

## 40 Years in America—an Honest Appraisal of the Life of the Unification Movement

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The recently released *40 Years in America: An Intimate History of the Unification Movement* is an important book for several reasons. First, although size doesn't count in all things, this is a big, gorgeous book, comprising 602 pages and including an impressive array of photographs from the early days of the US movement to the present day. Second, it is indeed an "intimate history" that presents not only the grand actions of its messianic leader but also the trials, tribulations, victories, and reflections of its rank and file members. Third, and for me most important, it is also a self-reflective book with a refreshingly honest approach to the challenges that US Unification movement has faced so far and will face in the future.

Credit for this impressive project goes to editor Mike Inglis for conceiving and coordinating it, to church historian Mike Mickler for the painstakingly researched and thought-provoking history that meanders through its oversized pages, and to designer Jonathan Gullery for making what could be a dry historical treatise an absolute delight to the eyes and heart.

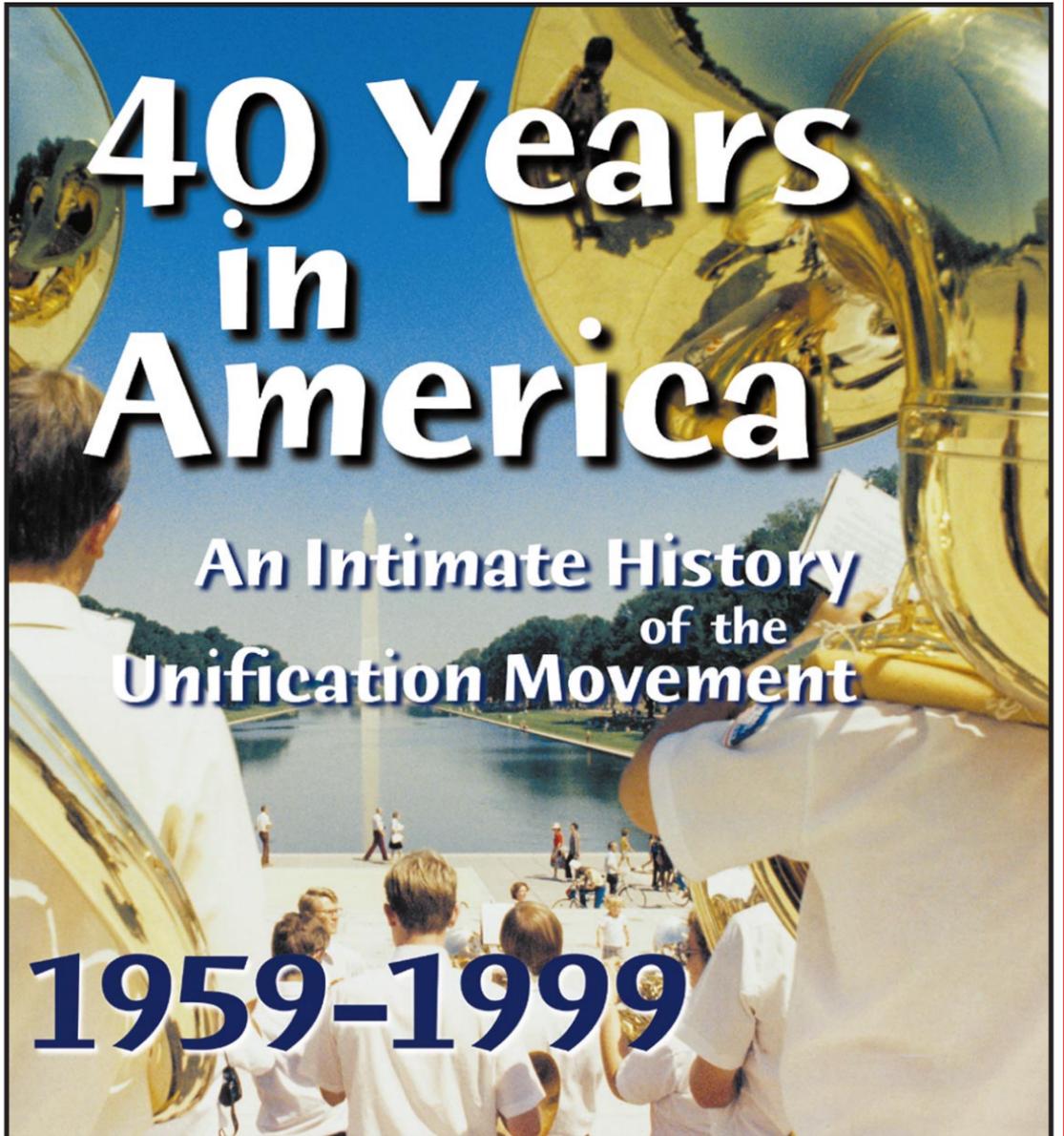
The first thing one notices in paging through this tome is the generous space given to allow the members to speak for themselves. Excerpts from early newsletters, MFT journals, poetry, witnessing testimonies, public reports, and stories solicited especially

for this volume give a feeling of freshness and immediacy as the reader works his way through Mickler's analysis. Indeed *40 Years In America* can serve as well as a coffee table book as a history book. What a treat to read Gerhard Peemoeller's 's Ocean Church testimony, Poppy Richie's trib-

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ute to Onni Durst, Gus Alden's nostalgic MFT reminiscences, or Andrew Wilson's deprogramming saga, to name only a few of hundreds of stories one can either read in bit-sized snatches, or feast on for hours.

But the heart of *40 Years In America*, and perhaps its most lasting contribution, is Mickler's historical



essay. As it leads the reader through the course of the American Unification movement from its beginning in 1959 through its pre-millennial climax, an inspiring but sometimes troubling pattern emerges.

Mickler does not shrink from the modern church historian's task of tackling the

controversial as well as celebrating the sacred aspects of his religion. One beholds the glories of the Day of Hope crusades, exponential growth in the early 70s, the victory of Washington Monument, the building of the Washington Times media empire, the public proclamation of True Parents, hundreds of millions of earthly Blessings, tens of billions of spirit world Blessings, various federations for world peace, and the establishment of a permanent place of spiritual pilgrimage in Chung Pyung. But one also reads of stagnation in membership growth, an American movement of an increasingly oriental character, division and disillusionment over the Zimbabwean Heung Jin episode, the bombshell effect of Nansook Hong's book, and a movement facing demoralization even as its leaders proclaim victory after victory.

Mickler's analysis is too far reaching to deal with in depth here. Let me touch briefly on two aspects that I felt were particularly interesting. The first has to do with what went wrong with the movement in the 1970s. The second deals with where we stand as we look toward the future.

As most long-time members recognize, the American Unification movement experienced substantial and rapid growth in the early 1970s, virtually doubling in membership every year from 1970-1974. Mickler offers an intriguing thought as to the nature of the brick wall we hit after that. He sees the experimental Barrytown training project in 1975 as symptomatic of a departure from the American tradition that had previously brought such success. He cites four factors:

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The book has hundreds of evocative and memory-stirring photos such as these

## FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

By Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is an excerpt from the Sunday Morning Message given at East Garden, Irvington, NY on November 26, 2000. Translation by Rev. Peter Kim; unofficial notes by Tyler Hendricks.

The original ideal of creation was the inseparable oneness of husband and wife, and parents and children. But division took place because of the false, satanic lineage. Without love and life, you cannot connect to God's lineage. Love and life connect in the blood lineage. Most important is the blood lineage. How does the blood lineage connect the upper, middle and lower, the three positions? All things have the three vertical positions, such as God, parents and children, or grandfather, parents and children. The blood lineage connects them. An absolute blood lineage can create absolute three stage couples. Without that kind of couples' connection, the absolute blood lineage can never come about.

In the fallen world, all these are separated because the mind and body are fighting. Everything is separated and becomes complicated, originating in the mind and body fighting. How can we make a new mind and body? That is most important. The most famous of people have Satan in the flesh, Satan's blood lineage. The body is on Satan's side. Without unifying the mind and body, you cannot stand as an object to God or create a peaceful world.

Where can we find the righteous way? Without the mind and body being unified, we cannot find it. All human beings have their mind and body fighting. It always continues. Who can stop it? No religions or governments can stop it, no matter how great their power. What is the purpose of religion? It is to stop the mind and body fighting. You did not resolve that problem. What caused that fighting? It was caused by the fall. What was the fall? The blood lineage changed. The original contents of the blood were exchanged with Satan's contents. The ideal growing way was with God, in God's blood lineage, and bearing children and connecting them to that lineage.

**Jesus Overcoming Satan**

Do God's mind and body fight? No. Why does the body have Satan's blood

lineage? The original mind is growing to fulfill the purpose of creation. The question was the relative strength between the original mind's power and Satan's love power. Whichever was stronger would determine the blood lineage. Man's love power connected with Satan's love power and that controlled the blood lineage. This led to all aspects of fallen nature, of denying others, of individualism.

What shall individualistic beings do? They only drop down, denying everything. Where is my enemy? Where is God's enemy? What is Satan? Satan is the one who connected to the father's position with his blood lineage, completely denying others. The most fearful enemy is Satan. God's most fearful enemy is Satan, and it is the same for mankind. Everyone repeat, "Satan"!

The archangel became parents instead of God, connecting to the wrong blood lineage. Without changing the blood lineage, no matter how difficult it might be, we cannot be saved. The saving point is my flesh, which Satan controls. How can we rearrange and connect to the highest level of God's love? God is the king of the absolute blood lineage to which we want to connect. How can we receive that absolute king's blood lineage? For the sake of every ... The fallen concept is that which centers on myself. Instead of God, I want to become the center. How can we remove that from ourselves? It takes absolute faith, love and living for the sake of others. High religions need to teach this, sacrificing, ... the blood. [Father's English was unclear, but I recall the sense was that all religions involved some sort of blood sacrifice.] This is the providential mainstream, from the Old Testament Age sacrificing the creation, to Jesus' sacrificing the children, to the Completed Testament Age sacrificing the parents on the earth for the sake of the children.

Protestantism and Roman Catholicism are fighting. How can they become one? They can do so only by centering on parents. They are the elder brother and younger brother in Adam's family. They need to connect with the mother. The younger brother becomes the center, naturally wins the heart of the elder brother, then the mother win the objectivity of the father, making the foundation for the Messiah who is the true father. The Messiah brings the true

## The Mind-If

love, life and lineage, the seed, the pure blood lineage centering on God. That completes Adam's foundation, God's true love set in lineage.

Jesus Christ was the first completion of Adam's position. He was the bridegroom, but he did not have a woman in Eve's position. She was not recreated. Jesus is the recreation of Adam, but there was no recreation of Eve. Eve came from Adam's bone. God took the core system and based upon it created Eve. Jesus' family should have prepared his marriage. Then his couple making love would have created God's lineage. God would have created that unity.

**The Family is the Seed**

Without that messianic foundation, Adam and Eve cannot make a family. They can never attain a straight horizontal line connected with the vertical. There will never be the three positions set up vertically. The third position is children, the result. The family formula is three generations connected after God's pattern. The problem is that the second position as an individual cannot make a pair. God needs a son and daughter to make a pair. This is origin-division-union action [as explained in the Principle of Creation]. The origin is God, the division is the couple, the child is the union. Without that, there is no connection to the blood lineage. This is the family formula, in perfection.

Adam's grandson is the fourth level. This is the completion of the family seed. The seed is the expansion. No matter how famous the family, they cannot stand without this pattern, this formula. So Jesus came as a perfect man. How could he get into heaven? He absolutely needed a true woman. The reality of a true woman and man with a true connection as one, centering on true love, is marriage. They combine in their first love, connecting concave and convex. They create absolute children. Blessed couples have to achieve True Parents' position, and Adam and Eve have to connect with the conjugal love center, the convex and concave, centering on the position of absolute unification. Did you accomplish that?

Then comes the unified atmosphere, called the family. The family seed, the absolute seed, contains God's life, love and lineage. God is the center of that kind of love. The harvest of the seed's fruit is the family. Expansion comes from Adam's child's son, the fourth generation from God. There is the complete seed. God's complete love is the unification of parents' love, conjugal love and brother-sister love. Where they unite together is the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the formula. Your mind and body cannot separate. No matter how famous, your mind and body must be filled with God's true love, life and lineage. Are you confident you have done this? God's wants families that fulfill that formula. The people of Israel could not understand this.

Now the fourth Adam's generation

is coming. What shall we do? You have to ... yourself, centering on the family. The family base is God's completed love. This is the center, with God in the center connecting and unifying all the six positions. The children, husband and wife all become absolute. These positions cannot change. Who is doing this? Everyone has to do it. The family is prior to the high level thinking about the ideal world. Begin with the family, with grandparents. Spend your time making this perfect, and you'll do fine. This is the formula.

**Be A Magnetic Family**

Yesterday morning, I gave an important teaching, in particular for the sisters who came from the Chung Pyung Lake blessing who were there at hoon dok hae. In summary, God created the universe and human beings, through His word. What we have to do is not just receive the words through hoon dok hae, and not just follow them or be pulled by them and carried around, but we should be able to go around and plant the words, i.e. plant ourselves, which means to be the substantiation of God's words. Wherever we go, we should plant ourselves as the word of God.

God, prior to creation, had His ideal or complete blueprint. Then out of that He created the universe. When I teach you, I practice and experiment with it. I teach based upon the successful result in my life. That is the way to substantiate. But the basis is love. Through love, this substantiation of the word will take place. Love is the base, then go through the course for substantiation. Wherever we go, we should be able to plant ourselves. We should become the manifestation of God's word. If you talk true love, but don't practice it, it doesn't work. No matter how beautiful the packaging, without feeling the vibration of true love from you, it will not work. What I hate most is the people who say one thing and then do something else.

Through hoon dok hae, the word, the seed, is being given us. Now we have to germinate the seed and bear the fruit. That is our life, that substantiation that creates the new seed. That is the life of true love. The words we receive through hoon dok hae are not ours. If those words are our own, no matter how much we try, people are not inspired. We have to embody the words through true love. Then when you plant those seeds that stem from the original seed, people will be inspired and moved.

We struggle between mind and body. When we watch nature, particularly the light, wind and air, we see that they can infiltrate wherever there is a crack. They always get in. More than that, true love is waiting to get in. So we have to prepare the crack for it to come through. Then true love comes and Satan runs away. So in the fourth Adam era, the purpose of hoon dok hae is not just to give the words but to guide our practice for the sake of other people.

## CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2000

- 1 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
- 2 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (10/7/78)
- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 9 Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (10/14/98)
- 13 Jin Whi Nim's Birthday (10/18/63)
- Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 18 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

## DECEMBER 2000

- 6 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)
- 18 Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 27 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
- 28 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)

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# Body Problem

So the best way we can plant the seeds of the words for others is through our family. People will watch our family, and if they feel we are a true seed, they will follow us and we will multiply.

That means, within our family members, every member should be satisfied. When the grandchildren watch the grandfather, they should feel he is a model that should be planted. This applies to every relationship. Each feels the other is the model person in their position. Then your family is a model family. Such a family becomes a magnet. Through 360 degrees, all others are attracted by the magnet. If your family fits the right formula, it will move to the center and cover 360 degrees.

Do you, as Unification Church members, like me? [YES.] All 360 degrees? [YES.] If it is not 360 degrees, then your angle is not exact and you have a crack through which Satan will come in and out. If you want to secure your 360 degrees, you have to restore 180 families each for husband and wife, which means 360 families. That represents 360 degrees. That is big enough to embrace the universe. When the 360 is formed, the family at the center revolves and the entirety will revolve.

### Leave The Fallen World Behind

You say you like me and I am the center. Then when I tell you to go to Korea, you tell me your mom is in the hospital and your daughter is sick. What if they die? If you stop revolving all 360 degrees, what will happen? The machine will stop, the system will break down. Through you, one individual, your ancestry of hundreds of thousands are affected. If you stop revolving, everyone connected to you will stop and be destroyed. That person who stopped deserves to go to hell.

When Israel left Egypt, the ones who stayed behind were forgotten in the history of Israel. If Father says go, we all have to do it. The invisible God is turning the cosmos. If I do not revolve around Him, the entire world will be destroyed. Because of the fall, the hands of the clock reversed the direction of their rotation for 6,000 years. Now we have to turn them in the opposite way. Someone who does not want to change direction will go to the bottom of hell. In that sense, there is no concept of your children, family and nation. You have to seek true love first. Our final task is engrafting our lineage into True Parents' lineage, to receive the true lineage.

Do you want to remain behind in Egypt? [NO.] What about your children who do not want to come with you? What of your business or your beautiful house? Can you leave them behind? What if I order you to secure your own boat and sail it to San Francisco on a certain date? Would you go? What if I even give you the boat? Don't think that I don't have so many boats; this is a figurative speech. Because of the fall, the entire world started spinning backwards. To save it, we need the true

model family, the true parents and true family. The mind that doesn't want to do it comes from Satan's side.

How do you know if I am not the worst father? Your original mind knows.

campaign was resisted by a few churches, but we persisted and finally they all accepted the flag and hoisted it. They realize that what I have said for thirty years has come true and is good for America.

But some of them said, "I am a WASP [white Anglo Saxon Protestant], so I don't want to talk to you, but I will accept the flag because I know it is right." They accepted the flag with their

toes. So when I pull you, your shape will appear. There should not be any holes to show the skin. If you go to a hot place, you should keep your socks with no holes. I have been raising you for years; will I abandon you now? No.

We have to know what time it is when we wake up. The providential time always moves on. On November 11, I gave a special dispensational proclamation about the providential time we are in. It was after hoon dok hae, on the island of Kauai. We are in the fourth Adam's era. Because of the fall, in the family of Adam and Eve, God lost three generations, the grandparents, parents and children. Through the perfection of these three generations, the seed of life and love would have been ripe, perfect and never subject to change. Satan would never have been able to invade. Because this seed was lost, to this day ...

So, the meaning of restoration is to secure the true seed. As long as you have it, you can multiply true children of God infinitely. To restore the true seed there have been providential periods of mother-son cooperation. Husbands have been in the archangel position, with a condition to belong to Satan. Because God lost the true seed of life and love. He lost sovereignty. So the mother-son cooperation strategy was given. So blessed wives had to go out to restore the children, including their own children, and with them be engrafted to True Father, then through that they could receive the new lineage, with the new seed, and after that they could bring their archangel husband with them, and with their children, to True Father, to receive the blessing.

This mother-son cooperation era has passed. That's why the husbands came to Chung Pyung Lake for three days for the new blessing. Now we have the father-son providence, not mother-son anymore. The mother received the seed, grew it, and gave birth. The seed doesn't remain with the woman. The father has the seed and it goes [through the mother] to the son, and the mother's role [in this respect] is eliminated. So now is the father-son providence era. The mother-son providence is over. Through the Chung Pyung Lake workshop, the mother-son was completed and the father-son started.

### Building World Peace

Jesus Christ wanted to establish God's sovereignty first and declare these things. He could not because of failure of Israelites. I am working in the UN, and in 191 nations the hoon dok hae education is taking place. The world is being covered with True Parents' teachings. Even though there is no formal unification of Korea, it has taken place spiritually. On that foundation condition, I could give the Chung Pyung Lake blessing. Thus the father-son providence has come.

You can look at it as a single nation. It is a nation that has no territory, land or people. It has no sovereignty. For the UN, I prepared 1.2 million hectares in South America. I am educating all people to become true citizens of the UN. I am uniting the island nations, starting with 14 island nations in the Pacific and expanding to 52 island nations. This will become the foundation for the UN. Because of this world

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## 41ST TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATED IN KOREA



True Parents at the Little Angel's School in Seoul



Your five senses know, and your body knows and it will pull you. If there is any Unification Church member who believes that America will become the Kingdom of God on Earth if he keeps living the way he is living, he is crazy. Without my teaching, America is lost. I went to the UN building and declared to the world that we should tear down the borders, with absolute authority. Can anyone else make such a declaration to the world? [NO.]

If America were to give authority to me, I would clean up America in three years. How? Remember, we did ALCs in fifty states in two months. We educated legislators and local leaders. No one opposed it. Even our FFWPU flag

face turned away.

