please be aware of your situation. Please be aware of your reality. Know what it offers. Always measure your self. If you want to grow have to have balance so you have to know the extremes. As you grow the extremes will only get bigger. It will constantly expand; you have to grow into it. The stupid thing about arrogance is that you think when you reach some kind of level that you’re in control. You have some kind of sick sense of superiority. It doesn’t work like that.

If you want to be something then you have to constantly........That’s why children’s concept of reality is dominated by all these role models that they can make a lot of money and they can get their presents and get their fix. That’s where the titillation factor is, at the edge.

You have to get into things to a certain point to appreciate them. If you just use music as a kind of sonic background for a party, that’s actually defeating the property of music itself. You have a different agenda other than music.

Before we talk to our kids we have to question ourselves as parents. You have to be responsible. Yeah I did wrong. No excuses. Did I love my kids? I’d be in hell for them. It’s easy when I take all the responsibility, blame. I’ll pay for it until they come back.

So in America I have a different kind of justice because I’m Reverend Moon’s son. That’s absolutely unique. Anyway God will judge. Please, please, please.

You don’t know me that well. Since you’re in this room and I see a response, I’m just reacting. I react to things to a point. Today just happens to be one of those days. It’s OK. I’m just responding to you. You have to be willing to go a long ways through all sorts of difficult crap and suffering. You can’t get away that easy.

All I’m here for is for sharing. I’ll do what I do.

Homogeneity is about the closest thing we have to monarchy, because there is no such thing as a pure monarchy in today’s political situation. Conservatism is a little closer than liberalism. America’s standing id very young. Liberalism is the opposite because it’s an adversarial system. The point is that is something tries to hold on to boundaries, and then something else will try to do away with boundaries. That’s the problem. That’s what we have to deal with. That’s the kind of work that has to be done in Democratic free society, especially in a developed nation.

That’s why repentance is very important. You have to make sure that the politicians don’t get lazy. It doesn’t matter whether you’re a democrat or Republican. In homogenous countries like Korea and Japan there are many political parties, but if you screw up you pay. Everybody is after you. Why? Because it is a homogenous society.

When you are dealing with all sorts of different races and cultures, it is very difficult. That’s why certain basic principles are very important. We have to master those. We have to project those. We have to make that better, not just in terms of presentation, but in reality.

You can’t make a living with just words. It’s body mind and spirit. You are going to be judged one day. I believe in God. I might not believe in you or I might not believe in anything else; I might not even believe in me, but I believe in God.
Some time I don’t know how I’m going to do what I have to do, where I have to start. I just have to figure it out. That’s how I start. Nonetheless in the end you have to prove it. If you expect things to be easy and you expect the best then you will be corrupted; you don’t know your own limitations. You think of awesome things and expect the best in every way; I’m American crap and in the end it all comes crashing down.

If you want something to last, you’d better know what you’re asking for. Isn’t that obvious even when you buy a used car don’t you want to ask basic questions and have knowledge before going ahead with the purchase?

I’m just talking about secular things, but if you think about ideal things then you’d better understand the basic things because the basic things are important. That’s reality.

How much you want to do is up to you. You can always enjoy the security of your boundaries. Boundaries are secure. If you can protect your boundaries you have security. If you try to expand them you’re asking for trouble. There’s risk involved, uncertainty. But how far are you willing to go, in what way, for what reason. Because every time you skip a generation you go into that basic premise.

You need to question your self. I know that’s the way; I know that is reality, but how far are the people on top willing to go? If you want to do something there is a basic principle. Just ask yourself “Am I willing to die for this?” It’s nobody else’s business but mine.

That’s always why I ask you to think about dying. Living is easy because you’re already breathing. You’re living right now. It’s easy for you. Dying is important. Dying is harder, reaching perfection is much more hard. Living, you just take for granted just sitting there and you breathe and eat and think what you want because you are allowed at this point in time. You get comfortable with this and the same thing happens and you want to take it to the next level and the next level and the next level. What level are we talking about?

You can say that New Yorkers are jaded and sophisticated but they aren’t going to change the world. They live in the Capital of Capitalism; in the end nobody takes them seriously. They aren’t going to change the world. It’s just about them.

Familiarity gives you some kind of confidence, but you have to understand that confidence can be a double edged sword. In what way are you confident?

Anyway, OK. So I need to repent. There’s always room to repent. I need to repent because I didn’t intend to be like this today.

For what ever it’s worth if this helps you, nobody is ever going to do this to you again, maybe your mommy or something. Let’s just be happy because I believe that it’s doable. I do. I do. It is doable. We just have to do it step-by-step. We’ve just got to in reality. We have to have it in reality. We need it in reality. We need more of it.

Hey! It’s not too late right? You don’t want to think it’s to late right?

Do you want this to go on?

Do you want me to come every Sunday?

How Long? Give me the days.

How long do you see that being?
You give me a time and I'll do it. Whatever.

How long? That's what I'm asking.

(One sister says “forever”) (Laughter.)

I'll be here as long as you need me.

If you don't need me just tell me so and I'll disappear. I'll be more than happy to disappear.

Take care of yourselves OK.

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“Indemnity” 26 November 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow. (Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium.)

Did you have a good Thanksgiving? (Last Thursday 23 November was Thanksgiving Day in the US)

It’s a turkey day right? I don’t know if it’s for purely being thankful. (Laughter.) When you talk about indemnity that’s kind of a heavy topic isn’t it? But should it be?

In the beginning God expected us to be something. He had a vision. He had the ultimate divine vision, the purpose of creation, and in that light we had a crucial role to play.

Just based on that reality alone, that’s something significant. That should be something that we should all celebrate, that possibility in itself. Whether it happened or whether it didn’t happen, whether we’re still struggling to make it happen, that’s an afterthought, because hindsight is always 20/20 right?

It gives us something to try to strive for, to achieve that ultimate, the vision of God. We all have that and we all dream that we’d like to see ourselves living in a world where there’s no wars and you can trust somebody even if you never met somebody in your life you just walk up and shake your hand and somehow that alone can have a lasting relationship.

Because even in a personal relationship, if you try to build or even contemplate about making a true relationship, an ideal relationship, it takes a lifetime. You can’t really say to your self that I can know somebody just because I’ve been with them a few times. I see him do this. I see him do that. I see him in this extreme state; I saw him in the opposite extreme state. So therefore I can conclude that I know. But it’s not that simple. People can change and there’s all sorts of stuff in between that makes us unique.

So even when you try to understand an individual and try to accept the basic kind of religious teaching about an individual being idiosyncratic; that they’re unique, something special in the eyes of God, it takes a life time to really understand it.

Because if you don’t try to understand people based on that kind of common sense based thinking, it’s improper; the conclusion will be false. And you have to bear the responsibility in judgment. Because ultimately in the end what you are doing is a judgment. And that should be left up to God. We should try to understand what God has intended and then try to create an ideal world, in essence, before we try to be God.

Because if you don’t have the basic understanding as to why you are here and what we’re struggling to achieve in creating an ideal world there’s no point in trying to say that I’m great or whatever or whatever that makes you happy, because that happiness, it’s just centered on you. That greatness is just centered on you. That has nothing to do with God. It has nothing to do with anybody else.

So before we try to define our selves, even though the most difficult kind of concept such as indemnity, and we have to try to understand why that is necessary for us to become what God intended to be.
Talk about indemnity. It’s like you’re compensating for some kind of stuff right? You cause some kind of loss and damage so you’re going to redeem yourself by making compensation. That is the concept so when you think about any kind of situation where a standard is set, and when that standard is breached what has to happen? Because you’re going down the path of conflict; to diminish it, what do you have to do?

You’ve got to do something. You’ve got to do something to make that conflict into zero. If you don’t do that you can’t rebuild, because indemnity is about rebuilding. It’s about recreating. It’s rebuilding, but the process in which you rebuild and you recreate; it has a standard which you have to earn. It’s not automatic. You have a specific responsibility within that kind of give-and-take relationship that you have to earn to complete that process. And because you haven’t done that properly, therefore you are going into a process of conflict.

You have to pay indemnity. You have to neutralize that. You have to make that into zero first to make it true, because there’s a standard. Ultimately my view or concept of indemnity……..The important aspect that we have to achieve first is to have that understanding of earning your way to your expectation, or your expected position, especially in the divine relationship, the relationship between you and God.

Unless you address that clearly, and you do it on your own; you earn it, it doesn’t work. It’s a very important process that you have to understand through action, through your deeds. Earn it. Earn that title. That’s the natural way. That is the proper way. That is the Divine way. That is the way that will last and have a meaning after you pass away from this earth, because you don’t live here too long.

I try to tell my self……..because it’s important if you want to have any kind of standard, if you don’t remind yourself, it doesn’t exist. It really doesn’t matter, what ever you say, what ever you do. It doesn’t matter, because you’ll never measure up to it, even to your own standard in the end.

When you look at this world, and let’s say this is on extreme and this is the opposite extreme. (Pointing to the opposite corners of the podium) There are takers and there are givers, and something in between. Takers will do anything and say anything to get what they want. For what purpose? You ask those takers. And there’s the opposite and what do you think normal people in general are? I hope you can make an easy model and just take a little sphere and based on the center here everybody just exists here and that’s the world; that’s the kind of bubble we exists in. (Hyo-Jin-nim makes a ball with his hands at the middle of the podium.)

But do you really think that it is that the dividing line absolutely right down the center. I think the world is a little more to this side. (Hyo-Jin-nim positions his hands a little more to the (left) taker’s side of the podium) That’s the problem. You would hate to see a world living here (Taker’s side) right? It’s foolish to think it exists like this (Hands all the way to giver’s side). That’s kind of God’s stuff, a long way to go from reality. Would you imagine that it is potentially doable because that we’re the children of God?

So be it, but the reality is there. So how do you deal with people like that? How do you deal with people you can’t really communicate with? There are no words that can transform these people who are addicted to that lifestyle, who are absolutely absorbed into that lifestyle. That’s how they’re going to find their meaning. They aren’t going to change, until something happens.

And unfortunately the only way is can happen for those people to change is for them to hit bottom, loose everything. Crash and burn you know? What if that doesn’t happen in
that person’s lifetime? It will pass on to the next generation. That’s the problem. That’s why even in the eyes of Father it will take generations to make that happen, potentially. Why? Because you have to go through that process. Unless you can somehow change that without allowing them to hit the bottom, those people that you can’t verbally transform through normal ways of communication. They all have to go through that process, and if it doesn’t happen in their life time then it will pass down to their children, grand children….. It will take time. That’s why it’s going to take time.

So how are you going to change something knowing that inevitably that is the only way to assure that changes will happen? What can we do about it? I know it’s difficult, but somebody’s got to do it. Some body has to do it if there’s another alternative. It’s a long shot. It’s very difficult, never-ending stuff. But if it’s a long shot, if there’s a possibility we have to do it and that’s what we have to do. And there’s no other way of communicating.

We have to try to communicate; try to find the best way, most effective way to the generation at hand at present who are movers and shakers in the world, who are elders, and our young people. And that line, that way of approach, let’s keep on trying. That’s the only way. Otherwise you just have to wait for the inevitability to take place. And that would be very unfortunate, because they won’t change until they hit bottom. I know this. They won’t.

It’s too important to them to have what they want. It’s unfortunate. It’s all about them, but that’s just the way it is, and that’s real. I’m not making this up, as you know; all of you understand what I’m saying; I know, but that’s reality. The only option that we have is to keep on trying to do what we believe in and try to make a better way of communication, find a better something……. Use what’s out there to communicate and elaborate on it as much as we can.

Give more, more, more, more. It would be wonderful if we could constantly be in the presence of humanity. We could have 24 hour stuff (programming about our ideas) and compete with the big guys.

Look at America for instance. When you look at Conservatism and Liberalism, to me Conservatism is about homogeneity, because it has a tradition mostly based on Christianity. There is a sense of a homogenous effect like in a homogenous society like Korea or Japan. It’s easier to unite because there is a kind of nationalism. For the sake of the national interest you put aside your regional conflicts or whatever.

You have a conflict in your own family too. I have a bunch of brothers and sisters. Trust me. (Laughter) You come from the same belly but you still struggle with each other. (laughter) That’s reality.

In America conservatism is pretty much like that, because it’s kind of Christian based.

Liberals are like “We don’t want tradition, we want less tradition. Push the boundary! Push the boundary!”

“Hold the boundary! hold the boundary! push the boundary! push the boundary!” It’s that kind of conflict. In America even when you deal with that kind of conservatives, as the Unification Church we have to compete with them, and with all sorts of Christian denominations, because they also want to do good too.

These days it is almost fashionable to talk about moral degradation and blaming Hollywood and stuff. It’s fashionable. And they are going to try to do something about it. As much as we do they will do. And how do you deal with that ultimately? You have to outlast them first of all.
So having a standard of something beyond change is good. Father stresses absolute value. That’s good. In what? In us, his blood lineage.

And all the good things that we can commonly share with the other religions who have good intent, we will do our best to support them because we need to support each other, but at the same time we are competing with them.

The extreme Moslems will outright say that conquer with violence, that’s crazy people. They all, in some way, want their religion to be the standard bearer, nicely put.

When it comes to indemnity I believe it is necessary for us to understand the true meaning of indemnity. Everything that we do even if we think that it’s promised by our faith, our discipline, we have to earn it because that’s the basic way that the decent people can communicate with each one another.

Decent people try not to take away from something, right? You don’t just take, take, take, take from this guy, take from that guy, take from your sister, take from your brother, and make your self fat right? “Because only I have the answer stuff.” There is only one Father in my house. You understand me?

You have to first realize that this is a church first before anything else. That’s why you don’t do certain things. You can’t do stupid stuff because of whatever crazy predicament you might run into. If you are systematically trying to do something with consciousness, you’d better be aware of who you are. Your church first before anything else. It’s a fair warning.

We’re asking for it. It’s not a difficult fight. I don’t even consider it a difficult conflict. It’s stupidity. Anyway……

You still here you guys? (Laughter)

Some times, to be honest with you, that’s my way of putting on a defense. I don’t want to be hurt.

Any way……I’m sorry about it. I didn’t mean it to come off that harsh. That’s my fault. It’s not yours.

Take care, OK

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“How can we earn something that can last?” 03 December 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium.)

Good morning.

Today’s topic is “How can we earn something that can last?”

Anything that can last has to have some kind of relevance to the human and Divine relationship, right? It has to reflect your understanding, at least, your recognition of the existence of God. That’s where we have to start. Otherwise it’s going to be very difficult to define it, because you can’t prove it; you’d be dead.

When we talk about our individual perfection, how do you define that? What is perfection, just being mechanical? What is the reference that we’re using to define perfection? In the twentieth century a lot of heavy emphasis was given to technological advancement and we pride ourselves because that civilization benefited in many convenient ways.

What’s beyond that? What is beyond what we are? How do you define perfection beyond the reference that we have, that gives us what we have, that gives us convenience, and the lifestyle as we know it?

And for some it’s never enough. Most people appreciate the development of humankind in terms of understanding and our ability to control the advancement of knowledge and know-how into things and the ability that comes from understanding, the ability to manipulate and control for the service of our usage, needs, and what-not.

From that you have some definition of convenience, but to some people that’s not enough. They want more beyond this convenience and this basic comfort that we expect in a civil society. They want more. It goes beyond that for some people, luxury, VIP treatment and just the best in everything. It never ends!

To many people earning is a concept especially looking at it in the capitalistic way of looking at things. It’s very very important. The bottom line is important. “Make sure the profit is decent.” For the amount of investment, for the amount your sacrifice in your mind, what ever that might be, what ever point of reference that you are using, as some kind of central guideline.

A lot of people, when they use a point of referenced like that, they kind of set themselves in a central figure position. Many times that becomes a problem with how everything is viewed upon, how everything is judged by people like that, and the people that they are influencing.

So how do you deal with that kind of difference in…… They’ll be many people like that with their very strong view of how things should be, of how profit should be made and making all sorts of different standards of judgment.

In that situation what are we competing against? Who are we competing against, and to what end, what purpose? What kind of group of people are we competing with and why
should that be important to everyone else? What if you don’t believe in that thing? What if you say “My life is too short for that nonsense. I want to find something more meaningful. Is there something more meaningful than that?”

So who sets the target? In Democracy majority rules, right? In any Democratic society, if you’re going to find the pulse of that society, you have to define what the majority is and you have to properly define it if you want to make a difference.

There is a way to earn things. Earning is important to you. Why, because you have to make a living. It’s a personal earning. Yes there’s a concept of that. But shouldn’t there be a concept of universal earning? What’s that? I guess that’s the opposite of personal earning, something that can benefit something greater than your self, in the extreme sense humanity. That’s big, but hey! why not? We have to at least talk about it; think about that concept; and why not make it exist? Is that the sense of idealism? Is that how idealism is born? Should that matter to everybody?

If you think about earnings, you have to think about that too….not just you but all…if you believe in God. Otherwise why would you want to talk about God?

When you talk about individual perfection, to me it’s an awareness, an awareness of me, myself, that I exist with God, that I have a relationship with God. That’s what perfection is to me, individually. I will die. I will probably die without knowing everybody’s (people in the room) name. (Laughter) If God exists and if I want to earn something on my own that can last forever, literally that’s how it’s going to be; it’s going to be forever. Forever relationship and in that relationship forever changing and greater understanding of one another however many it might be.

Whatever that I believe God to be that keeps me good, I will forever continuously understand more, more in depth and breadth, in three dimensions forever, universally. That’s the kind of excitement that I look forward to if I think about dying. If you don’t have something like that going to be one heck of a miserable ride, right? I know it’s going to be miserable.

It aught to be miserable; the more you take on it gets harder. It’s not going to get any easier. I certainly have to try to keep my sanity intact, and at the same time my humility intact. It’s going to be hard.

I always have to ask myself “Why the heck am I doing this?” in whatever that I do. For me when I play something, it’s just a tool for me. I’m trying to do something so that I can help the old man. I wouldn’t touch it otherwise.

I terms of how Parents look at status and stuff, I’ll do something else a little more overtly, but that kind of stuff is just peripheral. It (music) is just a tool I don’t need it. That doesn’t have to be some kind of central thing in my life. It’s just a part of something that I know how to use. It’s a tool.

Because everything matters, in this job, in our endeavor; everything that is visual, oral, communicational, it matters. This kind of conversation matters too right? (Yes.) Whatever it takes; that’s the bottom line. That’s what I’m trying to do….to earn something that I can……long time…

How can you earn something when you don’t have an audience? If you make a gummy bear (a kind of candy) and you don’t have a consumer, you aren’t going to earn anything. (Laughter) You’ll have a bunch of gummy bears that you made and you can eat them until your teeth drop. (Laughter)
So what ever you do... At least I can have respect for something like that. That’s important. It’s important for people too. People care about those kind of things. Some people just need to grow up. How much is enough? (Hyo-Jin-nim is in tears.)

Anyway you have to love everybody right? You can’t kill people! So you try. You try every day. Because it matters; those things matter to you. When you know that this is the essence of something; when you grow in it, it matters to you. It really does because you start to see something and that something is called value.

When you seat your self in that, you’ll start to learn something meaningful and that’s true earning; because that will last with you till the day you die and after. (Hyo-Jin-nim is very emotional, in tears, and speaks haltingly.)

That’s why even your burnt out soul can be reignited.

You don’t need millions to do this. Even just one, one on one, a handful; that’s more meaningful.

See you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Building a World of True Love” 10 December 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium.)

Good morning.

Let’s talk about a little lofty topic today. Today’s topic is “Building a world of True Love”

Everybody wants love? (yes) True Love? (yes)

What is love to you? Can you help me out?

Let me hear your opinion; what is love to you?

(Someone answers “living for the sake of others”)

Living for the sake of others, can we all agree on that?

Is that the definition of love?

Life is an offering right? Love is an offering.

When you make a vow of love and you open your hearts in matrimony you make the vow to care, to cherish, to love “till death do us part” and beyond.

Basically it’s that; it’s the offering of each other.

If you put True on top of it that then what changes in terms of the definition? Does anything change? Or is this something that you add on to that offering?

I think “True” is something that is added on to the basic definition. That’s the greatest that you possess.

That’s what your individual Truth is. Everybody has individual Truth. You can’t just talk about universality all the time. Before you talk about universality, you have to define your self clearly. You have to know how to present your self and be yourself in the best way possible, the greatest that you possess.

That is your individual truth and nobody can deny that fact because we are in some way........

Look. The concept of idiosyncrasy is that little thing that makes you different; but it’s much deeper than that. Based on the notion of what we basically understand, individual truth is the greatest offering that we can make for the sake of others, not for the sake of your selfish exploitation reasons.

Of course everything can turn bad. Everything good can be turned bad. You know the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil comes from the same root. It’s the same tree but
you take the fruit and it can give you false knowledge and at the same time true
knowledge.

Basically that’s where we are in the end. That’s why responsibility is crucial. That’s why
failure to do that causes all sorts of problems and ultimately when you are faced with
problems you have to address, you have to remedy it. You have to rectify it if need be.

That’s when things get complicated. That’s the basic premise.

So when you talk about True Love, you have to answer that question to your self: “What
is my greatest self?” Because that’s the offering that you’re going to make, if you want to
achieve True Love with something other than your self. Now that you have to answer:
What is your greatest offering?

I have no idea. I’m still struggling with mine. What is my greatest offering? I have all
sorts of ideas about how much I can contribute in this and that, but I’m still struggling to
find the greatest… at my own level. I know in kind of general terms which direction that I
should go because I have a big hint, called my name. (laughter)

That’s the first thing that I have to before I think of anything else on my own. If you
accept the concept of subject-object relation ship because it’s important because you
have to understand your boundaries right?

We have form; that’s why we have existence. Life doesn’t exist without form. If you don’t
have form you don’t exist. What does that tell you? It tells you that there is a boundary
that you have to understand and that you have to accept. Otherwise you’re nothing. It’s
not even in the category of death. You just don’t exist.

That’s where you have to start, with the basic stuff in search of greater truth. If you
what to change the world, pretty much that’s where you have to start…..yourself… then family,
and realistically if you try to actually create a world like that, the next level is the local
church. That’s about it.

The locality before you talk about districts and regions and nations bla bla. No matter
how you segment it, it doesn’t matter. You have to expand based on what is expandable
in reality.

How do things expand in reality? That is the key question that you always have to
address whether you like it or not. Just because you think big constantly doesn’t
guarantee that it’s going to happen in practicality.

You can talk about the importance of having a nation and the body of it or structure of it,
but that’s just a skeleton if you don’t have what it takes to build something that is
concrete and substantial and it has to be real. Expansion has to be based on what is
fundamentally real.

That’s where you actually, literally, beyond your family, practice True Love. If you
practice that stuff, it’s not something far away, it’s right there, right in front of you, just
beyond your own individual family. That’s important.

No matter how good you are at anything, you constantly have to practice if you want to
expand, accomplish. Otherwise your mastery is just in your head. It has nothing to do
with a reality that others can touch and feel. Without that people don’t change.

People force change. That’s why you get a confused group of people. You create
greater confusion. What has to change is something that is fundamentally based, and
fundamentally can grow in reality. From that we can make something happen in a bigger way.

If that spreads, if that is the basic foundation that things are focused on and things are encouraged, and things are supported, sure! We can build our own nation. Sure! Because it’s doable. It is real. The reality is based on substantial grounds for physical expansion. Expansion can actually be measured and you can actually see the change and feel the effects.

Through that kind of give-and-take, because people are in it; they’re sensitive not just with their spirit or subconscious mind or intellect. IT’S REAL! Even the process of trying to teach your children to do the right thing becomes easier because you can say “Hey! Look at that! Look at this!” It’s not arbitrary; it’s not cryptic; it’s not abstract; it’s there.

I know a thing or two about symbolism. What good is it if you don’t have a substantial foundation in which that symbolism can be the juice that makes you expand?

Yes, it can be done. You can build the world based on true Love, but it starts with the right way of approach. Starting from the individual you have to ask basic questions, simple questions, and when you answer it, can you take it to the next level and you mean it as much as it was important to you to find what ever is the greatest that you are that you’re willing to make the offering for the sake of whatever… Even for your own good. For your goodness sake.

You don’t try to be good just because you have so many fans right? You want to be good because it makes you feel good most of the time. I don’t understand how people say I want to be good because of my fans and stuff. That’s nice.

I believe that everyone has something true to offer. True Love encourages true offering because that’s what it is. I know you want it. If you really want it, that’s what you have to do. Don’t just talk about it. Go for it.

And if you do, others will recognize that, and if it is True Love it will be embedded in their heart. I don’t know how long, eons, whatever. I don’t know. I’m not dead yet.

Can we build something in True Love? (yes) and if so, it starts from…. I believe it’s important to be involved in your local churches beyond your family; it’s just a step above. The more you do it will be good for you and good for the church in the end. That’s what you can do to practice what you do normally for your self and your individual family.

See how much you can expand, how much you’re willing to volunteer beyond coercion. (Hyo-Jin-nim laughs) Because when you’re in True Love It’s not just a coerced act, you volunteer right? When you have a loving relationship how can it be a loving relationship when you always have to write a contract for every give-and-take?

I think something else is more important in that kind of relationship. THINGS!

Bill Gates and this other guy have one hundred billion dollars in their foundation. In twenty years it will probably become a trillion dollars. There are so many things out there that will give you high interest. At about 8% in about seven years it will double your money.

When you have that kind of money there are so many ways that you can squeeze money out of people that want to use your mind. If you have a trillion dollars to spend, that’s pretty substantial in the physical world. Sure you can do a whole lot of good just
with that money. Unless you have that bottom line you can’t even try to think like that. Don’t. Because in the, end you’ll only get stupid. That’s about it.

Why are they chosen to be that rich? I don’t know. Ask God. (laughter)

Know yourself.

Know your intent.

OK?

And if you have desire, please check it.

If you want to ask questions about your self, who’s going to?

You can’t be true if you can’t stand up for yourself in the end.

To yourself and to god…

That’s the only thing that is important when it comes to defense. Because that’s the only thing that matters, should matter, to an individual.

Otherwise if you do everything right you don’t need to defend your self, right? Others will know.

True Love…..Don’t think it’s too far. It starts from you.

OK?
Take care of yourselves.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Inspiration” 17 December 2006

Jack Corley is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium.)

Good morning.

The year is almost at its end.

How are you doing?

People say that there are patterns in everything.

Life is learning patterns. There is a pattern in the universe starting with the physical universe and obviously dealing with our lives.

Through religion we are trying to understand a kind of relationship and patterns that bring us closer to God because that is the search that we are on the path of. Anytime you take a course of faith and because of religious faith, it’s a commitment that lasts a life time in understanding how things work.

When you talk about patterns you start defining formulas and learning the intricacy if there is more to be learned based on a cursory observation of the depth of the formula.

It’s a commitment that pretty much will last everybody’s lifetime. I don’t know if there is a guarantee that we will understand all of it.

Why? Because I don’t think you can know the faces of your grand children when you don’t have them yet, that kind of stuff.

You know that there are a lot of treasure hunters out there. They know that the diamond is somewhere underneath the ground or they go for a sunken ship treasure and they know that is somewhere under the vast ocean. History is riddled with people trying to find civilization’s riches. You know that there have been a lot of tragedy’s along the way just to achieve that kind of status.

A lot of people are hell bent on achieving that end. Because even just pursuing that takes commitment. It will pretty much take the lifetime of somebody.

Let me just share with you about some people that I know. They are people who live a very simple life. They just love reading books. They spend every free time that they have in libraries. They just go read books, every free moment in a library and they come to a point after decades that their local library is not big enough because they read everything in it. I don’t know if he was interested in a topic or he just read it all…… So he has to go to a bigger library.

I also know a certain type of people that just love to tinker. They love to tinker with stuff, whatever stuff. Some guys just like to play with computers, because now there are so many kinds of software that they can just tinker away all day long, because within each kind of software they give you so many kinds of possibilities to play with whatever that represents. They just sit there all day long every free time that they get. Sometimes they
even...it seems so important... they forget about even sleeping, just playing with that thing, tinkering with that thing, forever. That's how they live their life. They find some kind of inspiration in it.