The next stage is to distribute the True Parents' portrait. Soon those who did not receive one will complain. When the autumn comes, the leaves show beautiful colors and then fall to the ground. They cannot resist. They do not choose to fall; it is natural law. When the leaves fall to the earth, they become fertilizer. The established churches will be the fertilizer for the future.

### Father-Son Cooperation

What if I tell you to go to Moscow? Or to twelve different countries? Moscow sounds like "must go." When a sock fits the foot, you needn't keep pulling it, and you can see the shape of the

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level dispensation, we can go on to the world level without the substantial unification of South Korea and North Korea. I worked behind the scenes for the South Korea-North Korea summit. In the past, China, Russia, America and Japan were enemies, but I brought young elite from each nation through the hoon dok hae seminar and they became friends.

In my life, I have done so much. I was the arch-enemy of the Soviet Union, but at the right time I opened my arms and embraced Gorbachev. Therefore Russia opened its doors to world religious teaching. What of North Korea? In 1987, they sent someone from the Japanese Red Army to assassinate me. But I went to Pyongyang, embraced Kim Il Sung and made a 10 point agreement with him. The points are identical to the 10 point agreement from the recent South Korea-North Korea summit. That is the groundwork I have done, risking my life.

### A Life Of Forgiving

Also, I have educated tens of thousands of young elite in Russia and especially China. And who brought Hon. Minister Farrakhan out to be closer to the people of America? I did it. What about the relationship between God and Satan historically? Who worked to give forgiveness to Satan? I did. Who blessed the saints and criminals of the spirit world? I did. My life has been one of forgiving and embracing others. That's how I eliminated hell in the spirit world. That's why I directed Daemo Nim to give the blessing to 21 generations of your ancestors.

If you look at spirit world, it is almost full of blessed couples. The earth is as well. Therefore I am mobilizing all the blessed couples in the spirit world, your ancestors, to play the role of good archangels to assist, support and help you bring this world into the Kingdom of God on Earth. Until now, because of Satan's influence, efforts for good deviated and ended up in hell. Satan cannot do that anymore. Our ancestors will come, but if we resist, they will punish us. If we follow, they will give medicine. When they see us being stubborn and sinful, deviating from the way of Principle, they will say that this descendent is not beneficial to our lineage. It is a fearful time. If you are not sure about this, pray hard. Absolute faith, love and obedience will come into your heart. You will see. No one likes the word absolute obedience, although we like absolute faith and love.

Think of the debt humanity owes to God, for tens of thousands of years. No matter how much we sacrifice to pay off this debt, it is not enough. On our own, it would take tens of thousands of years, but because of True Parents' foundation, if we offer absolute faith, love and obedience in this short time period, we can indemnify this debt, because True Parents are giving this abundant blessing to us. [As Paul said] even if we give our body to be burned as indemnity, it is not enough. But because of True Parents' foundation, we can indemnify the debt and be forgiven. Even if we pluck all the hairs from our head, we cannot pay it off.

Only through True Parents. Instead of sacrificing at of lives, if you have the determination of absolute faith, love and obedience, you can do it.

Our own individual body is a small condition. Some say that the Unification Church teaches absolute faith, love and obedience and that sounds like dictatorship. People like absolute faith and love, but not absolute obedience. But the offering condition is only 1 millionth of what comes back. When God created us, He infused absolute faith,

international conferences at which I gave these public speeches. Sometimes only one is three or four million dollars; three of them cost maybe \$10 million. That sacrifice was there for me to give this message to the world. But you sit here and relax and distance yourself from it.

Each message is a proclamation, eliminating Satan's power, cleaning the world. When they respond, you will not be able to come to East Garden anymore, because there will be no room.

## TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY



The evening entertainment at the Little Angel's School in Seoul



love and obedience into His creation. So our return of the same is like one pin point compared to the enormity of this world.

### Created As A New Being

Even when we make our offering, it is so dirty that God does not want to accept it, but He will accept it through True Parents. We can boil and recreate you, and so God says, okay. When I have to put you in the melting pot, do you want to just melt one hair, or your whole body? Sin has accumulated like Mt. Everest through human history. Therefore, I have to throw you into the melting pot and boil you until every trace disappears and you are recreated as a new being.

The way we are now does not work, so we have to go through this melting pot. What if I say that your husband cannot deal with the national level, but we have to indemnify the failure on the national level? I am working on the world level, but you wives have to set the condition to go beyond the national level to the world level, because I am the only one who has received world level persecution.

I believe that the secular world represents the first level religion, like Judaism and all different religions, and Christianity represents the second level religion, the second Israel, but I have to unite them and guide them. Therefore I am doing the campaign to unify denominations. America does not know how to reach out to the world, nor does the UN. Only I know, and many American leaders agree when I say this in public. Did the speeches you heard this morning come from nowhere? Tens of millions of dollars were spent on these

Don't take me lightly. I look the same, maybe a bit older. But my authority and power are there. Even my public speeches have come true; I have accomplished, step by step. When I hear them, I am gratified that I spoke those words when I did.

### Media Fears The Truth

It is like a time of final judgment in a court. Do you think I have the power to do this providential work? You wait and see. Things will appear, step by step, more and more. The Korean media organizations are competing to promote me, to introduce me to the people. President [Sun Jo] Hwang in Korea has become famous and busy because the media is always contacting him. The major America media soon will not be able to say whatever they want about me. My worldwide foundation will be so strong that they will have to conform with it.

I prepared never to be defeated in a fight. Aren't America, Japan and Germany afraid of me? Is it that I have a dagger or bomb? What are they afraid of? They are afraid of the truth. There are many nationalities here today. As long as you sit here, I can direct you to go anywhere in the world. But will you say yes? It is easy to say yes, but will you show it with your action? Show your hands if you are ready to go. [everyone does] That is why the American society is afraid of me. I asked the Japanese members the same thing, and they said yes. That is why the Japanese government is afraid of me.

If you follow me, when you go to spirit world, you will go on a superhighway to the Kingdom of Heaven. You will have a visa. If you follow America, you don't

know where you will go. If you are confident to attend me in your house for one month, raise your hands. Instead, contribute the money you would have spent on me. If you do that, I will put you on the list of those who helped buy 200 million hectares of land in South America.

I am preparing this land for the UN. It will be the worldwide level ancestral land. Then all the land our ancestors owned will have to be connected to it. That means the entire planet will be connected to this land, and that will become the Kingdom of God on Earth. That is God's ideal of creation.

### When Will You Change The Nation?

I am hungry. Are you hungry too? Many Christians believe that when the Lord of the Second Advent comes, he will always fly and disappear and appear without explanation, with no need to eat or sleep. But the Lord of the Second Advent is here and claims to be the father of Jesus Christ, but he is hungry. When Jesus Christ gave his testimony from spirit world in Dr. Lee's book, he called me "father." So I am his father. He confessed that because of his mistakes, Christians have been misled. Is it a lie? If you think so, you will go to hell. If you believe it is true, you will go the other way, to heaven. Do you understand me? Say, thank you!

From next year, I may not be able to meet you. I may not stay in America. America doesn't like me, so why should I bother staying here? Only Unification Church members like me. If you say others love me, it is like dust in the wind. When are you going to change this nation? In twenty years you haven't done it.

I have nothing to do now. I already unified the spirit world, and the UN work is progressing. There is nothing to lead, nothing to fight. Nothing makes me excited. What shall I do? Dancing? The Little Angels and Universal Ballet are top in Korea and the world. They call me king of the art world. What of my substantial being? If the name is famous and elevated, the entity has to be elevated too. Do you see that possibility in me?

I do not have a nation, but I have the power of the truth, of organizations and of activities. We can do many things. Two years ago, the Washington Times Foundation held 113 conferences. When the US government has a conference, they take two years to plan one. But we did conferences twice a week. It cost a lot; did you contribute? Americans are stingy. You count your donation with the pinky and start with the left hand. If I took such an attitude, how could I accomplish my goals? In four years I indemnify tens of millions of years, single handedly, with no time to eat or sleep. What about you? Have you done it? Those who have been in the movement more than twenty years, raise your hands. [almost everyone] I am helping America; what about you? Please remember what I've taught you this morning. Have absolute confidence in God and True Parents, and be bold. ❖

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# Providential Meaning of the Million Family March and Understanding Registration



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*This is excerpted from a speech given on Sunday, November 5, 2000, at the DC church.*

There are two themes I'd like to share with you. I'd like to discuss the providential time we are living in and the direction in which God's providence is going. But first, I will share some impressions of the Million Family March in which we participated.

The Million Family March was held here in Washington and it had great significance in many ways. I reported in Korea to True Parents for about two hours on various aspects of the Million Family March. As you know, this march was held centering on the Honorable Minister Farrakhan on the fifth anniversary of the Million Man March in 1995. Actually to understand the significance of the Million Family March, you have to understand the background and significance of the Million Man March, how that came about, and how this was connected to our movement.

In the course of preparing for the Million Family March, I had several opportunities to meet with the Minister Farrakhan. I met almost on a daily basis with Minister Benjamin, who was actually directly in charge of organizing the march. I know very well about the background that caused the change in the character of the Million Family March.

Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Schanker and all our state and city leaders worked with the Nation of Islam as co-coordinators and co-sponsors of the event. On July 6, Father invited Minister Farrakhan to East Garden. Father said many things on that occasion, but concerning the March he said very clearly that this event should not be an event simply for either Minister Farrakhan or for Rev. Moon, but should be an event for God's will. He gave three pieces of advice. First, that it has to be a non-political event. Second, it has to be an interreligious event. Third, it has to be an interracial event. Then to take that one step forward, it has to be an international event.

That was quite different from the original concept of the Million Man March, which was a very political event. It was not interracial, but centered mostly on the African-American community. It was an event of Islam and Christianity, and so could not be said to be truly interreligious. At the time of the Million Man March, many mainline denominations opposed that event. Of course, it was not international either.

This time the March was quite different in character. This time both the national and local government were more supportive because the character of the event was broader in line with what Father had suggested. The main theme of the Million Man March was

said to have been human rights. The main theme of the Million Family March was more centered on the family. Five years ago most of the event was about political issues. This time there was a great deal more about peace, harmony and family.

Externally the United States is a highly advanced country, but inside the United States is being eaten away by the decline of the family. True Parents said that, through this event, people in America and around the world should have a spiritual awakening as to the importance of the family and need to focus on the family. True Parents were not in America at the time, but at many public forums in Korea Father spoke about the Million Family March and people were continuously praying for this event.

During the days of the actual March event True Parents were invited to the Marshall Islands as state guests. The president of the Marshall Islands attended the 9th IIFWP Hoon Dok Hae conference in Washington, D.C., and all of his cabinet also attended. Representing their nation they invited True Parents and received them. The president greeted True Parents at the airport and took direct responsibility for their schedule, attending them personally throughout their visit. Yet even during that busy schedule, True Father called here on the 16th and 17th at 4 a.m. to check and see what progress was made for the Million Family March.

I think that the three principles that Father laid out were followed, that it be non-political, be interreligious, and interracial. In particular Father invited 400 VIP's from around the world to an IIFWP conference from October 14-17 in order to support the March. People came from more than 80 countries for this conference. They were former heads of state and government, heads of political parties, and professors. Of that group, 72 particularly important people were seated on the stage at the March. We also mobilized about 2,000 members of the American Clergy Leadership Conference for this event. In particular, a number of mainline denomination leaders were invited by us and attended the event.

In particular, you may know Billy McCormack, co-founder of the Christian Coalition, who was deeply moved by the event. He prayed at the time of the blessing there as a representative of Christianity. He is in daily contact with Pat Robertson, and working with us, working with events that we support to strengthen the family. Dr. Dan

Perkins of Family and Faith, and Rev. Jesse Edwards of the United Pentecostal Church, also leading white ministers, were there to support the event as well. Representatives of the Catholic and Lutheran churches were there at our invitation.

I can't go too much into the background because of the lack of time, but from Minister Farrakhan's point of view, it was quite a risk for him to change the character of the event in this way. He was risking his own identity in doing so. Our two organizations were really merged for the purpose of this event. I was National Co-president

from Saul to Paul, and that on October 16th, some of Martin Luther King's dream would become a reality. The spirit of God was almost tangible. On that day it felt like being in God's womb. A huge spiritual light enveloped the entire Mall from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial. It felt like Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, and all the sages of heaven were gathered to participate. It was truly a blessing for heaven and earth."

It was not only black, white and yellow, but many Hispanic brothers and sisters attended. The media work was one of the important reasons for the



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and Rev. Jenkins was National Co-coordinator, and Rev. Schanker was Assistant Director of Media Operations. Some people in our movement were concerned about our wholehearted involvement, but the result was a great victory, just as Father had foreseen.

Many testimonies have come from that event, but I'd like to read what Mrs. Nora Spurgin said. "I believe God was happy. We have needed a John the Baptist figure not only to recognize True Parents, but to testify to True Parents before his own followers. Minister Farrakhan did this. I believe this is the first time that a person with a large following stood before the whole world and announced True Parents. So no matter what the problems may be, this fact alone stands as a providential victory. I was proud of Minister Farrakhan, I was proud of America. On the stage facing the Washington Monument, I had an experience where I felt as if this was actually spirit world and I was looking at countless people under God's light."

One sister of the Washington church said, "After the prayer breakfast, one of my minister friends received a vision of a poster showing the road to Damascus and Minister Farrakhan's change

success of this event. Two weeks before the march there were no posters, no articles, and no one knew, even on the street in Washington, exactly when and where it would take place. Within just a few days, through the hard work and contacts of the media team, the march was in the newspapers every day and on television every night, locally at first, then nationally. More importantly, the coverage nationwide both before and afterwards truly portrayed the family-centered, interracial and international character of the event, as God had envisioned. True Parents involvement and support was well documented, as Minister Benjamin and the march's leaders were always open and praiseworthy about it. Even the Washington Post was amazingly positive and respectful about the march and Father's involvement, with no less than 25 articles!

The Nation of Islam, as you know, has been considerably isolated, even within the African-American community to some degree. As a result of our involvement and recruiting white ministers from ACLC, and connecting them with media, the image of Minister Farrakhan in the mainline community changed considerably. In particular

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Minister Farrakhan is perceived as being anti-Jewish and anti-white. In New York there are about 500,000 Jews, but in particular 300,000 of them belong to the very conservative Hassidic community. Two or three weeks before the March a Hassidic Jewish organization declared its public support of this event, and participated. We were involved in the background of that, and we brought other rabbis to press conferences and the march itself.

In his remarks at the event, Minister Farrakhan embraced other races and religions. The Nation of Islam is a religious community that began in the 1930s. Elijah Mohammed was actually the second head of that community but he built it up. He led the Nation of Islam from 1935 to 1975, but also prophesied that in the last days a wise man would come from the East and teach them, and in the last days would work for a universal government.

Minister Farrakhan said that he understands now that this wise man from the East that Elijah Mohammed prophesied is in fact Rev. Moon. He told me personally that even as he considers Elijah Mohammed to be his teacher, that he also feels that Rev. Moon is his teacher. On Oct. 23rd, a week after the March, Minister Farrakhan held a press conference in Chicago. At that time he made very clear that without the help of Rev. and Mrs. Moon this event would have been very difficult to organize. He explained, item by item, exactly how much our organization and Rev. Moon had helped him. He talked about one million holy candies, about the program, the stage design, providing 50,000 Family Federation flags and 50,000 Million Family March flags, about the choir, about the international guests. He also said very forthrightly that the blessing was Rev. Moon's idea. So he explained these things in detail to the press at that time.

In my work, I have met many religious leaders in Korea and America, but it's not easy to find someone who has the honesty and forthrightness and courage of Minister Farrakhan. There were three themes to this March - atonement, reconciliation, and responsibility. Actually reconciliation was the most important of those. The reconciliation of religion and of races would cure two of God's most difficult headaches. Through this event we can see the possibility of curing those headaches for God.

I believe it was September 23rd when True Parents said that this March has to be a turning point for racial reconciliation in America. Reconciliation is the highest goal that True Parents have pursued in their lives. That is, reconciliation between God and Satan. Satan has been tearing everything apart. As a result of the fall, our hearts were torn apart, husbands and wives were torn apart, and the world has fallen into conflict. A most serious conflict in this world is the conflict between races. This is particularly the case here in

America today.

God prepared America to be the model country for the world. All religions are here, but all the problems are also here in America. If we can solve the problems that exist in America today then that will be the way to accomplish God's vision for the world.

In particular, racial reconciliation is not something that can be easily understood or spoken about from the white community. It has to be spoken about by the communities that have been the victims of racial conflict. When I met Minister Farrakhan about Father's guidance and brought up this issue, he immediately expressed all the pain that was in his heart. The history of pain from the past cannot just be swept under the rug and ignored. Historical fact has to be accepted as fact, and

anticipated. Certainly the history of slavery that began in the 15th century is the most shameful part of human history.

The history of slavery and the slaughter of the Indians are two issues in American history that go directly against God's will. These can be seen as a conflict among siblings. America became independent from Britain in 1776, but for almost 100 years after that there was still the problem of slavery. America wasn't liberated from that for a long time afterward. Even after the Civil War and emancipation there was still great inequality politically, economically, and institutionally. When I met Minister Farrakhan he shed tears as he testified to me about that history.

There is one Caucasian minister whom we all know very well. Father

from blacks. I have come to understand that this is a very important issue that we have to overcome.

True Parents have said that they will have their grandchildren marry interracially. In the future people will take pride in how many different races they have among the spouses of their descendants. I think that will come first in True Parents' family.

The Million Family March was an important event leading to racial reconciliation in this world. Rev. Jenkins, as a representative of our Family Federation, and as a white person, repented from the stage during his speech. That was a very important historical condition. Of course the people who should have worked with True Parents when they first arrived in America were the descendants of the Puritans. When

the descendants of the Puritans were not able to fulfill their responsibility, it was the second providence that God called many members of the black clergy and members of the Islamic faith in America. Actually, over the years, True Parents have expressed a great deal of concern toward Islam around the world. Together with communism, it appeared to present a very serious threat to world peace. Now the Islamic community around the world is helping True Parents very much

After Danbury, black clergy were the people who really worked for True Parents and contributed to the providence. In

a way Africa is receiving a blessing. If you look at the number of blessed couples in the world today, including established couples, Africa has the highest number.

Now all the races of the world are coming together centering on True Parents. Concepts like equality, justice, and freedom are being realized in our world today. We should create a world so that the term reconciliation doesn't even come up in the future because it is all resolved at this time. Equality, justice and freedom are actually three basic principles of the Nation of Islam, and by working with us for this event they were able to open up and express love toward the white community, centering on True Parents' heart.

Now I want to address what is actually the most important topic today. It's strange to see so many men here and so few women. Where are your wives? From Washington there are 80 people in Chung Pyung right now, and there are close to 1,000 people from around America. The most important providence of our age is going on in Chung Pyung right now.

The Last Days has two important meanings. It is the time to pass judgment on evil and to establish good. True Parents are here as the savior of humanity. They are the saviors for those who are prepared and who accept them. For those who do not accept them, they are the judge. In particular among the

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there has to be a decision how you're going to deal with those facts and reconcile on the basis of those facts.

You may know that when Korea was liberated from Japan in 1945, after 40 years of Japanese rule, the leaders of the liberated Korea were the same people who had led Korea under the Japanese during the occupation. This was a problem. The people who had risked their lives in the liberation movement were all isolated from the mainline in the new Korea. Also, Christianity was divided into two in Korea at that time. During the occupation the Japanese had compelled all Christian ministers to bow at Shinto shrines. Some ministers went along, and others were imprisoned for refusing to do so. After liberation there was a conflict between the two groups. The ministers who were prepared to be martyrs in order to protect their faith were actually the people on Heaven's side.

I bring this up because only True Parents can bring about a solution to this issue of racial reconciliation. In particular the 300 years of slavery, the most shameful part of American history, must be brought out and cleared away in order for reconciliation to take place. According to historical records, about 1.5 million people were brought from Africa and sold into slavery, while 3 or 4 million died on the trip to America. In 1863 when President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, about 4 million people were eman-

specifically said that this person should come to the March in the spirit of forgiveness. That minister's father was a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Unconditional forgiveness is not easy. It is not enough that the person who has been a victim just forgives unconditionally. There has to be repentance on the part of the person who has been on the other side. That is why one of the three themes of the Million Family March was atonement, as opposed to repentance. Plain repentance is not enough. There has to be some kind of indemnity that is paid in atonement.