So when you think about the stuff in life. For instance, let's focus on inspiration today. Is there some kind of pattern? Is there a formulation in which inspiration is achieved? I think so. When you look at those kind of people, simply put they're geeks. They're just a bunch of geeks, but they inspire themselves. Through what kind of pattern, it's a kind of formation pattern, or growth pattern.

I don't know if you can say that it is completion in the way that we see it because it has to be seen by all. It has to be universal. Maybe on an individual level it might be.

Inspiration also comes in that kind of form of stages. You have to ask yourself "why are you inspired?" In what way are you trying to inspire yourself? Are you inspiring yourself? Because you would be inspired if you did those kind of things. On a form stage level, just read the books if you like reading books. That's your escapism, but it's not just escapism; it's about self inspiration.

You do that to your self. You're telling your self "I need that, that's how I'm going to get through this life. That's the kind of fix that I need" You have to ask your self so in what stage are you? Formation? Growth? Perfection? When you look at everything that inspires us, it has to do with the basic fundamental things in question, with God and mankind.

We get inspired when big clues come together...right? That's the fundamental question that we need to resolve when you talk about providence, when you talk about God’s dispensation. When you say that based on my religious discipline God is a suffering God, then you have to understand that that is important to you. When that is important to you, when that happens, when extremes come together where it has been in conflict for eons, you see somehow that a resolution is coming, and you see the possibility of resolution, that gives you inspiration.

Obvious things: When you see a child sacrificing him or her self for the sake of their parents or visa-versa. Or you see the passing of the guard, the passing of authority or whatever. You see it happening in fluid motion without any controversy without any conflict between generational differences or arrogance, you get inspired. It's that basic fundamental relationship that brings us who we are and makes us who we are, brings us to who we are and makes us who we are, to create an ideal family centered on God.

When that happens you're inspired. When you see the basic recognition, basic happening coming together of that it inspires you. Those things inspire you.

Yes they can start from even your self inspiration just by the possibility of formation, growth and perfection of self love on an individual level. But as it grows it matures into something greater in being the level of inspiration is obviously much greater, powerful. So if you want to inspire the world, OK you just have to accept that formula.

Where do you start? How do you inspire the world? People of the world, especially in the big cities are jaded and arrogant. They like big things. Unless you can somehow….getting there is very difficult. You have to start from self and make every step of the way yours and you have to somehow connect it to God. Otherwise you don't have proof in the eyes of people who are critical against you. That's the difficulty.
So if you want to change the world, there is only one way, the old fashioned way, you have to struggle; you have to suffer. (Hyo-Jin-nim laughs.) The more you do, not just for your self, for the maturity, the demand, the effort that is necessary to deal with the greater value, the greater self, when you can put that forth, when you can make that sacrifice, yes we can move a greater world.

How far can you go? It’s up to you. I don’t know. I don’t know about me. How far can I push? How far am I willing to push? O just be straight forward; how far can I push? I don’t know. I just have to keep on trying I guess. I cannot say what it is; the funny thing is till I’m dead; and I can’t say it. You’ll say it. Somebody else will say it, probably my children, my posterity.

The funny thing is that the greatest thing that you think is important to you will be measured by somebody else other than you. That’s the lesson. That’s the lesson in life when you try to believe in God. Always something like that… You think you’re in control, but you’re not because even when you think about “Let’s make a today a good day.” But even that is not as simple as it sounds. I know that we deserve…every day we need to see goodness in you, new goodness from you and me. But is that as simple as you say? I don’t think so.

Yes we deserve a lot of things that are good, but it doesn’t happen automatically. Somebody has to try. Somebody has to lead the way. If that is you, you can’t expect one person to do every thing all the time. That’s why we need family. That’s why we need greater family, right? Other wise it will be a lonely place. Other wise why did God create mankind and give him such misery?

Even goodness is not appreciated when you have it alone. It doesn’t have a concept that….

So an inspiration, a belief, everything in life has a formula, inspiration too. You must value the fundamentals and try to work that into your life starting from self. I don’t think that’s selfish. You’ve got to start somewhere and it’s the individual, that’s where we start. We all start from there.

You can’t say that’s evil. You can’t put that kind of distinction on it. Why? Because you can’t even do that to yourself in good, because I don’t think you have that ability to turn your back. Guess what? Somebody else will judge you, because that’s the judgment that matters the most. That’s the judgment that will stick in the end, that will define you.

Inspiration

We could go on seriously like this. I know that there is a pattern in everything in life and we can find it. We can find it together and help each other. That’s what makes things better for all of us. Right?

I think that’s more important that just you being happy all the time. I don’t like that type of people.

Take care.

See you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Happiness” 24 December 2006

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium.)

Good morning.

This is the holiday season. Is it supposed to be a happy occasion?

The topic is happiness.

When do we feel happy?

Help me out here. (Asking for responses from the audience)

(When our desire is fulfilled, when we are with people we love, when our kids are with us)

That’s true, all those things.

Happiness begins with life itself, right?

When you see children just feeling life as they start to walk and run and see the open field and they want to run. They have a clear blue sky and it makes them happy like a little colt.

All those things, just life, in life itself you can start to find out what basic happiness is all about; then comes the phases of growth, and finding the meaning of life. Understanding the meaning of life becomes more important than the actual physical give and take. That is very necessary for us, however the meaning of life and that understanding, finding the meaning of life becomes more relevant as we inspire. Because life itself is about growth. It’s perpetual growth. It’s constant growth.

We have to learn, we will learn whether we like it or not, one way or another about the greater meaning of God and the will of God, the love of God. Because understanding the essence of God’s love is a life-long journey, and I don’t think that it ends there. That’s what we’re taught that we will forever eternally have a relationship with God and in the Divine relationship there is something called True love that we offer each other, because the meaning of love to me is offering.

When we truly offer our selves, our greatest, of course the meaning of love, the definition of love, will constantly expand because it should. You’re growing; you have to expand.

Of course after finding the meaning of life you come to the point where it has some way or another that it has to be manifest; it has to be substantiated. So the fulfillment of life will give us happiness.

So the stages of growth formation, growth, and completion/perfection as we understand the process as we go through it and as we deliver the expectation, therefore complete the course. That’s when you understand what greater happiness means.
When you’re young just learning something new or something exciting it might give you that kind of feeling, stimulation, but it becomes more when you complete something when you find fulfillment. So the fulfillment of life will also give you that happiness that you seek.

Of course the final phase will be the legacy phase of your life. You will die. We will die. I believe that the greater problem is that the period of growth where you’re trying to seek out understanding, new understanding, greater understanding, about the meaning of life. Sometime it can be confusing.

You can say that true happiness comes from having the ability of being able to see happiness in the eyes of others. It sounds nice, but I’m not talking about a bank robber’s happiness. He’d say “I scored big and I’m very happy” I’m not talking about that kind of happiness. There are certain boundaries there. Understand that boundary; it takes time because we have to find the meaning in the end.

Obviously to a bank robber money is meaningful. That’s why he robs banks! I guess he is unable to make it properly. So happiness itself can be defined in many different ways. You can say that in the process of growth we try to understand happiness based on individual, idiosyncratic ways first. What ever your preferences are you can say that we define happiness based on our idiosyncrasies or preferences. When we get something that we prefer over the other and we have it or possess it, it gives us happiness.

The process of growth becomes difficult because you have to evaluate all those things; you have to make proper analysis for judgment ultimately in the end because you’ll be judged, and prior to that, you have to make that analysis. What is truly happy for me? What will bring me true happiness?

That is the period in which you struggle. Sometimes the happiness that we seek perhaps might infringe upon somebody else’s existence. In the late ‘80s and early ‘90s my little brothers were becoming company heads and Father was putting them in charge of businesses and stuff and there were a lot of complaints. I used to tell them as long as I don’t have it, don’t complain too much. And bringing that order, for me, is happiness. Because that’s what you have achieved.

It’s not really what that I possess that brings me happiness; sometimes it’s the opposite. Understanding that kind of stuff through life, and understanding how you connect, you make the connection, and what is does, the kind of things that you’re trying to achieve, the things that your are building in growth. Once you start to figure out the meaning behind it, the meaning always has to be something greater.

So, until this day I try to keep that kind of concept and life that way. That’s better especially because of what I …. There was a time when I was struggling too on a personal level, kind of personal faith challenges. But all-in-all in the end, if you have to think about it, you are not just who you are a connection to something greater. There is an historical presence. You are that, a by product of, according to Father, the providence.

So, that’s a challenge to understand it and trying to manifest it, and if you do, if you do succeed in your mind, it starts from somewhere; it starts somewhere, it starts with you. And other can recognize. Obviously that will define happiness for you. It will substantiate the happiness to you because of your action, not just to your self, but to others.

That kind of stuff, as it accumulates, it becomes something greater, and pretty much that’s what you’re going to fulfill in the end. Fulfillment is all those feelings that happen,
all those things that others recognize, and ultimately that will be your legacy. When you’re dead and gone that’s all they will remember.

That will become, not just your own happiness, because you have completed something, because you have perfected your self. It’s beyond that. It becomes something to someone else, even after you’re gone. It can count as something that can make other people happy after you’re dead.

Happiness is not that far away from you; it starts from one’s self and how much you’re willing to listen to what you’re inner self, your true self, is saying. Finding that is going to take your life time. You’re not always sensitive. You have good days and you have bad days. You feel like an idiot on some days; you don’t always feel sharp and smart. It’s a life-long journey just to listen to that inner self because what makes everybody…..

What is true happiness, it’s the kind of happiness through which we can rejoice with God, exchange with God, relate with God.

It has to be something that all of us can feel. True happiness is universal. Universal in what way? The Creators own. You have to understand to recognize that; It takes time to recognize that. One day you try to talk about your inner self, your inner truth, your inner happiness to a little kid; I don’t think they’ll understand what you’re talking about.

There are always steps. There’s always formation, growth and perfection of something just to get to a certain phase; and there will be many phases. How can you be happy with just completing one thing? Every body says that something better is coming tomorrow. Right? Because, if you have everything today, then there is no concept of better, right?

That’s why we live. We try to find happiness just in life it self, just because we’re given the opportunity to have life until the state of greater things. People that have faith, at least try to have some kind of pure heart, humble heart. I don’t want you to…. If you ask all the people that say they believe in that, if you ask them to define it, they’ll come up with all sorts of definitions.

The thing is, it takes time. It takes time to be humble. It takes time to be pure. Because it’s never ending. You wash one time and you don’t wash anymore until you die? (laughter) Who’d do that for hygienic reasons? It’s something like that. Keeping purity takes a lot of effort.

Any way, you know that I don’t like to talk too long. (laughter)

I guess today is the last day. (last speech of this year) I’ll be gone a few days.

It was meaningful for me personally.

I feel I’ve made… it heals to forgive his mother to care about her and in the end to take care of the family.

That’s what I feel. I think its fine.

At the same time this has been a journey for me. It was challenging in the beginning because I hadn’t done it for such a long time. (Speaking at Belvedere).

It means something to me. It meant something to me.

I learned a lot.
I hope that I have shared something that helped you in some ways.

I hope you guys will have a merry Christmas and a great New Year.

And I’ll see you next year.

I’ll see you the second Sunday.

OK?

All right, take care.

(Much applause to congratulate Hyo-Jin-nim for speaking for one year)

Dr. Chan Shik Yang attended Hyo-Jin-nim’s speech and after Hyo-Jin-nim left, he spoke to us for about 30 minutes.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Keeping Yourself Motivated” 14 January 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

How are you all doing? Happy New Year!

Is it easy to keep yourself motivated?

It's very difficult isn't it?

How do you keep people motivated? How do you keep yourself motivated?

Before you talk about how you can affect others, how do you keep your self motivated?

First of all you have to have some kind of purpose in life. Right?

And you have to have some kind of belief in your self that you can achieve what I am seeking out to achieve because the purpose that I seek has a certain value to me. It is such that, one way or the other, I have to see the end of that course that I've chosen for my self because I believe in my self. And it’s important to me that it happens, that I achieve that in my lifetime.

So, having said that, how do you keep yourself motivated? Sometimes you will face the ups and downs of life. It’s very difficult. It’s impossible to think that it’s just going to be a smooth ride all the way through, that you’re going to sail through without any kind of problem whatsoever reaching your end. There will always be obstacles. Why? Just because you think that you can do it doesn’t mean that you understand the process, because you will face the process for the first time. And you will face the challenge of growth after growth and all the variables that happen.

Then you will learn as you travel through the journey that you have chosen for your self. All the challenges that you will face one way or the other, you will somehow remedy. Whether you have some guide book from someone that has prior experience that was capable of assisting you or helping you in the proper manner in which you can ease that ride, ease that wave that can sometimes be overwhelming because it seems like a tidal wave at times but those are the steep hills and valleys that you have to cross.

But every step of the way is a learning process and you have to first accept that challenge because that is inevitable. You will not have all the answers as you move forward. I know that you don’t want to stagnate. I know that you want to move forward. Moving forward in itself is difficult because the nature of growth itself is so challenging. Just facing a new (thing / experience) is so challenging that it is difficult to keep yourself motivated. Just that in itself.

So, having said that, that’s your individual challenge. That’s what you have to face, everyone, what ever goals that you have. I don’t know... There a lot of young people here you go to school because they want to learn something a trade or what. You will face challenges just in learning, but going to school is just the preparation stage. After you come out of school that’s when everything begins in terms of work because you have to weave it into society. You can’t just be at an experimental stage as in a
laboratory setting. It has to be real. How do you connect something that you have understood basically in theory and practiced in a laboratory setting to a more tangible reality that actually affects the social fiber or society in general?

You have to first answer that question; how can I keep my self motivated? What do I need? What do you look for when you’re looking for motivation? The simple point: If you look at society in general they use two things, a reward system and a sacrificial system. If you’re the central figure and you see a very talented person, you can’t really use the reward system because we don’t have so much money, so you take them out to dinner or whatever. What you have to do is that you literally have to do it with your physical effort. Do it with what you have. “I’ll sleep less than that guy; I’ll work harder than that guy. I’ll do what ever it takes to provide more creativity, more productivity. I’ll do something, something by sacrificing myself to motivate that guy, to inspire that guy, to hold him.” If you do this you can hold that person for a while as long as you keep on doing that stuff that he can recognize. That’s the only way.

When you try to reach something, what you have to you is you have to sacrifice more. Let’s say you’re on equal terms with another person in terms of what you have physically so you say “I’ll take less and I’ll give that guy more than I have.” That sacrificial act alone, a very simple sacrificial act, becomes a point of an inspiration to the recipient. And that is a motivating factor.

To keep people motivated you either reward them like by giving them money or you inspire them by your sacrifice. The business world is becoming more specialized and you need a specific target to begin with and based on that you have to be purpose driven. Stop making noise and start getting name recognition and based on that your product is getting known out there. You start making money and you have to spread that wealth around and take care of the guys that are specialists by giving them a lot of financial incentives to keep them motivated, to hold them in dedication to the job. Otherwise they will go to your competitor who is offering a greater financial incentive.

Either you do it (motivate) with stuff (money) or you do it with the stuff here (your sacrifice). The stuff that comes from here (sacrifice) is more long term. Trust me. You remember that longer. The other one (money) is a short cut and it still works, but you have to keep it coming. They’re always looking “where is my bonus and that kind of stuff. How come it’s not as big as last year? What’s going on?” That kind of stuff…

That sacrificial stuff still works, and since you don’t live that long, if you just keep it up for several decades you can establish something. Pretty much that’s how it’s done. If you’re trying to change the world, what is the better model? What would be the better way to motivate people?

Sometimes you consider your self a Crusader right? To me a crusader is a person who forces himself to be an optimist. Otherwise you see the glass half empty. That sucks. You think “I don’t think we’re going to make it.” You’ve got the wrong attitude for the job. You have to look at things differently than other people would, and you have to do that on your own.

It would be nice if you always had people that you can depend on, that would encourage you and each other. But sometimes you might be alone. What if you got locked up somewhere? What if you have no where to go, no one to rely on or depend on to kind of (pat you on) your shoulder and find solace. You have to try and find something that you can (use to) motivate (yourself) on your own. That is the key. For me, motivating ones self is the most important thing. How do you do it? How do you motivate yourself?
Like I said, it’s up to you to like being a crusader. For that you have to look at things a little bit differently. Then you can find value in it. It doesn’t take much, just a thought sometimes, that’s all it takes. You don’t need to ask somebody’s permission; you don’t need someone else’s validation if you can find through that just a small thought alone that you can give to yourself that even for the moment that you see that light, that you see that little moment of OK.

It doesn’t matter if it’s just a jolt, or like a caffeine high. It doesn’t matter if it is just a little jolt if you can find usage for it. That’s something because that’s all it takes to make something great. That’s how you started. You were just an invisible little tadpole (in the womb) and became you.

Life begins not just from humongous things that come in the size of a King Kong or something. The beginning can be very small too. It’s easy to see something that’s big. You get more something I guess, confidence maybe if it comes in a humongous size. It’s not always like that.

If you are always ready for that kind of moment when you are alone and find that small thought, with just that little thing. Because that kind of moment will happen more than the moment when you feel just tremendously confident because and for whatever reason it is so obvious to see.

You can find it in all sorts of different things. It depends on personality types too. Some things that little girls might find fancy, I have no idea where they’re coming from. It happens in that way. If you can value those moments for that reason then it’s just like the crusader. It’s in your head.

Just because you formulize something and someone gives you a badge and goes through the ritual of knighting you or whatever. That might represent some symbolism, but the person that becomes that starts with that kind of thinking.

Obvious we’re trying to do this not because of glory and stuff. If it comes so be it. There are a lot of people who do things because of winning awards and accolades, but there are people who do it because they want to do it.

People want things for all sorts of different reasons, but we must find that means well for what you want to be, what you have chosen to be. Because, in the end, that’s how you will be judged by God. That is the most important judgment in my mind. Anything else, oh so what. Judge me as much as you want because that is not the final judgment. I can tell my self that I practice being judged. Judge me more! But that’s not the judgment that I’m looking for. It doesn’t matter to me.

So if you have something that you want to achieve because you have chosen a life of faith then make sure that you get good at motivating other people. I know that you don’t have a lot of money so what else can you do then? The other (leading by sacrificial example).

Those things can happen after 2012 because it’s going to start all over again from the bottom up. It’s a tall order to find a nation by that time. If it doesn’t……. I know that’s going to happen. But it’s a different time. We’re going to do it the right way the twenty first century way, doing twenty first century ecumenical work. There is a way to do it. We won’t have to knock on doors. We’ll already be in the living room. (through multimedia)

There is a lot of talent necessary to keep that movement working, moving forward 24/7/365. (24 hours a day, 7 day a week 365 day a year) If they can do it, we can do it
too. I'll try to do my best to support the way it is. At the same time we have to prepare for the next phase.

It's difficult to find the way. We have problems fundraising, witnessing and maintaining. Five years? Are you kidding me? I know Father needs ...... In my mind it will take about ten generations, but he's going to do what he's going to do. OK my hat is off to you old man!

What can I do? Father will do what he has to do. By that time he will be 92. Maybe he will postpone it eight more years until He is 100 years old.

We will keep on going right. It's crazy, but in five years I will be fifty years old. And you guys will be WHAT??? (laughter)

Another year.

God Bless you this year!

I'll see you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
Untitled Birthday Address on 21 January 2007

(Today is Hyo-Jin-nim’s birthday by lunar calendar. Also Hyo-Jin-nim’s wife gave birth to a son Shin-Jin-nim last Friday 19 Jan evening. Two cakes were prepared on a table next to the stage.)

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium; Hyo-Jin-nim cuts the cakes and receives flowers and a present from National Interfaith Leadership Training Program, whose members attend every Sunday, and a card signed by most of those attending before he speaks. We all sang Happy Birthday twice.)

Thank you.

Please sit down.

Thank you for the cake and the present and for the flowers.

This was unexpected. He came out a month early. I guess he wanted to come out.

He’ll be coming home today. He is healthy and my wife is OK.

So thank you.

So today..... I see some faces that I haven’t seen for a while. (One of Hyo-Jin-nim’s former band members and their family attended the speech today.)

Living in New York City is rather interesting.

Do you like big cities? When you see the people living in big cities they kind of have an attitude don’t they? I guess could say that it is kind of confident or to get right to the point, they’re a little cocky. This attitude is almost a prerequisite for survival in a dog-eat-dog world. You have to be arrogant; you have to have that kind of presence; you have to have that kind of pride and also project a strong sense of self importance just to get recognized.

It’s almost like the big city environment provokes you whether you want it or not to have and present that kind of attitude and personification. You have to ask yourself if that is healthy. What happens to people when they actually live in that kind of mode? What kind of transformation will happen because you will be transformed based on what you are, what you think, what you want to think, what you want to be whether you like it or not. You will process the growth and you will change into that whether you like it or not. So you have to ask your self: Is that good? If that’s not good, if that’s the only way I guess you can’t stop and we have to live with the consequences. But if it is not good then how do you stop it? That’s the question. If we don’t address that kind of question and focus on the solution that we can all agree on, it’s very difficult.

The challenge in ourselves in challenges that lie ahead in what we need to do, in our mission, dealing with those areas and that kind of arrogance will be a problem area and it’s growing faster than any other time in history. Every big city will have that problem. It
will start itself with some idealism, but it will change because of the nature of what you have to be to survive in that competitive setting.

It will change you. That modern big city life will change you. The problem, especially in China, is that the big cities are growing up, popping out, every few years. It will become the number one import and exporting country in the world in a few years. Germany is number one; America is second and China is third right now and it will overtake America and Germany.

That’s the problem, and how do we address even the problems that we have now. Think about it.

To me, arrogance is stupidity. Stupid people are people who are in a state of stupor, right? Their senses are dulled. They feel numb to all sorts of stuff. You live in today’s world and are sensitized with things in life. Sometimes you have to question whether that is right or wrong. Many times when you start to think morally and ethically you question pretty much everything that is stimulating your senses, that is titillating out there. That’s what you’re bombarded with on a daily basis. It is overwhelming and you are getting desensitized to that reality.

We’re being stupefied every single way with things that are supposed to educate you, and stimulate you, to be a better person, but it’s actually doing the opposite. Why? The great excuse is that Corporations have to make money. This is the land of the free and the land of capitalism. In this society you have the right to pursue opportunity. Opportunity means wealth and whatever, personal gratification.

When that aspect, especially personal gratification, is not defined properly it becomes very dangerous. We do have a problem with religion in itself because the values that religion should uphold as sacred and absolute…. Regardless of what religion it is, there has to be some absolutes that are equal to the primary absolutes, the laws of God PHYSICS! But even that is unstable. There is no clarification in some religions. That’s the problem.

There are many issues that need to be solved. We still have the basic problem. And how do you go about changing that when the world is becoming more stupefied?

We have to go to the very essence of who we are, starting as a child, we want to learn. We have to bring that back. And how do you go about doing that? It’s extremely challenging and its extremely difficult. You have to really create a creative environment that is so overwhelmingly rich, productive, creative that it provokes you enough that you’re enraptured by it to the point where you want to learn; you want to start to learn again.

Otherwise it will never change. It will only decay further. How do you provoke the arrogant culture into wanting to learn again? How do you restart the need for growth? How do you stimulate that? That’s the question that we need to ask. We must find the solution there.

You can’t force people to change. You can’t force people to learn something when they don’t want to learn. How do you go about doing that? Can you create some kind of art or entertainment that is so rich, so high in standard and quality, that you know that people will change just by being part of it, just by being in the presence of it? Can that be done? I will be extremely challenging.
Can you find a truth where it is so evident just by hearing it that you can clarify many many things that you might be questioning about life itself, and the purpose you are in terms of your existence?

If we can find something like that it would be very provocative, wouldn’t it? Even in the minds of arrogant people I’ve seen it all. I’ve been there. I’ve done that, jaded to the hilt. I’m sure that you can open the door again of wanting to learn more. Because once……

No matter how arrogant you are. No matter how confident you are to put it nicely, if you can see a greater quality. If something is presented to you and you can see the quality. This is something. The quality of it is better than what I’ve got. That’s a stimulation, no matter how arrogant you are.

Being able to present that case, that moment of one who is arrogant making that change is difficult because you need to present it. It has to be real to that person. It has to tough them in a real way physically, mentally. I don’t know if that person will understand spirit yet, but at least that is a challenge. We must do that and it will take a collective effort, not just one man’s genius, because everything in the world stands on the shoulder of something, ultimately God, right?

How can you be arrogant to begin with because you can never be satisfied if you live a creative life, even a religious life, because contentment is a killer? Even in the world of art you are only as good as the last one that you did and you have to keep it coming. You can never be content. You can never be satisfied because it is suicide. It is a suicide position. It is a suicide action actually if that is the chosen path that you are taking. You can’t survive. You can’t compete. You’re dead by your own self admission.

You can never be satisfied. You have to want more, more, more. That’s reality. Why, because God is like that. Don’t you want to emulate him? Do you want to imitate Him or do you want to emulate Him? I don’t know. (Laughter) Or do you want to be Him? Oh Boy! I don’t know about that. (Laughter)

And when Father says up to twelve, up to 35 years, you have to symbolically rebuild creation. The number six he owns and the number seven. The other five days. He does think numerically five times seven is thirty five years. Maybe perhaps then you’ll re-establish his name around the world substantially, not symbolically. I believe it will take ten generations or more. It can’t happen that…..

Look. People come. A lot of people come and they put their hands out for all sorts of reasons. You can’t trust politicians, period. Right? How can you trust those guys? Some religious people, I question them. It is very difficult. I know that a lot of people come, especially when you present it in a certain way, they do come expecting something. That’s not good. That’s not how you transform people. That’s not how you change the world.

It might have some symbolic sense. It might have some temporary applicational effect to galvanize people to do something more. But eventually what is that? Members fundraise and you spend it on what?

Having that kind of leverage that we need for a twenty-first century church, because multimedia is the way of twenty-first century ecumenism, its going to take time to develop that stuff.
More importantly we need to develop our own people. You can't just use hired guns. It will never work. It will never work in any case, in any situation, in any organization. In any system it will not work. Money is never a solution, nor power, never.

The only way to motivate people, like I said last week, is either you do it with money or sacrifice. That's the only way. Money is always a temporary measure. The long-term thing is always sacrifice. I'll sacrifice more than you. That's the only way. I'll do better than you. I'll show you a greater product. That's the only way to motivate. If you motivate the person that way it lasts MUCH longer than money! Trust me, that's the only way to do it.

We need our people who..... There are so many ways in which you can become valuable, if you're good at research or even art or whatever. Even if you don't have an outgoing personality there are many many ways that you can be invaluable in that system, because we need to compete that way to survive. That's the only way. I sincerely believe this.

I've been saying it for a long time and I believe it with all my heart and this is how I'm going to go out. There is no other way.

Please if you want to put anything into stupor, put your arrogance into it.

Take care of your self.

I'll see you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Outreach” on 28 January 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium)

Good morning.

What’s important to us is outreach, right?

Am I reaching you?

I you could make a simple slogan; I guess we could say “If it’s un-relatable it’s un-reachable.

When we think about reaching out to people, we have to have some sort of way in which we can relate to them. When you focus on the relativity issue, relatable issue, you have to do it with people’s expectations. You have to address expectations so you can relate because everybody has expectations.

It can vary, but there is basic stuff that we all know is right and that we all know is wrong. So there is a concept of right and wrong that we generally understand and accept. And based on that understanding which is pretty much the thing that governs our lives, our deeds, we have an expectation to be a higher self, to be a better person, to be a more successful person.

Before you go out and try to start doing some kind of outreach activity, you have to kind of answer that before you try because you’ll learn it the hard way. One way or another you’ll learn the life lesson, but you will learn it the hard way. So it’s better to know your self prior to actually trying something, which is normal if you’re trying to help people, to reach out to people. You have to answer the question: “What is my expectation?”

How do I define right and wrong on issues, and based on that what am I doing to try to be active in my life. What is my pursuit? How does it affect; how does it connect to the ultimate goal of actually reaching out to people so that I feel good about myself in the eyes of God because I believe in God. So what is my expectation? What do I want out of myself and the life that is ahead of me?

These days the health movement is out there right? They want to get more healthy; they want to put a lot of good stuff into their body and get stronger and healthier to they can live longer. More and more people are recognizing that you have to put a lot of good stuff in your body so you can have a healthier life.