We have gone past the 20th century now so we have to be able to resolve all the problems of the past. Did you hear the three-minute speech I made at the March? I said that when scientists look at people from a biological point of view, the difference in color accounts for 0.04 percent. In other words, white people and black people are 99.96 percent the same. There is no meaning to the difference in color. When we get old, everyone becomes gray. We have the same color blood.

Who is going to resolve this fight among brothers, this sibling conflict? The parents. That's why God is a genius, that He decided True Parents would be from the yellow race, which could bring reconciliation between white and black people. During my time in America I have felt many things about the race issue, not only from whites but

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280 million people in America, you here today are those who first accepted True Parents and entered into God's realm. Some of you have been in this movement for 20 or 30 years and have grown old. Our children are growing up now.

We need to reflect very carefully on the path that we have come this far in order to know exactly what direction we must take in the future. If we have dedicated our lives to this path, when True Parents call us to a certain direction then we must be able to hear that call and go in that direction.

True Parents have two clear missions. The first is the history of the providence of restoration through indemnity, and the second is to bring about the Kingdom of God in heaven and on earth. The first is to resolve all the problems and issues throughout history, and the second is to establish God's kingdom. In particular we are now living in the age of registering in God's family. It's very important to understand what this registration means. It is the crystallization of our faith.

We are now in the autumn time when we are to pick the fruit off the tree. If you want to have a tree with fruit, you have to plant the seeds, and then during the summer months you make sure it isn't killed by flood or storms. Then in the fall the fruit grows, but until you actually harvest the fruit, it doesn't yet belong to the farmer, or master. Sometimes the birds will come just before harvest and eat the fruit and it is lost.

There is wheat and chaff, and in the end these two are separated. Also there are many references in the Bible to this registration. If you look at the Book of Revelation, chapters 13, 17 and 20, there is a lot of content regarding registration, particularly regarding the Book of Life.

Father began speaking about registration in 1959. He said that in 1971, on the third God's Day, that True Parents' family was registered in the book of life. To be registered means to be recognized as a member, or citizen, of God's kingdom. When a baby is born, its birth is registered. Where do you register? In the hospital. Heaven's registration doesn't take place quite as easily. If Adam and Eve had not fallen, then the word "registration" wouldn't even be necessary.

Even True Parents could not be registered until 1971, three years after they restored God's Day. Since then, they have continually spoken about how we must be registered in God's kingdom. We have to know first what registration means. What's the difference between blessing and registration? Blessing means to cut off the lineage of Satan, to turn and become God's citizen. The husband and wife go through a different course of faith, and then at the time of the blessing they cut off Satan's lineage and become one. Then they

continue to grow into God's direct dominion.

To receive the blessing means we receive the passport of a citizen of the kingdom of God. But to go to another country you need a visa also. For foreigners, a visa is almost like Satan. The Japanese sisters can only stay three months in a foreign country, or else they are illegal. I myself have almost been arrested at airports over visa problems; if officials feel a little bit strange, they just hold my green card for three or four hours. Anybody can get a passport, but a visa is not simple, particularly to come to America. We cannot easily invite people from other countries to America.

Once we join our church and receive the blessing, it means we are issued a passport, but to be registered means we receive a visa. If you come to America as a foreigner, you apply for a green card, and after five years you can apply for citizenship. Then you must pass an exam. Even if someone marries an American citizen, he or she cannot become a citizen until they have passed this test.

To receive the blessing means that we are grafted onto True Parents' lineage in the position of an adopted child. To take that a step further and be registered means we are changed to be among True Parents' direct lineage. Many years ago Father said the blessing comes in three stages - church level, national level, and world level. This registration blessing going on now is the national level blessing. Actually God's kingdom should exist first and then we should be registered into that kingdom. We should be citizens of God's country and then be registered from

that position. But Father has established many conditions to take care of that situation.

One of those conditions is the providence taking place centering on the United Nations. The UN is a kind of

condition Father is permitting us to receive the blessing of registration.

The second thing you must know is who is qualified to be registered. Actually it is the people who have accomplished their missions as tribal messiah. The next condition is that you pass through the workshop that True Parents provide. The blessed wives are receiving a 21-day workshop in Chung Pyung as a small condition to resolve all the things that have taken place in the past.

Originally True Parents didn't think the workshop would be a 21-day period. Actually if we had accomplished 160 families and gone to Jardim, we could have been registered right there in Jardim. Jardim is called the Ideal Family Training Center. Chung Pyung actually takes the place of Jardim.

Why do the wives have to go to Chung Pyung? As you know, the fall was first committed as a spiritual relationship involving Eve, so the woman has to take the

central position in restoring her husband and child. This registration is a registration of the four-position foundation, so it's not something an individual can do. Actually it's not something a husband and wife can do either. It has to be a four-position foundation. It is a four-position foundation registration blessing ceremony. The full translation is, "A three ages transition four-position foundation registration unification blessing."

This is a tremendous blessing that is given to us to bring an end to the old millennium. Think about the path that we have traveled up to the year 2000. In the seven year Completed Testament Age, heaven has many activities involved in this course.

In particular, this year was the 80th birthday of our True Father and the 40th anniversary of True Parents' holy blessing. This is the year in which all things are accomplished. The providential 6,000-year history is all accomplished in this year. The pattern will finally be accomplished in this year, and the remainder involves having the rest of humankind follow this pattern as well.

In military terms, we members of the Unification movement are like the soldiers trained to be the model division for the rest of the army. Actually registration is something that people can do only if you have not committed any mistakes after your blessing. You

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### Family Registration Vows:

1. Do you pledge in front of God and True Parents, who have given you this special grace of registration, to form the correct attitude of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience and to preserve the blessed family tradition of true love, true life and true lineage for eternity?
2. As registered blessed families, do you pledge to set the example of realizing the restoration of God's fatherland and a world of peace?
3. Do you pledge that you will attend God as the master of love by practicing true love in your daily life, break down national boundaries, and establish ideal families having lordship over the creation?
4. Do you pledge that you will perfectly settle yourselves as blessed families and take responsibility for the eternal lives of your children and descendants by establishing the dignity of tribal messiahs?

world government. On August 18th Father and Mother sat on the dais in the main conference room in the UN building and spoke there. This was an important historical event. At that time the theme was "Renewing the United Nations to Build a Lasting Peace." Father spoke on the theme of breaking down national barriers.

In UN history there has never been a situation where a husband and wife sat together side by side on the dais. Senator Robert Dole, President Arias from Costa Rica, President Kaunda were among those on the stage with True Parents. That established the condition for having established God's country in the world, and on that con-



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receive a passport and then live an ideal life of faith during the years, and then you can be registered. When a person wants to come to America, first he has to get a passport from his country, and then the American authorities will examine that person's life to see if he has a criminal record, whether there is anything legally wrong with that person's life.

I got into a fight one time in the early 1980s with people at the American embassy in Korea over this problem of a visa. That became like an original sin for me, and so for seven or eight years after that they automatically rejected all my applications for a visa. They wrote in my record that this guy was an anti-American. Finally I was able to meet a first secretary at the embassy and explain the situation to him. He understood then that actually I had done many things in the interest of America in Korea by working with anti-American university students and guiding them in the proper direction. That first secretary went out and got me a visa in five minutes.

True Parents have given us permission to have this holy wine ceremony at the second level, in order to completely forgive everything that may have gone wrong between husband and wife, or with the children, or even grandchildren. This three-day workshop of special grace is an opportunity for us to be forgiven of all the things we may have done. Just go through the workshop and then no one will ask any questions about what may have taken place in the past.

According to Daemonim, many of the blessed couples that she sees in the training center now have committed mistakes. Nothing makes Heaven as sad as the crime against the lineage. The greatest sin is to defile the blood lineage, because all sin originated in that act. No other sin is as great as the original sin; that is a sin for which the individual cannot receive forgiveness. Only the Messiah can do that. His mission is to purify the defiled blood lineage. He has complete authority to do that. Even God cannot resolve that sin because in order to purify a defiled lineage, there has to be someone through whom you can be reborn.

Especially members of second generation have to understand this. If you have a defiled lineage and then are blessed with another second generation, your children will inherit the defiled lineage, so it will be passed down, generation to generation. In America there are not yet many members of the third generation, but this workshop is for members of first, second, and third generation. All things are forgiven and no questions about the past.

The registration is registration into God's book of life. Spirit world and physical world do this together. Heungjin nim takes responsibility in the spirit world, and in the physical world True Parents are leading this. The blessing ceremony is conducted with the spirit world and physical world together. In doing the registration there are four items that we pledge. We pledged four items when we received the blessing, didn't we? Also there are four items in the registration pledge. The first is that we will protect the pure lineage. Father announced this officially, saying that

all sins prior to registration can be forgiven. He said that after registration there will be no way to forgive sins against the lineage.

In Korea the issue involving second generation members is very difficult. Once they fall, they cannot join the blessing. There are second generation who are 35 years old who have not been able to be blessed. The responsibility for the fall of the second generation lies primarily with the parents, and secondarily with the social environment. When there is not an environment of absolute faith within the family, you cannot expect the children to follow absolutely.

Many members of the 36 and 72-couple blessings are having a difficult time now, suffering much in their heart because of problems with the second generation. We are all parents and we are all concerned about the environment in which our children are living. We can't follow them around 24 hours a day. But the most important thing is the education that the parents give the children in the family environment. The church cannot take complete responsibility. School cannot be completely responsible. Parents are primarily responsible.

Until now there was no way for these fallen second generation to be saved. Some other second generation received the blessing, but then separated from their spouses afterwards. I've had many instances in which I've gone to Father and asked him to re-bless second generation who separated but want to come back together now. Father has scolded me very often because of my suggestion to him on this. From the Principle point of view, it can't be done. But this time everything is being forgiven, so this is complete liberation.

There can't be any greater blessing or grace than this. All problems will be resolved with the full authority of True Parents. Everyone, then, has to take the holy wine again. The holy wine that we had at our blessing was the foundation stage holy wine. But the holy wine of the registration blessing is completely, qualitatively different holy wine. It's a different stage. All the second generation and even third generation have to have this holy wine.

In Principle we should go to Korea with all our children, grandchildren, everybody, but that is difficult, so True Parents have given special permission that only the husband and wife have to go to Korea with the pictures of the children, and then later on Daemonim will come to America so that the children will be able to drink the holy wine at that time.

I will finish by telling you the eight things that registered families must keep. Of course first of all we must all go to this registration workshop according to our turn. I know there are many couples having problems with each other, but somehow you need to convince each other so the wife can go to Korea for this workshop. District and community leaders need to help in this, and Rev. Lee will assist, so all the women

who have received the blessing can go to Korea at this time and participate in the workshop.

Even if you are legally divorced by secular law, Heaven's law is greater than that, so this provides you an opportunity to re-establish that marriage. After being registered, you must absolutely keep the pure lineage.

Next, you must maintain a complete unity of heart with God. Third is to pass on the tradition of true love to your children. Next is breaking down all barriers between husband and wife, between religions, between races, breaking down all the barriers around you.

Fifth is to work with dedication to establish God's kingdom. That is why the wives are being mobilized for a four-year period, which will end at True Parents' birthday in 2004. When True Parents were registered in the book of life in 1971, this was done on the condition of the blessed wives being mobilized for a three-year period prior to that. At that time Father had said already that at some time in the future the blessed wives would have to go out again like this so we could establish God's kingdom. Now is that time. The

husbands and children have to cooperate so that the mother can be mobilized to go out and work.

All the people who participated in the first four workshops were mobilized for Korea. From the fifth workshop, those people who are in Chung Pyung now, wives will be mobilized in their own countries for six months, and then after that they will

be mobilized for 40 days for Korea.

The next thing that registered couples must keep is to establish the condition of a cosmic noon. In other words, noon is the time when the sun is directly overhead and there is no shadow. This means having a perfect perpendicular line with heaven. We shouldn't have any shadow between God and earth.

Seventh is to become the second creator. By participating in the registration blessing, we inherit the authority to give the blessing to others. Not immediately, but people who participate in the registration blessing now will some time in the future be given the authority to give the blessing to their children and grandchildren.

Our prayer will also change. We are praying in our own name now, aren't we: "In the name of blessed couple so and so?" This will be announced in more detail later, but it will be simpler than what we are doing now.

Eighth, we must put into practice the family pledge. The family pledge is our eternal credo. In the Old Testament the creed was the 10 Commandments of Moses. In the New Testament, the Acts of the Apostles was the standard of faith. Now in the Completed Testament Age we have the Fam-

ily Pledge, which takes the 10 Commandments and the acts of the apostles, puts them together, and brings them to completion. That is our eternal creed.

Finally, let us all be grateful that we are living in this age of such great grace and blessing. It is the heart of gratitude that we must have in this age. Let's look on all these things in a positive way. Let's work actively to contribute to Heaven's providence. Let's be proud that we are children of God. Let's be proud that we stand in the position that we represent True Parents. We need to be able to lead the world and the community around us with our lives.

People of the Nation of Islam were grateful to us in many ways. Within the Unification Church we have interracial, international, and interreligious. We are the model. Now we have to enlarge this to encompass the whole world.

The Blessing in 2001 will be held in New York, January 27th. All blessing and grace is coming to America. America must go to the world. When the elder son accomplishes his responsibility, the family is peaceful. When the elder son does his role properly, then the parents can rest. Especially, Washington DC is the core, the heart of the elder son nation. Please understand that each one of you represents that. Please don't think that you are not worthy. Please be proud.

Let's work with courage and with pride and confidence in order to accomplish the work that we are doing. No matter how great the difficulties we may have, those pale in comparison to the great blessing that we have received. Let's love each other, let's forgive each other, let's help each other, support each other in order to create a beautiful community.

Always two-thirds of True Parents heart and concern is here in America. Two-thirds of that is in Washington. Two-thirds of that is with you individually. Let's inherit that spirit from True Parents. Thank you, and God bless you.

Now True Parents are staying in Hawaii, a very beautiful week with couples of three sons- Hyo Jin Nim's couple, Hyun Jin Nim's couple, and Kook Jin Nim's couple. This is the first time in their whole life. Only True Parents and True Children. They will share a deep experience with their children. True Parents will come back next week, and they may visit Washington.

Some of you may know Father bought one building for USA headquarters and United Federation of Churches headquarters. The building is several blocks north of this church and some brothers are fixing it up now. Please visit and pray at that building. It can be an incredible historic national headquarters.

The next blessing will be January 27th in New York, but this time True Parents will directly bless only a few hundred couples. Three couples from each of 190 nations will be recommended, and they will wear their country's traditional wedding clothes. That will be broadcast worldwide. All other couples will be blessed by satellite in their own nations. For this we are working especially. Later there will be announcements about the preparations for this. ❖

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1) the sharpening of *in-out* distinctions between the movement and world

2) an extreme emphasis on fallen nature and obedience to central figures

3) a counterproductive shift away from center life and toward individual pioneering by young members and

4) the creation of an unattractive sense of desperation that failed to bring about the hoped for Pentecost.

But Barrytown was only one symptom of a larger problem. "To a large extent," says Mickler, "Barrytown was a Japanese import...The Japanese outlook and modes of operation became even more pervasive in the church's mobile fundraising teams."

The result was a new church culture. College-aged Americans took on a soldier-like demeanor that had little appeal to their peers. They wore ties while witnessing, spoke urgently of the dangers of Communism, testified less frequently to the joys of their international community, stopped singing popular songs in favor of oriental Holy Songs, and sometimes even spoke in stilted English with a Japanese accent. The American movement may only now be fully recovering from that cultural shift. Even as we create new federations, hold successful meetings, develop high level contacts, build media empires, and establish internal institutions for spiritual renewal, the fact remains that American Unificationism seems incapable of recreating the magic that enables new members to join.

As he looks to the future, Mickler sees a movement potentially divided among four alternative approaches to its apparent failures:

1) those who critique the oriental-ization of American Unificationism and call for a stronger sense of continuity with American culture

2) those who see the problem in terms of lack of faith and seek spiritual renewal through programs such as Chung Pyung



THIS BOOK RECOUNTS the history of the Unification movement in America beginning with the first missionary, Dr. Young Don Kim, who arrived in early 1959. We tell her story and the stories of many who have been called by God to do His work of unification in this great country.

From thousands of testimonies published over the years and from the hundreds submitted for this project, we chose a selection, some compelling, some inspiring, some humorous, but all relevant to the experience. They speak for themselves.

The Unification movement in America over these 40 years has been a unique melting pot that has transcended national, cultural and racial boundaries. This is a story of perseverance, faith, challenge and victory. It is a story of love.



3) those who call for a renewal of a communitarian approach in which center life and other community expressions of the Divine Principle ideal are emphasized and

4) those who see the solution in terms of a realization of "elder-sonship," agreeing that we need greater continuity with American culture but presenting this as a natural evolution rather than a criticism of the past.

Of course, these categories are not hard and fast, nor are they mutually exclusive. And this only part of the story, about 20 pages out of a 600 page book. Mickler concludes on a hopeful note, looking to the future and the emergence of Hyun Jin Moon as the heir apparent to True Father who can realize the principle of elder-sonship.

Mike Mickler is to be commended not

only for a stimulating essay, but also for memorializing a tremendous amount of detailed history in what I found to be a highly readable narrative. Yet even if one never gets around to a thorough reading Mickler's history, *40 Years in America* is guaranteed to give readers many hours of enjoyment, reveling in past victories, mourning fallen soldiers who have come and gone, and pondering what the future will hold for our children and grandchildren.

This book is sure to provide years of enjoyment both for the members whose activities fill its pages and for their children and grandchildren, who will delight in seeing what the movement was really like "back in the olden days when mom and dad were young."

With its eyewitness accounts, historical analysis, full color documentary photographs, and historical declarations from True Father Moon in every chapter, it could also make for some very stimulating Hoon Dok Hae sessions. ❖

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### An excerpt from Dr. Mickler's text

There were a number of reasons for the Berkeley success. Perhaps most important, it was the last stop on the tour, and the center there had the longest amount of time to prepare. Following Rev. Moon's visit to the Bay Area in early January, 1972, the Berkeley Center rented a large room (capacity: 700) at the Claremont Hotel and mobilized five committees—Tickets, Literature, Publicity, Physical Arrangements, and Follow-up—to prepare for the March 9-11, 1972, revival. Berkeley traditionally was fertile ground for new movements of various types, and prior to the tour's arrival, neutral to positive articles appeared in both the Berkeley Gazette and Oakland Tribune. In addition, the tour had become more polished, and ticket prices were reduced to \$6.00 for the three nights. Finally, Rev. Moon, who had suffered with the flu during the first six cities, was in good health for Berkeley. For these reasons, the pioneers finished the seven-city tour with a "feeling of having triumphed."

Although the Berkeley stop-over was gratifying, that particular success was less an end than a beginning of the movement's active evangelizing. Far more ambitious crusades were to follow. At the same time, the first priority of the movement continued to be the attainment of internal solidarity. This was especially clear at a meeting of Bay Area members and pioneers in San Francisco following the Berkeley revival. In response to a question on how the San Francisco group and the Berkeley group would relate in the future, one pioneer recounted Rev. Moon's "hurricane-like fury at Satan and the division of the American family": "They are one!" he thundered.

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# Hyun Jin's Address to European Leaders

by Hyun Jin Nim

*This address was given at the Leaders Meeting August 6, 2000 Schmitten, Germany.*

**W**e talk about the settlement age and about the providential timetable and history. When I look at the European situation, I see great opportunity. There are tremendous issues falling right into our laps. I talked to Christian and Peter about the Schengen issue and I am sure they thought it was another burden.

But think about it, the Schengen issue is much more than about Father and Mother coming into Europe. It is a human rights issue that all people can relate to. After Tien An Mien Square, Germany, France, Britain and the USA took issue with China about human rights. But what about the issue of religious freedom? It should be a rallying cry for all religious people around True Parents.

I remember 1984, when Father went to Danbury. It was the Danbury imprisonment that brought the Christian community to rally around True Parents.

Europeans ask why we can't build the foundation in Europe that there is in America. The fact is we have lost sight of the possibilities and opportunities. This is the opportunity to bring the religious community that has been sitting idle on the sidelines to get into action. The legislation that is going on is not anti-UC, not anti-cult. It is anti religion and anti-God.

We talk about practical matters and the long-term view. The solution and opportunity is right in front of us and we did not see it. Think about the US civil rights movement. There was a speech played to the leadership class at HBS, the "I have a dream" speech by Martin Luther King, Jr. Now in HBS people tend to look at things analytically and critically. But in this case, everyone was looking attentively at the monitor. Some were crying. It went to the heart of an issue that brings everyone together. Especially those affected by conscience.

The issue of liberating God and of bringing him back to the family and the community is even more relevant than the civil rights movement. Human divinity comes from recognizing the supremacy of God in human affairs. It is a larger issue that can unite the religious community around True Parents. The providence is trying to reach out to all religious houses and challenge them to stop fighting each other, to fulfill their role of leading mankind back to the bosom of God. But religions left a bad taste in people's mouths because of the infighting. It is time to go beyond the denominational beliefs. The time is coming to touch the heart of these religious leaders.

I raise this issue at the Hoon Dok Hae conferences every time. The testimonies of those leaders will make you

cry. Our movement has become jaded because we hear much of the truth and become even more pessimistic than the world out there. What happens if a great champion, in the tradition of Martin Luther, created a new reformation here in Europe? Or a new Martin Luther King goes to the government in Berlin and proclaims that this is an issue that goes beyond just Rev. Moon and to all people of religion?

What do you think will happen? Will people of conscience turn their heads or listen, and eventually join the cause and support True Parents. In Hungary, I told leaders this: many people look to me for consolation. They want me to say that they did a good job. But do we want to be substantially proud of



things or just conceptually? Substantial change means we are moving this nation and changing it, not just watching history pass us by but being active in creating a new history. We need substantial victory, not just concepts. There are tremendous opportunities out there, how do we capture them?

It's a natural impulse of any man to want to be recognized. When I as a son, knowing the weight of the providence and the course of the 2nd Generation come to Father looking for consolation, what did Father say? He said, "Every time God promised me great blessing he sent me to prison." You might say, that is not so inspiring. But in fact when Father went to prison our movement was propelled forward.

Sometimes the cherries that are best are hard to pick. The Schengen issue is an opportunity, more than a burden. No one can support the stance that these governments have taken. It is an arbitrary decision with no foundation in freedom and democracy or law. It is contrary to the legal position and the basic impulse of man. They are going on a course that is more and more indefensible.

This should not be something to flow away in time, but used as a chance to consolidate our position in Europe. This is an issue and an opportunity, and I am not saying this just as an offended son. We should use it as a chance to bring out the sword or righteousness. I don't want you as leaders not to see the opportunity. We can move forward with confidence when we leave the baggage behind, because we have

righteousness on our side.

How many of these speeches do I have to give? Perhaps we should use the Internet to give more information. What I said in Budapest would not have to be repeated here. Or you want to hear it right from the horse's mouth?

As you know I have taken responsibility for World Carp. Through the speaking tours I wanted to take charge of developing it because until now there was no substantial World CARP. But there will be by the end of the year. In each country I revived the CARP movement and connected it to World CARP. I am going to do that here. I want to revive the CARP movement here in Europe.

Why is that important? Every new age is ushered in by young people. The changes in Korea now started with the student movement. Good or bad, students bring about the change. In every country students are the front line troops for spreading the message.

One of the most undervalued assets of our movement has been the student movement. Up until this point there has been no clear standard. In some countries CARP didn't exist, in some it did but was under the church, the 2nd generation didn't know what to do. But now a World CARP organization is being set up in every continent in the world.

How do you move a nation with a long history? In Korea in 3 weeks I was able to move all aspects of the movement, The CARP organization that was defunct and buried was revived. The 2nd Generation department that was without vision now has vision. The 1st generation who did not know where they stood with the settlement age now know where they stand.

Young people have the hope of the movement. Even in High School and middle school they are preparing for a life of public mission where they will be joining in providential activity. Even more exciting, they want to take on the role of Abel and change the Cain type children of the world. Not just an internal role but an external role.

What happens if in Korea we have 10,000 A-type members who absolutely believe in True parents and the providence? And 100,000 associate members who will support? Will the nation of Korea listen or not? A student movement of that size will dictate the terms of the future of the nation. What about Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Russia, Hungary, Germany? That is the reason we need to build a grassroots base to change the nation. And students can move the nation even more.

I know that many of you look to the American movement as a model. There are good things they did there but one thing that they did not do was to develop the grassroots movement. We have many friends in many areas, but those people cannot come forward and say that Rev. Moon is the Messiah and we should follow him, because we do not have a big enough grassroots base. They might want to do it but we are too small. If they do it their political career will be over and then they cannot help us anymore.

Thus my message and vision for World CARP is something that will pro-

pel our movement into the 21st century. That substantial reality comes from True Parents. IT is their effort and suffering that brought about the settlement age. From now on the CARP organizations focus will be on witnessing, building the grassroots student movement.

What about World CARP? What happens if you have 100, 200 300 thousand members in several countries. As one World organization, you will have a lot of clout in international bodies such as the UN. What do you think? With that membership CARP could have tremendous clout at the international level.

The vision and hope of the settlement age is great. I tell the 2nd generation, don't make the same mistake as your parents made. Don't say I believe in TP but don't want to be involved in the public life. If you miss this time you will never be able to get it back. I told them learn from the example of your elders. Look at those elder second generation who left to pursue their own career but are now coming back with their tales between their legs. If we can work together and unite around a common vision we can build a better future, not only for you and your children but also for the whole movement.

I gave direction to the national leaders to bring the Unification church house back into order. Bring the Blessed Couples back and unite them first. To capture the nation, we have to put our house in order. Abraham Lincoln, quoting scripture said, "A house divided cannot stand. A nation divided cannot stand."

If America wants to achieve the greatness of the founding fathers, it has to stand united. If the Unification movement wants to find greatness, it cannot be a house divided, it has to stand together to capture the promise of the settlement age. This is what CARP is going to usher in. Instead of sitting on the sidelines, get involved! Watch what happens to CARP in two years and in five years.

This is not just words, but we are building a substantial base on which these words have tremendous weight. How many of the 2nd Generation are going to be committed for that cause, or are you just going to join later on? Think it from this view. Gods providence will always be moving forward, the door will always be open but those who go in first and help build it will be remembered. The select few who were willing to put their neck on the line first are the ones history remembers.

This is that time for our movement. For those who came to the CARP Convention I told you it is time to dream again. To see the possibilities to revisit the hopes and possibilities that existed in your youth and be connected to Gods providence again. If that fire and hope is rekindled once again there is nothing that stands before us. Everything becomes a challenge and a way to become stronger and stronger, AMEN.

I am a student of history and I find inspiration from the stories of the underdogs who were able to win if they stayed the course. Look at the Christians. One martyr could bring one hundred more.

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# Experiencing the Special Grace Blessing

This is from notes from a report given by Mr. Hoon Hwi Joo, UTS, September 29, 2000, by Tyler Hendricks.

The three-day program began on September 24 at 11:00 a.m. It was called, in rough translation, the "Special Blessing for the Sphere of Oneness (or sphere of one body) through Transformation of the Three Time Periods The Old Testament Age, New Testament Age and Completed Testament Age." The gist is that True Parents have united the three time periods, thus creating their victorious foundation. True Parents have bequeathed that foundation to Heung Jin Nim in spirit world. On this basis, good spirit world can move to the elder son position, which it should have had originally but lost because of the fall. Hyun Jin Nim is appointed in the victorious younger son position, representing the physical world. Thus Heung Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim embody the True Parents, foundation, uniting spirit world and physical world. They will give the Blessing to the people of the spirit world and the physical world respectively.

On September 25 both True Father and Daemo Nim spoke. Daemo Nim explained that this is a forgiveness blessing. The first blessing we received was conditional and True Father promised God that we would reach perfection. We did not fulfill that and even some couples fell to positions below where they were when they received the blessing. Therefore we all need the forgiveness blessing before receiving the registration blessing. The foundation is our absolute

faith and the erasure of any sense of self, of ego. Daemo Nim reminded everyone of the seven (or was it ten) conditions she set for blessed couples in order for us to create an ideal family centering on absolute faith. They included the role of the husband to give absolute love to his wife and that of

the age of women on the frontline, the wife nonetheless is in the object position to her husband. Father also exalted Daemo Nim, s medium, Lady Hyo Nam Kim, as follows. Mrs. Kim is now the representative on earth for the entire True Family who are in spirit world, including Heung Jin Nim, Young

dom of Heaven on Earth as a restored family and clan. Rev. and Mrs. Kwak officiated the Blessing Ceremony, representing Hyun Jin Nim, s couple, who could not be there. Each entire family shared one cup of holy wine and then participated in a blessing ceremony, so it was like a holy wine ceremony and blessing ceremony combined. There was no mention of a separation period or three-day ceremony.

True Father said that the day, or time we are in, is "high noon," at which point the sun is perfectly overhead and there are no shadows. God is perfectly directly above us, so there are no shadows, which means no borders. It means it is the age of perfect settlement.

From Cliff Yasutake, who attended the second three-day workshop, I heard that on the first day, the 26th, True Father spoke until 3 or 4 p.m., so they started the official workshop that evening with Rev. Kwak speaking. The next day they did clapping and singing, and True Father spoke that evening and left. On the third day, Thursday, they had the wine ceremony in the morning, officiated by Rev. and Mrs. Kwak. They were done by

noon and left for the airport, leaving a day early. They heard there were 8,000 people there—it was very crowded, so the lines for eating were challenging, and sleeping was chaotic. They were provided sleeping bags, but the space was hard to find. Everyone slept together as families in huge rooms, but bathrooms were separate for men and women. ♦



the wife to give absolute beauty, internally and externally, and obedience to her husband. They went on to entail no smoking, no drinking, no misuse of public funds, no fornication, no fallen nature at all, and maintenance of public traditions such as Sunday service, pledge service, hoon dok hae, and so forth.

Several times that day True Father emphasized that even though this is

Jin Nim, Hye Jin Nim, Hee Jin Nim, Choongmo Nim and Dae Hyung Nim. Therefore her appellation is changed to "Hoonmo Nim," which means "the disciplining mother."

On September 26 at 6:30 a.m. the Blessing Ceremony started. It was called "The Blessing Ceremony for Registration of the Four-Position Foundation." Father emphasized forgiveness, restarting, and re-qualification for the King-

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Every time the nations of Europe persecute True Parents is a chance for us to bring our movement before the public conscience of the nations. If we stay the course and connect to the larger mission, our movement will grow more and more. Be willing to accept the challenge because in overcoming it you will grow more.

What is the secret for staying the course? The foundation of absolute faith, love and obedience. We came to the 7th millennium because God stayed the course with us, despite the constant failure. God always believed that eventually through free will his sons and daughters would come back to him. That has been the hope of God since the beginning. We cannot forget this.

I told the leaders in Virginia that there would be World CARP by the end of this year, and you can see that it is happening. Are the young people burning with fire once again? Do the older, jaded first generation who want to hide

in their homes want to start opening their doors again? Yes or no? If that is really the case, is there tremendous hope or not? Who is bringing the hope? You are. Every young person who commits to the vision and building the foundation is making this dream a reality. Every member who comes out of the home and wants to participate in God's providence is helping make the dream a reality. You have to take ownership over God's providence. Amen!

From now on I am not going to come and do a CARP rally unless there are a minimum of 1,000 core members and a lot of guests. Japan wants to do 4 cities with 10,000 people each next year. Philippines wants to do 20,000 next year. One senator in charge of education there, a current senator said he would personally visit every CARP center and make the growth of CARP his core mission. Is that a dream or can it be a reality? For those of you who are non-believers, wait and see.

If CARP is an IPO, you can get in on the ground floor or you can wait until it is too high for you to get in. Are you going to be connected or disconnected? Online? Or Offline?

I will give you the same two pieces of advice I give all leaders. We have entered the settlement age. Lay aside your baggage and come on, and dream. Secondly, always think that you are the problem. Change yourself rather

than criticizing other people. Too much effort is already spent on that, and not enough on developing ourselves. If you change yourself you will be the magnet on which all people will come to you. Are you a believer or not? ♦



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# Discovering the Road to Love: M

by Deitrich & Elizabeth Seidel

**O**ur vision is guided by the original blueprint. Our true potential as marriage partners is made clear to us through our comprehension of our ultimate God given purpose. We develop a strong faith in that purpose, thus being guided by it.

Together as a couple we draw up a marriage vision statement. We put down in concrete terms what we expect our marriage to be. Our investment in marital growth then becomes the daily activity of building the bridge between the present reality and the original ideal for marriage.

Building our marriage needs a solid foundation. The strongest foundation is our experience of the heart of God. To nourish our spiritual life allows us to stay connected with God's will for our marital life.

We walk the talk by living out our marriage vision. We live for the sake of others and include our spouse as the most significant other through whom we learn how to be genuinely loving.

*Couple Exercise:*

Agree on simple conditions through which you nurture each others spiritual life. On a daily or weekly basis consider prayer, meditation, reaching out to others, community service and tithing your time and income. A well defined higher purpose for your marriage becomes an indispensable source for ongoing growth and wholesome formation of your relationship with your spouse.

Find in each other your original nature. Write a love letter in which you express five points you sincerely appreciate in your spouse. Tell your partner how you feel communicating these points. (20 mins)

Set some quiet time aside to draw up your own marriage vision statement. Start with five short statements that express what you desire your marriage to be. First you draw up individual lists and then you agree on a common list that also prioritizes your statements. Place the final vision statement that expresses your mutual commit-

ment on your refrigerator door for daily reference (30min).

## Improving your Communication Skills

All existence is based on communication. First know who you are as you relate to yourself and your Creator (communication with self and with God). The basic mode of existence is one of constant communication, that is giving and receiving between subject and object partners. Your identity as a person is developed by building relationships with fellow human beings and with creation.

Know your partner. All communication skills in marriage have one common purpose, namely, to set up the conditions through which the couple can experience genuine love. Here are a few points to keep in mind.

Discover your personality type and that of your spouse. Educate yourself about essential differences between men and women that includes the uniqueness of masculine and feminine responses. Inform yourself about the childhood of your spouse, in particular experiences that influenced character and personality formation. Such a deeper understanding of your partner will give you additional emotional space and will keep your mutual expectations grounded.

Practice effective relationship skills. Good communication is made up of simple skills that are learned through daily practice. Here are three basic issues that require constant attention: learn to express feelings (self-disclosure), develop listening skills (empathic listening) and make your needs known (draw up a relationship menu, clarify assumptions and expectations, receive the full attention of your partner).

*Couple Exercise:*

Reflect on your prayer life, the way how you reach out to God, and on your forms of meditation, how you become receptive for God's voice. For a certain time period (one week or more) prac-

tice to listen twice as long to God than you share with him in your prayer.

Draw up a list of five characteristic male and female responses that you think apply most to you as a couple. You can refer to John Gray's Mars-Venus typology to get started. Discuss with your partner the validity of these gender differences and how they affect your daily interaction (30min).

Practice the skill of being an empathic listener. Think of an emotionally engaging experience in your life and share that story with your partner by putting emphasis on conveying your feelings. Speak for about one minute and then allow your spouse to offer an empathic response in which your feelings are reiterated in your partner's own words. Finish your story by means of these one minute intervals and then listen to a final empathic summary statement from your spouse. Take turns in this exercise (30min).

## Conflict Resolution

The problem of estrangement from the original order. Before investing any effort to solve a situation of conflict, we need to create enough emotional space in our hearts and minds to endure the pain of conflict and at the same time to find sufficient presence of mind to apply strategies for conflict resolution. We will be able to endure emotional pain with a positive attitude once we can ascribe meaning to it. That is to say, we need to find a higher level of explaining the dynamics of conflict in order to be constructive even in extremely difficult situations. According to our God-given purpose, we are to realize a genuine loving relationship with our spouse, however, we live in a state of estrangement form that original purpose as we encounter the reality of conflict. In the Christian tradition, the teachings on the Fall of man address this issue of estrangement. We can expect that a thorough understanding of the roots of conflict in terms of the fallen condition of human beings will allow us to deal effectively with marital conflict.

Explore personal reasons why conflict arises. On a deeper level, there are distinct spiritual reasons for experiencing often a repeating pattern of arguments with our spouse. A sig-

nificant influence on our proneness to argumentation can be ascribed to our ancestral history and to our upbringing by our caretakers. It will be helpful to reflect on these factors when we explore our different backgrounds as a couple and as we seek to overcome personal dispositions that have lead to marital conflict in the past.

Prevention offers the best solution. Improved communication skills based on the common awareness of our spiritual circumstances as a couple allows us to generate patience, empathy and perseverance when dealing with confrontational issues. In particular, mutual knowledge of our personality type and a clear understanding of feminine and masculine behavior patterns become indispensable factors for developing the skill to negotiate differences and to avoid arguments. Another crucial point concerns the need for a reality check on the overall situation for our relationship as a couple. We need to be on the lookout for "Marriage Killers" and take preventative measures to avoid stressful situations that would tear down our marital life.

Being prepared for conflict. Even with the best intentions it seems beyond our reach to avoid marital arguments and confrontations. The initial question is not how to reach a total absence of conflict but rather how to acquire the right attitude about conflict. If we perceive marital disagreements only as destructive, we may end up being dishonest with our feelings and consequently reach an emotional state of depression and despair. On the other hand, once we see conflicts as opportunities for mutual growth, we will be more ready to work out a difficult situation by honestly sharing our feelings and by respectfully negotiating our differences. To master the needed conflict resolution skills, we follow an ongoing process of learning, practice and evaluation, a process that leads us to the most important goal in relationship building: our willingness to change.

*Couple Exercise*

Write down those behaviors where you think you are a difficult partner to get along with. Reflect on possible reasons for these behaviors based on your spiritual self-understanding and

## Enriching Our Marriage

by Chris Antal

**O**n Saturday, October 16 my wife and I joined a Marriage and Family Enrichment Seminar at Unification Theological Seminary. As an international, inter-racial couple, we recognize the special challenges we face on our path to building a strong marriage and mutually fulfilling relationship. We speak different languages: she speaks Japanese with broken English and I speak English with (very) broken Japanese; we have different cultures and different preferences. Recently God blessed us with a beautiful son and we realize more than ever that husband and wife must have excellent communication skills to make a

successful family. Although we rarely fight or argue, we both know our relationship could be better, so we attended the seminar.

Dr. and Mrs. Seidel hosted the seminar. Dr. Seidel teaches graduate courses on Marriage and Family. The couple together operates Life Enrichment Enterprises, which sponsors many events to develop and strengthen individuals and families. They are also proud parents of a teenage son and daughter: Both are now attending college and their son recently participated in the marriage blessing. Thus their seminars come on a foundation of personal experience, which is evident in the program.

The seminar lasted a full day. There were presentations, discussions as a

group, and some time for couples to go off together and practice various lessons and activities. We received a lot of important content, but I wish the seminar could have been longer.

One important lesson I learned from the Seidels was that our marriage is our most important mission. If we build a successful marriage, then every other mission we undertake will benefit. Another practical lesson I learned was about communication: a husband and wife must communicate feelings and needs. We must get away from expressing only thoughts and opinions, which tend to cause conflict, and consciously communicate this more internal dimension of heart.

Although Unificationist couples are blessed, we are not perfect. However

good our marriage is, our relationship with our spouse can always get better. Our responsibility to True Parents is to realize the maximum potential of the blessing. Form my experience, the Marriage and Family Enrichment Seminar is one way to help realize that potential. The Seidels will be offering the next seminar on February 24. More details will be announced in an upcoming *Unification News*. ❖

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# Marriage Beyond our Dreams

on significant childhood experiences. Share your findings with your partner in an atmosphere of trust and empathy. Take turns.