If you don’t manage that properly, if you’re not vigilant about it, obviously you will suffer the consequences. There are always consequences, cause and effect, right? Especially for children this is very important, in the maturation, the growth period it is very important for them to have a proper healthy diet. It’s very important that you see in the world that so many people, not just children, but even adults, are dying of hunger. And all sorts of tragic injuries are out there. That’s real.

Let’s try to take one step at a time. It breaks your heart. You want to reach out and just help everybody and change all that (snaps finger) at the snap of a finger. That’s
unrealistic. So we have to think about how we can better take care of ourselves so that ultimately we can do a lot of good things, because you have to be strong right?

So good nutrition is important for children and also for old people. You can take risks during a certain period of your life when you are a young adult. You can sometimes take in toxins and experiment because of the curiosity factor and because the world is the way it is and you have so many images out there that provoke your curiosity. Some people will dabble in it: most people will dabble in it, especially living in the, quote / unquote, free society.

Everybody wants to live longer. As you get older and older that becomes very important. So as much as it is important for your body to put a lot of good stuff in there, so it is for your mind and so it is for your heart. You know we’re not just here living with the body. The way we think is very important too, and it’s influenced by the stuff that we put into our heads. That’s the basic point of reference that you use to determine things.

It’s like when you expose your self to certain unhealthy food situations, the same thing. You will have many side effects of putting a lot of garbage into your head. I think it’s more important that we have some kind of environment in which we can expose ourselves to goodness, and the good things that people can do and say to one another, mostly good deeds. Actions speak louder than words.

If you can capture that kind of stuff and expose people to it, let the people in general see that there’s that kind of stuff out there and we choose to live that way, to be exposed only to the right things that can make us healthy, we will become healthier.

When we become healthier, as a greater unit, the ability that we can project, that we can manifest in helping others, reaching and out and helping others to change for the better can also become more powerful.

How do you achieve that? That’s why I believe that systematically we have to work on that question and bring a solution. And there’s models out there. Television is nothing other than a living newspaper. There are columns, pages on politics, society, religion, culture, lifestyle, entertainment, it’s just there. Pretty much that’s the way we’re living in the modern world. That’s how we consume all the information that is out there. TV is the main medium for exposure. From that medium everything gets radiated out. And based on the information, the things that are being radiated outward, they can form your thoughts. That is reality, and it works! It’s very effective.

In the future we’ll get… it’s not that difficult because more and more systems are getting cheaper, even HD (High Definition TV) stuff. If it becomes internet viable we can create a broadcasting company. It’s not a star away. It’s literally doable. All you need is a production crew and the capability to maintain and manage it in terms of livelihood. That’s all it takes.

Having a big station like the old days is a kind of symbolism of the past. You really don’t need it, but you can have it because you do need some kind of centralized symbolism. It does cater to human needs to have some kind of attachment to something, like having your own house or something. Making your presence known, it’s important in relationship to other people. Other people aren’t going to change that quickly so in terms of politics it’s necessary I guess, or, to put it nicely, diplomacy.

Sure, it’s doable. If you want that we can have that. That’s not a problem. We’re working on it to make it happen so that it can independently achieve that. It’s better in terms of offering. Take less from Father and give more.
It's doable. An annual budget of $10,000,000 can do it no problem. It depends on where you set up shop. The cost varies. The Father Land, geographically, it is a promising place. It's only two hours from Japan, two hours from China and not so far from Russia because you can unite that north and south divided situation. It's not a different country; it's just a division.

We have you here. Father spent one third of His life here investing so He can unite all the archangel nations. We have more work to do in terms of the other two, but regionally it's (Korea) right there. So it (multimedia operation) can be done when we can create that kind of model.

How often have you felt lonely? What is the cure-all for loneliness?

LOVE!!

(laughing) Love stuff, right?

There are many ways to show that kind of stuff. You can literally showcase. You don’t need a great person to show that. You can even see it in starving children. To showcase that kind of loving humanity regardless of where you come from, what region, what kind of situation, regardless of age. If we are constantly exposed to those kind of things, how can we be evil? How can you raise your children evil?

It’s out there! I just need the crew to go out and get it so we can show it to you. Then it can be done. Then we can start the change. We can reach out to people. People will be reachable. Some people are just stubborn; they don’t want to change. They force themselves away from change. There are some knuckleheads that live that way.

The polar ice cap is melting, so people can melt. (laughter) Maybe there is more water to drink. Billions of people are drinking everyday. Billions of gallons are being consumed right? We need more water.

It can be done. We can do that. We can change people. We can reach... The more you have those (good multimedia content) the better that you can reach out to people because you have something to make that connection.

As you get older, you’re going to get interested in that kind of stuff because you know you will die, absolutely; and you want to know as much as you can about what love is if you didn’t know what that is. And some people are willing to give it (information) to you, show it to you and move you. Because love will move mountains, right? And they will change.

It will take time, but you will change; you have no choice. God will win, right?

That’s doable. It's ABSOLUTELY DOABLE. That's how people change. I know this. That's how I change. If I can change, people can change. So we just have to make that happen.

That's it. IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

And it’s doable. We’re working on it.

You’ll be the first ones to know.

You’ll be the first ones to see.....that stuff.
Because it's for all, right?
Not for me alone, right?
OK
Take care.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Romanticism” on 04 February 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage. He places a small notebook on the podium)

What kind or romanticism do you think that our church and some people will think about?

What is romanticism?

What do you want to die for?

You want to die for love right?

Tell me; what is your romanticism?

Romance means that you’ll give up everything for the sake of love.

That’s what romance is all about.

It doesn’t matter if romance is momentary? If it overwhelms you, it will last forever.

It has consequences, serious consequences.

What are you willing to throw the rest of your life away for; for the sake of love.

That’s pretty serious isn’t it?

So, having put that aside, let’s say that you only had two choices: to be a prince or to be a warrior. Which would you choose?

What is a prince?

In European culture there a lot more aristocrats. Maybe you need to hold on to something.

Don’t get offended; it’s just a fact. Who cares?

What is a warrior? Let’s talk about the nitty-gritty.

Let’s just think about how we’re conditioned to think about changing the world.

How are you going to change the world? Who are you?

What kind of stuff do you need to change the world?

You need all the extremes. You need to learn how to be both a prince and a warrior. OK?

In what sense? To what degree?
Because things happen in moments. It doesn’t happen all the time.

When changes happen it happens in moments.

When you try to understand God, you’d better give your life for it and know everything about it because it will not happen otherwise.

If you want to die and live in happiness forever, then you have to pay the price. It’s that simple.

Why am I here? If you’re true to your self and you’re willing to die for it, that’s all you can do.

I had a choice to be a warrior. What is a warrior anyway?

You have to understand this to understand Christianity.

Warriors are actually glorified.

All the rich nobility of the past with all their servants and wealth could only achieve the convenient things that anyone can have today through modern technology.

Modern technology gives you a bunch of servants, but what about becoming a warrior?

What are you fighting for? You tell me. I don’t know you that well.

I know what I’m fighting for. If you think that you’re a warrior; then tell me what you’re fighting for.

You have to start from that and you have to build on it. This is a good life, a good birth, a new beginning. To make things perfect, it deserves perfection. It deserves the best.

You do that for what? For your self?

I’ll keep coming here just to show you….

(Hyo-Jin-nim is very emotional, weeping)

I want to tell you something; you listen.

Don’t ever question me.

You can judge me all you want about what I do, but don’t question me.

I don’t think you people understand me.

(Hyo-Jin-nim is weeping and one sister is sobbing aloud)

Life is short and it can be good.

When you have to change the world you can’t look at everything (just optimistically)…..

I like to look at things like the glass is half full all the time, but it doesn’t always work like that.
There are all sorts of reason’s why.

Look, it’s (Kingdom of Heaven) going to happen. Just think about dying. That’s the smartest way in my mind.

You can’t wake up and see your children running around and say “YOU’RE GONA DIE!” (laughter).

Time will take care of it right.

If you are so arrogant and selfish that you can fulfill the responsibilities of your course then whose problem is that, God’s problem or your problem? It’s your problem,

After all, I’m the preacher here OK. Take it or leave it.

I’m doing my best. I’m trying to keep it simple.

I hope that I’m interesting to you some times.

If I give you my word on it, I’ll stick to it, unless powers beyond my control intervene.

I will protect my family. I will protect my kind. I will die for what I believe, absolutely.

We all die, but you still have to win. There are rules and you have to win.

We all still go by the rules that are beyond us. It is not that simple when you have to win like this. War might be easier in that sense.

It takes more to win that just a killer. That’s the truth.

It will not happen over night. It will not happen just because you believe in something. You have to make it happen.

We can do it. I know we can do it. I give every glory to my Folks. (Hyo-Jin-nim is weeping)

That’s why you come to hear me right?

Do you think I change that easily? People like me don’t change that easily.

I’ll change in many things, but there are things that I know that I won’t change.

You have to be willing to die for what you believe and I want to prove that more than anyone else. Otherwise get out of here. I don’t care what you think.

It’s going to take a long time to change this world.

There are princes and princesses but it will take time to make them genuine in the eyes of God in terms of the ideals we believe in.

That’s why I think it’s going to take a little longer than what people are saying. I hope it can happen, but some one will suffer more that others. Guess who?

Don’t kid your self. If you want to look at the reality that is real then look at what is real and treat it as such and do something about it.
Otherwise it’s pointless; what ever you think in your head doesn’t mean anything.

OK

I have to see you next week.

That’s my miserable life (laughter)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Memories” on 11 February 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning!

Another week has passed.

For most of us a couple of thousand things happened last week. I guess we have to prepare ourselves for the next level.

Let me ask you a question: Do you have more good memories or do you have more bad memories when you look back on your life? (Members respond “good.”)

I guess it’s up to you right? (A small boy sitting next to his mother on the front row says “bad memories” and the room is filled with laughter)

You’re just a kid, man, I don’t think you’ve lived yet. (Hyo-Jin-nim is amused)

OK, at least you’ve got an opinion and you’re honest. (The laughter finally dies down.)

I guess that memories are the building blocks of the thing that we call intelligence. If you look at the animal kingdom, memory is a survival mechanism. It’s very very important. Animals have a greater acute sense than we do because they have to survive based on that. Memory is very important. Right from birth they have to learn how to survive to catch prey and find food sources, navigate from point “A” to point “B,” all that depends on memory and their life depends on it.

For us, too, memory is very important because that’s pretty much how we build our lives. If you don’t have many good memories, I guess that you have to build them to find it somehow.

So are there some things that we can rely on to help us achieve that end? Yes, according to the promise from heaven we have the greatest capacity in terms of storing memory, a capacity beyond just the building blocks of intelligence. There are all sorts of diverse applications of the intellectual capacities that we have to do the things that we want to do beyond what you see in the animal kingdom.

So how would you create a good memory if you don’t have many? That’s why imagination is very important and creativity is very important. Because everything that you want to do after you have reached a certain stage where you have a basic building block of creating your greater self, because you have learned, you have memorized how to speak. You know how to read, how to write, how to do basic things. What you need to do is……

You have to plan. You have to plan your future. You have to envision yourself ten years from now. Let’s say you’re a twelve-year-old kid or barely a teenager, middle school, whatever. You have to envision yourself ten years from now, twenty years from now.

It hasn’t happened yet. You don’t have it in your memory, but you can store those mental images that you’re creating about your self. It might not be true at the moment in
physical form because it hasn’t been manifested yet but however, that image that you
see of your self perhaps one day, if you do the right thing, if you are persistent and you
do what it takes to get there and keep at it, perhaps the image of you that you have
stored in your head when you’re a sixth-grader, ten years from now, twenty years from
now, thirty years from now, will come true.

All the stuff we store, I guess we store it mostly for some reason, but some things we
don’t even think about it, we just store it. And some times it just comes up. Sometimes it
can be helpful, but if you are not careful it can also harm you. Because most likely if you
store certain things that you are not fully in control of you are going to create something
not nice.

Now let’s say that you have to love somebody. You have to love your parents. You can’t
hate your parents. You have to love your siblings. You can’t hate your siblings. You’re
going to be with them forever. There are many things that make a relationship work and
sometimes you have to work at it. And it’s not one way; it’s always both ways. And there
are things that can sometimes get in the way of building a greater relationship. How do
you go about achieving a greater relationship when certain images or certain memories
always get in the way?

There are so many people who I do not know personally out there walking around on
this planet. If I make judgment based on one casual image that I perceive in a moment
then that would not be good.

So it is with my siblings. The only memory I have of intimacy with them is Hung-Jin. We
shared the same room until I reached my teenage years. Other than that there is too
much age gap, so I don’t know these kids except when they were very young. That’s the
only memories that I have of them.

What I see now, in my mind I’m concerned to put it nicely. Still I have to make that
choice of holding on to what. And I do have that capacity to make greater memories,
even if it is not happening now, even if it is not real now. It can happen tomorrow. And I
guess that’s where religion comes in. It talks about faith and it tries to teach you the
importance of faith.

How can you achieve faith when obviously you can’t project yourself into the future? You
try to make yourself happy. I’m happy now, but if you go out and look at the world, it
makes you angry. You get depressed. No matter how you try to make yourself happy
you just want to hold on to your happiness. You pretty much have to do that and start
blocking out all other things.

I like to see greatness in people that I care about. What you see outside should be the
same as what is inside. Sometimes because you care about somebody, you do care, it
should matter to you.

Sometimes, yes, you do get emotional about it. Why? Because it’s not right, it’s not
going anywhere like that. It’s not like war that we’re fighting with bullets and guns. It’s
competition. Success depends on the quality of how you achieve it-self. It’s not that
simple. Murder and mayhem might be more simple than loving competition.

I still remember all sorts of stuff that Father used to talk about, the kind of images of
fantasy that he drew in my head with His words. I still hold on to those images because I
don’t think they’re bad. I’m not going to say because I’m getting too old for this, and I’m
more practical than that. It isn’t going to happen in my lifetime. I should hold on to it.
Why? Because it looks nice; let me just start with that. If that can happen, the world will really look nice.

How do you get there? We have a lot of really good people doing a lot of good things all the time. It's kind of unfortunate that the number kind of stays at a certain level. It really doesn't fluctuate too much. A lot of people come for all sorts of different reasons and I guess it's important that start to branch out on that level because its very difficult to find quality help. Right?

Those people do make that kind of associate connection because they think we're successful; we're somebody. We're great in this and that however we commercialize ourselves. I don't know how true in essence through all the propaganda that we make.

It is serious stuff, just making propaganda, especially in a free society, because the absolute ruler in a free society is the masses. The presidents and all the politicians are just managers. The masses can get rid of them if they don't like them. Most people like to stay away from politics because they're busy taking care of their own business.

How can we trust all the people that we connect with, especially the politicians? Even if there is a genuine person who wants to get into politics to make laws that help society and benefit people, their power is limited. In the end you have to get permission from the masses. So pretty much people do what ever freedom allows and the easiest way to live free is to think about your self, focus on your self. “I don't want to get involved in all this stuff other than what I have to deal with in my own life. How can I change this world?”

And when you want to change, you have to try. You can't just think about it. That's a losers' way. What's the opposite? I guess that's the winner's way. You have to DO what you think is right. If you’re going to change the world, you have to start changing the world trying to build that relationship that is important. Ultimately you have to bridge the gap between humanity and God and True Parents.

It has to start, genuinely from the persons that think that is the way. If everybody thinks that is the way, that's what everybody has to do, no exceptions. It's difficult. It is difficult. It is difficult to try to get more … more … more … Sometimes you don't know what more is.

I don't get anything out of this. I don't get anything out of this other than making memories, right? Some of the faces I don’t think I can ever erase because I see you every week. (laughter) I don’t think I can erase it out of my memory. (laughter) I don't whether that's good or bad. (much laughter)

It's those things that I think that matter in changing the world. You have to think that that kind of stuff is important. Just like everybody else, not what's just important to you. There are more people like you that there are the privileged people in the world. You have to have the right attitude.

Last week I had stayed up all night talking to someone and I was a little out of whack. I wanted to call Janine and ask her to have someone else pitch in for me, but since I was awake, I came.

Anyway, what you see is what you get.

I'm trying.

All those fantasies that I have, all those dreams that I have, I want to hold on to them. I think it's good. I think I'm going to keep them in my memory as long as I'm here.
Sometimes you need to dream.

And everything that you see is good sometimes.

But if we’re going to win, everybody has to be real.

I have one more week. Next week I’ll be here but after that I’ll be gone for about two months.

Take care of your self.

I’ll be here next week.

OK.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Role Model” on 18 February 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage; he places a small notebook on the podium.)

Good morning!

(Hyo-Jin-nim pauses to survey the audience. He smiles and says)

There are too many young people here. OK.

Whether you like it or not, one of these days you are going to become a role model.

When we talk about the reality of how society is, we’re always looking for somebody to blame or someone to glorify.

Why? Because it’s important whether people in general understand the concept, it starts from individual to family, and that family extension gets larger and larger and larger until society as we know it and to the nation and ultimately to the world. The vision on a world-wide scale happens because of a kind of individuality that can exist even within a family, that idiosyncratic dominance or preference. That’s why you draw borders and that’s what we see as a result in the ultimate thing.

Whether you’re in a certain race frame work it doesn’t matter; somehow it’s going to be divided, and I don’t think that is the intent of God because every religion fails to describe God in the ideal way as that kind of being, entity. However we’re mystified by the reality, however lacking in terms of true knowledge, the bottom line is that God does represent the ideal and many times a conflict arises even among religions that believe in a lot of these things because they don’t know the true nature of the ideal. There is a disparity somewhere. That’s why it creates conflict.

So, having said that, what is the nature of the idealism of God? According to what we believe God cannot achieve the end result, the manifestation of the will of God True Love without the presence of mankind. So if God represents the ideal, then man represents something else. The individual man that we start to create, humanity starts to become something important in the whole process of ultimately realizing the will of God.

When you put God as a representation, that individuality is humanity, because God is the representation of the ideal whether you like it or not. That’s why we have religion. And we want to describe it (the nature of God) better than the other guy. That’s the competitive factor within religion pursuing one God; who in the end is more persuasive, who can prove it better.

The fall occurred in the Garden of Eden, and because of the fall, all this chaos and conflict arose from that initial act. In order to restore that which is so crucial to the fulfillment of that ideal somebody has to be the true testimony of what blessing is. Because, as the objects to God, as far as we’re concerned, the whole creation process is a blessing. Unless you can restore that blessing, that act of blessing, how do bless somebody?
Unless you can bring that back into humanity, and allow humanity to understand that and, on their own free will, to learn religion, manifest it to each other and to God, restoration is just a thought. It is not tangible; it is not substantial.

If we are competing with other people to proclaim and give a testimony a living testimony and be the bearer of the responsibility of rebuilding the ideal world, then ultimately that blessing factor has to be brought back through our efforts into the realm of humanity. In other words, in the end we have to be blessed by humanity. Otherwise it’s not complete. It might be directional if you give to people to try to educate people as to how you can go about achieving it.

In the general setting of Christian thinking you have seven virtues, four cardinal, and three theoretical: justice, temperance, fortitude, prudence, faith, hope and charity. We have the basic kind of direction as to how we are going to represent that aspect of what God is. In terms of creating the ideal, we basically have a way in which we can try to live up to that standard as a basic guideline.

There has to be something beyond that. There has to be more than that. So when you talk about being a role model sometimes, even on a personal level, even when you have a family, it’s a daunting task if you’re just pushed into it. Some people might have been longing for that kind of opportunity but sometimes it can be shocking to the system.

How do you go about achieving the ultimate end of trying to represent something that is very serious because many times the importance is lost? When you try to do anything that doesn’t come from the heart it is a meaningless quest. It is a meaningless task.

That is the difficult thing is trying to understand the importance of that individual thing, when we look at the idealism of God and God’s representation. We are an individual to God and God and humanity has to become one. That aspect of achieving that important relationship, the value in that; it takes a lifetime to learn.

How often do you when you’re old and think about something and you think about your potential and many times you want to show off and practice that basic virtue stuff, self restraint. All that little stuff that’s important to practice, to understand, the ultimate value that we have and must understand in relation to God.

It’s difficult. It’s very difficult when you have to think about dying, because when you talk about value that is forever and everlasting and has to do with a relationship with God, it doesn’t really matter what others think while you’re breathing. The value as we know it in the secular realm can’t go with you after death. Valuable things that we believe, as we try to idealize ourselves, and knowing what God’s ideal is all about therefore I want to make that relationship workout and know God better; “I don’t know how much I know now but it has to be more than this. I need to know more. It has to be greater than this.”

As you push yourself in the end the answer is very simple: The values that you can take, there not many out there. There’s not many here. You really don’t see it. Things that are going to last; you really don’t see it. It might be easier if money exchanged between hands and stuff and back and forth, but it’s not like that.

It’s about something that is of love, and try to describe love. How do you love your children? Pretty much that’s the basic standard. God loves you right? God loves His children. In what way, How do you love your children?
Can you take that and put it in to someone that you don’t know? That’s difficult, but it can be done. That’s the trial in fact. That’s what we try to accomplish ultimately in the end. And how is that going to happen? I can’t give you that answer. It’s on a one-to-one basis.

You can try to simplify it but you can be over simplifying things if you’re not careful. You have to know who you are. If you have to oversimplify something it got to be sort of an extreme circumstance, and yet you have to ask your self “Why do I want to oversimplify this?” What am I getting? What am I looking for? What am I trying to get out of this stuff? In what way?

Because unless its war oversimplification always is not ideal. Why because I don’t know you, and I don’t know you (pointing to audience members) and I can’t say that you and you are identical. That’s the problem.

That is the problem of dealing with people in developed nations. The level of expectation and self value, of course it varies, but it’s very very different in a developed nation. That’s the problem. But that’s not un-ideal. Everybody wants that kind of special attention right?

You can’t fault you guys for that kind of desire. That’s why it takes commitment. You have to realize what’s right and what’s wrong and it takes time and it takes time for us to figure that out even as we swim through this confusion of all these variations and differences and all sorts of separate existence.

It takes time. And it will take a life time for some people. And it will take a life time to the next generation until that is realized. It’s not going to happen overnight. That’s the reality and accepting it is a big step. You asked for it and you’re going to get it. There is no exception to that rule.

I question myself some times. How far can I go along this path? There are many separate ways I could get off. I’ve figured that out. How far am I going to stay on this path?

It’s up to you. You can’t force somebody to do that.

I guess to have to have that desire for what is of true value to me. I must ask that and answer that to myself. That’s the only way I’m going to be a role model to my children. One way, good or bad they’re going to use me as an excuse. Right?

So how far? I don’t know.

What is my highest or what is my greatest? I don’t know.

How far can I go? I don’t know.

Do I want to get there? Do I want to win? I guess so.

Something like that. That’s all I can say sometimes, most of the time.

It’s better than you having all the answers on that day. Then you should go to sleep...... because you’re no good when you’re awake. (Laughter)

Anyway, take care of yourselves OK?

I’ll see you soon.
I'll miss you a little bit.

(Hyo-Jin-nim is going to Korea for True Parent's Birthday and then will tour with his band in Japan. He will be gone for over a month.)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
You are Really Needed and Loved by True Parents 24 February 2007

You are really needed and loved by TP. Did you know this? You should try your best. That is all I need to talk about. What I want to talk about. You followed Father with True Faith. You know yourself the best. He called me Hyo Jin Nim so all I need to do is be a filial son to my Father.

I am seeing life a little differently now. Father gave us the words of DP. Live for the sake of others. You are an educator. Your path should be the same as TP. The eternal challenge is to continue even if you are persecuted. Because of your lineage you will always be looked up to by your children. Everyone in this world has common ground. You cannot deny the reality you have a challenge in life. I don't know you personally but there is a common ground between you and me.

If you started family, your children will feel more pressure every day about life. How truly do you face those challenge's. Only you know personally how much you challenge yourself. If you are not going to do your best maybe you should not even start it.

The young kids have such a high education, they cannot just go along with the flow. They really try to excel. All the pass information you could get in a year now you can get it in a day. A years worth of research can be done in a hour in your own living room.

I have a favor to ask. Please forgive me. The symbolic and real world we hope can be one. Naturally, automatically if they can be one that would be great. But no way to go without going through the growth process. People ask for help, you ask for help. That is reality. Ask me to come up and speak about it. Not that many people like me. Many people think of me as the true enemy. This is church - I have to be honest. You have to educate people and bring more people to the unification church. The kids we have are hard to control. People in the 3rd world are hard to witness to because they have a lot to consider. It means you have to invest a lot. The only way to bring people is through sacrifice and money. You have to make sure they feel you are sincere and truthful no matter what approach you use.

So in front of True Parents I don't want to be near my parents. Just a single day if I visit my Father I feel horrible for a whole day. Not all the time. There are many that I know or don't know. Am I here to judge you? No, I not here to be judged either.

I sure you are going to try your best. This is how I perceive you. True Parents blessed me again. I will try my best to live my life. Individual my own way. My body is much better. I am preparing to push my work forward as much as I can do. As much as I can do I will give to my Father. All the things that are needed to do.

With DP you should have broad perspective. You need information so you can have self-development. Then we can have a good war. With age of internet even the media is different. You can be enriched by internet technology. You have spirituality and a mental mind. You have to become deeper and live as a moral human being. You have to truly reach them through your heart. People who volunteer their heart they can come and be connected. What is the point if you educate someone and not touch their heart. I think that is the best present I can offer to True Parents. I am going to try my best and I will continue.
In the future, let's go beyond our limits, I feel pressured. You have to do voluntarily. Even if you guys don't come I will speak to the wall. Your hearts should be alive. We should do it step by step. The last favor I ask for TP to live long life lets give him result. Father need to go on another 50 years. My favor is the only thing I can ask you.

If you want to give me something it would be the most precious thing for me. Whatever people say to me, I am still Father's son. If you can do with good heart, I will give my best. Not old grudges. Let's melt those grudges. I will try my best to love you. True Love.

Notes by Mike Lamson
“Self” on 15 April 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

How have you been doing? (Hyo-Jin-nim last spoke at Belvedere Feb 18th. He has just returned from performing in Korea and Japan.)

Is everybody OK?

Let’s talk about self.

You know there are so many self-help books out there. Improve your self this way or that way…

What is the first step? If you read any books that is the kind of guidance that you want.

Normally if they have a proper perspective it has to focus on you.

You have the answer. What is your best? What can you do best?

That is the first answer you need. You have to question your self and give the answer.

You have to do that. What can I do best?

For the time being just put aside the idea that “I want to be the best, the greatest.”

Just what can I do best?

Knowing your limits and because everything has its time and place.

Time ticks forward so you have to think in the present before you think about the future.

And when you think about the present and knowing the limit means that’s how you lived and you think about history. That’s when you think about the past.

Finding your best if you have to make that conclusion, you can only find it today.

Tomorrow might be different. Hopefully that’s how you’re going to get better.

So you have to ask yourself: “what can I do today, what is my best?”

And if you have that insight then you can think about what is my greatest.

And even when you have that answer of being the greatest that you can be, then comes the greater responsibility.

If you do, and I believe we do, as we live with God, in relation with God, a relationship with God, you have to think about a greater responsibility.

Obviously you’re not just doing this for your self, right? So why do I have my greatest? What is it for? You have to answer that question too.
That means that you give, and that’s very inevitable. That’s the next point; that’s the next phase.

The final phase would be that living that life, you have to expand because you can always do more. And more is in tomorrow, never in today or yesterday.

So from there you find your direction and you invest your life, your short life. (laughter)

You have to think that even the greatest is relative. Right? Not everybody can be number one, the champion.

It sounds nice but it doesn’t work that way when you try to cram everyone into a time frame especially in the present. Do you understand what I’m saying?

It doesn’t work. So what are you chasing? What kind of understanding do you have toward what is greatest?

It has to be real to you. You can’t just live a fantasy for the rest of your life, because if you do your life will take all sorts of unwanted directions. Why, because you’re living a lie.

You can say it’s a dream, a fantasy, but if it is not real it can be a fantasy or a nightmare.

You really have to know how to pace yourself. First you ask yourself what is my best. Figure it out! You know yourself. Nobody else does better than you. Figure it out.