Make a list of behaviors you wish your spouse would no longer do when relating to you. Express your feelings next to the stated behavior explaining why you find it upsetting. Prepare a loving atmosphere before mutually sharing your lists.

Draw up several rules you both agree to observe whenever you start an argument. Be clear how you will handle the initial phase of anger and confusion when a conflict arises. Give each other enough emotional space to stop your interaction at any time and keep in mind to avoid any escalation of your argument. Write down a few behaviors that will help you to reconcile with your partner. It is the way you make up for your argument that determines the stability and growth of your relationship.

If you are upset with your partner and you realize that talking will make things only worse, write a love letter to your spouse in which you reflect honestly on all feelings that are stored up inside you. As one possible approach you can follow the outline of Dr. Grey and verbalize feelings of anger, sadness, fear, regret and at the end always express your loving affection to your partner.

## Intimacy and Sexuality in Marriage

The fulfillment of love starts with intimacy. Your ability to create intimacy with your spouse depends on your own inner peace and self respect. The first fruit of your love for God shows itself in achieving unity between your mind and body through self discipline. Ultimately it is your personal relationship with God that provides the conditions for intimacy with your partner such as selfless love, service and faithfulness. Likewise, intimacy as rooted in your spirituality becomes the foundation for a fulfilled sexual life with your spouse. As God is the original designer of our sexual life, we can understand that good sex must begin with God. Still the question needs to be answered how we can express love sexually when we have to deal with the damage of being raised by caretakers who had their own family problems.

The binding power of intimacy. Intimacy begins once you decide to live for the sake of your partner. You want to reach the state of complete trust feeling free to share your whole heart. The path of reaching intimacy requires risk taking. You make yourself vulnerable before your partner when you share your hidden feelings by practicing self disclosure. Without such risk taking in a spirit of mutual submission, you could not build an authentic relationship. Intimacy then becomes the experience of fully knowing each other, a knowledge which is the indispensable foundation for knowing your partner sexually. Only through consistent effort will you be able to improve your ability to be intimate with your spouse. What you need to work on is creating a feeling of togetherness by simply spending more time with each other, paying



attention to the right timing when you express closeness to your partner and kindle that spark in our relationship which invites romance. In fact, couples which suffer from boredom and apathy should accept the advice to re-romanticize their relationship in order to rekindle their original love.

The right direction of sexual desire. To experience intimacy as a couple becomes the condition through which

sexual love receives its stability and moves towards its God intended purpose. In other words, sexual desire is then guided by the presence of mutual commitment and service as expressed through intimacy. As much as you affirm sexual love in marriage to be enjoyed as God's gift, still you have to take precautions to direct your sexual desire always to your partner and to resist any misdirected sexual feelings that can lead to any form of free sex. You have to keep in mind that your sexuality expresses most distinctly that you are created for the sake of your partner. Subsequently, I am the caretaker of my sexuality so that I can offer a pure sexual life to my spouse. In this sense, the goal and purpose of my sexual life belongs totally to

my partner. In other words, sexual love is that part of my being over which only my spouse exercises ownership. Sexual problems arise when this original principle concerning the ownership of our sexual love is compromised. Keep in mind that your passionate sexual love within your committed monogamous marriage becomes the best means to prevent any abuse of human sexuality.

## Couple Exercise

Reflect with your spouse on God's original plan for your marriage. Write down a few points how you feel God's presence through your partner's love. Be creative in writing down spiritual conditions that would allow you to experience God in your intimacy and sexual life.

In order to build intimacy, write down five behaviors of your spouse that would move your heart and rekindle your love. This can be simple things like offering compliments, helping with the work around the house or cooking a favorite meal. The more difficult items on your wish list could include the change of past habits like unsolicited criticism or the lack of effort to be a good listener. Be specific and do not ask too much at one time. Exchange your lists and leave it up to your partner how to practice these new behaviors.

Agree with your spouse to put time aside to educate yourself about how to improve your sexual life. One book to recommend is "The Act of Marriage" by Jim and Beverly La Haye. Read certain sections together and discuss the content. It will take repeated efforts to create an atmosphere of openness and trust so that you can freely share topics about your sexual life. ♦

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By Rob Sayre—New Tripoli, Pa.

**F**orty families and around 200 people from several states attended the 2000 PA Family Camp at Laurel Hill State Park. Laurel Hill is located approximately 1 hour east of Pittsburgh. This was a complex job, as we had never used Laurel Hill before and we had to haul the Camp kitchen and other stuff 5 hours and setup. Our thanks to everyone and most of all to Heavenly Father for making this Camp the best ever! The testimonies tell the story better than anything I would write.

#### Testimonies

*What was the best experience you had at camp this year and why?*

Mine was the singing and praying at the candlelight prayer. When we were singing it was so joyful. Then I remembered that was the meaning of this camp. So I think this camp was very successful. And at the candlelight prayer everything was quiet and peaceful, so you could get a deep prayer. My prayer I thought was very deep. Then I opened my eyes and wiped my tears and saw all the candles. I thought god and all our ancestors were really opened and very joyful like me.

I really enjoyed being an assistant group leader. I felt that my heart really grew. I also really enjoyed the opportunity to hang out with other BC's and the chance to meet new ones.

The prayer candle was my best experience. When we went out to pray I couldn't help but break out in repentance. I never prayed like that before.

The best experience was talking with my brothers and sisters one night. We stayed up till 1 am talking about god and life. It was really nice. Being with other BC's is encouraging.

*What is the most important thing you learned in the workshop classes and why do you think so?*

I think it was the fall of man lecture before I really didn't understand what happened. But our great lecturer was very good at explaining I had no idea that Lucifer and Eve had a relationship. And then she knew she did things wrong. I didn't know she didn't say anything to God about it. Then she took Adam down with her. I didn't know any of that happened. But now I understand.

I think the most important thing I learned was the history and how it repeats itself in different forms and how we must improve ourselves or it will never change.

The four position foundation, because it's through that you can reach God and establish an ideal world.

Well, it wasn't so much what I learned but what I relearned. I remembered that love is powerful and can control the world.

*What new goals or determinations do you have for the future?*

One of my goals was to share and give my heart through the week at camp. Another one was to be joyful and have a fun time. Another one was to make a lot of friends. In this week I have accomplished all of my goals. And I plan to keep going in the future.

I want to become a great onni. I really feel like a lot of the younger 2nd Generation kids would love to have us there supporting them.

*What parts of camp worked the best? What could be better?*

I think the lecturing was the best because we had a very good teacher. He explained it so everyone could under-

stand it. I think the sports could be more organized.

The only thing I can think of to make the camp better would be to make it longer, but I also realize how much work everyone puts into it and I want you to know I really appreciate it.

You should make camp longer. It seemed to fly by. I don't know if it's me but it seems shorter ever year.

I liked having free time. It really helped me to bond with other 2nd generation kids. I don't know if it was my imagination, but the lecturers seemed more personal. It was difficult for me this year because I had boys (the writer was a group leader for a group of 6th-8th grade boys). But it wasn't that bad. I just didn't feel like I had anything to offer or give them. I felt more comfortable last year. But it was challenge and it wasn't all that bad. Also, it (camp)

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most definitely needs to be longer. Please, please, please make it longer. I think it's cruelly short because you just get to know people and then it's over.

ventional" DP experience in a fun-filled natural setting, with lectures and spirited songs, discussion groups, reflections and skits. Noah Ross (along with Sally Sayre and the entire lecture staff) did an outstanding job, pouring out their hearts to the kids (and parents alike who were reborn!). The daily 3-hour lecture/discussion period is wrapped around abundant arts & crafts, sports/hiking, & family free-time which includes lake swimming or fishing, and evening programs around the campfire that reinforce the spiritual message and overall theme of joyful family experience with God and brothers and sisters. The Principle content and experience of being a part of the Family Federation at this camp is one that the kids embraced enthusiastically. Many

new friendships were formed by both the kids with each other, and among the parents who had many small discussions in the kitchen & around the fire all week.

One evening campfire was devoted to a testimonial by Mrs. Betsy Bonini about life of faith, prayer and internal guidance. This was followed by the lighting of prayer candles, and each child was encouraged to fan out a short distance from the fire for personal prayer time (with scores of lights brightening the forest!). This was very moving, and Mrs. Bonini's testimony along with my explanations to my son helped to explain the many ways God provides signs and answers prayers.

**2nd Generation Experiences and the PLA:** Eleven 2nd generation teens provided strong role model examples throughout the camp experience, as group assistants, guitar "choir" & cheering section, etc. Their many roles and skits provided great inspiration for the younger kids, and showed them it is "cool" being part of a Unificationist family.

Pure Love Alliance was in strong form throughout the week, with six of the kids (including 2 Sayre daughters)

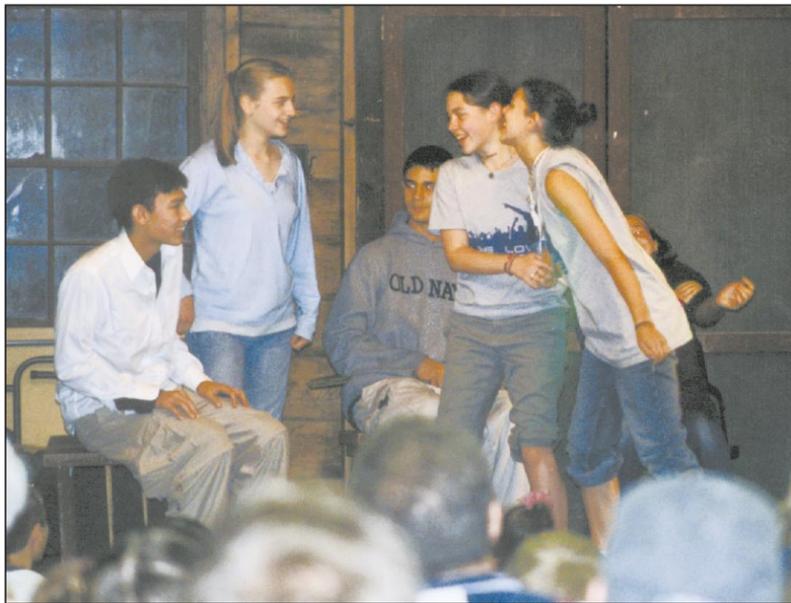


#### Parental Testimony

By David Caprara

This was the best experience I've had to date in our movement with my son, at a Family Federation camp nestled in the western Pennsylvania Allegheny mountains. As Kyle Toffey observed, "God has been waiting a long time to experience the joy of family camp" (experiencing joy as the purpose of life is the theme of the camp week). The emphasis was upon an entire family experience, one of parental engagement in raising our kids in the faith (it is not a "kid's drop-off" camp, where in some other cases there have been reports of problems or a "gap" of communication experienced when the child returns after 1 week away from home). Linda Howell (who just returned from Jardim) & I agreed afterwards, it may be a "touch of Jardim."

**Divine Principle and Prayer Experiences:** The Pennsylvania Camp experience is rooted in solid Divine Principle education. There are several age groups and youths experience a "con-

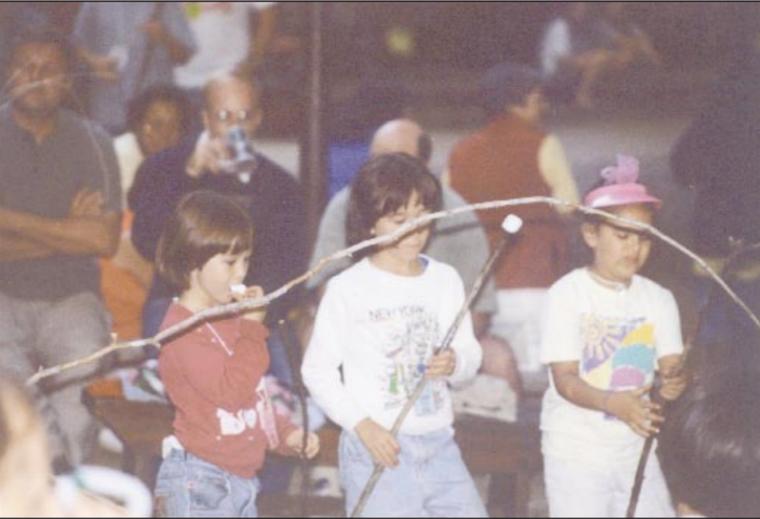


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having just come off the PLA summer tour. Rachel Bonini testified powerfully of her desire to join the STF as a result of PLA. My 11-year old son "caught the bug" & expressed a strong desire to join the PLA when he is of age.

There was also a special "PLA tour report" session and other testimonials by the youth throughout the week.

**Low Cost and Team Leadership:** The PA Camp is very economical (\$100 per person including food & lodging for the week). This is attributable to the incredible "bargain" of the low state park group rental fee (\$90), and more so to the 100% volunteer, cooperative spirit of the many family members who have taken on all of the roles in the camp for



the past several years (housing and kitchen coordinators, lecture coordinators, etc. all the way to songbooks, lecture material, and laminated name tags that were color-coded for each group). All participating families join in to contribute their time & many gifts



as conference staff.

The joy and reliability of this camp experience is buttressed by an incredible attention to detail, hard work, and advance planning that went into it by the organizers. This

includes attendance (by those who can make it) at fall and spring weekend planning weekends that include added family camping fun.

**Families from Several Regions Joined Together:** This camp included (my unofficial count was around 200 participants) families from Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, and probably 1-2 other states. Included in the group were city leaders and ACC activists, many "home town providence" members, church business members, etc.

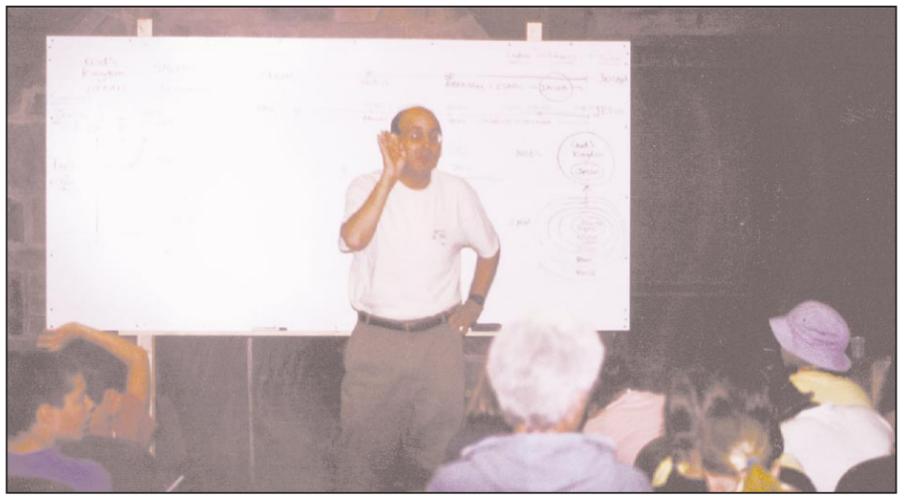
A key strength of this camp is that it is entirely organized by blessed families on a committed basis, with the

strong blessing & encouragement of regional director Reverend Hong and the state leader, Rev. Norris Izumi from Philadelphia. True Children have stated to a couple of camp participants, "you don't need

permission to take responsibility in forming a camp education experience for your children." This spirit of empowerment & responsibility taken on by families for the spiritual upbringing of our children is even more serious in view of reports that Camp Sunrise in New York

may be closed next year.

**Overall Reflection:** My summation is that the PA Summer Camp is a strong model for the nation, and that it is the very beginning point of a parent-inspired movement to save the second generation whose attrition rate is so tragically high. God was powerfully present throughout the week, evidencing His desire to renew our blessed family relationships in the upbringing of our children, and America. I had a deep experience of True Parents' presence during



prayer at the camp.

Achieving this degree of success was not rocket science – but solid, parental investment along with Principle and prayer, and lots of joy – an investment that must be made on a consistent, annualized basis throughout our children's upbringing.

PA Camp was founded in a "pup tent" experience 6 years ago by 10 blessed families, who grew their vision and system of education each year. At the center of it was the incredible offering and hard work of Rob and Sally Sayre, along with the Kyle & Cynthia Toffee and the Pickell's. A number of families wore baseball caps with "PA Summer Camp – 5 year anniversary" on them.

With the help of participating families and new ones from our region(s), it can be multiplied into 2 camps next year at Laurel Hill (western PA) & Shehaqua (Poconos), and other "seed camps" that are springing up elsewhere. Washington, D.C. area families may wish to join in providing leadership and organizational support to other PA Camp organizers gravitating to the Laurel Hill, PA location, just 3 hours from the Beltway. I believe building on this present momentum may be far easier than "starting from scratch" elsewhere.

I welcome additional expressions of interest for a Virginia-Maryland-DC organizing committee to support this camp experience for next year, and you may also wish to contact Patsy Casino in Virginia or the Wilkenings in Maryland about their experiences.

**Plans for the Future**

Fall Weekend at Shehaqua: Approx-

mately 70 Summer Camp regulars (including kids) met at Shehaqua the weekend of Sept. 22-24, 2000. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies to turn over the overall management of the Camp to a larger group, how to implement a Camp at both Laurel Hill and Shehaqua next year and to generally discuss how to improve the Camp and move forward.

A 2nd Gen. Workshop was held with 20 kids in attendance. This was led by Liz Bonini and Laurel Sayre. See article below. Here is a summary of the discussions and decisions we made.

**Notes from the Fall Planning Session**

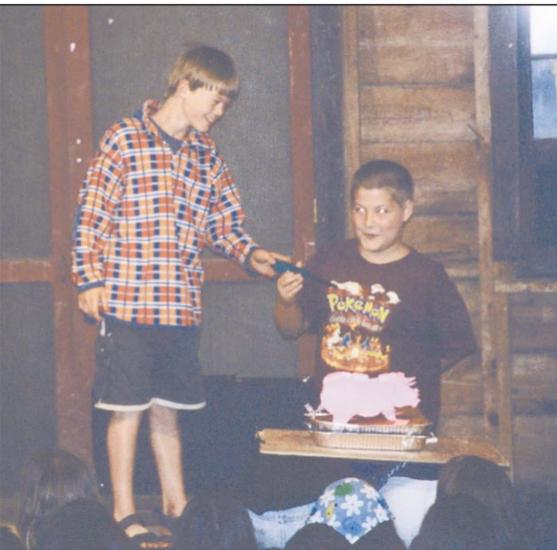
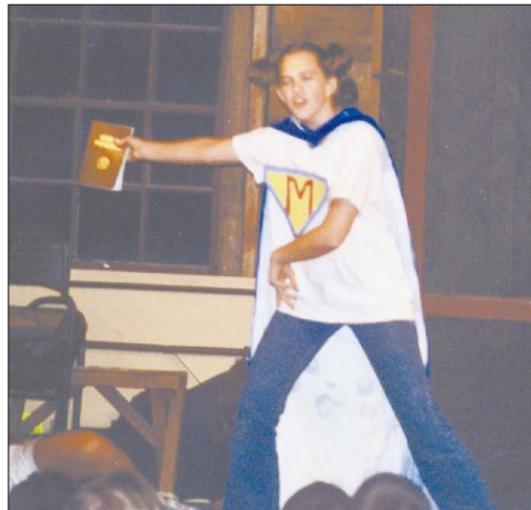
To facilitate two Camps and the evolving nature of the Summer Camp, we decided to spread out the management of the Camp itself and the pre-Camp planning and communications.

Rob & Sally Sayre will still be responsible for submitting the applications to the State of Pennsylvania, recruiting the key members of the management group, determining the overall budget, and sending out the first mailing for the Camp, on or around April 15. They will also actively support the establishment of Laurel Hill as a regular Summer Camp

site, primarily to be used by folks in the Washington, DC and surrounding areas. They are also working on organizing a pre-Camp adventure experience for older kids and a post camp Community Service experience as a way to "make camp longer." We will need help to pull this off. This was the overwhelming request by the kids this year. They want more! See my thoughts on this below.

Responses, deposits and all payments for Shehaqua will be sent to Chris Ching. Chris is assuming the role of registrar for the Shehaqua Camp, housing assignments and maintaining the mailing list. Change of address information should be sent to him.