Is it going to take care of me? Will this be able to take care of me being my best, give me my self-sufficiency? And from there give me the room or the possibility to do my will to my nation and to God?

You have to answer that question. You have to find that best. Because it’s a different kind of time.

Father, His best is being the King right? (laughter) There is only one Father. Right?

There is only one Messiah. That’s it. That’s what He’s best at.

But that’s not me. I have to find my best. I have to find my greatest. And I have to struggle to make that offering. And I have to struggle again to expand.

That’s my choice. That’s the choice that I have to make. And that’s the life that I have to live if I want to receive what I want to receive.

Because I believe in something, that’s the price that I pay to receive what I believe.

It’s just as simple as that.

And as you live life the one thing that is important, that I realize is that you have to forget what you did, especially when you think that you did something good.

Why? Because it just became yesterday.

You don’t live in yesterdays. You don’t live in memories; that’s stupid. People lock them up, you know what I mean?
It's better to always focus on tomorrow. You have to think about tomorrow. That's when you find your self expansion.

You want to be bigger right? You want to be greater right? It's always in tomorrow, never in yesterday or today.

All you can do best is recognize that and remind your self of that again. You should get out of your ----- and say “Hey! Calm down! Be cool! Forget it! Hold on! The better is in tomorrow.”

Because if you don’t do that, then nobody will. Why? Because in the end, you only listen to your self. (laughter) So just get rid of all the nonsense and go right to the chase.

Listen to someone that you will listen to in the end. If you kind of remind yourself of that you can make it a habit, a good habit, because no one is going to take care of you better than yourself. OK?

If we don’t know how to take care of ourselves, that’s something else, then we need……. Something like…… well anyway. (laughter)

When you talk about your self, what do you really, really think about your self?

Pray about it.

Soul search it.

Squeeze your brain until it blows up. (laughter)

What can I do or what is my best?

From there, move on.

OK?

Build from there.

Taking it from there you think about practicality and what you want to do for the sake of a greater purpose.

You need to balance.

There are some things that will change and you should make it keep on changing.

At the same time there is some thing that should be unchanging, absolutely.

You need to live a balanced life.

Because if you don’t it will skew and it will tilt.

You don’t live that long properly.

There’s always better stuff tomorrow.

Always in tomorrow.
Believe it.

Because that's true.

That's why I want to change. That's why I want to expand.

That's why I WILL expand and I WILL change.

There is something that won’t change, that understanding, knowing that it works that way.

OK?

It was good to see you again.

See you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Are people born evil?” on 22 April 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning.

Let me start off by asking you a question.

Are people born evil? (Audience responds “no.”)

I have to talk about it because obviously we all know what happened. (The context is the 33 deaths on Virginia Tech Campus last week)

All those innocent lives lost. That’s unthinkable; the degree of shock and the horrendousness is just immeasurable.

We have to talk about it because it happened.

The thing is that it happens not just in America, but in places like Iraq where America is trying to bring democracy. Dozens of people, at times hundreds of people die every day. That’s a tragedy.

If you really try to put it out because taking care of ourselves in it’s self is difficult. You don’t want to think about a problem that exists in the world where truly people are selfish and dying.

But that’s another issue when it comes to you and me, when it comes to “I.”

What happens to “I”?

That’s what’s important, right? Because from that “I” something happens, hopefully something for the right. And even that is a hope. It’s not a conclusion. It might be a promise to your self therefore in light of yourself you want to view it as something of hopefulness.

Sometimes you don’t want to pat yourself on the back too often. Because if you do that too often without any results, that matters beyond yourself, right? Beyond “I”.

Can we stop this nonsense? Is it possible?

If none of us is born evil then how did these people become so evil?

If that is not the epitome of the definition of evil then I don’t know what is.

You can blame it on psychological stuff. You can say that young man was demented, but how did he get so demented?

How did he get so corrupted; How did he get so fouled that he can do something with no remorse whatsoever, even to the point at the end of taking his own life.
I thought that was easier than shooting 32 innocent people. That is serious stuff.

What happened? What happened?

You developed—nation people understand the importance of diet right?

You have to have a well balanced diet, right? You have to have the right minerals; you have to have vegetables, and dairy products, proteins, and whatever, healthy and balanced to keep your body healthy.

What about the mind? You see children obsessing over certain sugary stuff. You can’t feed them that stuff forever. Somebody has to be looking after children when they’re growing up, even physically.

What about mentally? Whose responsibility is that? Are we supposed to educate children just so they can get a job, and more and more in modern days you need to be specialized so what ever special skill it demands to get a decent job in the workforce and whatever the stuff you need to survive and take care of the business. And it’s there for that and it ends there.

Where else do you spend time? Hopefully you spend time in churches right? And how often do you spend time in church? You spend your waking moments after you turn six years old or so pretty much outside your house preparing yourself to make a living ultimately. That’s it. Think about it.

What do you envy? Envy has a negative connotation doesn’t it? But it can also be positive. Anything bad can be turned into good; good can be turned into bad, because we have that power. We have such subjectivity over everything all under creation.

OK You take the envy and what do you envy? Why are you envious? When you envy something just obsessively its like you saying I want to eat just sugar, I don’t want to eat anything else. Well you’re going to get sick very soon OK.

You have to know how to balance this stuff. And what if you don’t have that available then you’ve got to put something in your stomach. Right? So you can live. Right?

So you have to know how to do that. People that fail to recognize that aspect of maintenance, just self maintenance, they loose the point.

Many problems rise from that. Individual, personal, emotional, characteristical problems arise from that.

Things that are out there, they’re just like things in your diet you need minerals fruit and vegetables, protein, all that stuff. You need to balance that if you want a healthy body. Just as with your mind the same goes for that too.

What about the spirit? What sense of love are you talking about here when you’re talking about a proper diet for the spirit? What kind of diet will you be chasing after?

You should be able to be in control of everything that you have the potential of being…… of achieving. Even just taking envy for instance, why can’t you envy someone that you love, some goodness that they possess?
Why does it have to be something that is so far from you? All this stupid stuff comes because you practice stupid things; you think in stupid ways; and you practice stupidly. Because that’s what you think it is and it’s not. It’s not like that.

Like I said last week, always better is in tomorrow. I feel for those kids……. but I guess you have to move on right?

If you want to learn how to live you have to know how to give right? Give what? What will last? What can you leave behind that will last when you die?

You will not take money with you. You will not take whatever fame with you. What you take is what you have given to others. That’s what you take.

If you want to envy something things that can turn people into all sorts of craziness, make sure that there is a right way of using it.

It is not just wrong. We just don’t know how to use it properly.

Don’t blame God.

Bad happens because we make bad right?

And hopefully there is a learning to this and it doesn’t go in vain American people.

OK.

Take care.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“What do you want to love?” on 29 April 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning.

Let’s talk about love.

What do you want to love? (Hyo-Jin-nim waits for an answer)

Say Something! (laughter)

What do you want to love? (God)

You want to love God, what else? (everybody)

I guess this is the kind of answer you’d expect in a religious setting, right?

What about people who are not religious?

What do you think that they want to love, money, fame, power, beauty?

And so I guess we all have our definition of love. It depends on a kind of tribal reality.

The particulars are obviously stressed.

That’s kind of the basic difference in that make it difficult at times to unite everybody because a lot of us all around the world based on that kind of reality, tribal reality, what we value as love, the concept of it, it varies.

So when everybody knows love is good, however the value of love differs. There is obviously a potential for conflict, and that difference makes it difficult at times.

But certain things are fundamental regardless of how you may like a particular thing, desire a particular thing. One could translate that desire as the definition of love.

Certain particulars are universal. And anytime you talk about unity, we have to understand, if it exists, what that particular is. Otherwise we have no grounds for unification. There is no foundation. There is no basis.

So that recognition, if there is such a thing, that it should be the grounds in which we plant the seed. Otherwise it won’t happen.

When you talk about love, who do you want to love; what kind of people do you want to love? Beyond the kind of material thing that we like to love if there is a type of people what kind of people do you want to love?

What type of people can we think about universally and have a kind of mutual understanding in the basis of whom you want to love? There has to be some kind of quality there.
It’s very difficult to unite something unless you have that understanding unless you want to love something.

When you try to show love to your children, first of all there has to be a basis in which they can understand and they can reciprocate with you. That becomes the cause of understanding or realizing love.

What is that?

You can start with giving right? What kind of giving? Based on the level of understanding and maturity that is the first thing that teaches us of the concept of love.

It might start with the frivolous things for children because they’re still immature. Their maturation level is relatively low, however it starts with giving.

Giving what? It varies. But the concept of giving is the basis of learning about love or making love, the realization of love.

So what do you want to give? When you talk about the concept of giving what is actually happening? If that is the cause, what is the effect?

When you give something to somebody hopefully you give because you want that person to what? To become better, right?

And that completion of cause and effect, action and reaction, makes you realize love.

And it has to be better, to make you better in the end.

When you give certain things to children, that giving or that understanding, feeling better might be temporary because you’re giving candy or what not. You make them feel better. They’re sad and all of a sudden you give them candy and they feel better. It might be very short in terms of duration; however through that little child, by the action of giving, something has turned in their little moment of life, in their head, something better.

So when we mature to the point of understanding eternity or start to ponder or try to understand God obviously the value of giving or the quality of giving, the stuff that you want to receive takes on a value or takes on a meaning that is equal to that pursuit. Right?

You want to learn about eternity. You want to learn about God. Then the giving, the something that makes you better should possess that kind of eternal quality.

So it changes as we mature. And as we mature to the fullest adult hood so we can start to understand those things, the things of value in terms of making you better takes on those definitions because it must.

That is what’s valuable in giving.

You talk about unconditional giving, but the funny thing is that even unconditional giving has conditions. Why?

It has to make you better in the eyes of God. It has to make you a better person who can co-relate and co-exist with God for eternity.
You can’t just unconditionally give money to terrorist so that they can kill people. That’s not unconditional giving,

Even forgiveness too, There is no such thing as unconditional forgiveness. It has to have meaning, purpose. If it has a purpose it has a condition.

How can you forgive somebody if he doesn’t have in his heart the wrong that he has committed? What is the purpose? There is no purpose then. There is no meaning.

It has to have conditions. Even in giving someone unconditional love, unconditional forgiveness, it has conditions because it must serve a purpose.

Purpose of goodness right? Eternal goodness. Otherwise there’s no meaning. They’ll do it again and again and again right?

What is the purpose of forgiving wrong if it’s going to be done over and over and over again?

It has no purpose.

We want to love people who make us better, right?

That’s the kind of love that we want, right?

Someone who can help you to be better.

Because when you receive that kind of love you know it’s meaningful to you as much as to the person who gives it away.

And that’s the kind of meaningful thing, and that’s the kind of people you want to love in the end, for a long time, the longer the better right? (yes)

And that’s not easy. Who said it was easy right? (laughter)

Anything that is meaningful, anything that is worthwhile holding onto forever is challenging, will be difficult to achieve, but it can be done.

If God can endure all sorts of misery and pain, that we’ve …… in our life time. If God’s allowing us to understand and make that happen, then he will assist us in every which way.

That’s a pretty good deal isn’t it? (laughter)

And it can be done if we understand the value of love and how it’s done, and if we take responsibility to try to be the kind of people for people around you, around us want to truly love you, it can be done.

That’s the grass-root thing. You know what I’m saying? (yes)

It will grow. That stuff, if it grows that way, it will last because it will take root first and it will grow.

And I believe everybody can do that, be valuable to someone else, because you can give to someone else something of value and make someone else better, hopefully better than you.
Now that is the Ideal World; that’s how you build it.

If there is a way, that’s the way.

You can do it. You might get addicted to it. Who knows?

Certain personality types gravitate to those things much quicker than the other people you know?

So it varies, but it can be done.

The more people like that we have, the better for our movement.

OK?

Take care you guys.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Prosperity” on 06 May 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a standing bow.

Rev Michael Jenkins and Rev Bruce Grodner are in attendance.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (good morning)

Does everybody want to be prosperous?

Prosperity….

Do you want to be prosperous? (yes)

In what way? (laughter)

Money? Money way?

I’ll cut right to the chase.

To me prosperity is a perception, a perception of how ones self thinks of ones self in contentment.

So when are you satisfied? Because prosperity equals satisfaction.

That varies. How do YOU see prosperity? Because it’s a perception of how ones self thinks about ones self in contentment.

If you see today, like televangelists, people that are doing very well; they put on a great show. They package them selves very well and it’s an event when you go there.

And an event has, I guess, a certain kind of appeal or expectation. For instance like on a commercial level, you create an event to sell your product.

In politics you create an event, make budget promises, and ask for your vote. (laughter)

At times, in religious circles, you have an event and make a statement, make a proclamation of some sort, representing the Divine.

And it’s how you use that kind of stuff to draw attention that makes the event highly successful or not. Right? (yes)

And pretty much, that’s how we communicate with one another on a larger scale. Otherwise it’s one-on-one. You have to literally build things one-on-one.

And because of modernization we can afford that kind of large scale give and take using those kinds of situations, because we all have that kind of situational awareness of how things work.
Especially when people put on those kind’s of things, they have certain expectations so to listen better to what the point is, and they’ll try to hold you to it whether they’re selling the right product (or not). And time will tell right? Whether it’s a good politician or not or whatever.

Time will tell.

So however in the end what is all that for? Why is it necessary? You have to ask yourself, ultimately in the end, if we can find something that is universal.

What is that universality that we can all share in contentment?

And that’s important. Because when you talk about being prosperous it’s physical mind and body, and I guess certain people are stuck on a physical level because that’s all they understand because I guess it might be environmental or whatever.

They’re some people that are kind of stuck in the intellectual level. And they pretty much give their whole life in pursuit of creating that and getting greater and greater satisfaction in terms of their expansion intellectually.

And spiritually…… And in spirituality it goes the same way but that’s a very broad kind of reality. Because how do YOU find satisfaction, unless you have a telephone, a direct line to God, a red telephone, like Batman’s Phone. (laughter)

It’s very difficult. If something is tangible or if something is intellectual at least you can feel it because there is give and take you can perceive and determine, analyze or whatever.

But how do you go about doing that, analyzing and defining perception when it comes to having a relationship with God? How do you ultimately feel that satisfaction?

So you have to take a leap of faith, right, and try to predict how God will think in satisfaction. NOT YOU! Not you first, but how HE would….What would He….. What would God think that will make God satisfied, make Him feel that contentment?

When you chase after the notion, the feel of God, you can’t determine based on your self. It’s foolish isn’t it? You have to think about how HE would perceive. That’s the leap of faith that we have to take. What would make Him content?

He wanted us to procreate and proliferate like all the stars in the universe. What would make Him satisfied in the end? What would make Him happy? Because anything that gives contentment has all that stuff in there, prosperity, happiness and all that stuff that you want. But in the end if you want to chase God, that’s what you have to do. You can’t ask your self, you have to ask what would make Him contented. That’s the only way, because you have no idea.

Do you truly know what makes you feel satisfaction yet? You’re still chasing it aren’t you? At least I am. I’m not going to live that long. I’m still trying to figure out what, to this person, defines contentment. Only then can you truly feel prosperous in my eye.

Give a bunch of candy and French fries to children and they think that they’re in prosperity. (laughter) When they grow up that perception changes. That’s about it isn’t it?
It's true. I still think like that. I don't know about you. In my own way, in my own stupid way I do. The desire keeps you pushing on to try to expand to try to ask questions, what is more that I have?

Before you talk about giving, I have to know what I've got. What more do I have. Then comes the part about giving. That's the choice. It's the choice that made us fall. It's the choice that can make us successful as well too. Heavenly…

If it has to come from your responsibility, me and you, then that determination ultimately falls on you, and you have to expand your limitations. If you don't, you can never be prosperous.

You're going to make a big boo boo. (laughter) It just might be criminal.

So prosperity is in you. It's how you perceive seeing your limitations, but at the same time, don't let the notion of limitations bind you. You can expand. The world has boundaries, sure, but expand, right?

Unconditional love has conditions right? (laughter) Know yourself and that answer lies in you. No body else can give it to you.

And if we can be the church that can understand more that just the kind of prosperity stuck on the body or the mind. Maybe a little higher…. Hey let the best man win right? That's about it isn't it.

We’ll attract people because that's how we think, that's how we live and if we can showcase those more in confidence, trust me; it will be beautiful. And people are attracted to beautiful things.

It can be done. Others can sort of do it. We can do it too; we’ll certainly do it if we put our hearts and minds together in our efforts. Faith and effort, hey, to start that's all you have.

But you have to believe. God still believes that this world can become an ideal world. We have to believe right? Otherwise we will all perish right?

We can’t let that happen right? That’s not an option.

So let’s see what we got! OK?

I guess next week is Mother's day. You guys going to be busy? (busy fundraising so perhaps Hyo-Jin-nim should not speak. Audience responds ‘we'll be here!) I’ll be here. (much laughter)

I’ll see you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“What is natural?” on 13 May 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

Why are you coming?

Is somebody putting a gun to your head? (Laughter)

What is natural?

When we think about things that are natural what do we expect from some things that are natural?

Let’s say that God is a loving God, in His lovingness what do we naturally expect?

(A child on the front row answers “an embracing feeling.”)

An embracing feeling, you should come and speak. (laughter)

OK. A loving God to you I guess is an embracing feeling. Ah you know you need to be embraced sometimes.

Even a stone person like me needs to be embraced too, if I can get it. (Laughter) It’s good to be embraced.

What else do we expect from a loving God? What is natural?

Are there stages? If we think about God in a natural sense, the lovingness that we expect from him, on the level of physicality, what do we expect?

What do we expect on the intellectual level? What do we expect on a spiritual level? Because there will be some variations.

I’m sure that the requirements or expectations can vary according to individuals, but I’m sure that there is some universality, some general outline, and some constants. If there is a sine curve or if there is a waveform, they’ll be something in constants that create that form, because without that principle, that concept is irrelevant, it doesn’t exist.

The circle is nothing other than just one cycle of a wave, putting verticalness and pushing it together. Then you have a circle.

So that rolls on and on and on.

That’s why things move in that direction that gives life. And it’s linear because we live in the physical world. I don’t think that we’re mature enough to understand spirituality. We’re barely learning how to maintain and manage our body, our mind, and it will take a lifetime to get there.
And spirituality, to have a relationship with God, to make the relationship with God natural, it's going to take a long time. It will take eternity, but you have a chance because you believe in eternity. You believe that you have spirit.

Let’s think about it: In spirituality, even just the conceptualness alone, in a sense, dictates faith, the simple thing, faith.

Faith without absolute is no faith, has no faith right? You must have absolute to have faith. So faith without absolute has no faith.

Why? Because if you don’t embrace that faith concept, you can’t understand that crazy stuff about the Christian tradition, the fall of mankind. It doesn’t make any sense.

There is a limitation to the eternalness of God Right? Unconditional love of God, how do you describe the unconditional love of God? If there is no description, then what’s the point to talking about unconditional love if you can’t describe it?

It has a description so it has a condition.

So when you talk about naturalness, especially spirituality, the ultimate achievement for us is to have the relationship with God, that eternal relationship, something that will take our life to learn about, our body, and our mind, just to manage and maintain.

Our sanity and our progress within the sanity understanding God and spirituality will push on forever, will expand forever. This life is nothing other than giving you the idea “That’s how you will expand.” THAT’S IT!

Just because you say “Awe I’m just about to croak” laying on your death bed and “now I know everything.” It’s not like that.

If it were, then we should all just try to make a pill that would make us really old and die so we can just cut to the chase, fast forward, cut away all the nonsense. (Much laughter).

Why not? If that were doable, I’d rather live that way. I’d rather take that course because it’s too much energy living normally.

So what is natural to you? What do you expect out of your naturalness? What do you expect from nature? What do you expect naturally from your self? What do you expect naturally from God?

Somehow that has to connect.

What do you see when you see nature? What do you learn from it? Do you see just the survival of the fittest or do you see some examples of nuances that….. If you pay attention, there’s a lot of stuff that bugs and plants and animals do better than men. You know what I’m saying?

There are certain things that literally we have to learn from those lesser things right?

And what do you see in you, naturally? What goodness do you think…. do you have? Do you have it? Do you know your evil side? I’m sure that you have some goodness there. I hope so. (laughter) I don’t think that anybody is pure evil.

And how does that connect. How do you compare to nature? And also you have to ask yourself then what do I naturally expect from God?
How do I see my God to be? If I see my God what is the impression that I expect of Him? Will He disappoint me or will He inspire me?

AT least think about it! HAVE THAT DESCRIPTION!

Forget about being disappointed; at least have a description first.

You should…… because you are going to die with it.

You’ve got to know what you’re dying for. At least you have to have a description of it.

Don’t believe in something that you can’t see, you can’t feel, that you can’t touch in your heart. You know what I’m saying?

If you don’t have those, you’ll drift; you’ll fly away like a little tweety bird.

It is important to have that. Think what is natural. If we’re good and naturally should have a relationship with God.

Who is my God and what does this text book teach me, this nature? And hopefully, if we’re good enough, if we have a definition, at least about self in community, we can find and we can accelerate that process a little faster. That’s about it.

And you have more to share, something relevant that we need, not nonsense.

OK? Think about what is natural to you and goodness.

I don’t know; you know; you have to find out.

There are generalities. You can talk about generalities, but look, you want to be special OK?

Find something that makes you special. That’s the only way that we can be rich together.

OK? See you later.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Forgiveness” 20 May 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

Let’s talk about forgiveness.

Have you ever hated somebody?

If you have hated somebody, please raise your hand.

Do you still hate that person?

If you look around…all the religious conflict is based on the ability to not forgive, right? It’s born out of hatred because of differences of belief.

That fanatical Islamic community, they don’t need any drugs, they purely hate Western society, especially America because it goes against what they believe.

And what they believe is absolute. Nobody else is right other than them. That fanaticism is fueled by anger, its some kind of self-righteous spiritual anger in the name of God, borrowing the name of God.

That’s why they can kill themselves and teach young people to strap bombs on them selves and kill as many as they can.

And it doesn’t stop there; if they could they would create more mass-destruction if that is doable.

But how do you stop this? That is by a reality based on spiritualism.

What about hatred just based on an intellectual level?

Let’s say somebody stole your idea; let’s say somebody conned you out of your hard-earned money because they’re weaselly like… whatever.

You want to hate that person, and it’s very difficult to forgive that person because they have taken so much from you. However, even on the intellectual level, that is doable. That can create the kind of hatred that changes your life…not for the good. Unfortunately it will torment you; it will isolate you. You will literally live in mental hell, mental incarceration. Why? Because you’re just so angry you want revenge.

What about just on a physical level? Somebody beats you up, or somebody just stole your money outright, but not burglary and you have caught that person, and you know who beat you up. It is easy for you to forgive that person? You want some sort of retribution don’t you?

Just because we have the ability to grow based on give and take, if it falls on the opposite direction, yes just that technical aspect of it will kick in too. It will affect you. That’s why, in anger, if you feel that you have been victimized, you want to turn that
process; you want to turn it on and do something about it. And what are you doing in actuality? It’s about retribution and revenge.

If you want to forgive, you have to understand that you have the greater possibility to expand to grow.

An arrogant person cannot forgive. An arrogant person is limited to the body, limited to the mind state, spiritually limited as well.

Why? Just think about it. Suppose someone takes away your whole family and brain washes your children to hate you, hate your own kind. For what ever self-justification they might have, they feel superior to you. How can you forgive that kind of person? Because you feel the anger from the tip of your hair follicle down to your toenails, your anger is to the degree that is makes you sick, physically sick, intellectually DARK.

You won’t see the light of the day. All you’ll see is what is in your head. It’s that pure hatred, and that’s what you feel too. And how do you go over that?

How do you try to forgive somebody when you feel that much hatred? It’s difficult, obviously. You have to recognize…. But then you have to try. If you don’t heal yourself then no body will. If you can’t take care of yourself, nobody will.

Why, because you’ll be dependent on someone else for the rest of your life. And who’s to say that that person that you put your self in the position of depending upon in curing your anger, dismissing your anger, nullifying your anger…… how can someone erase something when someone doesn’t know what the hell you’ve got?

In that kind of situation the only person that can cure you is you. You have to tell your self, “OK what is going on here with me; why am I this angry?” Physically you have limited your self to where the hell you were at the moment of inception of this miserable stuff. You’re still stuck there physically.

Intellectually you have only entertained your self with the thought of this tremendous amount of hatred and you’re only allowing yourself to let that grow. Spiritually, pretty much, you’ve shut down.

Why? “I’ve got a problem with life, breathing stuff; I’ve got a problem with dealing with stuff with my mind and my body and I need to somehow resolve this.” I know that is crying out inside of me. The inner voice inside me is crying out “You need to resolve this, other wise you’re going to kill your self”

Why, why am I stuck in this limitation? What is my limitation? You need to go back…..

It takes two to Tango right? And basically you’re trying to evaluate the wrongdoing in terms of a ratio. That guy is nine and I’m one or eight and two, that kind of stuff. It’s that justification process.

Because it falls into that kind of rational thinking, that category of thinking, that happens. If you think like God obviously you can be a little more patient, more expansive right? But that’s just good enough for me. Pretty much that’s where I’m stuck.

Remember, we all die and will be judged. You stand for your consequences.
Some people do stupid stuff; they play games with you and you forgive them and you forgive them. It’s a never ending game with some kinds of people. So you say to yourself “Why the hell should I forgive that guy one more time?”

But there comes a time in situations like that that you have to say “OK I’ll forgive you.” And walk away.

Why? Obviously that person has an issue that he needs to control; he needs to manage on his own, prior to having any kind of relationship with anybody else.

Why? Because we have to be responsible in relationships; at least if you have done wrong, you have to recognize what you have done wrong. If you don’t have that capacity, what’s the point? You start something and it will end the same way over and over and over again.

For the sake of that person, sometimes you just have to walk away. OK.

He’ll face God’s judgment. They’ll face their own consequences. Every individual has a responsibility for their own perfection. And the basis of perfection is knowing how to relate with one another, and making the human relationship deeper and deeper and wider and wider and that kind of stuff.

You can’t talk to a wall and understand human relationships. Do you understand me? So how do you, when you’re faced with stuff, deal with somebody who has no capacity at that moment in time to change? You can be patient, but the thing is, the changes will happen when they will, and isn’t that the catch.

If God cannot control mankind from the beginning, because of individual responsibility, no matter how you try to invest in somebody, unless they understand their basic value, and the responsibility of being human and facing up to the consequences of their own actions, right or wrong, and know how to complete them selves, you don’t expect every direction you take, every step of the way to succeed all the time.

The basis of humanity has to be there and understood by your self to build a true relationship with other humanity. And when you don’t have that capacity, why, because you don’t think that is important then why the hell don’t you talk to a wall? You’re just talking to the wall!

You’re talking to some kind of entity that doesn’t understand your language or concepts, perceptions.

You got a problem.

The only thing that you can do is pray for that person’s soul. Sometimes that’s all that you can do. “I hope you find yourself before you die.” Because it will be much easier (on earth) than after dieing. “You will learn your lesson one way or the other.”

So if you want to forgive, try to be humble. Be a humble man. It takes effort.

I jokingly always say that a humble man is nothing other than a man who keeps his arrogance to himself.

Know your limit.
Arrogance is limitation, and you can flaunt it as much as you want, but it’s only in this life that you can find some sort of audience in certain unique circumstances.

Steve Jobs or whatever, that guy in Apple, his philosophy is that “I don’t particularly care if I’m right as long as I’m successful.” That’s screwed up OK.

You can find something in life, but you want to complete your life, and in ones self there is Spirit Mind and Body. And controlling that in union is more important than centering on ones self possibility. You aren’t going to take it (material) with you (when you die); that’s for sure.

I need to forgive too.

I need to be forgiven by some people too.

And I have to do my best to be as humble as I can when I’m faced with that task at hand.

And so today……

OK

It’s kind of depressing but, hey!

See you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“What do You Want to Inherit?” 27 May 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

What do you want to inherit? (From Audience: True Parents tradition)

What else? Everything is in there right?

Do you have any particular things? (Blood lineage)

Blood lineage……. Come on help us out here! (True Love)

True Love… Out of the things that you’ve said what is the first thing that you can actually handle?