Bruce Bonini  
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will serve as the Treasurer. Chris will send the checks to Bruce who will maintain the account, balance the checking account and disburse funds as per the budget we establish each year.

Robert Pickell will act as the Camp Director and be responsible for all the practical and physical aspects for Shehaqua.

The Educational Group, those who will plan the lectures and core content of the Camp at Shehaqua will be Noah Ross, Sally Sayre, Jeannie Carroll, Hedwig Ching and Sarah Ribble. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, contact one of these very able people.

Rod Cameron asked to head up the Crafts next year, so we already have a solid group.

We also discussed using the Spring Planning Meeting for two purposes. One is for the management group named above and others to make decisions on where to place parents in their respective roles and also on the groups. Rob and Sally will no longer make those decisions. We also decided to provide a training session on "How to be an Effective Group Leader." This session will include group dynamics and other tools to teach adults and 2nd generation kids how to lead groups. This will be lead by Ann Hoover and Nina Magnin. For more information, stay tuned and contact them.

### Two Camps

Shehaqua is located in Eastern, PA, approximately two hours west of NYC. This will be used primarily for those living in New York, New Jersey and Eastern, PA. Laurel Hill is located approximately 1 hour east of Pittsburgh and approximately 3 hours from Washington, DC and Cleveland, Ohio. Each Camp will occur at different times, so it will be possible to attend either. With the blessing of Rev. In-Hoi Lee in Washington, the Camp at Laurel Hill will be known as the **Mid-Atlantic Region Family Camp**. The intention is to keep the same schedule, format and spirit that has been established. We will also share our kitchen, sports and other equipment we have purchased over the years. Under the leadership of David Caprara and Loretta Schaufler, we will actively support this new initiative. We would also encourage those experienced campers in MD, VA, OH, WV and Western PA to get involved with this Camp. In the long run, this will be a wise investment of your time. Details on this will be forthcoming.

For those interested in helping establish a regular Summer Camp at Laurel Hill, contact David Caprara at 540-891-4186 or DavidCap@aol.com or Loretta Schaufler at 301-794-3514 or HGSchauff@aol.com

The overwhelming response from the kids was, "make camp longer, we want to spend more time together!" A nice problem to have. Since it is almost impossible to book Shehaqua or Laurel Hill for consecutive weeks, the only

solution I have come up with is to organize a pre-Camp adventure type activity for older kids and adventurous families. After this, they would join their families and everyone else at Shehaqua or Laurel Hill. These would probably be a tent camping experience or a longer and more exciting outdoor adventure.

For a post Camp experience, I would like to organize a meaningful community service experience in Philadelphia, Allentown or other inner city area. I would like to give the kids and families a taste of how "in need" some people are both physically and spiritually. I know we are often ignorant about how blessed we really are. If you interested in helping with this or would like to participate, contact Rob Sayre. I believe this can be as meaningful and important as the Summer Camp itself.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> generation kids want to organize several activities in the coming year. This could include using Shehaqua or Laurel Hill for a 2nd generation organized workshop or event. If you would like to participate in this or are interested, contact Liz Bonini at 570-595-7844 or Laurel Sayre at 610-298-2919 or dove314@yahoo.com. We also need parents to serve as Advisors for these functions. Call Rob or Sally if you would like to be an Advisor.

### Help Wanted

**Kitchen Planning and Cooking** is the toughest job at Camp, no question. In four years we have had three cooks. All were very different and all did a great job. We would like to recruit at least two people per Camp to handle all the work as well as one for the Spring Plan-

ning and Fall Workshop. We also would like to have a team of people who can help out with the kitchen in a variety of ways. If you feel called to do this or would at least like to talk about the possibility, call Rob or Sally Sayre.

### A Word of Thanks

People at the Summer Camp who worked heroically with little recognition were: **Geoffrey Hinkle** organized the kitchen. I had never seen a "food sculpture" before! Was that amazing or what? **Claire Hinkle** organized the Il-Shim ceremony. **Nina and Michel Magnin** worked with the Comets and Sports and always bring their bright spirits and warm hearts. **Kevin Convery** and **Robert Pickell** lead the hikes and made this a wonderful experience. **Cynthia Toffey** and **Rod Cameron** organized the crafts. **Kyle** led the Adult Discussions, led songs and so much more. **Bruce Bonini, Chris Ching, Robert Pickell and Michel Magnin** lugged mattresses. Our teachers were **Noah Ross, Sally Sayre, Jeannie Carroll, Sarah Ribble and Hedy Ching**. They all did a great job. The **McK-nights** brought their beautiful music and children. I would come just to hear them. **Joel Lindstrum** brought his bass guitar and led some jam sessions. **Kathy Ross** was "on-call" during camp as the nurse. **Chad and Ann Hoover** were the advisors for the High School group. All the **2<sup>nd</sup> Generation kids** who served as Group Leaders. We really have raised up our own kids into leadership roles. ❖

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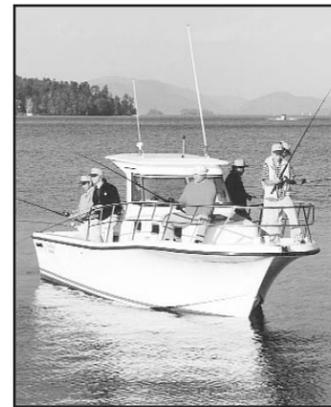
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# IIFWP sponsors 7th Friendship America Program in Guatemala

by John Gehring—NYC

In a unique international interfaith peace effort from June 30-July 12, eighty five young adults representing fourteen nations worked to widen roads and lay the foundation for a new school in Chinautla, Guatemala outside the capital. As part of the 7th RYS-Friendship America's Project (FAP) these interfaith pioneers from the Muslim, Christian and Indigenous faith communities attended education programs and offered their labor and skills in efforts to substantially promote friendship and peace in the America's.

The international participants were also given the opportunity to connect to the original culture of Guatemala for the program concluded in the Mayan community of Santiago Atitlan. At this beautiful volcanic lake area the participants shared cultural programs, gifts and friendship with hundreds of young students and community members. The volunteers efforts were designed to promote healing, trust and reconciliation for Santiago Atitlan is the home of many families which lost relatives in the recent Civil War.

The Religious Youth Service, (RYS) is a project of the IIFWP which works to create in communities worldwide a model of civic responsibility and interfaith cooperation. The RYS brings young adults of all faiths and nations together under the theme of "World Peace through interfaith dialogue and action".

The RYS experience helps train young adults to be global citizens with wide cultural horizons and the ability to contribute to communities as active peace makers. During the program, all participants offer substantial work service while they undergo training and experiences in leadership and character education. The experience of living and working together provides a base to promote lasting friendships within the diverse team of participants and connects all to the lives of the members of the local community.

Since its initial project in the Philippines in 1986, the RYS has completed eighty-three service projects in thirty-four nations, many in areas where religious, cultural and political strife is an on-going reality. Recent projects in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Sri Lanka, India, South Africa, Uganda, the Philippines and Guatemala have all been in areas where deep divisions exist between different segments of the society.

As a peace project, the RYS draws together people who have been historic enemies and provides them with an opportunity to work together in serving a needy community. Education and cultural programs during the RYS are aimed at promoting understanding and cooperation and not at proselytizing.

## Friendship America's Projects (FAP):

The Friendship America's Projects have been created and supported by RYS and the IIFWP as an effort to utilize the great spiritual resources in the America's. The projects draws Roman Catholic, Protestant and Indigenous participants together in a cooperative effort that is aimed at promoting historic resolution of past injustices while providing substantial service to communities in need. The FAP understands that ecumenical cooperation can provide the momentum needed to create an environment for greater cooperation among all people in the America's. Such an environment will serve to stimulate the human potential available to overcome the weaknesses in each society when they stand separately.

In January, 1996 in Haiti the 1st Friendship America Project occurred quietly as it brought together nearly thirty participants

from seven nations. The vision of the Friendship America's Program was stimulated by the words and actions of Reverend Moon who was at that time laboring through various means and interfaith efforts to establish Christian cooperation in the America's and build a greater level of North-South cooperation. Friendship America's programs have since been hosted by Honduras (twice), the Dominican Republic and Guatemala (third time).

Since that initial effort to bring cooperation among America's Protestant and Catholic youth the project has grown in size and stature to become recognized by leaders in several nations in the America's. The RYS and the Friendship America's Projects have been frequently mentioned on national television in Central America and have received very good radio and newspaper coverage.

As the FAP and RYS reputation grew in Central America it was invited by the President of the Honduras National Congress to help inaugurate the 1st National Youth Week in May 1999. A key element to the growth of the programs is the substantial support and guidance given by the programs local advisors. Included among the advisors are former President's of Haiti, and Guatemala and active members of government in four nations.

## The Guatemala Project

The FAP choose to return to Guatemala in part as a result of the support it was receiving locally. Among those anxious to support the project's vision of peace were Guatemala's former President, Marco Vinicio Cereso and the mayor of Chinautla, Mr. Pepe Paramo. Mayor Paramo was so inspired that he invited the RYS to his municipality and raised several thousand dollars to help support the school construction project which the RYS would undertake.

The area around Guatemala City is experiencing rapid growth and as new people move in they build the simplest forms of housing and they have difficulty in finding room in the already over crowded schools. Chinautla is a city of 200,000 bordering Guatemala City is experiencing such dynamic growth that large areas of wooded areas in the mountains are rapidly being turned into populated communities. These communities are in need of adequate roads, schools and medical facilities.

In Chinautla, the RYS worked with the local mayor, Mr. Paramo and city council to help target an area where a new school and access to the school is most urgently needed. They selected a community in one of the new settlement areas on top of a very hilly area. There the RYS began construction on a school while it also worked to widen the road to allow access by school bus.

The participants of RYS where largely international students, more used to handling books then shovels and picks. They woke early each morning and traveled twenty minutes to the work site where they removed tree stumps, cleared, leveled and expanded the road and dug a foundation for the school. Community members joined in the work as the road widened and the beginnings of the school began to rise up from the foundation. Before the week of labor ended the community and all the RYS members could take pride in the progress they made.

After the work concluded in Chinautla the program moved to the Mayan commu-

nity of Santiago Atitlan where it would have a time for additional service as well as reflection and fun. During the stay in Santiago Atitlan the RYS members visited local schools and distributed large amounts of clothing and school supplies that they brought from their countries. The mayor of the community took part in some of the programs for the RYS had in past years help in the construction of several schools in that community.

The foundation for the success and continuity of the RYS and the FAP is its participants for they are in the position to bring back to their community the lessons and spirit they have learned. This project was most fortunate because of the number of highly skilled participants that joined .

Among those that came through special recommendation were four members of the Presidential Youth Organization of Guatemala (Conjuve). The Minister of Youth of the Dominican Republic also sent three leaders. Various municipalities from Latin America sent youth directors while churches, high schools and universities in Guatemala and Honduras selected top candidates. Joining this group of Latin American's were thirty-six participants from the USA including two scholarship winners from the Newark school system.

## RYS Educational Experience:

RYS is not an ordinary work service project. The vision and goals of RYS require programs that can teach and give participants experiences in the life lesson's that are valuable to character development and promoting cultural understanding and appreciation.

By having the project hosted in Central America and specifically in the nation of Guatemala, special opportunities arose to bring in speakers and activists that could share concerns that impact the quality of life in that region. Participants could learn about issues relating to human rights, literacy, education, sustainable development and the environment. Members of the indigenous community could share and take questions while giving accounts of their life and sharing about their culture, faith and traditions.

Visits to important cultural, religious and historic sites, were part of the program.

Participants were treated to a visit to the National Congress where Mr. Carlos Cereso (son of the former President) gave a talk entitled; "The development of democracy in Guatemala" which was followed by a personal tour of the Congress. Dr. Armando de la Torre, the Dean of the Social Science at the Francisco Marroquin University gave a talk on the theme, "Building global citizens in a pluralistic world." The editor of the Guatemala edition of the "Tiempos Mundo" spoke on; "The role and responsibility of the media in Central America".

In addition, Dr. Eliane Condon from Rutgers University held several sessions which dealt with cultural differences and how to bridge them with love while Rev. Gerhard Bessell of the Family Federation for World Peace spoke on the topic: "What can religions do to help". Mr. Carlos Enrique Mayorga, of "Conalfa" the nations largest organization in working for literacy shared the realities of the nations education and social situation while stressing the importance of children receiving an academic education in Guatemala.

Although talks and visits proved interesting the participants enjoyed most the

cultural program that they prepared for the local community of Chinualta. In front of three hundred members of the community ten RYS teams offered Latin American dances, American break dance, pantomime, skits and songs with several skilled performances. Joyfully returning the hospitality were the hosting Catholic Youth Club members. The energy and excitement was contagious!

The whole RYS program was held together through the efforts of various RYS alumni who were part of the central staff. Rachael Woods, a social worker from Ohio (who first participated in RYS in 1988), Mr. Mario Salinas, a teacher at the International School in Honduras, and Mr. Daniel Bessell of Guatemala were central to the success of program.

## Catholic Center Hosts RYS

In Chinautla, the RYS stayed at "El Divino Salvador del Mundo" a Roman Catholic Center whose congregation helped prepare food and a warm welcoming atmosphere for the international participants. The senior priest, Padre Pedro's had a strong desire to connect to Pope John Paul's charge "to cooperate and promote further understanding between the world religions" and on consecutive Sundays he organized ecumenical services with the RYS that attracted three hundred and fifty people and four hundred worshippers.

Father Pedro used the RYS stay as an opportunity. He would site the actions and example of young RYS participants to encourage his congregation and he would ask the congregation to follow the RYS example of peace building. He also directed two of his seminarians to live and work with RYS during part of the program for he thought the experience would leave them better trained in service work and inter-religious cooperation.

The RYS is an exciting an unusual program that can attract the attention of a part of the media that is looking for solutions and models of cooperation. RYS shows youth doing something noble, acting as part of the solution rather than the source of a problem. In addition, the RYS creates the image and reality of young adults coming from diverse and even antagonistic religious, cultural and economic backgrounds and forming a community of peace and service. This phenomena is the stuff for a media event.

On this project media coverage came from various sources. The *Tiempos del Mundo* a weekly newspaper wrote a full page story on the project and they also donated special RYS hats for the participants. Several radio stations and the largest TV channel invited RYS members to give interviews. The coverage of the RYS was focused on its interfaith and international aspects of the project as well as presenting the original RYS idea and vision.

## Future Plans:

The Friendship America's Projects will continue to develop in an effort to promote solidarity among people of faith in the American continents. The 8th RYS FAP will take place next Summer and be hosted by a nation in the America's. If you have an interest in this or other projects please contact the IIFWP at [iifwp@iifwp.org](mailto:iifwp@iifwp.org) or for updated information view the RYS web site at [www.rys.net](http://www.rys.net) or contact the director at: [jygehring@aol.com](mailto:jygehring@aol.com). ♦

by Angelika Selle

This is from a sermon given at New Hope Academy, MD, on October 8, 2000

**M**y husband and I were blessed to spend 6 entire weeks together with our two oldest sons at a family workshop for Unificationist families in Jardim, Brazil. I can truly say that I had a mountaintop experience on the plains of Brazil! We had the opportunity to reflect on our faith, our family, our husband and wife relationship, and our personal relationship with God, Jesus, and True Parents. It was the most profound husband and wife retreat I ever attended!

Since the entire retreat had to do with spiritual growth, which happens to be the theme of this month here in our church, I am very happy share with you some highlights of the many insights I personally received there.

The workshop site, called New Hope East Garden, is about 20 miles from the town of Jardim in the interior of Brazil near a vast, ecologically rich swampland called the Pantanal, and it is spiritually very clear and physically remote, an ideal place for a spiritual retreat. Just for the record, we didn't encounter any anacondas, jaguars, or alligators—not in person—although the area is known for them.

Yet one night, a couple was startled by the tramping of many feet outside their dormitory, which went on for several nights. They were puzzled and scared as to what it could be. Finally, one night the husband took heart and opened the window. What do you think he saw? Lo and behold, there stood dozens of white Brahma cows in the moonlight munching on grass and looking like ghosts.

#### Breaking Down Barriers

We all face barriers in our relationships everyday. The question is, what are those barriers, where do they come from (and who is putting them up) and above all how can I remove them?

When reading God's word (Hoon Dok Hae) for 21 straight days at the New Hope East Garden retreat, God opened my eyes about some of those barriers. Many of them are invisible; we are not even aware of them. Therefore, we can't remove them. In fact it was mind-boggling to me to realize how tangled is the web of our destructive patterns of thinking and acting that affect all of our relationships, even towards myself. Those patterns are the ones preventing us from growing spiritually and achieving true love and happiness in our relationships.

Just to mention a few that jumped out at me several times.

Our father the devil has done a good job of using many strategies to keep us in check. One tactic Satan is using is comparing ourselves to others! This can be a spiritual killer. Many times when we compare ourselves to others we feel either inadequate or incompetent, and thus feel jealous and hopeless. Or, on the other hand, we feel superior, arrogant, and boastful, which is detrimental to spiritual growth as well. Out of comparison then arises judgment. For example, if another person doesn't live up to my standard (and I am not God), we judge and put down the other person. The result is always a barrier being put up between the

other and me.

Comparing does not come from God. God is a parent, and a true parent does not compare the children. I ran into a situation in Jardim where I compared my children with those of other families. This turned out to be counterproductive because I ended up judging them without acknowledging their unique background and history. It was not fair to them. Whereas it can be good to aspire to a higher standard, there is always the danger of judgment involved and therefore no real change will happen. Not only did I begin to judge my children, I also began to judge and accuse myself until I finally realized I needed to ask God's input about the situation and follow His direction.

Jesus put it dramatically when he said, "Judge not, that you be not judged, for with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged." Certainly it is almost impossible to stimulate spiritual growth when there is judgment.

You also never know what a person's experience, history, or motivation is until you find out directly. Until then,

don't judge yourself and don't judge others.

This reminds me of a story cited by Stephen Covey. A man got on a subway train with five children. He sat down, and the children immediately began roam around and made a lot of noise for the other passengers in the car. Finally, one lady burst out at the father, "Can't you control your kids??" The father turned to her and said: "I'm so sorry, madam, I wish I could, but please, understand, their mother just died."

So instead of judging and tearing others down, focus on building yourself and others up. God loves all His children equally.

Avoiding comparisons is especially desirable in close relationships such as between husband and wife. Our fallen tendency is to want our spouse to be like me (and thus I compare him or her to me) and we have a hard time to accept the other as different. This creates unrealistic expectations insurmountable barriers after a while.

Another of Satan's very effective strategies is setting up a smokescreen of negative perceptions between people, thus creating misunderstanding, miscommunication, and disharmony that bring us to the point of hopelessness and discouragement. We come to feel that the other person will never understand us.

I had such a moment once again at New Hope East Garden. One day, I saw all the flaws of my husband (and none of the good points), and started criticizing him up and down until I noticed it was of no use. He didn't even respond! But I felt terrible about myself at the same time, frustrated and disappointed. It was a very uncomfortable state of mind, and I didn't know how to get out of it. Suddenly, I had the idea to read Father's words. And while I was reading, unrelated to the text, I seemed to hear a voice saying, "**You** don't have to buy into those negative thoughts about your husband. Why not serve him instead. I remembered in the early

days when I joined the church we were always told to serve the per-

son we have a problem with. So I grabbed some of Bob's laundry and started scrubbing dirty socks (we do laundry by hand there at New Hope East Garden), and as I was washing, the negativity barrier changed into a more positive feeling towards him.

This showed me how much power we human beings have. I am the one who decides what kinds of thoughts I shall have give and take with. It truly helped me to read God's word and thus get some heavenly input in my thinking and perceptions. I understood why our True Father always asks us to come to the zero point. Why because most of our thinking and our experiences from childhood on have not much to do with God and are destructive or counterproductive for spiritual growth.

I therefore recommend, whenever you encounter barriers of hopelessness or constant criticism towards your spouse, read God's word (any religious text will do) and serve someone immediately.

Jesus said, before coming to the altar, reconcile with your brother. I would submit that the opposite is true, too! Before I can reconcile with my brother or sister or husband, I have to reconcile with God first.