What can you actually handle? True love, love and lineage, True Parents Tradition, what can you actually handle? Or do we have to be more particular?

Well then, let’s be honest. If you’re going to find an answer you have to make the question relatable to you. It has to be rational to you based on your understanding or reason, your ability to reason. It has to be plausible initially Possibilities will grow in it and hopefully you can develop into it; and ultimately, in the end, you can find what you’re looking for.

But even the question itself has to be relatable to you, otherwise it’s irrelevant and you’d might as well just watch talk shows (on TV). Talk shows seem like they’re relevant, but in the end they become entertainment. You get hooked on that entertainment and they drag it on to increase the production value, and it becomes more and more frivolous.

That’s the nature of the way things exist in the multimedia realm. It can start off with some serious stuff but the whole purpose of it in the end is production value.

So how many times do you need to regurgitate the basic stuff? And if you tried to even find an interesting point of view, perspective, it becomes more and more difficult and you’re just pressed for time and cut corners.

Once people start settling in on certain things, a lot of times unless you’re always “feel the heat” so to speak, you’ll settle down. Settling down means nothing other than just trying to find the easiest way to maximize whatever gain that you’re looking for. That’s about it.

So when you talk about inheritance, what do you want to inherit? Why do you go to church? Why do you want to believe in God?

Before you talk about inheritance, let’s talk about the reality of what people do with an inheritance. You see a lot of struggles right? Especially when folks die or whatever, they fight over what ever has value, in terms of what, monetary value.
Survival, if you’re a cave man a long time ago prior to us being a little more intellectual, living out there was a struggle. Sometimes it was very violent. You had to deal with the environment; it was harsh, was brutal and goes in cycles regardless of your needs. You have to go out and gather and hunt or whatever, so you can survive.

And many times it’s just like what you see on the National Geographic Channel, when they showcase the animal kingdom. It’s brutal; it’s very violent. Civilization teaches us that, OK, and however stupid it might be to some people, violence can exist as a last resort. We accept that premise. Some people might vehemently disagree, but that’s in the minority. The majority agree, accept, and embrace that concept. And unfortunately that’s reality.

So when you talk about inheritance, what is important, what is of value to you, is there anything that you really want to be violent to inherit? And what causes violence when it comes to the core of inheritance? What triggers that thought of violence? You say “I have to act upon it somehow, as my last resort. I have to claim my stake.” What is so worth committing violence for?

You can teach people to hate, even religion can do that. And they can justify it simply because the cultures and how they interpret the relationship between God and human beings, humanity, in such ways that sometimes, as a last resort, you can commit horrendous stuff in the name of God until you defeat your enemy however long it takes. Because, they too, want to inherit something. They want to inherit the divine eternal life centered on God, in His blessing, in His glory, and eternally be peaceful, live in joy and happiness forever for the mere sacrifices however it is done. Most likely in violence because you think that you can inherit all that stuff.

And you teach people. There are people who teach people that that is how you inherit God’s eternal love.

What is important to Capitalism? What is the definition of a capitalist? Let’s say that we’re agnostic or atheist. What’s the definition of inheritance? (Money) I guess so. It’s all about stuff isn’t it? Either you inherit it, or if you don’t do the best that you can to gain it. Quote, unquote, earn it. You will do everything under the sun short of going to jail to get what you want. Nobody wants to go to jail; jail sucks. But that’s reality. They say “If I can get it in an orderly way, then I’m going to get it one way or the other. And I’ll inherit from this earth. I might not believe in God but I’ll take as much as I can for its here”

We are supposedly civilized because; we are inheriting our knowledge through history, from history, standing on the shoulders of others right? That’s one way of inheriting. A lot of people devote their whole life to intellectualism. It’s all about that, inheriting from their knowledge. You just want to put something more on the table. That’s about it, isn’t it?

But what does religion try to teach you? Inheriting something from God. How do you measure that? How do you measure inheriting something from God? It starts from your attitude, knowing what is valuable, in faith as God will see it. And that is the belief that you are willing to give your life for. Because even in measured stuff, if you believe in a certain concept, to prove it, most people dedicate their life for it in science and medicine, in the intellectual world.

The thing is: I want more than just my intellect. I want to have a relationship greater. I believe in a greater being. That’s a leap of faith. That’s why you believe in religion. Anybody who says that they believe in God, whether they fully understand the meaning of leap of faith, making that challenge to them self, they’re making that decision.
They’re taking a giant leap from what they know in body, physicality and intellectualism into something that is absolutely….. mysterious in certain ways. Why? There are so many things that we don’t know even about this planet. We have only observed about four or five percent of the ocean and bla, bla, bla. We haven’t named all the creatures and plants in the forest where it rains constantly.

What gives us the right to make that decision unless we become humble to ourselves and are willing to die for it?

(From now until the end of the speech Hyo-Jin-nim is deeply emotional and tears fall down his cheeks)

That is the greatest price that you pay to learn about something. You’re willing to pay the price to gain a greater knowledge. Whether you like it, you have to do that physically, intellectually, spiritually, of course, but it has to be your life and you have to mean it.

Yes you can screw up and make mistakes, but never loose sight of it. You try. You try. If people succeed in the first shot then you’re lucky. We can ALL be successful if we understand how we can come about reaching that end. And that is with dedication, with our lives. That’s the only way that I can grow too.

I’m doing this (speaking every Sunday) because I’m getting attached to certain things, physically, intellectually, certain faces, but to make this into a duty that I want to carry on, now that’s the next step. I might have done it because of extra-ordinary circumstances. I forced… willed myself to do this stuff. But in the process I changed. I know because at least I had some experience in the past, I wanted to do this kind of stuff; and I wanted to go back and find what I lost. That’s about it.

Because I know what’s right; you know what is right. You’re finding something that is right and that is important. There is no exception. You can’t be free without boundaries and consequences right? That’s right.

And I want it back. That’s why you try.

And what do you want to inherit?

Personally speaking, if I want to inherit something, I want to inherit how my Father built this church. That’s all. That’s enough, because that’s what’s important. I know that He spent every waking moment, every breathing moment to build something from nothing to what he has now. I know that He valued every single one of those people who came in the beginning. And that’s what made Unification Church what it is, if it means anything to anybody.

Now THAT’S important. That is the most important value, truth value, that I want to inherit.

I could care less about….. If I want stuff, I do stuff. And I’ll do a whole lot of stuff.

What’s important will last forever, truth value, that I want to inherit. That’s enough.

I could care less about anything else. I can get everything else on my own. I don’t need anyone’s help. I’ll get it in my own way.
It’s not about external. Even if I do become successful, what I’m trying to put on to the table, I’m trying to put it on to the table because I feel it’s necessary for the betterment of all for what we stand for, for the stuff we can’t erase.

I fear God; I fear my children; I fear History. That’s about it. I don’t fear anything else. You will die of disease; you will die of accident; somebody can kill you; you will die of natural causes. Suicide is out of the question, but it can be done.

Life is short and I want to put something on the table. I’ve got to earn my way, earn my keep.

That’s love isn’t it?

You can’t just take right? You’ve got to give! (whispering) and everybody knows that.

Why do we stray from that sometimes? Because we get lost in stupidity and our values change.

However primitive my value had been, it hasn’t changed yet, no matter what, and I’m trying. I think that’s………

Look I’m trying to be responsible, OK, for myself and to my expectations. This is all I can do.

What you see is what you get.

Well, hopefully, it can expand. It can grow.

I’ll do my best to make it happen.

I will not….. I won’t stop trying.

People like me, I don’t think I can. (whispering) I’ll find a way somehow.

What do you want to inherit? You want to inherit true love. Start from the thing that you know, what makes love turn around. Try to give. Try.

Even people like me try. I’ll keep on trying.

I’ll be here as long as you’re here. (laughter)

See you.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Maturation” 03 June 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

Let’s talk about maturation.

How do you want your children to grow up to be? Before you talk about your self…

There are a lot of kids here but….

Before you talk about what’s right and wrong, what’s good and bad to children I think that you first have to understand what kind of reality they have to face, their reality, because they’ll be in it, not you.

For instance, I could send my children to the nursery here where they glorify Father and they could be in that kind of environment, but once they start they start to go to public school there is no such a thing.

The Glorification is somewhere else. That’s a problem. And they’re living in it, not you. So if you think about that reality, because the reality is what you have to deal with to make growth.

You have to learn something from it, know how to control it, manage it, and ultimately transcend to the next level, because there are many levels in which you need to overcome; you need to understand first and overcome so that you can finally say bye-bye to this world and prepare your self for the next one.

And many times the language is a barrier. The language the parents use to speak to a child who lives in that kind of environment is foreign. You expect them to rise up to your level, but there are times when you need to step down. You need to understand their reality. You have to understand their reality, what they’re going through within their reality.

Before you talk about good and bad… To them what’s cool and un-cool, what’s smart and stupid is more important.

In the end you want to teach your children something and to give them something, but they have to be in a position to receive it, otherwise they’ll never get (understand) you.

First, in the beginning time….. It comes in cycles (stages) kind of decade stuff. You start with individual self stuff. You’re experimenting with your self; you’re trying to learn your boundaries and your limitations. You want to know how much excitement, how much boredom I can take. That’s what happens in a child’s mind and in a child’s reality. That’s the only thing that is important to them.

Once they start to go to school and they reach the next decade; they start to go into teen-age-hood and cool and un-cool and that kind of stuff, more social rather than
individual is important. Why, because they’re growing up. They’re just beginning to realize how it works in society.

So the fundamental thing that they will learn is try to understand that relationship, but based on the reality that they’re living in. So even the language that you choose, the concepts that you use to try to teach them what is right ultimately has to relate to them, not you.

You’re still growing too. I know that when you get to father’s age you are only going to speak about spirit world. Trust me. (laughter)

Then comes when they grow up beyond teens and they go to college. They become college students and they start to become more socially active right? They become idealist, a lot of them. If you can become an idealist, that’s the time that you’re going to turn into one.

Your getting to a greater society, greater relationship. The next decade is going to be more. You are literally going to try to find yourself and define your self in a certain kind of situation.

What ever profession that you have chosen, that’s all that you’re going to think about and that’s all that every ounce of your energy will be focused on, trying to master that and trying to make a difference and to compete and win.

A lot of times the jargon (of your profession) is important, but the next decade it’s not important any more. When you turn forty all those things are not important any more. What’s more important is finding a more universal, something that is more universal. Even if it has to be earthly, you want to find something more universal, and you want to expand that social base, connect to more people, not just to your whatever.

That is goes to the next level and you’re just going to take it to the next level. You literally want to start to actually see the value in people, and difference, not all the bad, only the good, because that’s important to you. Why, because you’re preparing your self for the final departure, because that is the completion of maturation.

More and more it’s going to become more and more important to you, that thing, knowing that stuff; nothing else matters. That’s how we grow.

Please, when you deal with children, just speak in their language. Once they start to disregard certain things they will rail against our language one way or the other.

When I was young, I was taught certain things, and when you go to school it was completely opposite. You can only take so much, but when it starts to become more and more, and more and more overwhelming you start to disregard it regardless, why, because it’s human nature; its self preservation. “I have to take care of my self. That ain’t good; there’s nothing good here.”

You start to react. The thing is unfortunately when that happens; you just might go down the wrong path. That it will take you a long time to recover from. You’re pretty much on your own then.

How difficult was it for you to find God? Did you grow up in a religious environment? What if you didn’t? It pretty much will be like that. You pretty much have destroyed whatever you had in your mind and you have to build it back up. That’s the problem.
So if you can…… Success is just one little thing. Even in competition winning is measured in milliseconds right; that determines the first place or the second guy, right? It’s that kind of stuff. It’s that little effort, a little more that makes a difference. And it’s difficult to do that sometimes and if you have to do that all the time obviously it’s going to take stuff out of you. You will pay for it. If you have chosen that path then that’s your call isn’t it?

And how long can I stick to this? I don’t know. “How long can you tough it out?” I don’t know. The thing is that everybody regardless of whether they’re a little kid or people that are preparing to go to spirit world, to the end they have to face that one question. And YOU have to answer it. No one else can do that for you when it comes to you.

Try to understand that God is in zero right? God is in the middle. That’s why He’s in zero. Father talks about horizontal and vertical and God is in here. (Hyo-Jin-nim draws the vertical and horizontal lines in the air and points at the intersection point)

How far do you want to expand? That is your life goal; you determine how far you expand. When you expand horizontally you have to match it vertically too. What you deliver based on your horizontal expansion is up to you, because you want perfection right? Aw that’s tough. Boy it’s tough!

Am I doing this stuff that I expand horizontally for my self or something greater? That’s tough. Let’s say that you can do that, expand to the level that the world will recognize. But to be perfect you have to match it up vertically right? We understand that because that’s the language, the jargon that we use in the church right?

But when it comes to kids, try to understand you have to sink down; you have to go down. You can’t expect them to always rise up to your level. Even grown-ups can’t. You can’t expect them to always do that stuff. How do you expect children to do that stuff all the time? That’s crazy!

So you have to have that kind of understanding that sets the standard. It needs to be. YES! Hey it’s your child! And it’s your life right? And we will grow to the end; it’s up to you.

OK.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Change” 10 June 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC.

Dr. Yang is in attendance and comes to the stage. Dr. Yang says that of course we want to welcome Hyo-Jin-nim, but especially we want to welcome Yeon-Ah-nim after her victorious speaking tour.

All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

That was unexpected. (laughter)

Let’s talk about Change.

Let me ask you a question; if you had one wish for a change, what would it be?

(Audience answers: World would change to God’s ideal, Change my self,)

(Someone in the front row answers “Adam and Eve did the right thing” and Hyo-Jin-nim was not expecting this kind of answer and had a surprised expression, the room erupted in laughter and it took a little while to settle down)

Hyo-Jin-nim deadpanned: “OK what if you had two wishes.” (Even more laughter)

Let’s say that I have one hundred million dollars, that’s a lot for one man. It depends on the location but on average you can buy some one a house for a quarter million dollars. So I could buy a house for only four hundred people and the money would be gone. Something that means something to somebody personally, if you expand it, it’s not enough to most people. That’s reality. What if you add a zero to that stuff; you have a billion dollars. That’s about it. It’s gone just like that. That’s all it’s worth. You add another zero; that’s all it’s worth.

So where does it end…to individuals? There’s more than four hundred people in the world right? That’s the problem. That’s why it’s difficult to change. No matter how much you have good intentions and you want to do good and you try, that’s about it. It depends on individuals. And you have to somehow unify people who have that desire, that need, whatever.

It can be basic, because it’s practical, because it’s physical. You have to think about yourself in a physical way, and you will think about your self in an intellectual way, and hopefully if you have that under control you have a time to be spiritual right?

But the problem is most people struggle where? You tell me. That’s the problem.

I’m thinking about sending my children to school other places, maybe back to Korea or something during a certain period of time in their maturation….. for schooling. I’m thinking about it because it’s very difficult; it’s difficult to process all that unless we have something that we can provide, some kind of security that is somewhat guaranteed.

There is no guarantee that you will not die of accident or disease.

So how do you change? In what way do you want to change?
Let’s say that you have something that is important to you. Then what would that be as a single individual, as a family? You want to have some kind of property right, that you want to build equity on top of it and ultimately you want to be productive within it. And on top of it is the same thing, intellectual property, spiritual stuff that goes in that physical and the mind and the spirit. Those things are important to you because it grounds you.

You can’t really change unless you have something that you’re sure of. You have to have absolute to have a change. If you don’t have something absolute, change doesn’t mean anything. Because you’ll always change and you’ll never have anything. You’ll have change that is meaningless. And what good is that?

You have to ask: “What kind of change do I want?” What kind of change can I do for myself before I give it to others? If you don’t question yourself in that way and answer yourself and know that you have the answer, it doesn’t mean anything, the change. You’ll always change, but it doesn’t mean anything. That’s the problem.

Of course you want to be self-sufficient. I don’t want to go to daddy for anything. You want to be a tough guy, macho man. There’s a reason for that kind of stuff, there’s a reason for manhood and womanhood. That’s a different topic; we’ll talk about it some other time.

But let’s say that you have something and you want to create something. You want to give to something. Yes we’re in a time and place if I have money, I can build a beautiful studio everywhere around the world, one step at a time. One place at a time. But it will be a functional one.

To me, productivity matters. If you have property, if you have equity, yes absolutely I want to have the best stuff in the world, but it’s going to be productive. Not just for me, for everybody, hopefully, but there’s no guarantee it can please everyone. And it will be functional; it can be. And it doesn’t have to be just for that purpose only. It can be for the people in general. Even those…. Even if you don’t do what I do; if we’re connected…..sure.

The thing is that ultimately in the end I believe that multimedia is very important. I absolutely believe it’s important. If we have just two dozen blabbermouths that can think on their feet, we can start. You have to have something because it’s about getting your message out there. That’s what church is for, especially in a kind of chaotic situation like this world of confusion.

That is very, very important, and it has to be constant. It has to literally tick with the clock. When you even talk about yourself and giving, talk about self-sacrifice, you kind of have to look at it….. Put yourself in a sphere first and take the concept of a vertical axis and horizontal axis and you draw away. You still need an audience, then you go up and if you do it right it will raise their expectations. Of course you will suffer and that cycle happens over and over and over and over. That’s the sign of infinity right? But that’s how to expand; that’s how you expand.

Not just with yourself, but with others. Who cares if you exist alone? God doesn’t care. That’s why He created us right? That’s the essence of growing. You want change, that’s growth. Some things don’t change, yes, because there’s boundaries. You cannot have freedom without boundaries and consequences.
The thing about unconditional love is that it has conditions. OK? You want a change, any change, that’s difficult, I’m just here to entertain you in your mind, but I’ll be here as long as you’re here. But it’s difficult.

That’s how it goes. That’s what’s normal, because I believe that’s the ideal.

OK

I’m done.

I’ve got nothing else to say. (Laughter)

See you later.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Do You Like to Fight?” 17 June 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)
Do you like to fight? (No.)
Why do we fight? (To win, to dream)
To dream? Wow, that’s cosmic!

There’s a lot of fighting going on. Right?

It’s sad and I’m sure that in your own ways, I don’t know you individually, but I’m sure that you have to struggle and you have to fight. So, for life in general, dealing with people because you can’t live alone. If you want to live alone, go live in a mountain and become a “hunter and gatherer.” (Laughter) You’re more than that so you fight.

That’s one way to avoid fighting, just cut off all the world, and just find some, if there is a piece of land left over, where you can actually live that cave-man-like life. You can do that.

OK Having said that; why do we fight? What do we normally fight for?

Let’s talk about physical things. Let’s talk about possessions. What do you in physical things, within the limitations of physical things and possessions, the concept of possession, what do we fight for? (something better, home, … truth)

We’re just talking about physical stuff here. I mean literally possession stuff. (control)

Authority, control, power, money, fame: They’re just pure physical stuff.

What do you fight for on the next level, on an intellectual level? We fight an imbalance called what’s fair, what’s righteous and all that stuff, all that goody-goody stuff.

And what about the spirit?

Ok before we get to the spirit, let’s just talk, let’s dwell on this stuff for a little while. When you break down the physical self what are you actually trying to possess? Because it’s about possession, what do you what to possess beyond the generalities that I said earlier about power and money? What does that give you? Why do you think that people pursue that stuff? Because they want comfort; they want pleasure; they want control; they want stuff like that.

They need to feel that kind of adoration. Adoration is very physical. You know what I’m saying? Why do you want to be adored? Why do you want people to like you? It’s a physical thing. Unless you have a reason for it...If you do have a reason for it that is of the Divine it doesn’t matter. Adoration doesn’t become that physical in that temporal sense. It really doesn’t matter. And you get fixated to that stuff.
How do you think any kind of addiction begins, whether you’re addicted to what stuff ever here or there, sex, drugs whatever. How do you think it begins? It’s because you’re fixated to that stuff. That’s it. All those things are very physical. The thing is that physical and spiritual have some kind of reflective quality, a reflection quality.

Physical stuff is very individual. Spiritual stuff, all those things, you can feel it with God. What you see when you look at yourself in the mirror is you, your reflection in opposite, however you should see God in it, not just you.

Stuff in the middle, that’s the problem maker. That’s why we fight, because we don’t know how to control that reality. We don’t even know how to see that reality in the order, in propriety, as God wants us to be. That’s the difficult path, very difficult.

(Hyo-Jin-nim becomes very emotional with tears from this point to the end of the talk.)

You will struggle to the end of your days. Anybody who tells you other wise…… I won’t see it. My children won’t see it. My grand children won’t see it; m great-grandchildren won’t see it. It will take at least ten more generations. But you do certain things because you believe that you can do something about what you don’t like, what you want to change because you think it’s wrong. It’s going to take time.

If anybody tells you other wise, let them do it give them everything you’ve got. Let them have every thing that you have because it won’t happen. I swear to God it won’t happen.

But we believe in something right? We can make it right. Nobody’s perfect right? At best we have representation, the best we can have right? Hallelujah! (laughter)

We need to move on, trying to better ourselves in making that understanding real. Think about it. You know God has a right to love everybody right? You want things to change?

Change is love. What the heck is love? God just loves me, just you? No. Everybody, right? You have to allow that to happen. You have to create that kind of environment. That’s what’s important.

And I said what you fight about on the physical was possessions and intellectual was imbalance. Spiritual is arrogance. You can’t be arrogant. You can’t just say that “Oh your love is mine, all mine!” You can’t do that stuff.

If you truly love somebody, you want to love everything that you have in front of you, right?
Do you select your kids “I just want to love this kid and kill the other ones?” You can’t do that. It’s wrong. I don’t think that anybody teaches that to be true love.

It has got to order more and more, deeper, broader and broader, higher and higher, in all sorts of ways in three dimensions and beyond. If we can achieve it, let’s just think what we can do in physical terms. That’s what we need to focus on. That’s the kind of church that we need to be. Otherwise just…..

I want to live up to my expectation that this name puts me under, this slavery. I’ll do it. I’ll do it. As long as you….. If you’re here, I’ll be here.

No problem. Stuff happens….every day. It’s not that bad. You always have to move on and hopefully you can make progress, Quality! Quantity! Speed!
That's all you can do…. and you’ll die. (laughter)

Isn’t that the absolute truth? Anyway ……

We’ll try right?

Let's not fight OK?

Loving is difficult enough I don’t want to fight, OK.

Take care.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Masculinity and Femininity ” 24 June 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

It never ends. (laughter)

It certainly doesn’t get any easier, and it shouldn’t. Otherwise you’re useless equipment, outdated.

Let’s talk about masculinity and femininity.

What is a macho man? I guess pretty much in general throughout the cultures man does the providing right? They go out and take the risk and do whatever that they have to do to put the food on the table; that’s what they do. And the woman raises the family, right, the best that they can, and every detail matters when you try to raise children. I guess that’s the opposite.

It (man’s responsibility) expands and it (woman’s responsibility) focuses. (Hyo-Jin-nim gestures making an expanding and a focusing “V” shape) So basically that’s what it is, I guess, that we’re supposed to do as a father and mother if you have a family. But where does that concept come from though?

God created mankind in the image of Himself, so that masculinity and that femininity obviously came from God, and is manifested by the creation of humanity. And when you break down the essence of that humanity then there is man and woman. That is the essence of humanity. That is the essence of masculinity and femininity, and there is a difference, it is opposite.

Opposite in what, for what reason? To learn to come together, that is the most important factor, to learn to unite. Because man learns from woman something that they need to learn to become one with God. And woman too, visa-versa. Because that’s what is the essence of responsibility. You have to put something on the table; you have to earn it. Yes, you have that potential. That’s why it can be learned, but you have to act upon it.

It is your responsibility to make the right choices in understanding how things can best work, because you can mess up your whole end of the thing.

When you look at the nature, it is beautiful right? There is so much beauty, but at the same time it also has fury. The reason that it exists in an opposite reality within the domain of the earth itself, the nature itself is because that’s how it grows and expands. That’s how it rejuvenates itself. That’s how it recovers. That’s LIFE!

We have to understand that stuff. How many times did we jump to a conclusion through our arrogance without knowing things? That’s why we make mistakes. That’s why the foretelling, fortune teller stuff, foreseeing stuff, becomes wrong. That’s part of the learning process isn’t it? That’s how you learn.
But, in the end, it exists to unite, to create something, teach us something. Nature is there it is a textbook of learning about basic stuff that makes us who we are to give us the basic understanding of how we can relate to God, because we do have the tools within our physical self, our consciousness and our spirit.

In terms of volume and size there and a degree of expansion, we’re the highest. There’s nothing greater, not on this planet. Maybe somewhere else flying around with flying saucers and stuff, but that’s a different story. (Laughter) I’d love to meet those hermaphrodites. (Laughter)

Even in our practical day-to-day reality why should the government, the political system itself in America, let’s say, why should it be adversarial? You can have two opposing stuff, but why can’t that model be of love, not an adversarial system? Why can’t we just teach each other something and try to learn and come together in union.

Because that’s the model of man and woman coming together. It is so silly. Freedom doesn’t allow you to be stupid OK? I’ll start from there. And what about racial relationships? What about everything? Anything that you want to talk about in human relationships, why does it have to be adversarial? Because if it is like that, it is like living in a home where the father and mother don’t trust each other, and are always doing crazy stuff to each other, and you grow up in that. That’s just nonsense! How he heck do you make an ideal family in that situation? How is it possible?

Just because somebody does something that does not mean that it is right. Just because America being the richest nation on the earth. “We have ten trillion dollars in revenue, and top in terms of taxpayers, and our government budget is three trillion dollars. We have so much money and we are the best!” So be it. Who cares? It has nothing to do with making your family correct.

(From this point till the end Hyo-Jin-nim spoke in tears)

And that’s what you need to question if you’re going to question anything, you have to question that. Why? You want to be good, everybody wants to be good. People take advantage of that goodness. People want to love stuff and throughout history a lot of manipulative people in power have used that to put those little children to war, because they want love, they want to become something united to something greater, something opposite, something that they’re not. And hopefully that is greater.

Of course you propagandize it; you’re being greater because there’s a relationship of subject and object. Why because we do have a relationship between God and mankind; that’s why we go to church.

Do you expect God to come to you every day? Who chases after God more, you or God chasing you? So who’s the subject? And there is such a thing, but in love is DOESN’T MATTER! Because you’re one, and it’s a necessary one.

You need it. Who cares if I’m the first? Why does that matter when it takes TWO to become one, and make you whole. Why do I have to say to my self “I AM IMPORTANT; I AM THE BEST!” what about the second that I NEED to be whole?

You have to be humble and keep your arrogance to your self. That’s a humble man. Because you want to grow, you want to learn, your want to love more, I want more, that stuff. That’s why you want to be humble.
How can I say that I know everything, that I have everything? Then I’m gone. I’m a dead man walking. Might as well be dead right? Anyway…..

You have to learn to come together. We exist for a reason. But that stuff, that opposite that’s the way to family. It might be the simplest stuff we’ll experience in our human life initially, but there is a whole lot of stuff out there beyond that stuff. That’s just the fundamental stuff.

You have to be willing to whole (?) P-l-e-a-s-e d-o-n’t b-e (Hyo-Jin-nim punctuated each word with a tap on the podium)

It’s a constant job. It never ends. (Hyo-Jin-nim taps the podium twice as he has done at the close of his past several talks)

OK, take care.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“What are we dying for?” 01 July 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

It never gets any easier, (Laughter) and it shouldn’t.

What are we dying for?

People here, including me, are dying for faith, right?

And life is about proving the faith that we believe.

And what is faith? How much do you know about God? How much in terms of percentage? Do you know him absolutely 100% or what?

Life is a risk and we choose our path and that in itself is a risk, the choices that we make; and we have chosen to follow faith.

What is that faith? And if I ask you individually, almost like a job interview, I’m sure that everyone has a different degree of answers.

You might in general say something, “I want to know God” but there is all sorts of variation.

That is reality and how do you come to that on a conclusive basis to say “This is faith.”

You like changes; that’s why somebody who stands here has to live a miserable life of unchanging misery. Because its miserable, but you have to change.

What are you dying for?

Look at your self as a…… Father is always talking about us being the microcosm of the universe. And just on a social level, a societal level, yes, we are law makers. Individually speaking we are managers. We make things. We are creators.