Every morning in Jardim, the three of us —Joe, Bob, and myself—went to pray at 4:45 in front of True Parents' house under a most beautiful night sky with thousands of stars. One morning during that prayer, I felt that God throughout my life has not really been able to give His full love to me because I put up a barrier towards Him; maybe it was fear or self-hate. That self-hate I later realized in hoon dok had reading about Eve (Dr. Sung Hoon Lee's meetings in the spirit world) has been passed down in a profound, but invisible way from the very first ancestors.

Yet God has been loving me regardless, very intensely, He just couldn't get through to me with His love. And in that one moment of realization, I cried, my barrier crumbled and I met my Heavenly Father. It was overwhelming! I felt His intense love for me. It was as if He was saying to me that He loves me so madly and in fact He loves every single human being the same way: unconditionally, absolutely, with no strings attached. It was as if He was saying that ones I am able to receive His love more fully I could be the one loving others just as intensely and absolutely as He does. And that's what He needs us to do as His true sons and daughters. That is what our True Father and True Mother are truly all about in their essence: People of True Love.

From this prayer, I realized a new angle about the concepts of absolute love and faith as to how they apply between God and me and others. God loved me before I loved Him with this absolute love. I need to receive fully this absolute love and with God's eyes see others in a new light. I then will be able to love the unlovable, my enemy,

# Breaking I

anyone. That hot love of God just melted me down. I could see if I have that kind of hot love, absolute love, coming from the Source I can love and heal my husband, children, any relationship, and myself.

I once again felt my true self-identity from God: I am His daughter! I repented that I had put up the barrier between me and God for so long.

Jesus said, "Love God with all your heart and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." The first thing he emphasized was the relationship with God, our heavenly True Parent. It is truly primary. I need to reconcile with God **first**, receive fully His love and way of thinking (for example, through reading religious texts, which are all expressions of God's heart), and then I can love my neighbor with that kind of love.

One couple who attended the New Hope East Garden workshop had come for the second time, because of seemingly insurmountable problems, and on the last day of their second 40 days, the brother received the revelation that the reason he was matched with that particular spouse was because he is the only one who can save her. But, he realized, in order to accomplish that, he needs absolute love and faith toward his spouse no matter what she says, does, or thinks. Well, that marriage is now in the process of being saved. Because he felt empowered by God, he determined to break down the barriers between him and his wife.

Unlike our false parent Satan, who seeks always to disempower us, God wants to empower us, encourage us, and give us confidence that we are His precious children and that we can do anything.

Some barriers are passed on to us from our ancestors and are so much harder to battle, because we cannot distinguish between their behavior patterns and our own. This I came to deal with especially in our racial reconciliation group that Bob and I and a black-American family had started about two and a half years ago. We realized from early on that the deeper issue is not the reconciliation between the black and white races but between the two main "races" Father always talks about—men and women. That is why I was sharing these insights about husband-wife relationships with you, because they apply 100% to overcoming racist feelings and thoughts—which are often embedded in a subtle matrix of pride, intellectual aloofness, arrogance, and heartistic coolness.

For example, there were numerous situations during our reconciliation meetings where we felt the barriers tangible in the room and we all knew somehow that they were not personal but instead caused by ancestors from the spiritual realm.

In our church, we believe that when people pass on, they only shed their body, but their spirits live on in the same state as when they were on earth. So if someone leaves the physical realm with pain and resentment toward white people, as have most blacks, those feelings are still there in the spirit world and people's spirits will try to influence their descendants.

# Down Barriers

We found that, in order to alleviate some of the pain, words didn't work. God showed us that we needed to make some offerings and substantial sacrifices for each other in order to break through on those levels. In order to create true unity, we had to find out what the internal deep emotional and spiritual causes of the pain were, and through concrete action reverse them. All of that was guided step by step through intense prayer.

Sometimes I felt like giving up. But then I thought that God doesn't give up on me. I realized that He is the only one who can bring us together. And indeed, through applying the principles of prayer and service, considerable and substantial healing took place, lives were uplifted, and incredible joy often filled the room.

I learned that in order to break down a barrier, I needed to grow my capacity to love.

In addition, to break down barriers means to leave our comfort zone, make extra effort to be open, reach out and try to understand the strange other "enemy" of a different race or gender. It means to express myself in the uncomfortable situation to the "unknown" other. It takes courage to leave that comfort zone, to stick your neck out, so to speak, and risk feeling uncomfortable. But let me tell you, once you go beyond that barrier, you will discover a very sweet love that is so rich and deep that you wish you could have it forever. Surely there is a divine diamond in each person. And it is obvious that God's enemy is trying everything to keep His children from discovering the God in each other. But only the heart can see that diamond.

We white brothers and sisters tend to see things more from the head than the heart. And that is why I think God is now elevating the black race here in America, a race that has gone through immense suffering and pain, while largely embodying and living the core religious principles of compassion, humility, and forgiveness. Because it is only when you go through pain that you can understand other people's suffering and lead them.

Satan's target is God. Satan hurts God by using different races, religions, and character traits to divide people. If we maintain the barriers between each other, we handcuff God and put Him in a box. We—I myself—have to break through to God, my husband or wife, and neighbor.

The bottom line to all of this is practicing True Love. Rev. Chang No Yoon, the central figure for education at New Hope East Garden, gave a morning sermon while we were there in which he identified the key elements of True Love. In summation he described some aspects of True Love: honesty, creating harmony with others, forgiving and forgetting, living for the sake of others, wanting to serve the other first (or be the first one to say hello), putting yourself lower than your partner, wanting the other be better than myself, and sincere investment into someone else. True Love thinks of the other first. True love is unchanging, eternal and absolute. True Love always needs an action.

Father Moon, has said that the motto

for this year is "The Cosmic Expansion of True Love Is the Completion of the New Millennium Kingdom."

God has prepared an unprecedented opportunity on October 16 to bring His family together, to atone for the past, and to make a new beginning in this new millennium. This is a chance to practice True Love. This Million Family March is one giant step toward the realization of Martin Luther King's dream that is also yours and mine. As we all know there is still a heavy cloud of racism in this country, and it is only when we take responsibility to make a whole in this cloud that God's sunshine and blessing will come. This time has come!

This is our chance, white brothers and sisters, to serve our black brothers and sisters in our church who are taking much of the leadership in this endeavor and also to the Nation of Islam. It is time to reach out to brothers and sisters of **all** races and faith and put the barriers or hate behind us. I am very excited. This is what we have been working for all these years. This is one reason why I joined this movement.

This call for unity is not Minister Louis Farrakhan's or Father Moon's idea but is and always has been *God's* idea. It is also Jesus' cause, Buddha's, and Mohammed's. I believe that they are working overtime in the spirit world to bring their followers to the event on October 16. Yet they do need bodies—yours and mine—to help them work on the earth. Working to promote the Million Family March, we all discover that all you have to do is show up in front of a particular clergyman or other public figure and speak out. God has prepared many individuals, churches, and groups of all faiths to hear the final call.

Minister Farrakhan has had a road to Damascus experience and has turned from Saul into Paul. He is now calling together families of all faiths and races to create one family. His motto: "Come as many—leave as one." As I said before, this is not his personal idea but God's, and God has prepared people in all faiths to be open at this time for this vision.

When I was handing out fliers together with an African sister at Howard University on Friday, I felt that the beautiful young black people looked at me initially surprised to see the flyer with Luis Farrakhan and then my white face. Then they smiled and I felt a real sense of appreciation and hope between us. I was proud to hand out those flyers and felt that my spirit was liberated with every flyer I handed out.

It is truly our chance to substantially contribute to racial and religious reconciliation—as well as promoting strong, two-parent, God-centered families in America—by getting involved in this giant project, which has a tremendous potential for follow-up activities, too.

Working for this event is an opportunity to invest, to love, and to grow.

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ment we have made to build the kingdom.

Let's practice True Love, which Jesus and Father Moon have taught us and grow spiritually. By offering us the chance to embrace our former enemies, God wants to give us a great blessing. We need to do the right thing at this very historic time. Please pray about that. It is our chance to liberate and uplift black brothers and sisters, by joining them in this great effort. It is our chance to liberate ourselves—and most of all our God.

Brothers and sisters, it is time to lay down the sword and bury the hatchet between God and myself, husband and wife, parents and children. It is time to reach out to our former enemies and embrace them. It is time for God and us to be liberated. As my German brother Karl Marx—who is gradually reforming in the spirit world—once said, "Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!" I say, "Brothers and sisters, break the barriers! We have nothing to lose but our pain! And we

will find our long lost family.

**Foot note:** Bob and I truly recommend to each blessed family to take the time out of our precious earthly lives and find the resources to spend six weeks together especially with your spouse at this spiritual retreat. Bob and I found that the participation of both husband and wife is *essential* in order to get the full value and impact of this workshop, even though it has been said officially, that the attendance of one spouse and the oldest son or daughter would fulfill the requirements.

This workshop in our experience has the potential to heal our blessed families from the deepest core—at least start a process of healing, provided and guided by God and True Parents. In Jardim New Hope East Garden, *God and True Parents speak directly* to each person if you invest yourself 100% in the program—no central figures are involved. It is more than the money's worth what you can receive there quite substantially for your couple and your family. According to Rev. Yoon, the educational director of Jardim, New Hope East Garden, True Parents have extended the time for this workshop until the year 2004. Please, plan on attending. If there is anyone who would like to sponsor another family especially in Africa, or elsewhere, Bob and I would like to act as a connecting point. (e-mail: bob@worldandimag.com)

Bob and I are very happy to share more of our personal experience with anyone who is interested. ❖

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## Signs & Banners

# The Scarlet Letter – a Book Come of Age!

by Lloyd Howell

Recently I stumbled across what turned out to be a most precious discovery—a nugget of gold buried in American soil—a seed planted generations ago which foretold the very nature of these latter days and yes even the arrival True Parents.

It all began quite innocently when I became curious about the book, The Scarlet Letter; one of the classics of American literature. The book was lying

around the house because my son, a high school student, had to read it for English class. Little did I realize how providential it is that this year school children all over America are being required to read this volume. Let me explain:

Perhaps due to some unseen spiritual prompting I soon found myself pushed to pick up the book and find out it was really about. Was it a steamy tale of adultery and fornication? Did it have some redeeming spiritual value? What could I learn about our Puritan forefathers? Just what was the big deal?

Well I must say that the book, being written in a now outdated style of English, at first presents quite a challenge to the reader who must literally plow his way through the first dozen or so pages. However, after breaking through the obstacle of antiquated English, one soon finds it very difficult to

put the book down.

I did not realize that there among America's writers was one with such a deep spirituality, a keen sense of the existence of the spiritual world and how it impacts upon daily life. Nathaniel Hawthorne, the author, surprised me with his awareness of the burdens and blessings our ancestors have left us.

In The Scarlet Letter there is no description of the adultery, which plunges the heroine, Hester, into her tragic role. Hawthorne deals strictly with the result of the sin; the guilt, the indemnity course and the redemption. The book begins with Hester who has been imprisoned for adultery. Her crime becoming obvious due to the child which she bore without her husband's presence. After the child's birth Hester is released but is relegated by the authorities to wear a large embroidered letter 'A' [for Adultery] upon her breast for the rest of her days!

The plot develops as the reader learns that it is a minister with whom she fell. One whose identity she refuses to reveal. Furthermore her lost husband finally arrives from abroad but learning of the circumstances desires to remain anonymous. He is determined to discover the identity of the one with whom she fell.

After returning to society, in the beginning Hester is an object of ridicule and snickering. She starts at the bottom of hell and staggers on with her painfully obvious sin. He bears her ordeal with great dignity and in doing so acquires deep inner fortitude.

We learn much about the character of people from the way they treat Hester. But little by little she earns the respect of the townspeople and completes her indemnity successfully whereas the minister who has decided to hide his sin from anyone's knowing becomes more and more ensnared in Satan's web; going from great height to the very bottom of hell. His conscience forever torturing him 'til his very health is ruined.

The husband himself, unable to forgive, becomes disfigured and twisted; the very instrument of Satan subtly tormenting the minister who he believes committed the adultery.

Even knowing the outcome cannot ruin the thrill of reading this book as it is so masterfully written. With

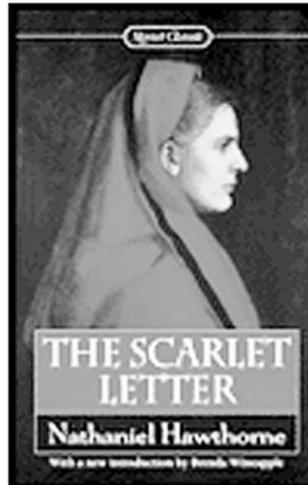
great drama Hawthorne leads up to his dramatic conclusion. Behind the scenes of his story, from time to time, Hawthorne stops and examines the role of woman in history from a spiritual perspective as the fallen Eve. He ponders just what type of woman can rise above it all and open a new way.

And on the very last page he reveals to the reader the revelation of the True Woman – one who is to come with the mission to make whole the relation between man and woman—a divine woman. In part Hawthorne writes:

"Hester assured them {suffering women}, too, of her firm belief, that, at some brighter period, when the world shall have grown ripe for it, in Heaven's own time, a new truth would be revealed in order to establish the whole relation between man and woman on a surer ground of mutual happiness. . . The angel, the apostle of the coming revelation must be a woman, indeed, but lofty, pure, and beautiful: and wise, moreover, not through dusky grief, but the ethereal medium of joy: and showing how sacred love should make us happy, by the truest test of a life successful to such an end!"

Can I say anymore? Is there a Unificationist who needs more encouragement to read this book?

Lastly, I want to mention that Hawthorne writes with compelling force for he is purging his own soul of the sins of his Puritan ancestors who burnt witches and persecuted Quakers. The book is itself Hawthorne's indemnity condition and he fulfills it so perfectly that in the end he is given the precious revelation of the coming of the True Mother. Indeed as I write these very words the goose bumps arise on my skin! I wish the same for you. ❖



## Angel, Oh Angel

Angel, oh angel,  
How do you make peace between nations?

I teach one man to love  
And he teaches another man  
And he teaches another  
And so on.

Why do you make peace?  
So we have a better world.  
OK?

OK!

by Jacob Leguineche, 7-years-old

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by Françoise

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# The Orthodox Christian Foundation

by Robert Josifoski

I wrote this article to explain my viewpoint as a person who was raised in an Orthodox Christian country. My country, Macedonia, has a well established Christian history of 2000 years, as mentioned in the Bible. (see Acts, chapter 16)

The first person who received Christ in Macedonia was a woman named Lydia, who received Jesus directly from St. Paul. Christianity spread quickly in Macedonia and Greece

At that time, Thessaloniki (Salonika) belonged to Macedonia, and a part of its population were Jews and Greeks, beside the ancient Macedonians. (But not Slavs, who arrived centuries later.)

Before long, Christianity was officially banned by the Roman Empire, whose Emperors preferred to serve the Greek gods. I want to emphasize this point because today's western culture is based on the democratic ideas of ancient Greece, whose main religion was of polytheistic gods, represented by idols.

In 327 AD, the Emperor Constantine officially accepted Christianity. However, Satan's rule made a comeback under Constantine's nephew, Julian the Apostate. He brought great suffering upon all Christians, particularly those living in Macedonia, Greece, Asia Minor, and Alexandria.

Many faithful Christians were killed by Julian, because they professed that "the only true Savior is the man, Jesus Christ." Most notable were the Fifteen Holy Martyrs of Tiveriopol, which is the old name of Strumica, a town in the Republic of Macedonia. Their history is told in the book *Hagiography and Canon of the Holy Fifteen Priests-Martyrs from Tiveriopol*.

Their story is rather harrowing, and is filled with bravery and numerous miracles. Here is a sample passage: "When they boldly told all of this to the tyrant, he was filled with powerful wrath and irresistible hatred. He commanded the guards to bring terrible suffering and death upon them. Many secretly escaped into the hills and deserts. Others scattered in different places, and afterward they despised

their beloved fatherland, their relatives, and their friends and all of their belongings; only and only to gain Christ, truly the true God and Lord, and King of Kings of all ages . . ."

A church was built to honor the Fifteen Martyrs. Once, some Roman soldiers on horseback tried to enter, intending to desecrate it. But the moment they entered the door, they disappeared with a flash of light. Through this and other miracles, more and more people became Christians.

In Macedonia, evil forces have carried out many massacres against Christians, but still they could not eradicate belief in Christ.

The Macedonian Orthodox Church was banned for almost 300 years, by the Ottoman Emperor, and finally reestablished in 1967. One day the world will realize that it always supported the wrong side, acting against Christianity, Jesus Christ, and God. Recently, America and the world supported the Muslim Kosovars, and bombed a Christian Orthodox country, Serbia. Anyway, my purpose here is not to argue about politics, although political views are a reflection of spirituality.

## True Beliefs

As it is written in the Divine Principle (Eschatology 5.1), "Fallen people have been overcoming their internal ignorance by enlightening their spirituality and intellect with 'spirit and truth' through religion. 'Truth' may be divided into two types: internal truth as taught by religion, which helps people overcome internal ignorance, and external truth, as obtained through science, which helps people overcome external ignorance."

When Father said, "Christianity failed," in no way did he mean, "Christ and His teaching failed." Yet many people understand it that way. Not because Father said so, but because they want to hear it that way! Basically, they didn't have a deep and true Christian

upbringing, and ultimately, a true Christian heritage.

Those few people who have one, never underestimated the value of Christian teaching. Because corrupt Christian leaders don't do their job, to teach about Christ, we should be better than they are, and understand what Christian teaching has to say to us concerning our life of faith!

The book *I Believe*, by Orthodox scholar (*proto-yerey*) Alexander Shmemen, explains briefly about the Orthodox Christian faith. Here are some excerpts:

1) Historically seen, the Symbol of the Faith emerged from the prepara-

tion of the new believers who were about to enter the Church through the holy secret Baptism. In the first centuries of the Church, the new believers were baptized, mainly, when adults. As it is today, the people were coming into the faith, accepting Christ; and they wanted to join the Church, and become members of the church community. Every inquiry, every meeting of man

with God, is a secret of the grace of God, into which man's mind cannot intertwine. Some people come to God through suffering and sorrow, and some through joy and fortune.

2) It is a secret how faith is born in the human soul. The faith in Christ, itself, induces man toward the Church, and toward the community of those who believe in Christ. The faith itself, yet, was bringing unity to the members, who, loving each other, bear witness in front of the world that they are disciples of Christ. "By this they will recognize that you are My disciples" - said Christ - "if you love each other."

3) The love and unity of faith is such that, according to St. Paul, it brings joy to Christians. "I long to see you, to convey to you some spiritual gift for your strengthening" - he writes to

**When Father said, "Christianity failed," in no way did he mean, "Christ and His teaching failed." Yet many people understand it that way. Not because Father said so, but because they want to hear it that way!**

Christ's church in Rome - "to be with you so that we console each other through our common faith." (Rom. 1:11-12)

4) Christianity is a meeting with the Truth, bravely accepting the Truth with our whole being. And so, he who will entrust Christ, who begins to love him, must learn the content of his faith and all that it obliges him, with hardship and affliction.

5) On the evening of the Eucharist (in the early Church the baptism was conducted on the "Eucharistic night"), every new believer (disciple, or *kathumen*) who prepared for Baptism, read the Symbol of the Faith, confessed publicly that he understands and accepts it, and comes into the unity of faith and love.

## Symbol of the Faith

In 325 AD, in the city of Nicaea, the first Universal Council was conducted, and the Nicene Creed (Symbol of the Faith) was formulated. Several decades later, in Constantinople, it was supplemented and given the name Constantinople-Nicene Symbol of the Faith, to be valid for the entire Church. Finally, during the Third Universal Council, conducted in 431 AD in Ephesus, it was decided that it never should be changed or added to.

Since then, the universal Symbol of the Faith has been sung and read in the Church with every liturgy. The Symbol of the Faith is common for all, and it is an expression of the faith for all Christians. That is why everyone who wants to comprehend what the Church believes, and the Truth which Christianity brings to the world, can find the answer to these questions in the Symbol of the Faith.