We do make laws to our selves, don’t we? We give our selves (laws) and say “OK this is my standard. This is my law, and I will do my best to follow it.” And as you grow they can change. But at the same time, once you make the law you have to manage yourself and that’s what you do.

What you see in society is just a magnification of what you actually go through in your own individual self in life. That’s it. And some people do get carried away in body mechanics. That’s just pure physical things. That’s just body mechanics.

But what’s greater? When you can make a standard and manage yourself to live up to that standard and prove yourself, then what happened afterwards?
You have to take yourself to the next level. What is that? Expansion. And where does that come from? How do you expand? You have to educate yourself right?

Education is important right? Knowing the beauty of God and all His creation; that takes a whole lot of education to understand its beauty and its purpose. It takes a whole lot of effort to make that expansion.

How much do you know about your own potential? Because education in its ideal sense provokes people about their potential, because if you don’t you can’t expand. And if you can’t expand then how the heck can you know about God who himself is expanding in love?

Who do you think you are to say that I know everything about God’s love? Based on God’s love, a new face that I see is part of that plan, that realm.

How can I know you automatically? What kind of arrogance is that?

When you talk about dying for faith you really have to understand that the risks that we take, we take it for a reason. We want to grow. We want to expand. We want to ultimately understand how we can unite with God.

Many times on a physical, you know reality, sometimes it’s even difficult just to get to know the next person, a friend. How sociable are you? And if you’re not why aren’t you that way? I’m sure that you have a whole lot of excuses and blame. And I’m sure it’s justifiable to the way the world is.

In this age, if you look at secular politics, all the presentation is more important than the deed. You see so much pretentiousness and all that stuff. People say that a picture is worth a thousand words, well action is worth a thousand pictures. How’s that?

Putting something into action for the right reasons, for the sake of others, for the sake of stuff we believe that is good, is difficult. And you’re going to do it till the day you die? Difficult.

Because is about, like I said earlier, is proving your faith.

Having said that: I want to thank you (gathered here) because you are changing my ways. I used to be detached. (Laughter) I was indifferent. I was vulgar. I lived in rage. I am grateful to you too, you are helping me to change my ways. Little by little…. I’ve got a ways to go…. 

How can you change without give and take, relationships, opportunity, reality? Some things you just don’t want to change if you’re by yourself. You know what I’m saying?

Changes come when you reach out, when you want to reach out, for what ever reason. That’s how changes are. And that’s how you grow in faith.

It doesn’t matter if you have to serve a purpose in a position of unchangingness, the symbolism of it. Still you need to have that give-and-take relationship so you can change too.

Because you have to expand right? And it takes time to fill so you need that unchanging stuff to balance the change then you go to the next level. Then you go to the next level. It’s that kind of stuff.
But finding that gratitude in misery is difficult, but if it comes with the territory, you can't complain. Right?

Everybody suffers right? One way or the other right? (Laughter)

There is no exception.

Please, know what you're dying for and prove that ultimately you have the greatest faith.

That's a good competition slogan. (Laughter)

Take care of your self. (Two taps on the podium)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Moving Up” 08 July 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

Let’s talk about moving up.

America is the most powerful nation in the world I guess.

Is it? (A brother from the former Soviet Union responds "Kind of")

Kind of? Russia? (Laughter)

How many nations are there in the world? Over two hundred something, right?

It goes up and down, but there are hundreds of nations.

And those hundreds of nations, do they follow America’s ways and values in every which way? I don’t think so.

They have their own way of dealing with quote-unquote democracy, the greatest gift from “white people” to mankind. (Laughter)

So there are all sorts of versions of that.

So starting with your selves, you make your own rules, right?

You decide what is right and wrong; you make your standards and you manage your life. And with your ability that you have, that all God’s children have, the ability to imagine, to create, you try to envision your self in something that is more than what you are now. Obviously you always want to see forward. You always want to move ahead.

Because that’s life, that’s physics, time ticks forward. I don’t think it goes backwards does it? Maybe in fiction, a time machine or something, maybe that’s doable when you’re dead.

As for what is real for us in this point in time, what it is, is what it is, and what you see is what you get, and that’s it. And from there, you start. You make your own laws; you make your effort; you have your standard and you manage your life. And based on that you try to do the best that you can to envision yourself in the future, and based on that imagination, you use your creativity and try to make some kind of productivity how to make your ideal real.

Unless the ideal becomes real, it doesn’t exist. If you don’t have some platform to stand on, you can’t move up. You don’t build the Empire State Building from the hundredth floor down, OK? I don’t think that’s doable.

It’s that kind of stuff. It’s just basic physical things. We have to remind ourselves how we can relate to the basic function, dealing with physical reality. The more that we are
realistic to that and approach it the way we can, knowing our limitations. You have to know your limitations, if you don’t know your limitations, it doesn’t work.

Power doesn’t mean anything if you don’t know your limitations. Remember even God, the Almighty God, the Omnipotent God, He has limitations in power, CALLED YOU!

And if you don’t understand that limitation, and even if let’s say, you want to be helped. You want somebody to help you. You go to somebody who is powerful, if you lie to them, you compromise them too. Do you know that?

You truly have to know your limit. You have to be true to yourself first. And obviously I hope that you’re a good guy.

I don’t think that you should shove goodness down somebody’s throat; we all know what it right and wrong, basically. You should have that basic decency, basic propriety, even if you’re asking for help from somebody else, because if you don’t you’ll destroy them too; you’ll compromise them too. So what good is that?

So how do you move up? Ask your self “how can I move up?”

What do you think will last, you or a good deed that you might have done? The good deed that affects something else, something greater, that will last more than you; that’s for sure.

So what is the kind of stuff that we can do to make our lives more meaningful?

Yes it is important to make laws, manage, and to create stuff. But even that, that’s stuff on a physical level, stuff on the intellectual level, and stuff on the spiritual level. That stuff is there.

It doesn’t matter where you’re struggling in; that’s irrelevant. Why, because in the end of all the things that you can do if you want, the greatest that you can possibly do is something that can last LONGER THAN YOU. Your sorry butt will die!

Because I have to remind myself every day, I have to die well. I know I’ll die. It’s important; that’s what’s important to me. And life is nothing other than proving my faith; that’s about it. That’s the meaning of my cause in every man or woman’s life.

In that short period of time, what are you going to do?

What can you take when you’re dead? The funny thing is that you can only take what you leave behind. What is meaningful in that stuff that you leave behind that you can take.

That’s so funky. That’s the irony isn’t it? Well that’s true! Pretty much that’s about it. That’s what faith teaches you. That’s just the way it is.

What you got is what you got. More power to you! Spend it here. You aren’t going to take power and money and all that stuff, you aren’t going to take it with you.

What is that? To me…… IT’S EDUCATION, Something in the arts and science and GOD.

Hey! Make a pill that cures cancer; be a billionaire, more power to you, but its money then right? Build a flying saucer, more power to you, be a millionaire OK. Something like
that, and you want to create, OK, more power to you. Inspire people, and be rich and famous and be good.

I’m not going to tell you what to do. You know what to do if you had that stuff, right?

But it takes effort; it takes time. It takes time to take money from outside people.

(laughter)

For projects like making movies I need millions, but anyway, I’m working on it.

You have to start somewhere, and you do it for a cause; you have a purpose, and certainly it’s not just for the sake of money.

People have billions of dollars. Bill Gates has enough money to buy everybody, all humanity a (McDonalds) Big Mac meal. (Laughing) He’s rich, but that’s it one time.

Yes he rich but who cares? Are you going to change your life because of one Big Mac meal?

It’s very difficult to persuade; it takes time; and that’s why it’s important.

It takes time. It takes time. If you have family, you know how it is, right? It takes time. It’s just that, and you have to multiply that on a larger level, and nothing changes. Nothing changes, you might have changed, but nothing changed.

The standard did not change, that’s what you literally pull your self back into. That’s why it’s difficult.

You think “I’ve done my stuff and I’m ready to go to sleep; I’m ready to retire.” But no, no, no, no, WAKE UP! That stuff. That’s why it takes time.

Something precious doesn’t cook over night.

Beliefs, what matters is something that you can change for the betterment of humanity. That’s what’s the greatest.

And if through your effort, through your sacrifice you can leave something behind that can help other people, other than you, that’s what’s important.

So what can you do? Go make some medicine; go do something; build something great; teach your friend something that they need to know.

If you know what is right better than your little friend, a friend that you like to be around, you have something to offer, something to share, do whether they like it or not.

And you keep on giving it to them. Why? Because it’s going to take a long time to persuade. Don’t give up. Nothing happens in just one shot. You want that, then walk on water.

OK, see you. (Two taps on the podium)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

Let me start off with asking you a question. “Can you please everybody?” (No, no way, no)

Well you try to out of the goodness of your heart I guess.

But is it doable?

I want to talk about politics; the topic is politics.

People normally want to go into politics because they want to change society, so “I have to get involved in law making. I have to become a law maker!”

That’s the basic reasoning, right, where people become politicians because law can change, forcefully if it has to, certain social behavior of people, and by changing certain environments and having the authority to change, at times, with authority, personal behaviors, can perhaps create an ideal world without measure.

What the heck are the Founding Fathers then? Why do you call them Founding Fathers? They all want to emulate the Founding Fathers if you want to become a politician right?

But it took several centuries to come to a point where there’s an IRONY! The position of political authority is not something of a parental position, or a stature of some grandeur; it’s a civil servant.

You’re a civil servant. You’re not the Statue of Liberty, or stuff like that. You’re not a symbolism that lands on a mantel piece somewhere. Functionally speaking, you’re a civil servant. That’s what politicians are, right?

That’s how we think, don’t we? Children get taught that way in public schools about politics. So what happens to the politicians?

OK, let’s talk about why we don’t like politicians. (Laughter) Why... (laughing) why don’t we like politicians? THEY’RE HYPOCRITES! We all say that they’re hypocrites. They talk; they have two tongues, a forked tongue you know. They’re the devil incarnate. They say one thing and they do another thing.

What is the nature of their hypocrisy? What layers of lies do they commit? Fundamentally they’re politicians out there, especially these days, there’s no place to hide because there are eyes everywhere, ears every where; there’s no secrets.

It’s becoming more and more apparent; good!
So literally speaking there are criminals out there. They’re just out there to take as much as they can, steal as much as they can, using that platform.

And there are people who have lies for their agenda, and there’s one who trumps that, who wants to be God.

And that’s the tragedy. That’s why we don’t trust politicians.

How do you become God to begin with anyway? Why the heck do you want to be God?

He is the most miserable entity in the universe right? If He is supposed to be the Parent to all humankind there is more suffering than glee, right? Obviously. He is the most miserable person and you want to partake in that misery. Why the heck do you want to do that, for what reason? You know that your life is short and why do you want to do that? Why do you want to play God?

The thing is: At least God walked the walk. If you just tell people to do something and you don’t walk the walk, that’s not cool. You can do that just sitting in a lawn chair right? Anybody can do that. Just flipping through TV channels, or surfing the internet on your laptop, and seeing something and saying “That sounds like a good idea; Ill tell people to do that because I have the power.”

Well that’s not going to last. That’s the problem; a lot of people play those three levels of lies, and that’s the reason that we don’t trust politicians, because of that kind of hypocrisy.

You will do certain things to a certain extent, but everything else is just self service. All the propaganda is just self service. That’s a problem.

And there are the outright liars and thieves. That’s why we don’t trust that parental position on a national level. Because that’s the reality. In one form or the other, they fall into that basic category, and that’s sad.

Now how to you change this kind of world? It has to be REAL! It can’t be spiritual OK? Otherwise God would have don’t it a long time ago. There’s no exception.

You might have a moment of something, a reckoning, a final reckoning you might say. OK? But still in the end, it has to be done…..the right way. And guess what? It has to be real. No hocus-pocus stuff!

I’m sorry, but that’s the only way to do it or its not going to happen.

How are we going to change the world when we can’t even bring people together that we know, for a reason, for a cause, something, anything!

It’s just silly stuff. And I hate to say it but……….. I’m worried. (After a long pause)

Even if you have a vision, it has to be realistic. Right? Just having a vision doesn’t mean anything; it has to be… it has to be implement-able. Otherwise it’s useless.

And what kind of influence do we have, what degree of persuasion in terms of our belief our purpose, and based on it, preparation, to deliver to the people that we’re reaching out too that can be effective?
Where do we stand? We need to measure ourselves properly. If we don't know our limit, then we can't grow.

Everything has to line up. There has to be proper alignment to achieve proper growth. You have to know your limit. Especially if we’re WILLING this stuff. Aw man we’ve got to know our limit. It better be packed, It better be perfect for what ever it’s worth in the range that it exists.

Otherwise you’re going to grow up mutated.

I started this because of my son, dead son, nothing else, and I just got to know you, some of the faces. Now I know their names. That's about it. I'm here because I want to be here.

It’s a pain it the butt! (laughter) That’s about it, nothing else, and you know that.

(Hyo-Jin-nim talks in tears)

All of you, in a way, you're politicians to take care of your children right? You make the law right? You say to your kids “AS LONG AS YOU LIVE UNDER MY ROOF BLA, BLA, BLA.”

(Laughter)

So from that kind of ordinary innocence, something good should come out of it OK? That's about it.

The only way that can happen is y-o-u d-o-n't l-o-o-s-e t-h-a-t i-n-n-o-c-e-n-c-e.

(Emphasizing each word) no matter how snakeish you have to be just to survive OK?

Because you have to be a snake to survive; right? You have to be a snake, a bigger snake than the snake so you eat the other snake; (Laughter) a lot of snakes eat snakes, you know. They have to.

It’s going to take time to change the world, a long time.

But that’s just survival stuff; as long as you believe in idealism and want to hold on to it, that's what you keep, something of original essence.

I don’t know everything, but everything has it. That's what you hold on to as best as you can, because in the end you’ll be judged.

Judge me!

See you next week. (Taps on the podium)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Your Wish List” 22 July 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

A thousand more of these and twenty years will pass, right? (laughter)

How are you doing? (OK)

Sometimes I want to say something, but there are too many young people here so I have to kind of hold it back.

If you have a wish list, what is it?

Do you have a wish list?

If you do have a wish list obviously you’re going to have some kind of practical anchor or something. You’ve thought of some kind of practical anchor, something that is based on reality, because not every reality is our wish.

Even a drunkard can say “I wish for world peace.” Is that world peace? That is not world peace.

There is a wish list, so what is your wish list? And what is your practical reality that you’re trying to anchor yourself into? Because unless that is clear you’re just going to be floating around, and get lost at times.

That has to be the kind of fundamental thing that you always question yourself, because if you don’t others will do it for you. In the end you are responsible. People will say “Hey you have to be responsible for your consequences; that is the nature of responsibility.”

You can talk about responsibility in religious terms, social terms, but there’s consequences and it can be severe at times.

No body likes to go to jail right? Do you want to go to jail? (No) Have you been to jail? (one member responds ’yes.’) OK good for you. (laughter)

Because it’s a great experience. Now don’t …. don’t…….. I shouldn’t talk like this to you. (Laughter)

So what is your wish list? How many people over here in this room have a father, have parents that who are considered by many in the world to be billionaires, have a lot of material wealth, how many people? Would you be here if your parents were like that?

And what if that so-called materialistically well off person is a religious leader, and a misunderstood one at that, still to this day. Because I know for a fact that there is a different law for you if you’re a Moonie, especially if your Father’s children; (Hyo-Jin-nim laughs) and that’s reality.

So what good is all that stuff, and what does that represent? Who is Father to you? Who is father to me? Let me ask myself that question.
I don’t like to talk about “I” because it is inappropriate, not at this platform. Why, because every give and take has a subject and object relationship and it should not be about me.

That’s why I don’t talk about myself too much. Can I talk about my self? Oh heck yeah! But it’s inappropriate; it’s not right; it doesn’t serve the greater purpose, because that’s what you’re trying to do.

I’m here as a human being trying to give and take with another human being and this platform calls for you being the subject, not me. That’s about it. There is appropriation for every little thing in the world, even just look at your body, if it is not appropriated properly you are going to be retarded, mentally disturbed, sick or something.

That’s reality. You can have your wish list out the kazoo, but there are certain things that you just can’t do because of your practicality, of your reality. If you do not understand where you stand, you will never have your wish list, because your wishes will come true based on where you stand, ok, knowing where you stand.

What the heck is your wish anyway?

What do you want?

To me this life is jail to me. I just want it to go away.

But you have to let it follow the natural course, in other words, what God has planned out for you, and do the best you can to make it work, and make is prosper, make it better if you can, but that’s very difficult.

Everybody wants to be somebody, but how many people actually become somebody, even if you have talent? So let’s talk about practical stuff about you. “What can I do as a parent?” You, practically speaking, there are a lot of young people, you’re going to be parents. You do stuff; you get educated, so you can have a profession, you can make a living.

Having said that, all that is good. Why do you do that? So you can have a family and hopefully that you can give something more than what you had to your children, and you will die.

So what do you want your children to be? I think that practically speaking, we lack in practical reality in this church. I think that we should our children to become healers, literally just get Indo some kind of medical whatever, something practically speaking, something to do with healing, something to do with making life better for mankind stuff, something to do with inspiring mankind stuff, and most miserably educating mankind.

That’s what we need. We need that kind of encouragement. We need that kind of reality. Otherwise there is no future for us.

How long did it take you to get to know Father? And how long did it take him to get to………. I saw him in the beginning time, because I’m a little older than most of my little brothers. It was a miserable life. All day long, all day long, every day, it never ends. The less that you have for yourself the better. That’s how you impress people. That’s how this church was built, His church.

There’s only one Messiah. My mother is not a messiah; she is the Messiah’s wife. None of my brothers and sisters can be the Messiah; they’re His children.
And if there’s am exception to the rule about what I explained earlier about using this platform to say “I”, only one person has that distinction. I guess that’s the prerogative of the Messiah, no one else; no one else.

(Hyo-Jin-nim speaks in tears)

Do you think that when my Father is dead and gone I can tell little kids to go suffer for ME?

I don’t think so.

What your learning is a tradition, if you’re going to keep on keeping on, you have to do the basics, (emphasizing each word with a tap on the podium) no exception to the rule. That’s why it’s going to be a miserable life.

Do you want that? OK. I mean that is the greatest gamble that you can do with your life, and why not? If you make it, it can be the greatest thing. The more that you get involved you’re going to get more miserable. Trust me.

So what is your wish list? What is your reality? What is your practical reality? You have to answer that stuff, nobody else. You!

Why, because I’ve seen so many people betray Father, and say “I’m the Father!” (weeping)

I hope that you make the right decision.

Take care of your self, OK.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“The Parental Role” 29 July 2007

Eric Erstling is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Hello (Good morning)

Let me ask you a question:

Do you need more money? (Yes, Laughter)

Do you need more inspiration (Yes, Yes, No)

Do you need more love? (Yes)

In which order?

You want every thing at the same time! (Laughter)

Let me start with something personal I guess. I came here (to America) in 1973.

I’m not going to say the last name but “Earl” was a kind of funky kid. I was in a kind of period where things were changing in a dramatic way, a lot of persecution stuff, you know, and the only friend I’ve got is this guy called “Earl.” (Hyo-Jin-nim laughs)

He’s the one….. I think I was seventh grade or something like that. We had lockers and stuff. He actually brought a beer (laughter) and he brought a cigarette, and he brought a Playboy magazine. That was my first experience to “Earl-ism” (laughter) so I was like fourteen or fifteen.

So what I’m trying to get at is that these days that’s what you’re worried about, right, about your kids. I’ve got kids. And today’s world is a different world.

Internet schooling is becoming more and more popular, because you can get a basic education via stuff like that, or home schooling. Home schooling has certain limitations but you have that option, and you deal with the argument about what about how kids learn how to relate to other people, about the social skill level stuff. That’s where you have the church.

So when you have a kind of basic parental foundation you don’t have to compete with that kind of stuff. You can literally take initiative and take control of your situation. You don’t have to rely on someone else, because you can compete when you’re ready. It takes time to get ready. Nobody is ready right from the start; and that’s too much to ask, at times.

When you’re not in control and it’s way, way beyond logic to expect your children, all of them, hopefully, ideally, to take care of them selves somehow. That’s just unrealistic. So if you’re in control of something, you have to fine out appropriate measures. That is your responsibility, whether you like it or not. That’s the parental role.
If your children screw up, who are you going to blame? You're going to blame you, right; because it's your children, the society will blame you, and it is your responsibility. You ought to be perfect and you've got to get involved.

So that's just about children. That is the essence of life isn't it; your life, your future, your everything when you're dead and gone.

So.... Are we in control?

You want money? How are we going to get money? How are you going to become useful to somebody, in life in general? Like I said you know it is important that you become something that you can reciprocate to the rest of the world based on ESSENCE.

Do you know how to heal? Do you know how to make things better? There are all sorts of things, science, technology, and chemistry, whatever. There are so many things that........ Do you know how to inspire? That's hard..... and education.

Joe, Joe Kinney here, he sends his Email (of Hyo-Jin-nim’s speech notes) to a lot of guys I guess. I guess there are some members out there fighting the war in Iraq (who read the notes). What do you think that is important to them? Money? I don't think so. Maybe inspiration, maybe love, COMING HOME!

It's that kind of stuff; it's the basic stuff. If you don't address that stuff you don't build anything. You cannot increase if you don't strengthen the essence of stuff. It might be money, body, spirit and mind, something, it has to be something relevant to you at that moment other wise there's nothing gained...... It's sad, but true.

So what's important to you? Everything right? You want the spirit mind and body aligned perfectly right? The desire of the mind is more important than the desire of the BODY! The desire of the spirit is more important than the desire of the MIND! That kind of stuff right?

You want that to line up somehow ultimately down to the body. I wish that upon you. And if I can help you, I'll help you as much as I can. If three hundred million Americans say “I want ten thousand dollars, that's three trillion dollars. So you have to work that number situation out a little bit. You can't do things like that, right? Otherwise you'll go belly up very quickly; you're dead.

Do I see you as a black person or do I see you as humanity? Do I see you as a white person or do I see you as humanity. Do I see you as Japanese or do I see you as humanity. It's that kind of stuff. That's what we need to revisit, and teach our children too. They can learn from us, from that point, from that fundamental aspect. If we don't do our job correctly, it isn't going to work.

(The sound of flatulence is heard)

Somebody is blasting off. (laughter)

No problem. It happens. (much laughter / Hyo-Jin-nim pauses to recompose himself)

Thank you. (lots more laughter)

You made my day! (more laughter)
If you want that perfect alignment, spirit, mind, and body, don't ask somebody else, ask yourself. OK.

Where are you?
What is the most important thing to you, to that question?
And don't blame it on anybody else.
You answer that first before you try to find a solution.
YOU HAVE TO KNOW YOUR LIMIT!
Otherwise expansion is futile.
Ask yourself sincerely, “Where am I; what do I want?” and from that you start.

OK?

See you later.

(Taps the podium twice)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Who do you want to love forever?” 05 August 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Who do you want to love forever? (God and wife)

Did you say garden and wife or God and wife? (Laughter)

God and wife, OK; that’s a start. What else? Is there something else? (Kids)

What else? (True parents, the Messiah) The Messiah? (Yourself)

Myself? Yes you can love your self? (laughter) You can try; you know people try that every day. (laughter) You know they’re trying very hard to make that work for the rest of their lives. OK. (Parents)

Parents, that’s a difficult one isn’t it? But... Where did you come from? So... We have to know exactly, at least the basics of who do you want to love forever. You have to talk about that stuff before you talk about anything else.

So... You want to love God; you should love your parents forever; you want to love your wife; you want to love your children; who else? (Brothers and sisters)

Brothers and sisters? Do you have people other than that kind of lineage orientation? (friends, all mankind)

All mankind, ok, this is the stuff where people make money in religion. (laughter) OK.

And what’s important? What’s important in that kind of relationship? What makes it work? What do you expect out of that kind of relationship? Why do you want to love something forever? And if you do, what makes it work?

The principle says that everything is of give-and-take right? It says that reciprocal love that makes things, love work. So how do you find that reciprocal love? So how do you find it in a real situation? Not something that is in the conceptual realm or something beyond, but how do you find it in reality?

When do you feel that reciprocation of love, when do you feel when somebody is giving something to you that you feel good about taking and you want to do that back to that person? (when you’re respected)

So how would you find that sincerity? How do you know? Where do you find that trust? Because when you talk about sincerity, you have to go into trust. How can you trust something? Then you're reciprocating, supposedly.

So from there you start. If you don’t answer that stuff; if you can’t answer that stuff; you can’t start. So, what is your relationship to something that matters to you? I can’t answer for you; all I can say is that that’s where you start. You have to find your own answers. Why? Because it’s your life; nobody else can live it for you; nobody can tell you how to
live it. Because you live your life, not me; I live mine; you live yours. That's it. It's as simple as that.

And because of that absolute truth, when you ask the basic questions, and when you're seeking an answer in finding something greater to make your life better, you start; you have to start again. That's about it, whether you like it or not.

I don't care how old you are. It doesn't matter whether you're a teenager, whether you're middle aged, or whether you're…… My Father wants to live to be one hundred and twenty. So be it.

You answer that question, nobody else.

So start asking questions about yourself; and start seeking for answers; and start counting who do I want to love forever. OK?

Count them! Write it down if you have to, Start with that. How can I make this better?

The list can go on and on. Somebody said humanity, OK. I don't know humanity OK. I don't even know you, not all of you; I know some of you.

It's up to you. So what's going to make me better? What's going to make me what level? Eternal level, forever stuff? OK, write the list. Make the list. And you answer to that, no one else. That's why you struggle. OK?

Peace, and happiness, OK we all…… Yeah that's why you go to movies right? Sometimes there's something like that. But it takes a process to make things happen. Do you know how important the alignment is to make your body perfect? It's important; it's a process; something has to be right to have that right that you idealize.

No matter how screwed up you are, you want that stuff. That stuff is very difficult to get, and it's not going to be given to you, OK? Trust me; nobody can give it to you, not even God.

So where do you start? Answer that stuff, that basic stuff. Who do I want to love forever?

If you want to be good, at least know that stuff; that's where you start.

I don't know how far you'll make your list, how far, it's up to you. So when you start you'd better know what you're doing because you're going to die for it.

True love has no choice.

Selfish love has a choice.

That's why you want to be a patriot, right? Those poor guys, there are members out there serving for America, for this country, Poor guys, I wish them well.

You have no choice in certain things. That's the irony, right, of truth, of love.

OK, see you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Judgment” 12 August 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

How are you doing?

Do you like to be judged?

Do you want to be a judge?

Some people they try hard, they go to law school to try to be a judge. I guess that’s something that means something to somebody in finality.

How do you evaluate somebody’s worth? I was talking to somebody the other day and I just came up with line and I like it; I will share it with you. “I’m cheap; no I’m dirt-cheap;.... no I’m free!”

Why do we need to judge? It’s because we have a lot of questions. You seek an answer when there is no answer that you can accept or that you’re hearing in terms of balancing extremes. You always have to deal with that.

Life is about answering.... Trying to understand the extremes in what ever lever you are, in what ever that you do. It doesn’t matter. So when you’re questioning yourself sometimes if you don’t have the answer and if you don’t have the patience you’ll answer it yourself. Whether you like it or not you become the judge.

Pretty much the free market thrives on this kind of mentality. So that’s why things shift in all sorts of unpredictable ways. Because people are judging, and you make money out of their judging.

Is that good or bad? Who knows?

Do you like to be free? Well, that’s your freedom.

What is the ideal world then? Is there some kind of design? Well obviously that’s what we’re trying to figure out. Our whole life is about figuring that out. That’s it figuring that out. We spend every single second if you’re conscious about that. If that’s what you want to know... every second of your life you’ll spend trying to figure that out.

And unless somebody can kind of give you some kind of consistency inflow up and down, you’re going to be judging, and many times you can make a bad judgment. That’s a possibility.

It’s not just about faith. It’s about action too. It’s not about the foundation of faith; it’s about the foundation of substance. It’s about action, demands, something like that. You need that answer so you can move.

Whether I have it or not, I need that answer. If I don’t have it I’m going to give it my own (answer) that’s about it.
That’s why we commit ourselves to many things that sometimes we might regret later on. Why? Because you question things; I question things. You question things and you need an answer, and if there’s no answer, I’ll make my own judgment. In other words, I’ll give myself my own answer. Whether you like it or not.

Do you want to create an Ideal world? OK. Keep something moving forward. Make it flow. Make it flow and keep it moving. It doesn’t have to be always big, just something. If it becomes more and more and more meaningful…..

Meaningful in the end it’s not subjective stuff; it’s objective stuff. It’s how you (the audience rather than the speaker) feel in the end. It’s not what I say. To begin with I don’t want to be here. It’s not what I feel; it’s what you feel. It’s that kind of stuff that’s more important.

Why do you have kids? Why do you want a family? Because it’s all about you? It’s about something greater. Whatever that you do, the judgments that you make, if you have to make judgments, it’s not about you in the end. It’s about something else, more than you, bigger than you, right?

Hopefully you want to be a superstar, right? Whatever, you want to be the best, because that’s the kind of natural progress in understanding God.

That’s where you start. That’s why you need that answer. But the world can be very confusing at times because it’s messed up.

You have questions and hopefully you can have an answer around you. Just because you don’t, it doesn’t mean that your answer that you have to give because of those circumstances, because of the predicament…. Don’t believe that is the only answer.

Then you are truly the judge. That will kill you.

Judgment…… You’re going to be judged. That’s what you do every day to your self.

If you want a more embracing, more warm kind of climate, then try to understand that there’s the opposite too.

Life is about control right, earning control, balancing the extremes. And you go step-by-step UPWARD!

Balance is just horizontal stuff. You just levitating, that’s about it figuratively speaking. You want to move up; if you want to move up keep that in mind.

Then you go to the next level, the next level, the next level.

Where ever your consciousness is at, it doesn’t matter; I don’t care; that’s irrelevant.

It can be zero and you’re still a human being. OK.

Then there’s one hundred; a thousand it doesn’t matter; a million, who cares?

When you move up, you move up because you know how to balance something; the extremes, in your own way.

Even horizontally you can go far too. Right? If you want to move up, that’s how you do it.
If you want to judge your self then judge your self, because you’re the one who is going to give your self the answer and say that “I can do this!.. and I did it.”

Who’s that? That’s you, not somebody else, not me; it’s you.

And that’s what it is; that’s how you move up.

There’s a purpose for everything. Don’t use it for stupid things. Know how it affects. OK? Even if you want to heal something, you have to know how things are connected, right?

It’s just that. Focus on that stuff, not stupid stuff.

If you want to change the world, then try to get to know what is real about God.

I don’t know who’s providing that; that’s what I’m chasing too.

That’s the only way to do it. I believe that. We try.

My reason is a little more personal so it might be a little different, but it’s the same thing in the end. We want that stuff, all of us. It doesn’t matter how you get there, how you come to that conclusion of trying. That’s all we want in the end.

That’s the universality. That’s what love is. Love can bring every person under the son to life, to try.

OK

(Taps podium twice)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Quality of Life” 19 August 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning (Good morning)

Another day of the grind, just another day.

Today’s topic is “Quality of Life.”

Can you give me some idea of what you think quality of life is to you? (no response)

Oh you have no quality of life; that’s terrible! (laughing) OK…

I was watching TV the other day and there was a documentary about conservationism. I guess they summoned some economist and a geologist to estimate what it would cost for the clean water and clean air that we take for granted that nature gives us for free.

There summation was that humanity would have to cough-up annually about thirty trillion dollars for something that we take for granted. Because when we spoil something, based on that kind of logic.

Obviously something is trying to provide us with quality of life, even with the fundamental stuff, just your sustenance, the vital stuff that keeps your body working.

So from there, what are you chasing? What is the quality of life?

Let’s say that you’re locked up in a prison in a six foot by eight foot cell. It’s much better for you to try to somehow get into a work program that you volunteer for. Let’s say that you wash thousands of dishes every day; they’ll pay you about two dollars a day. Because, based on legality, if they don’t pay you, it’s slave labor. So you get paid about two dollars a day for doing that kind of stuff, washing toilets or mopping the floor, washing dishes, that kind of basic stuff. The most that you can get is about ten dollars per day being a nurses aid or doing some clerical work for the bureaucrats.

But at least that’s better than being locked up twenty-three hours per day in a six foot by eight foot cell because you have a purpose. When you have a purpose to life, the quality of life changes.

And where you find purpose, it’s up to you. You can complain… I mean people complain when they’re locked up. “I’m innocent!” Everybody’s innocent right? “I shouldn’t be here!” (in prison) If you choose to do that (find a purpose) your life can change; the quality of life can change, because you know that you’re going to be stuck in there (prison) for X amount of time, because you know what you did wrong and your sentence.

The funny thing about jail is that if you’re not sentenced, you don’t even get paid. For instance, like if you’re in jail for contempt of court, you don’t get paid. But it’s better to do something than not. That determines, when you’re in that kind of miserable situation, even in the worst hell hole; that’s hell on earth, living in places like that, if you have
something, if you have some meaning, some purpose, it can change the quality of life, because you’re going to do it whether you like it or not. You have no choice.

The next thing that I believe that is important….. I took my kids down to Boston for a week. Because when I was young, all the entertainment that I had was just reading books. Because in Korea (at that time) TV came on at five o’clock in the afternoon and went off at midnight, because right after the war it was poor and couldn’t afford to broadcast stuff and spend so much energy and therefore money to have twenty-four-hour programming. What you got was just one cartoon every week. (Laughs) I really looked forward to that.

What are you going to do? You read books. That’s why I hate reading books, (laughter) because I read too many books when I was little. I read the same book over, and over, and over, again. In those fantasy books and stuff, all sorts of little story books, they depict something beautiful. It kind of sticks to you, something beautiful, because we all want something beautiful, something more, when they depict something like a beautiful beach, let’s say I’m reading a Pirate book or something…

Of course you don’t have the kind of white sandy beaches like you find in the Caribbean in Korea. Just going there; there’s some beaches with very course sand. When Father took a bunch of leaders to a place like Kang-Nung on the East coast of Korea and He took me with him, and that memory, I still have it and it’s still wonderful to me. So because of that it doesn’t matter what happens….. what the current situation might be, that’s the quality of life for me, when it comes to… based on the memory of Father and me. That’s it.

And the more that you have it the better right? The clock ticks forward; it doesn’t tick backwards. It’s done; it’s history; it’s a memory. Whatever you do… and moving on…

To me the greatest thing that can define the quality of life for me is how much love do I have, how much love can I give and how much love can I get. That is the ultimate thing that will determine the quality of life for me. So you ask yourself how much you can give; are you being loved by others. How much…. God will judge you in the end. The thing is don’t waste time judging each other about that kind of silly stuff, but focus on what you can do.

The funny thing is when you’re first growing up, when your little kids just physically testing yourself, speed matters first right? You want to be a little Speedy Gonzales (a Character on TV cartoons) always racing each other literally speed wise you know. Then you get into a little more of the “I’m smarter than you” stuff to try to determine intellectual quality and try to measure each other and try to compete with each other.

I guess when boys get a little bit bigger they literally start to get AWWWW QUANTITY! (laughter) I have a bigger quantity than you! It’s funny. And even girls too “I have bigger quantity than you!” (gesturing toward chest and hips) (laughter) But all that is during the maturation process to the point of quote/unquote adulthood, it’s like that. But when it gets to the point when you have to choose a profession, something that will give you sustenance in life, make a earning, make money so you can live, it goes opposite.

You have to know how to deal with volume; you’d better have the highest quality possible, and you’d better do it in the fastest time possible. That’s how you move up the ladder, whether you work in corporate, what ever, in any competitive situation. That has to do with sustenance. It’s all about sustenance isn’t it? It’s about making a living. When money is circulating, that’s all it is.
When you retire, all that stuff doesn’t matter except for one, quality, quality of life. And what the heck is that? What have you learned? Because what you take when you’re dead is what you leave behind in goodness and what you learned. That’s all that you take, doing good. Everything else is meaningless.

Once you get older and older you will you will start to feel THAT more every single day, because you know that time is ticking forward and you know that you’re going to die anytime soon. So what is life?

So make sure that you know what you’re dying for. Make sure that you have a quality of life that you can be proud of, facing death, because you will die. And that’s the lesson of this world, learning the quality of life. And you make the answer. You make the answer, not somebody else, because everybody will be responsible for their answers, because your answer is who you are…. and you will die.

Choice? Yes you have a choice, make a good answer. For yourself, not anybody else, start with your self. Don’t worry about other people; other people have the same worries like you. You want to help other people? OK! I commend you for it. That’s noble, but that’s very difficult.

At least be sure what you’re dying for, FIRST, before you try to help somebody else. Be sure, absolutely sure. Otherwise it’s just a game you’re just playing. And if you think that life is just a game, well OK; that’s your opinion. But I think that it’s a little more serious than that, because you will die, and you have one life to live.

When you’re young you think you can play around, ok so be it, but in the end, you’ve got one life; that’s all you have. You want to play with it? So play with it; it’s up to you.

It’s a pain in the butt process, learning what’s right, when there’s so much crap out there that is luring you, dragging you, and pulling you from here to there to whatever, all over the place. I’m sure that you face that stuff each and every day and that you feel that pressure, but it is not a game. OK?

You make that call, and you make that answer, and you’re going to stand by it because no one else will. That’s it. How many people do you think would be willing to do the (prison) time for you that you deserve? How many people do you know around you who will do that for you? Even if you have people like that, still in the end, you’ll stand alone in final judgment.

The quality of life, what is it to you? Think about it.

OK, I’ll see you next week.

(Taps podium twice)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Change” 26 August 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning (Good morning)

How are you doing, OK? (OK)

We all know that changes are in the future right?

If anything is going to change, it’s going to happen in the future.

Is all change good? Is it all just good? (no)

Sometimes changes can be bad. So how can we determine the change to be the change that we want? How do you go about achieving that?

What’s the kind of change that you want? What is an ideal change? Do you have a relationship with God? (yes) You do? You talk to Him every day? (yes) Really? (ok, laughter) OK, that’s your opinion. (laughter) We all have opinions. You can believe whatever you want to believe. This is America. Right? (laughter)

If you idolize something, idealize something, does that have to do with something between God and humanity? Or is it personal? Can you make something that is ideal personal? And if you can and if that is doable, then how do you go about achieving that? What had to happen to make ideal personal? What do you have to be to actually achieve that?

Because when you talk about ideal, in a way you have to talk about the relationship between God and humanity. It’s God and humanity. Even when you talk with the little information that is there with Jesus, he is a representation of humanity. It is the relationship between God and humanity through our representation, a single representation.

And obviously his course was tragic. And through that something was manifested called Christianity. What is Christianity? There are so many versions of Christianity. How many denominations are there, close to five hundred and growing every day. They (each) have a different interpretation of that single person who represented the relationship between God and humanity.

So when you idolize something and you try to make it personal, you have to know where you stand. Why do you want to make it personal? “Because only then can I have some kind of give and take that I can feel, that can give me some kind of satisfaction or something!”

And why do you want that kind of satisfaction with the relationship between God and humanity? Change, change for the better.
You know, the first thing that goes against change is arrogance. Right? There’re are so many experts out there that say” I know everything about this, and unless you pass me, you aren’t going anywhere, what ever you think you have.” And there’s another opposite group of people, the insecure defeatists, doomsday sayers, naysayers. And there are people in the middle, skeptics and cynics. (that say) “I don’t trust you” Trust is a very difficult thing for the cynics and the skeptics. Why? Because they say “look at the history” and that’s all they need to say, and they go down the list, bla bla bla bla bla. And (they say) “who the heck are you?”

And how are you going to prove…..it takes time to prove something. Right off the bat you have that kind of challenge. Change (is) difficult just because of the way we think and where we are in reality.

I mean you have to deal with… I mean… you can separate them into all sorts of other levels but basically that’s what you have to deal with in order to make change real. You can talk about change, but first of all, you have to go up to that hurdle. How do you do that? How do you convince those people? How do you convince the so-called experts, the arrogant people that (say) “I know everything in this field; unless you prove to me that you know better than I do, I’m not going to move; I’m staying here; this is my authority.”

And you go to those people who are absolutely insecure (They say) “No! It isn’t going to happen; it isn’t going to happen; it isn’t going to happen. Just living with my neighbors it isn’t going to happen.”

So what is the ideal? What is the ideal relationship between God and mankind? What does God want from us? Do you feel His love? (Yes) Really? (Yes) It’s a concept isn’t it? (One sister says no I feel it) OK. Every body feels the same? (No answer) That’s a problem! (Laughter)

That’s love. And how do you teach somebody that stuff? How do you learn about that kind of stuff? How do you have the kind of feeling that you have that they can have it as well? How do you do that?

You have to be honest. And you have to try to be as transparent as you can possibly be. Even if it means that you have to be vulnerable, so be it.

What you see is what you get, no other one; that’s it. And from there you can start. If anything is going to change, it’s going to start with a very simple goodness. That’s about it. That we all know, but many times we don’t practice because of all sorts of reasons. You can find your own, living in this pretentious world.

You pretend and you try to take as much as you can when the opportunity arises. Right? That’s the way. Right? That’s the way of capitalism isn’t it? You gamble with your life in that way. And it’s a short life, and what do you want to change? How long do you think it’s going to take to change the world?

We haven’t even found the proper communication, ways to communicate with other religions, that are warring in the name of God. That’s a big homework isn’t it? And it’s a very important one because it affects everybody. What good is freedom when you live in terror? What’s the point? And how do you go about addressing that issue?

It has to start from very very basic things; you have to answer that. If you can’t do that, there’s no way you’re going to change the world. I want to change too. I’ll always...All my life I expect things to change for the better, because it was promised to me. I’m still
waiting. Most likely, I'll die for it. That's pretty much what I see, the price that I have to pay for the change. So be it. And it's not just me, you too. As long as you are here that's the price you pay.

So what can I do now? You tell me. You want an ideal relationship with God; you want to learn about the greatest love, the eternal love, all the blessing and joy and happiness, everything that was promised, everything that is ideal that you can fantasize. I want that. I want that with God. I want it forever because that's where forever comes from.

Because I want that forever, I need to make that relationship with God. So be it. How do you go about starting that relationship? What are you going to do? What is your first step? What is your second step? What is your third step?

The first step is understanding basic vows. That's about it. The promises that were made, you have to understand that then go to the next one.

What is the next one, after the basic vows? It's you're blessing. Make the blessing work.

And what is the final....... I'm simplifying things. You give your life for it.

And I'll do my best as I learn these things, I'll do my best to help you so that I can help my self achieve that ultimate end, that I'll give my life. Judgment. People die every day. People get born every day. Right?

That's how you change the world, knowing the absolute basic stuff. First of all it's necessary, you have to live it, and I try to live it. That's the pain in the butt part, because it lasts your whole life.

What else can I say? Life sucks! (laughter) But it can be good. It's just the way that you look at things. It varies in different days.

OK?

Alright, take care.

(Taps podium twice)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Power” 02 September 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning (Good morning)
What is the definition of power to you?
Who do you think is powerful?
What is power good for?

Lawmakers, they’re powerful, right, generally speaking, in their idiopathic way. Do you think that they can be changed simply?

How does one become, let’s say, a US Senator or a member of the House of Representatives? They have their own history and they know it. They are aware of every step of the way that they struggled to get to that position of power.

When you try to assert your self, you do that because you’re basically saying “I’m here.” That’s what power is. Right? “I’m here; I exist, and this is me. What do you want to mess with me?” Basically that’s how it starts.

So how do you change somebody who knows exactly well how he has earned quote/unquote the power and become a member of the house of representatives or a US Senator?

And how do you change them? What kind of greater power do you need to transform those people? Is there such a thing? Do we possess such a thing? If there is such a thing, then how do you possess it? Where does it lie? What is it?

It can’t be a miracle. Right? It has to be real.

So where is the true power? When God blew Himself up and started this creation process. Only He has that ability to divide Himself and literally create a counterpart so He can reciprocate and start the creation process. We’re just a by-product of that Divine ability. We think that we have that ability, but I’d love to see it. If you think you have it, then blow yourself up and start creating your own universe! (laughter) But we try…. in our head, starting with our head. I don’t know how tangible it can become in the end, and actually make matters different, but you try. People do that all the time. That’s why there are mental hospitals, and a lot of drug companies make a lot of money treating those people. (Hyo-Jin-nim laughs) … and all sorts of stuff.

So, having said that, how do you change those people? How do you change those people who think that they are powerful? They know exactly what they want to do; they know who they’re catering to. I have my faith. We all have faith. Right? Especially, in America, you have to have faith; you’ve got to have some kind of religious affiliation.
And how do you change them? When people come, they come because they think they can be helped, whatever their agenda might be, because they think you have money, access to money.

When I went to Africa, I saw a lot of incumbent African Politicians that were attending the tour. Their assessment is based on whatever we have projected to them, and it looks impressive because this is America. A whole lot of things went into America. What do you think that whole lot of stuff was? A lot of sacrifices from a lot of people, but ultimately in the end, what did you build? What do we have to show for it?

And still, to this day, the symbolisms that we have, how do we keep it running? Can we maintain it ourselves individually, self sufficiently? You tell me. You should know as much as I.

That’s as far as it goes; that’s what they’re looking at when you’re in Africa. Not in America. Because all those people in Africa, they want to be president too, if they’re just a member of Parliament. That’s about it. There is no other connection; that’s the problem. And how do you make that connection real?

How did those people become elected to begin with anyway? It’s because of people like you, the voters. That’s where the power is. They have delegated the power to those people in democracy. Right? People’s power was delegated to those people to represent you because they need that kind of representation.

People need representation to make their lives greater so that they can focus on an individual level on taking care of them selves. And by delegating the responsibility to those representatives, hopefully, ideally, you’re going to make their lives better. Individual’s lives better.

Because we all struggle to find ourselves, but at a certain point in time, we choose that representation to expedite that process because it’s necessary. Why? Because we all want to be happy.

Power is not there to…. “Arrrgh I’m going to use this power to punish you.” It’s not there for revenge. Power is there for what? Making love greater.

And when you think about love, what is love? The definition of love can be myriads of things that bring you closer, that brings you happiness in the eyes of God. Right?

That’s the thing. You can be happy with all sorts of sick stuff, but that’s not where power needs to be.

Sometimes you know; sometimes you have to kind of reserve your own power, because there will be a time, individually speaking, when “Hey, I’m going to feel helpless one day, someday. I’m going to feel powerless one day. I’m going to feel sick and tired of this stuff someday. I can't take it any more. I’m too tired.”

If you think that you are powerful then sometimes reserve something for yourself, because you need that stuff. Nobody, nobody is that perfect.

Power just gives you a flash like the light of a firefly. It is just there to remind you of your existence in times of nothingness sometimes. And if you abuse it, you’re an idiot… because you’re not that powerful. You don’t shine that bright like the sun.

You made that stuff (creation)? You think you can? OK! Go do it!
I believe that the thing that can bring people together, and informed together, and create communication, create the kind of basis in which there can be human give-and-take in real time, if there is such a medium, that is the thing, that is the kind of powerful thing that can change something. Change something like us individually. And that’s what we need to focus on. Because we need to change something like us all over the place.

OK, I’ll be out of the country for a while.

Why? Because I’m in the process of making a movie and I have started casting so I have to be elsewhere.

You’ve got to start somewhere right? You’ve got to start doing to get there.

But to me SOUND, SIGHT, and WORDS are important.

It takes time.

So I’ll be away for a while.

I’ll see you when I get back.

OK?

Alright, take care.

(Taps podium twice)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

How are you doing? (Good)

I feel a little restless; a lot of routine.

So how have you been doing? Hanging in there? (laughter, yes)

Let’s talk about tradition.

These days we have a lot more than the amount of church holidays than we used to have. Right? (laughter)

It’s almost like every week there’s some ceremonial days. Right?

Is that good? Does it make you feel better?

What does tradition give you; what kind of feeling does it give you?

What do you do with tradition; what happens to you when you face tradition? What goes through your mind?

“Today it’s this celebration; on this day we’re celebrating or ceremonializing something”
What does that mean to you? (Closeness to God). And you want that every day? So every day should be ceremonial day (laughing).

We have to find some kind of ceremonial topic to celebrate three-hundred and sixty-five days a year. When are we going to work when we’re always celebrating? (laughing) I mean that it’s all good…..

It’s just that give-and-take stuff I guess. That’s what it’s trying to emphasize, I guess, to symbolically try to teach us.

When we celebrate something, we take something, right? And we have to give. That’s about it, isn’t it?

How does one celebrate something? How does one make something that is important into a tradition? How does something become a tradition?

Let’s say that you’re Japanese and that you’re proud of something. You like a certain tradition. Why do you like that tradition; why do you think that tradition is important? Because it gives you pride. Pride in something, what ever you identify with, what ever it means, that’s what it gives you.

Without pride you can’t have tradition. So how does one become proud of some thing? So how do you inspire…. how do you go about achieving pride?
It’s inspiration, and there’s the degree of it. But, before pride there has to be some kind of provocation. And what does inspire us to go to the next phase? How do we feel that something “hey I want to be part of that stuff” Of course it can be good and bad; it depends on where your head is at. But if it’s going to last, it should be good. That’s safe to say because we’re good people in the end, everybody. We can make bad choices because of the problems that we face, as we know, but we’re all good in the end.

We want to be good, and we want to inspire each other in goodness. So what is good inspiration? What is the inspiration that makes us better? We have to know the basic things that give us our quality as a human being that I can say “THIS is me!” This is my innocence; this is my truth; this is my humility; this is my sacrifice; this is my given, to you God, because all of us have to do that.

Some people will inspire you a little more than the other. They’ll be fluctuations, but that’s life. That’s how we grow. But that is the way. You want absolute; that is the way. You want a way to make everyone good, that is the way. So that’s how you try.

It doesn’t matter what you have left. You will grow. Children can bother you when they’re crawling around and they grow up and start to complain and give you a hard time and try to overcome you, and try to ride on your shoulder; Especially in the secular world, when you go like this (gesturing like washing my hands its over) after eighteen years old that’s basically what it is. You know good riddance.

Are you having a jolly good time?

We need to make more good traditions. We have a lot of traditions, but if we want to compete and win, we need good traditions, more good traditions, more new good traditions. Why? Without it you can’t build a culture. You can’t build a society. We need to have that stuff. We need to be strong. Without that kind of pride and tradition, you can’t be strong.

Unfortunately physical world is physical world. We need to face it as it is and that’s what we have to do. We need to focus on those things; that’s what’s important.

Unfortunately a lot of stuff that church members has did in the past wasn’t done properly. A lot of people are no good, fallen people. They try to stay in certain positions for that reason. Before the eyes of father they speak well, but in the end they have nothing. Why, because it’s just about that. It takes basic stuff to make you good at anything, and it takes time and it takes a whole lot of stuff just to be good at one thing. And who are you kidding?

I know my Father’s urgency, but that does not give you the right to do the things that some people do. That’s wrong. And due to it, we’ll suffer in the end. There are always the consequences. You will suffer.

Tradition, what kind of tradition do you think that we need to create?

A new tradition that can change, little-by-little, the world.

OK?

What is that thing that can change thing a little bit starting from you; you, your friends, your work place, whatever.

That little change, what is it; that little change that you can make?
That’s what you need to focus on, because that’s something that you can do.

WE have to do it. You can’t just allow some body to make a lot of noise and talk and talk. No that’s wrong.

What can you do? What kind of tradition can you make that is good?

Think about it. And if you’re part of a certain group then talk about it. Talk to each other.

If you’re on a fundraising team or a witnessing team talk about it. You’re not going to be there for ever, right?

You have to do something. Just try to think in a way that makes sense to you in reality. OK?

But it will grow that way, (emphasizing each word) it should!

That’s how you’re going to get bigger…. and better…….

And you will die. (laughter)

It’s good to see you. (Thank you)

Everything is going OK; I’ll tell you later. I don’t like to talk too much about stuff until it’s done.

Anyway if it’s done right you can see it for yourself.

(Taps podium twice)

See you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Time” 14 October 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning (good morning)

On my last trip to Korea I went and met somebody; met somebody that I really didn’t like.

I have my reasons, but I am not going to get into it for you, but I really did not like this guy.

He is, in every sense of the word, being snake-ish; that’s about it.

But he is struggling with malignant cancer, so I went to see him. And I told him “hey just drop it all” and he was repenting and was trying to sat a lot of stuff. I told him “you don’t need to say anything. Let’s just end it here; forget it and move on, and I will do my best to find more of courage in me to forgive you”

When you think about time, how long do you think you’re going to live? 100 years? Are you going to live 100 years 120, 200? (laughter)

We all know that most people spend two-thirds of their life doing something other that work. Right? Most people sleep seven or eight hours a day. Right? (snaps fingers) one third gone. (laughter) You go from point “A” to point “B” and that kind of stuff, waiting, hygiene, eating, gossip, whatever, taking care of business, whatever, studying (snaps fingers) gone!

Even if you live 100 years you’ve got about 30 years to work to try to do something.

What are you going to do? Why is the concept of time so relevant to us? It is literally held to our head like a loaded gun. And we’re supposed to learn about eternity. Right? Love, eternal love…

How do you take something that has no time constraint and put it into the frame of time? That is the greatest paradox, isn’t it?

So when you think about love, what do you think about? What do you want: something to last forever. What is that basic stuff?

To me time is about studying. It’s about going to a class. Ok, whatever 101 will start at 9:30 and it will end at 10:30. It’s that stuff.

Time is about learning something; it’s about study. That’s about it. And what are you studying?

As I grew older that’s what I felt. The moment that I said “let’s forget about this” when I met that guy, I realized “Why the hell did I hold all this hatred if this was inevitable?”
Without the concept of time I would not feel what I felt, the learning that I felt in my heart. It wouldn’t be something to me; it would just be a concept that would go in one ear and come out the other ear.

I felt it. Some things God wants you to feel; that’s why you have time. Because it’s important to feel something; and that feeling should last forever. Why, because that’s the basis of what you are, what we are, what God is. And from that we can grow…forever.

Nobody wants to study forever! I want to enjoy myself for a million years. OK, I go to school for the next thousand years, OK? I have two million years over. I promise. (laughter)

We all have somebody to connect to. And you find that somebody to love you should pay attention to those moments.

There are some things that, in the end, will be inevitable…whether you like it or not, that you must learn. I know that you don’t have time, but take time; take it easy. Some things are inevitable; don’t rush.

We have to learn. We’re learning. Life is about learning. Short. Thank God! He just wants us to learn about the basics. The basics, if you can give, if you can take, if you can love, if you can forgive. Basic things, there are things that are inevitable whether you like it or not, you will learn before you die. And if you do, you are the fortunate one.

OK? Time, yes it seems long sometimes, especially when you’re miserable. And of course in the opposite case it’s too short.

Life in it self is too short, OK, and it’s about learning the basics. You’ve got plenty of time, cause that’s what I believe. Life is way too short for me here.

A lot of stuff is happening, but who cares? I’m going to leave it behind. That’s about it.

No matter how much you build, no matter how much you do, take that time; make that moment count when you feel something.

I know some guys here wanted to be missionaries for the rest of their lives. You know that’s beautiful. Giving is better than taking. We all know that. We’ll try.

And I will be graded, just like you.

OK,

Take care.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Communication” 21 October 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon-Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Today’s topic is communication.

I need a haircut. Right? It looks like I’m wearing a helmet.

Did your parents read you stories when you were young to put you asleep?

Did you have that experience? If you did, was that important to you?

What if the opposite happens? (pointing toward a brother) Hey man, do what you got to do. Make the best with you got; do what’s right.

And I’m known for making short statements (laughing) but some times when you’re a little kid, when your daddy or your mommy reads you a story, that’s important to you. Why? That is nurturing; that’s the way we grow in body mind and spirit.

What you are saying might not mean anything, might not be significant, but just the action in itself, that adds the value that can guide you into the direction that ultimately any parent would want the child to go.

You know, you kind of have to look at communication in a spherical way. What I mean is that you have a forward and backwards; you have to have some kind of historical background and tradition and think about putting emphasis on that, and future thinking, outward thinking, and balancing the left and right, whatever. On a reality level, for lack of a better term, liberalism and conservatism; and up and down, God and selfishness.

You have to build from there, and hopefully, as you try, the sphere gets bigger, as you blow more air into the balloon, so to speak. Love is elastic so it’s like the balloon that doesn’t pop. Although it has boundaries, it will expand and it shouldn’t pop. It won’t pop, theoretically.

The most difficult thing for me is being humble. I jokingly always say “A humble man is nobody other than a person who knows how to keep his arrogance to himself. It’s very difficult.

The things that make vertical work are things that are basic: humility, self-sacrifice, unselfishness, love, forgiveness, compassion, all those goody-goody-two-shoes stuff. But those things are very difficult to achieve unless you can control the forwards and backwards, left and right and balance.

You know there’s a fine line in everything. Right? …in extremes. What about righteousness? The opposite is self-righteousness. What is the fine line that divides it? When you destroy… Destroy is a very strong word; I’m going to use it anyway… the union of the blood, that’s self righteousness.
Loyalty is important too. Sometimes, even if you can’t deal with yourself in the moment, at least you have the sense to walk away, right? I’m a good fighter, and I see some jackass, and he’s provoking a fight. I can kick his butt, or I can walk away. Now that’s difficult. Walking away is difficult. Humility is difficult.

I know that I can be very arrogant. I know that I can be very self-serving. If you do that long enough, you get greedy. I’ve seen that happen many times. But that’s reality. That’s what we face every day.

You see people… good people go down because of that kind of stuff. Because they allow them selves to let something… something get the best of them. And what is that something? That’s what we need to communicate about to each other.

You can’t live alone. Right? No matter how smart you are… God doesn’t want to be alone. Right? So let’s just end it there. You don’t want to be alone.

So you need to communicate. That’s why we form a group; that’s why family is important. That’s the building block of a greater society. Right? Tribe, society, nation, world, Right?

So if we want to establish an ideal kingdom of God on earth, basic sense has to be met. And you have to know what the hell, what the basic is and communicate, give and take. Look, love and forgiveness, that’s the opposite isn’t it? That’s give and take isn’t it?

Why? Because when you forgive somebody, you will receive greater love. You will take greater love. Take sounds strong, but basically that’s what it is. That’s why we forgive; because we will take greater love because we will receive it from something greater than ourselves, or even from each other, even from peers, even from your friends.

Just because you know how to do that they might think of you a little more differently, even in a group they’ll think that you’re a little more special than every body that he knows. Now that’s something, isn’t it? That’s called growth, and that’s what matters. Nothing else matters more than that.

Ultimately you want to communicate with God. How many people talk to God regularly? Please don’t raise your hand (laughter) because I’m going to chop it off. (much laughter).

At least, be in control of yourself. And give the best you got to the ones that you love, the ones that you care about. Start from there. Think about the future; think about the past; think about the left and right; think about God and your selfishness, and give. If you’ve got something to say, say it. Share it.

And make that little ball grow; and make sure it’s true.

(From this point until the end Hyo-Jin-nim is in tears)

Let God judge, OK? Let Him do the judging. You don’t want to get in to that mess.

Do what’s right. Do the best you can. Do that first, and don’t even think about anything else.

Let God do the judging. You will die!

So, speak the truth from your….

Because when you do that, you’ll die for it.
Because the heart lives on. Right? Spirit lives on. You die.

Your arrogant ass will die.

And let’s all be judged by God. OK?

It’s all equal there. You can forgive somebody, but still there’s a judgment for that person. You know what I’m saying?

So I did my best; I tried to learn what is right.

So, I’m all yours. Do what you want. Isn’t that what it is? Isn’t that the Christian belief?

Isn’t that the essence of religion?

YOU FEAR GOD! RIGHT? ....

But no man. Right?

OK, I'll see you next week.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Conditions” 04 November 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

All of us at anytime are on some kind of condition. Right?

I want to go on a diet; I’m going to loose a hundred pounds, whatever. (Laughing)

I’m going to do this; I’m going to do that. Try to make a condition, because a condition represents something that you want to change that will come in the future, something that will change.

And how do you go about achieving that condition? What normally has to happen? Obviously you have to have a goal. Right? You have to know what you’re aiming for. You have to have direction. So based on that, you make a condition, and obviously what follows that is commitment, and ultimately into action.

So how do you change the Spirit World? You need to improve your grades so you go on a condition and you make a commitment to study a little longer. If you study maybe one hour per week, (Laughing) you jack it up to maybe one hundred hours or something, so you can improve your grades.

Well that can physically happen, but how do you change something that is beyond you? How do you go about changing something based on a condition that YOU can make, and make a difference?

What do you call that big lotto stuff with millions, hundreds of millions of dollars? Let’s say that there is a lottery jackpot of three-hundred-million dollars, and you’re going to pray, you’re going to make that condition; you’ll pray every day to God so you can win that lottery. (Laughing) Do you thing that’s a good condition?

Conditions only have to be about something centered on love, and if it’s that, it is not for you; it is for somebody else.

Through my wife I heard about a person that was struggling because she joined the church, but her little sisters didn’t. And she was struggling because her little teen-age sisters were doing stuff that she’s concerned about. And I told her “Hey, you go down that path when you’re at that age and there’s nothing you can do to stop them from doing what they’re doing except locking them up. If locking them up is unrealistic then obviously you have no control. I know that you feel powerless, but you want to do something.”

And I saw her trying to make some kind of condition. I saw her praying in the wee hours of the morning, praying for something. Something like that might have some kind of effect rather than just praying for your self to be better, because, to God, love is first before self. Right? Yes.
In setting conditions, that’s what you have to think about. “What kind of condition am I making; why do I need this condition; what am I looking for; what do I expect?” I know that you expect something any time you make some kind of condition. You go pray at the Holy Rock “I’m going to make a condition and I’m going to pray for 120 days; I want the world to change.” Do you think the world will change...just because you want it?

That’s overly inflated in your head. You’ve got to know your limits. You have to know what you can actually do for other people. Something that is close by to you, START FROM

Don’t be that Godly all of a sudden and expect stuff to change just because “I made a condition.” That’s nonsense!

If that happens, let’s all go to Sin City, Las Vegas, and pray for God to allow all the Gamblers to win and to make Sin City into Bankrupt City. Then that city would change because they’d have no more money. You can’t pray for things like that.

Wouldn’t it be nice if some aliens, we all like alien stuff, would land on the Whitehouse lawn and say “Hey, listen to me Bush, otherwise I’m going to make you into a burning Bush!” (Laughter) Or the UFO would land on a Mosque or in the Kremlin or whatever and say “Hey! I’m going to put Putin in the pudding. Let’s put that Putin into the galactic oven and make him into a nice pudding, and eat him.” I’m sure the world would change. Well that kind of magic is not going to happen.

So in conditions you have to ask your self “Why do we make conditions?” Because we want to connect to the heart of something; that’s about it; we want to make that connection to something. That’s why we make conditions.

It can be to money; it can be to intellect; it can be to spirit, but ultimately in the end, what ever is highest, is highest. That’s the bottom line and that’s what you want to connect to. That’s why you make conditions, because you want to be something; you want to be somebody, and if you want to learn about anything, you have to make conditions. “I’m going to learn this stuff; and until I learn it I’m not going to quit!” You make that commitment and you put it into action and until it’s done, you don’t quit! You make that condition work for you.

And what are you connecting to? You answer that, no one else. Ultimately I know that it has to be about controlling the body, the mind and the spirit. That’s how you grow. And whatever connection that you’re making, that’s your problem. However old you are, whatever, that sets your level. Accept that. Except note that YOU’RE TRYING TO MAKE THAT PROGRESS in body mind and spirit.

And you want to make that connection because you want to know; you want to be better; you want to grow. And only YOU know when the condition is done. Only you know no one else. Because only then you will move on to the next level, and you will feel good about moving on to it, to the next level, because it’s a NATURAL process; it’s a natural process.

You complete something, you go to the next, for your betterment. Your betterment, only you know. Your perfection, only you know. What ever it is, it doesn’t matter, only you know.

Try; try to listen to your (inner voice?) because arrogance will kill you. If you want something of love, how can you be arrogant?
Okay, I know you make conditions every day, but make sure it's from your heart, it's of love, otherwise, don't even call it a condition.

Okay, (Taps Podium twice)

See you later.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Having Faith to Fate” 18 November 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

Today’s topic is having faith to fate. Do you believe in fate?

According to the dictionary, I guess, it means a prophetic declaration, or something like that.

Do you have some kind of inspired thing about your self that you’re willing to die for?

Do you have it? (no answer)

Then you have no fate, because that’s the definition; that’s the standard.

We try to understand who we are. We try to understand our limitations because that’s important; that’s when we can grow.

Truly knowing your limitations makes the expansion that you’re willing to make, make sense in the end; make something in the end; make something substantial in the end.

Otherwise it’s just foolish nonsense; it’s just a dream.

A lot of people end up in jail because they had foolish dreams. I see many people in jail because they really never clearly understood who they were, their limitations. That’s why they ended up in jail.

And all sorts of crazy and nonsensical sense of them selves that they can never measure up to, but they kept on pushing it for what ever reason. It can be peer pressure. It can be out of lust or greed or something.

Things like that are always out there, and that’s why they keep on pushing them selves to that nonsensical self of them selves. They crash and burn. And you can’t blame anybody else when you do that.

So you have to think about your fate; you have to believe in your fate, because you have it. You’re children of God. You have something to offer to the table, and bring it all to the pool beyond race and nationality.

Fate; think about your fate. What is your DESTINY?

What is your prophetic declaration? (Laughing)

It starts from understanding your limit, expanding it, one step at a time.

And you should be checking whether it works or not, for you. You know what I’m saying?
You should be monitoring that stuff because when you say that you’re an adult, pretty much that is your responsibility. Right? There’s not somebody over you always looking over your shoulder tapping you on the shoulder and saying “No, no, no that’s not right; do it this way.”
You’re not going to have that all the time.

That’s the problem. That’s why take it easy, even if you want to rush forward, pull yourself back. Know your limit first.

Knowing your limit is: knowing whether you can be effective or not in pursuit of something that you want to achieve, that you can actually accomplish, because without it, it doesn’t mean anything in the end.

If you set out yourself to build something and you build nothing, and you say “Hey do you see what I see?” No, I don’t see it because there’s nothing there. (Laughs)

You know the story of the naked king, that kind of stuff. There are all sorts of fables like that.

Unfortunately, if it’s going to be true, it’s not just me that’s going to see it; it has to be you too. (Laughs) That’s why it’s a pain in the butt.

So having faith……..that’s another factor.

I try to have faith in my family. Sometimes it’s difficult. It’s very difficult. Oh the ride is hard. But you believe. You try to believe that, in the end, some good is going to come out of this, in its own way, in its own way, because they’re all unique.

And I must have faith, because it should mean something to make a difference in the world and if I’m trying to do the same…..

So what is my fate then?  Ideal family…..

And what is that? That’s where all of you belong, everybody.

That’s what ideal family is.

And when my children get older and they get married I like to see all sorts of people come into my family, so that I can call them my son or my daughter…..

Have faith. Have faith in yourself, and know your fate, your good. You will bring something to all.

Believe that, and bring it.

And that will define us in the end.

You want to compete and win? So be it.

Let that be the bench mark. Okay.

(taps podium once)
Take care of your self.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Independence” 25 November 2007

Rev. Jack Corley is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

America is the most proud nation on earth, right?

They’re proud of their strength and they believe it came from independence.

How does one feel independent? What is independence? I mean, you can't really separate yourself from anything permanently. You are always attached to something; otherwise you have to live like a hermit.

Living in a society or being civil, you're connected to something, always, absolutely. So how are you independent? What is the nature of independence? And why is that important to you? And why is that important to everybody?

Because that's what you wave as a flag to the rest of the world.

How do you teach yourself? How do you get taught?

The first step is that you have to accept something. That’s the first step. If you don’t accept, you don’t get taught. No matter what other people try to drill into your head, if you don't want to accept it…. They can torture you; they can imprison you; you will not accept it. If you don’t accept it, you will never be taught.

So if you can’t accept something that comes from somewhere else, you’ll never be taught. So as part of that process, what is important is acceptance. That’s the first step.

And the next step is belief. You have to believe what you have accepted. And you have to be willing to act upon it, and to practice it, to try to live by it.

And the next step is faith. You have to be willing to die by it.

Otherwise it doesn’t mean... you haven't learned anything.

What is the point of being independent when you have nothing that you can represent yourself with?

Anyway, there are many things that we can do in terms of choice making. But think about where that choice making stuff comes from. Think about the process of you making that choice. Think about what triggers what.

“Am I making a choice in a nasty situation or a good situation?” Think about the process. Think about YOU, where you stand. Okay?
If there’s a conflict: “Where’s the conflict in my acceptance? Where’s the conflict in my belief? Where’s the conflict in my faith?” You have to know how to determine that, in times of trouble, especially. Because if you don’t, guess what? In the end you’re at fault.

You will live with the consequences, nobody else. It doesn’t matter how many fingers you can point to other people, you will face the consequences.

It doesn’t matter how many people you can dupe because you are slick, but you will face the consequences. Ultimately you will face the judgment.

You will die.
This is a short life. Okay?
Thank God there are not too many old people here! (Laughter)

If you get old, you feel you’re going to that stuff. And it is true, whether you like it or not, you have to think about that… every day…every day. For what ever reason that you think your life is short, you have to think about life being short everyday… and accept that as real.

So what are you going to do with your independence? You have to answer that question. Because it’s you, you want to be independent. You have a name.

If I look in a phone book in Korea, I’m sure that there’s Moon Hyo-Jin somewhere, but most likely it’s going to be a girl. There are a lot of girls named Hyo-Jin. (laughing)

So it’s going to be you. When you practice anything, all your doing is you’re trying to re-enforce your belief. That’s about it. You’re teaching your self in belief. That’s why you practice, Right? In any technical stuff or what ever, otherwise why do you practice?

That’s what you’re doing. When you accept something, there’s a stage of growth. Okay? And when you practice something, that’s all you’re doing; you’re just teaching yourself your belief, re-enforcing your belief.

So it gets stronger and you feel: "Okay, Okay, let’s go; I’ll compete! I’ll be number one!"

What are you going to do when you’re number one?

What is your faith? What are you dying for?

Your life’s short! It had better mean something!

Having faith is something that I feel that, I AM SOMETHING, something that is eternal, something that is greater than “I,” I want to be there. I MAKE MY STEPS TO THAT! (Emphasizing each word tapping the podium). And I earned it.

There’s lot’s to change. Okay? It’s a different story.

There are practical problems that we need to address. But we have to have the right attitude, you know?

You want to be independent; the key to victory is in your hand; hold on to it.

Believe in it.
Okay
Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Gratitude” 02 December 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

Crazy day huh? (It had started snowing heavily) (laughter)

The topic is gratitude.

Crazy day.

What are you grateful for?

Until you are a little teenager you have no concept of gratitude. Because if you have just left the nipple I don’t think you have a concept of gratitude.

It’s when you start to struggle to find yourself that you understand the concept of gratitude.

And you ask yourself “What are you struggling for?”

I mean you can be fortunate enough to come into a concept where you can be the richest man on earth. How do you start to feel that gratitude? Let’s say you’re going to inherit, because your parents are so rich, billions of dollars. How are you going to feel gratitude?

Let’s say that you came up with some kind of scheme and it’s making lots of money, and you feel rich. Why? Because people are buying into your scheme. So how do you feel gratitude?

Think about even the simple scenario, how does one feel gratitude? Do they actually feel gratified in something? If and why?… Think about it. How would they feel those things? What’s the trick, what’s the thing that will make those people, if you’re in that situation, make them feel gratified?

Basic things we need to question and answer for ourselves. We have to do that, and it has to be clear, because no one else is going to live your life. Some things are basic and those things YOU MUST KNOW THE ANSWER. (Emphasizing each word with a tap on the podium)

(From this point Hyo-Jin-nim’s voice was filled with emotion and tears ran down his cheeks.)

Only then can you understand what gratitude is. Because you live, YOU live. You don’t live by someone else’s name. You don’t live because of someone else’s existence.
You live... because you live, and that's important, and that's what you should be grateful for. That's where it starts.... You can't be somebody else.

What am I grateful for? You tell me.... If you want to build an Ideal world, then understand that first. (taps podium several times) and from that, you move. You build and that's a step. It's a long process, but that's what you have to accept, because finding yourself is a difficult process, something you can be grateful for. You feel that? Keep on looking.

Some one does somewhere. Everybody has that stuff. You know what I'm saying? What am I grateful for? What is that stuff? What is that? What is my best? I know you have it.

God is fair and God is good. He gave you goodness. What is that stuff? That's your duty to yourself... because if you don't understand that there's no possibility so what's the point of trying. You're going to fail anyway.

So unless you unless you understand the basics and give yourself the opportunity to succeed... You HAVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GRATEFUL FOR in life, while you're breathing. OK?

If somebody asks you that question, you'd better know how to answer that stuff. Otherwise, don't believe in God. Do that first.

You don't live that long you guys! I'm telling you!

So you need to be grateful for what you are.

You want something more? Why? Why do you want something more when you can feel gratitude?

Because you want to be like that guy, or that guy, or that guy, or that guy, that guy, that guy? (each time pointing in a different direction with either of his hands like pretending to shoot two pistols.) You're an out-law huh? A gunslinger huh?

Don't be stupid. That's what you're doing, basically, if you do that. You're gun-slinging. You want to be an out-law.

Why? What's the point? Do you want to go to jail in the end? Do you want to kill your self because you can never reach that goal?

People do plastic surgery. There's a lot of TV shows about that, (laughing) it's crazy stuff! And it's popular to some people. WHY?...

There's actually a show, “Beauty to the Beast” or something like that... They literally just cosmetically transform people. They rate who's better looking in the end! It's crazy stuff! That's the ideal world, huh? Well that's the ideal world, I guess, in America.

You can do that, but is that how you're going to make everything ideal? That's the definition of crazy stuff. That's what makes little young girls sick. Right? (yes)

And you watch that stuff, and why do you watch it? Because every body wants to be like that? The cool kids.... What the hell is cool anyway?
I used to chase that stuff too, when I was little, but you get old and that stuff doesn’t mean anything to you anymore. Why? What do you think of? You try to live for the sake of others. Right?

That’s what’s good. Right?

That’s why.

And it is difficult.

Trust me; I know how to take care of my self. I know how to service me good. But as you get older, that’s not important.

You know you’re dying and the basic questions are more important than what you see.

And you will die. (Whispering)

So be grateful for what you have and the life that you live.

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Surviving Loneliness” 09 December 2007

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning. (Good morning)

The topic is “Surviving Loneliness.”

We all feel lonely sometimes. Right? (yes)

Most of the time… (laughter)

Why do you feel lonely?

People have an expectation to us; we have an expectation to our selves.

It’s not other people’s expectation; it’s my expectation, when we fall short, we feel lonely.

So what do you do with that?

I know that you don’t want to be lonely, so what do you do with that?

What do you do when you feel that?

Cut to the chase. Okay? (Means: “Let’s get straight to the point.”)

Your existence is a miracle.

Your life is a miracle.

Your physical existence, your intellectual existence, your spiritual existence is a miracle.

You have so much things that can happen, it’s up to you. Just in itself, your existence is a miracle.

So when you just fall into that kind of loneliness period basically you’re disregarding your existence reality, which is a miracle.

You should not expect a greater miracle beyond what you’ve got.

Why? Because life is too short, and in this short life all you’re doing is learning something about YOU! NOTHING ELSE!

And you try to prove that I have learned some thing about me…that is right… that is good. That’s all you’re trying to prove, nothing else. There’s nothing beyond that.

And how we come to understand this kind of understanding, yes, that’s the religious struggle. But in the end that’s the conclusion. That’s all we’re trying to achieve in our lives, in the end, nothing more.
Do I fear loneliness? (Laughs) We all have our stories... but that’s not important. If we have learned that lesson in our lives just to understand that essence, that basic principle, that’s all it means.

You’re not that lonely. You understand something. And when you understand something, you’re part of something. And what you’re part of... huh! Who knows, huh? But that’s what’s important... nothing else.

Anyway, try. And as we try even people like me can get attached to people like you. (Much laughter)

So... Are you lonely? You figure that out.

So..... Hey! Everybody is lonely. Okay?

Everybody is lonely. But we’ll find somebody to make us feel a little different, and that’s where you start.

Okay?

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Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

How are you?

Good morning. (Good morning)

Happy New Year! (Happy New Year) (This is Hyo-Jin-nim’s first Belvedere speech this year)

One more year is gone; what does that mean? (laughing)

How many years do we have? OK…

It depends on how you think about the way things are and what you are in control of in reality.

How are you going to change the world?

Do you know how to change your self?

Do you know that your ways are the right way?

Are you absolutely sure that what ever that you think that you have talent in, do you know what perfection is in it?

Are you a master of that; can you control it?

How are you going to change the world? You ask yourself.

We’re trying, but how are we going to do it in actuality?

You have your ways, right? You have to start from there.

You have to change the ways of other people.

If you’re going to change the world, you have to know what the ways of the world are, (the ways) of the people that you’re focusing on, and from there try to make a difference.

What is your way? How do you live? What do you live for? What is your goal?

I know that you want to be somebody. Everybody wants to be somebody.

So what is your way? There are many many ways.

That’s the problem. We have to know all those ways to change the world.
Yes it comes into cliques so to speak. It clumps into some kind of tribal reality. But that's what you need to know to change the world.

You have to know human ways; otherwise you will not change the world. Right?

And that's what we need to focus on; otherwise it's meaningless.

I'm trying to understand my little kids okay? I'm sure that they have a hard time understanding me… (laughter) … a crazy guy like me.

But that's the way it works you have to know humans are the ways we are. The more we know (the more) we can get closer to that ultimate goal that we all talk about in religion. (Hyo-Jin-nim laughs)

And where do you start? If you ask yourself “I start now” what can you do? That’s what you do. You think from there, one step at a time until it gets holy and mighty.

All the time start from that; that's where you start and you build it from there.

See if it works. Try it out on people that you know.

I don't know you. You don't know me. But you have people that you know around you. Start there.

Try it out.

Change the world.

Okay? (long pause and sigh)

OK, take care.

(taps podium once)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“What is Love?” 03 February 2008

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

How is everybody? (Good, good morning!)

Good morning.

When you think about love, what is love?

You will die for love or you will kill for love.

It can happen, right?

When you really love something, it makes you want to die for it; at the same time in the extreme opposite, you will kill for it.

That’s what love is. Right?

And everything that exists under the Sun pretty much has that extreme stemming from it.

Why is it like that?

Why is it like that?

Is it for you, or it’s me; it’s that stuff. It’s that struggle; it’s that basic struggle.

(From this point Hyo-Jin-nim speaks with much emotion and tears.)

I’ll die for something, or I’ll kill for something. It’s that stuff.

It’s “we” or “I” because when I’m dying for something, it’s not “me” it’s “we.”

It’s as simple as that; everything starts from that. And that you need to know how to answer. That’s your quest in this short life.

However (long) you think that you can live. IT’S SHORT! IT’S NOT LONG ENOUGH FOR ME!

I know I’m dying, getting closer to my death than to my living, and that’s for SURE!

And that is the truth that I can never deny.

And that’s how it begins.

Know what you want to do with that life.

Is it going to be “we” or is it going to be “I”?
You make the choice, and understand that life is what you got, and what you got it isn’t that much.

And that’s where we’re equal. It doesn’t matter what you got; it really doesn’t matter……

Okay ……..

You have to do your own thinking.

Look, I’m not going to read a story book for you. Okay?

You make your own stories; that’s your life.

You write your own songs. You write your own stories.

That’s all we do. That’s the best we can do. And hopefully somebody can be inspired by it.

Okay?

All I can do is what I do. That’s it.

It’s up to you.

So you take care. Okay?

I’ll be gone for a few weeks so I’ll see you later when I come back. Okay?

Take care of your self. Okay?

(Taps podium twice)

Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Why do we want to love somebody?” 02 March 2008

Rev. Andrew Compton is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon Ah-nim and offer a standing bow. (Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience as he approaches the stage.)

Good morning (good morning)

Why do we want to love somebody?

Why do you want to be loved?

What is love to you?

What do you love?

And if you have a definition of love that you want, how are you going to get it?

There’s need and want in life that drives us in action to make life. That’s what we do because of that, no other reason.

So what is it?

Love is, based on history, and what is there that teaches us that it is the highest, that’s what we seek. We all want to be the best in whatever we do. You want to be number one! We don’t want to be number two.

Well if you live long enough, you want to be in the rankings, at least. Because it’s not that simple to always be number one.

So what is love?

What is love for you?

What do you want, why do you need, why do you want love?

If you can’t answer that to your self, you haven’t understood about yourself.

Because the next question, the next step is… if you need and want love you’re not going to have it alone.

Then something else comes into your picture, and when it comes, what do you think is going to happen to you?

What word will happen to you?

It's called sacrificed.

And that’s going to mess you up for a long time, until you get it right.

That word is going to mess you up until you get it right.

I know what I want. No, I know what I need and I know what I want.
Sacrifice? That's a different story.
That's going to mess you up.
So how are you going to make that right?
There's no magic answer.
You have to persevere.
You have to understand where you stand and you have to persevere.
That's the only answer!
Till you make it right, YOU make it right.
Because in the end, you stand alone in judgment.
(a very long and emotional pause)
I wish I could have had a little more time with my son.
I'm not the kind of guy who regrets things, but that's one thing that I regret that's going to hurt me to the day I die.
Why? Because I loved somebody.
You don't live that long you guys.
I will be fifty soon, you know.
I'm trying to take care of my self, you know, but in a few more years you'll be dead!
(laughing) Right?
What the heck is that?
What are we learning in this life.
Find yourself, okay?
And die well.
Because you don't live that long.
And I hope that you want to be good, okay?
Because we can learn from each other, okay?
Find good, find you, and die well.
(Taps podium once)
Okay.
Recording and transcription by Joe Kinney
“Commitment” 09 March 2008

Rev. Jack Corley is the MC. All welcome Hyo-Jin-nim and Yeon Ah-nim and offer a standing bow.

(Hyo-Jin-nim bows to the audience before he approaches the stage.)

Good morning (good morning)

Is everybody here committed to something? (Yes.)

When you think about commitment, what does it mean to you?

Why do you want to commit to something?

Because it defines you.

Any kind of commitment that you make will define you, and you'll be judged. That's why you commit to something.

Because you know that life is about learning something and it is short. Very short (laughing).

How about what makes you good, what makes you right?

Even in business…… I’ll be away for about two weeks. Okay?

If people give you money you have responsibility; you have commitment.

You have to make them profit. Otherwise I don’t think you’re going to get another opportunity.

So even just dealing with money, you’re committed; that’s what it is.

Now think about your self. What are you thinking? What terms of thinking are you committed to? What are you reaching out to understand?

Even if you do understand something, achieving it is very difficult.

Now, take that to the next level, spirituality. How are you going to answer that question?

You have to have spirit, mind and body together to be perfect. That’s crazy stuff!

That’s what you have to do, basically. So, where do you stand?

You don’t want to look at the person next to you. Answer that to your self. You ask that question to yourself and you answer it to yourself, and that’s where you stand.

Have I seen crap? Yes I have. I’ll probably see more. (laughing)

That’s where I stand.

And how do I get better?
(Pauses and answers in a whisper) Following the basics; doing the basics, doing what is right, no other way.

Do you feel big sometimes? Yes, but who cares if it isn’t real? It’s about “you.”

Do you think that anything worth living for is just thinking about ME?

That’s not the lesson that we’re learning. Otherwise the reason that this world sucks is that.

It’s not about me. It’s about us.

That’s why it hurts. Because if we are “I” to start from, we have to understand “we.”

What is family anyway?

Man and woman come together and make family. What is that?

Is it “I” or is it “we?”

Then you will die. No matter how great you think you are, you will die.

Anything that makes you arrogant, keep it to yourself. Okay?

I’m a very arrogant man. Keep it to yourself.

If you love your children, if you have children, if you have a family, that’s what you do to be a good parent. Everybody does that.

Try to be good, and keep it to yourself. You want to be arrogant; keep it to yourself.

We need commitment because it defines you, and in judgment you had better know what that is.

Okay.

(taps podium once)

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