The reader may look up the Nicene Creed on-line, or in any good library. You can contact me at:

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# Drug Abuse: the Dark Side of Life

An article in the Jan. 26, 2000 issue of *Lakeside Life*, the student publication of Lakeside High School, Lake Village, Ark., observed that "Drug abuse is a serious problem across the country. Over 50 percent of all teens use drugs or alcohol. In the next 24 hours 15,006 teens will use drugs for the first time."

Some argue that the best way to deal with the nationwide epidemic of drug abuse is to legalize drugs. Legalizing drugs, they insist, will take the profit out of drug dealing.

Conversely, Dr. Arnold Washton, founding director of the Washton Institute on Addictions in New York, points out that England and Italy have legalized heroin and have "suffered tremendously from it. It did not get rid of drug-related crime.... And in England alone, there's an increase of more than 300,000

in the number of heroin addicts in that country."

The regular use of crack and cocaine, Dr. Washton insists, "will break you down, will cause paranoia and violence. Cocaine and crack will stimulate compulsive sexual activity, leading to the spread of AIDS—and now renewing the syphilis epidemic. They lead to violence. In New York City alone, about three-quarters of children who are beaten to death by their parents are killed by parents involved with drugs like cocaine and crack."

Dr. Washton adds that legalizing drugs "does not get rid of the black market. And you won't get rid of it unless the legal system is willing to distribute crack and other drugs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by the truckload, on demand, at next to nothing cost."

Concerning the legalization of drugs, Dr. William Bennett, former director of drug strategy for the Bush administration and author of *Our Country and our Children* (Simon & Schuster) and other books, declares: "If drugs are legalized, there will be more cocaine babies, more wrecked lives; there will be more wrecked trains, buses, airplanes."

Clearly, legalizing drugs is not the right way to go. Man is by nature a social animal; we need other human beings, and they need us. From these elementary truths, we can understand that we possess social and moral obligations that sometimes require us to subordinate our private, selfish interests and pursuits for the sake of the common good. By keeping harmful drugs like marijuana, cocaine and heroin illegal, the state is asking people to sacrifice a little bit of freedom for the moral well-being of society. ❖

An article in an Aug. '99 issue of *USA Today* pointed out that "Upper-middle-class adolescents have a greater propensity for drug and alcohol abuse, depression and bouts of misbehavior, says a study conducted by Teachers College at Columbia University and Yale University.... Suburban youths reported significantly higher levels of alcohol and drug use than their inner-city counterparts. Among suburban girls, 46 percent admitted using an illicit drug at least once in the past year, compared with 26 percent of inner-city females. And 59 percent of suburban boys used an illicit drug at least once, vs. 33 percent of boys in the inner city."

## TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

# The Time Of America's Visitation

### Part I

This is a story of Father's first visit to the United States, during which his main purpose was to establish holy ground in each of the mainland states. It was a grueling, and sometimes harrowing, journey that had to be accomplished in 40 days.

Information for these stories was gleaned from old newsletters and conversations with early members. George Norton, one of the drivers on the trip, was especially helpful.

### Over the Pacific

The long awaited moment had come for Father to visit America. But this would be more than just a visit to America. It would be a trip around the entire world to bless plots of ground in every state and in many countries. In each location, Father would choose a piece of land, bless it, and it would be called holy ground. From these holy grounds, God's heavenly kingdom would grow. It would be the beginning of reclaiming the physical world for God.

Father called Mrs. Won Bok Choi to his room. "Kim Young Oon has been back in the States for about four months," he said. "Now, it's time for me to go, too, and I want you to accompany me and be my interpreter."

Mrs. Choi had been helping Mother with the children, so she had to quickly train another person. As she prepared to go, she spent every spare moment studying English and praying, for this trip would be very demanding. To translate Father's exact words into English even as he spoke would be an awesome responsibility.

On the day of departure, a small group went along to see Father and Mrs. Choi off at the airport. Their faces were calm enough, but inside they were excited. Their Son-Sengnim was going around the world! He looked so handsome in his new Western-style suit, and so dignified.

In Father's suitcase, there were not many clothes. Instead, he carried gifts and little bags of dirt and rocks. At each holy ground, he would bury some dirt and a rock from Korea. In turn, from each state, he would find a stone to bring back to Korea. Heavenly Father had revealed to him all that he should do.

The flight was very long. Never, had Father or Mrs. Choi traveled so far from home. When the airplane touched down in Hawaii to take on more fuel, they got their first glimpse of the United States — palm trees, white beaches, and balmy February air.

Then they were in the air again for the final leg of their journey. The time was drawing near when Father would meet the members he had heard so much about.

"What are Americans really like?" he wondered. "I've heard so much about them. I've met American soldiers, but are they typical?"

Then he remembered something else. Turning to Mrs. Choi, he said, "Americans like to smile a lot—big smiles that show their teeth. So we must smile, too." He had already been practicing his smile in Korea. It wasn't easy, for Koreans usu-

ally have serious faces. Maybe it is their suffering life, but they just don't smile or laugh out loud very often. When they do smile, they usually look down discreetly or cover their mouth with their hand. He smiled at Mrs. Choi. Mrs. Choi smiled at Father. They laughed silently.

Golden Gate Bridge, and ate at Fisherman's Wharf.

"Master says things look very big and spread out here," Mrs. Choi told them. "And there's much unused space." It looked like just a crowded city to the members.

Every evening there was a meeting,



The sun hadn't come up yet when Father and Mrs. Choi landed in San Francisco, California. They were a little weary from the journey and from the time difference. In California it was early morning, but in Korea it was time to go to bed. Yet, Father was eager to see these precious American members and he felt wide awake. It was 5:50 a.m. on February 12, 1965.

There they were—27 bright-eyed, excited people neatly lined up, obviously eager to catch their first glimpse of him. He strode through the gate with a big smile.

First, he greeted Young Oon Kim, David Kim and Bo Hi Pak, his three missionaries. They bowed only slightly to him and shook hands, for they were in an American public place and Father had learned that Americans shake hands instead of bow. He looked at ease with this custom, but Mrs. Choi looked a little uncomfortable shaking hands with Bo Hi Pak and David Kim. They had never done that in Korea.

Wasting no time, Father proceeded down the line, shaking hands with each member. He listened to their strange sounding names: Edwin Ang, Galen Pumphrey, Doris Walder (Orme), George Norton, Carl Rapkins.... And his face lit up when he saw a familiar face—Ernie Stewart.

They all gathered round to pose for pictures before heading for one member's home in Oakland where they would be staying.

For one exciting week Father and Mrs. Choi stayed in the Bay Area. During the days, they saw the sights. They rode the cable car up and down the steep streets, they went to the zoo, they drove over the

and Father talked to the members, learned their names, asked them to sing for him, and answered their questions. They, in turn, felt as if they were in a dream. To finally be in the same room with their Leader left them breathlessly in awe.

Father presented them with a special gift from Korea, a beautiful lacquer box containing a big white flag with the HSA-UWC symbol. Father explained to them its meaning—the twelve gates, the four positions, and the circle of give and take. It was the first time the symbol had been brought to the West, and they proudly hung it up in the meeting room.

On the second day, it was time to create the first holy ground of America. Father led the members to two peaks overlooking San Francisco. The wind blew strongly, and they wrapped their coats tightly about them as they took their positions on the northern hill. Four members were told to stand in four spots to form a four-position foundation, approximately 10 giant steps apart. The hill came to such a peak that one person had to stand on the side of the hill.

Father walked slowly and prayerfully to each position, scattering holy salt as he went—back and forth and around it three times. Heavenly Father had instructed him exactly how to do it. In conclusion, he buried the Korean soil and rock in the center and prayed.

"Twin Peaks shall have a new name," instructed Father. "This northern peak will be Father's Peak and the southern peak will be Mother's Peak, and together they will be called Parents' Peaks. It is Heavenly Father's own sanctified spot, a place where you can come to pray and not be bothered by Satan, a place that is restored.

That evening, Father explained to the members, "I must travel to all 48 states on the mainland United States, and I will make at least one holy ground in each state. I need someone to plan the trip for me, and we will leave in about ten days."

That announcement caused quite a stir. "Who might be lucky enough to accompany him on such an historic trip?" wondered each person.

"I also need two good drivers," he continued. "We will have to travel fast, and we will not be able to stay in the other states as long as we're staying in California." He paused and looked around the room. He and the Koreans discussed something in Korean.

Then, "Gordon Ross! George Norton! Are you good drivers? Can you drive through 48 states in 40 days?"

That would be at least 8,000 miles, maybe more. Was it really possible to travel that far in 40 days? George and Gordon looked at each other, then answered, "Yes, we can do it."

"Then, please prepare," said Father.

Gordon and the AAA worked together to plot a route that would take them to every state and avoid the cold winter snows as much as possible. George prepared the car and gathered supplies.

On February 19, one week after their arrival, Father and Mrs. Choi, along with Miss Kim, moved on to the second stop, Los Angeles, California. There they were greeted by center director Doris Walder (Orme), Teddy Verheyen, and a dozen others or so.

As Father shook their hands, he could feel once again their excitement, and they in turn sensed his powerful love for them. He knew that someday they might take him more for granted, but for now they were obviously overwhelmed with emotion.

For a few days they showed Father around Los Angeles — Hollywood, Paramount Studios, Disneyland. Then they said to Father, "We would like to take you on a whale hunt in San Diego. It takes a couple hours to drive there."

Perhaps he hadn't expected to spend time in America on the ocean, but as he got into the boat, dressed in his western suit and tie, there was a happy and thoughtful look on his face.

Much of the day Father gazed silently out over the ocean, looking West toward Korea in the East. Was he thinking that, up to this point, he had only seen the Pacific Ocean from the other side? Was he thinking of the vast resources hidden in the depths of its powerful waves? Was he thinking of God's dominion over the seas? Perhaps, but he didn't express his thoughts that day.

He quickly proved his seaworthiness, and the members later remarked, "You could see that he loved the ocean very much, and he kept his balance better than anyone else. Some of us got sick, but not him. It seemed that he would have been happy to stay there forever."

That evening, even though Father still wasn't accustomed to the American time zone, and even though everyone else was tired from the day on the ocean, he was ready for an evening meeting.

He gave a long lecture, an overview of the entire Divine Principle. It was the

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# DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

## Human History and Man's Transformation from Death to Life

### Volume 5 • Part 2

The famed Jewish scholar Martin Buber once described the goal of life by reference to Hasidic legend:

"When God created man, he set the mark of his image upon man's brow and embedded it in man's nature, and however faint God's mark may become, it can never be entirely wiped out. According to Hasidic legend, when the Baalshem (the founder of Hasidic Judaism) conjured up the demon Samael, he showed him this mark on the forehead of his disciples, and when the master bade the conquered demon be gone, the latter prayed, 'Sons of the living God, permit me to remain a little while to look at the mark of the image of God on your faces.' God's real commandment to man is to realize this image."

If the death caused by the Fall is spiritual, then the transformation of that death must also be spiritual. Resurrection does not thus refer to the revival of decomposed bodies, but to resuscitation of inert spirits. It is the process of restoring the image of God within.

One may ask how this process can best take place. To lead man to new life, God gives us His Word. The Law, the Books of Wisdom, and the histories of the Old Testament are given us to teach us and guide us. Likewise, the ethical teachings and the incomparable

life of Jesus given in the New Tes-

tament are given to lead us to new life.

In addition, in various scriptures (Jn 16:13, for example) we are promised yet a further revelation of God's truth with the return of Christ. The Lord gives His word in order that man might be resurrected.

As we learned in the fourth volume of the Home Study Course, both purification and growth take place through God's Word. The Word is a two-edged sword; not only does it effect judgment it also brings new life. Reflecting this power, Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John: "...he who hears my word and believes in Him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." (Jn 5:25)

Resurrection, then, begins from the point of hearing the Word. It is not a matter for the future, but for the present. As Paul Tillich has noted, "Resurrection happens now, or it does not happen at all."

#### Dynamics Of Resurrection

Resurrection may be thought of in terms other than just life and death. Since it involves restoring fallen man's

nature to the standard originally created by God, for example, the process of restoration may also be thought of as restoration. From another point of view, resurrection is re-creation—God's re-creating that which was broken and lost.

However one conceives this process, Divine Principle affirms that there are definite principles according to which it proceeds. First of all, the saying "God helps those who help themselves" is more than a well-worn moralism. God's will is not accomplished unilaterally; the purpose of creation is fulfilled only when His efforts are complemented by ours. We need to do our part by understanding and following the Word.

Secondly, although resurrection is a spiritual process, it cannot occur apart from the physical body. As we learned in the Principle of Creation, each person's spirit self is created to grow and attain maturity only through its relationship with the physical self.

Consistent with this principle, resurrection also occurs in conjunction with one's physical self—thus while one is living on earth. The body is like

soil in which the spirit may grow.

#### Historical Advance

Finally, Divine Principle notes that resurrection is a historically cumulative process, advancing in accordance with the accomplishments of each age. An analogy may be found in the realm of science.

Today science is highly developed on the basis of the continuous research and discoveries of men and women throughout history. Generally speaking, the present generation has benefited greatly from scientific advancement, even though we had very little to do with it. We benefit simply because we live in a scientific age.

This is also true in the spiritual realm. Since the earliest times in man's history, God's servants have been laying foundations for the ever-higher spiritual advancement of humankind. As we will discuss more fully later, we of the present day stand on foundations laid by the prophets and saints of prior generations.

It is not our task, for example, to discover as Isaiah did that the Lord did not seek sacrifices and burnt offerings from His children, but rather justice, love and compassion (Is 1:11-17).

Because of such previous developments, we start at an advanced level. Not only are higher spiritual attainments therefore within our grasp; we are also contributing to the spiritual conditions inheritable by those yet to come. ❖

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first time the Americans heard the Principle directly from Father.

The next morning was Sunday. Mrs. Choi announced, "Master says everyone may come along to the blessing of holy ground." Approximately 20 people piled into the cars and made a procession to Griffith Park.

At the foot of a big hill, a mountain almost, Father walked around, looking for the right spot to climb. Suddenly, he shot up the side, and the stunned group scrambled desperately to catch up. Wasting no time, he chose a flat spot at the summit, among the tough shrubs and sandy soil to perform the ceremony.

And so it came to pass that day, unknown to the rest of America, that the Western world had two holy grounds. As the members prayed with Father, a spiritual fire seemed to flash through their arms, and they felt like they were lifted up to heaven. They would never forget how close they felt to Heavenly Father and to each other that day as they stood on the new holy ground of L.A.

Each evening, Father met with the members and talked to them and answered their questions. He even answered questions about their personal situations. And always they sang and sang. He really loved singing.

#### Cross Country

"Tomorrow we will begin our journey," announced Father. There was a last

minute flurry of preparations—filling up the gas tank, packing, and tying suitcases on top of the car.

Next morning, bright and very early, Father, Mrs. Choi, and Miss Kim took their places on the middle seat, Gordon and George sat in the front, and two other members climbed into the back.

"Good-bye, Col Pak. Good-bye, David Kim. We'll see you later on the trip," they called out. "Good-bye, brothers and sisters. We'll see you later, too—when we get back."

It was Thursday, February 25, as they headed into the sunrise in their shiny blue '65 Plymouth Fury station wagon.

As they left the smog and freeways of the congested city area and put the miles behind them throughout the day, the first thing Father noticed was the feeling of spaciousness. The brown shades of the Mojave Desert stretched endlessly on and on.

At one point, a great mountain jutted sharply out of the landscape. It was the highest mountain in mainland USA, the 19,000 foot Mt. Whitney. Following their plan, they left the highway to climb the mountain. They drove until they reached about 9,000 feet above sea level. There, in the mountain's snow and thin air amidst some hardy pines, Father created holy ground.

Their ears popped as they descended back to the highway and down further to the lowest point in America, 280 feet below sea level, to Death Valley. The ground that Father blessed in Death Valley was white with salt, and yellow cliffs rose high around them in a protective embrace. On that day, America had four

holy grounds, and they were all in California.

Later, as the sun set behind them, they sped through the desert toward the bright neon lights of Las Vegas.

"Tonight, we will splurge and stay at the famous Stardust Hotel 'on the strip,'" said Gordon.

"What's a strip?"  
"It's the most famous part of Las Vegas," he answered. "It's a string of fancy hotels and nightclubs where celebrities like to come."

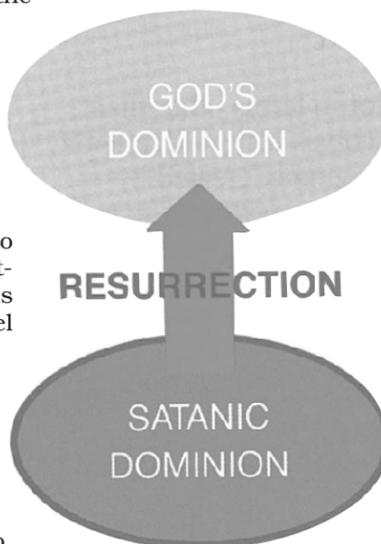
Las Vegas was an entertaining city, but it was late and there was very little time for sightseeing. The next morning Father blessed ground and they just went quickly on their way.

Hoover Dam came next. This was not a place chosen for holy ground; this stop was for Father, the engineer.

"Master wants to take a tour to see how it was built and how it works," said Mrs. Choi. The half hour tour revealed to them what an architectural marvel it really is—and how enormous. Father was duly impressed.

The rest of the day, as they drove through Arizona, they saw desert, desert and more desert where only the most determined can live and grow. They marveled at its towering 500-year old cactus plants that were as big as trees. They marveled at the miles and miles of unused land. They marveled at the great heat in February.

When they arrived in Phoenix, it was late at night. Jon Shuhart had prepared a place for them in a hotel, but Father said, "We would like to stay in your center." Jon was surprised, for the house was very small, but they quickly cleared



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**Part Two**

This is the second half of an article about work and careers. Here we'll look at the psychology of work, and speculate about its future. As mentioned last month, women have the most challenging and noble task of all: raising good children. In this particular article we're focusing on work outside the home.

**Value**

Every adult is at their best when they have something constructive to do. Men especially need to channel their energy, and supporting a family is the best incentive of all.

One of the Nazi's cruelest experiments was actually bloodless. It involved making prisoners dig up a huge mound of dirt, and cart it across the camp. Then haul it back again, over and over. Frustrated with this meaningless task, most of these prisoners went insane.

Older men tend to identify with their jobs. They will tell you, "I am an auto worker," rather than, "I work at an auto plant." When laid off, most choose to wait, rather than accept a job in a different field. But even people who say they hate their jobs would rather work than sit idle for long.

When able-bodied men will not work, they're still depending upon people who do, whether it's generous relatives or a government program. In such cases—and at any time in history—their demands for respect are likely to fall upon deaf ears. (Read II Thes. 3:10.)

Even the handicapped, when possible, find jobs that fit their abilities.

**Motivation**

Some 90 years ago, Jack London (famous by then) frequented the taverns of Santa Rosa, California. He and his drinking buddies would speculate about "the problem of motivation." That is, how to inspire workers within soon-to-emerge Socialist collectives. (This was shortly before the Russian Revolution.)

But this problem was never solved, and partly as a result, the Marxism that London had such hopes for collapsed utterly. In reality, Soviet citizens used to joke, "We pretend to work, and they pretend to pay us."

The situation in many post-communist nations remains grim. Their current system has been called 'crony capitalism.' Personal work ethics are lacking, as is the corporate drive to expand. Bribery dominates their lives. Robert Novak explains that communism robbed these people spiritually, relentlessly grinding down every mean-

ingful aspect of life.

One wishes that each American worker was truly reliable. Were your author to become an employer, I'd ask every prospective employee three questions (were it allowed, which it isn't). First: "Can you do this job?" Experience shows that about half of new hires cannot. Second: "Will you do this job?" Many quit within a month or two. And third: "Do you care?" If

honest, almost every worker would admit that, beyond their immediate situation, they do not care how their company is doing.

Those few who fulfill these conditions will become highly valued employees. And if they don't, there are some hilarious 'worst boss ever' web sites waiting to accept their horror stories!

**Rights**

Millions of workers, particularly in older industries and government jobs, are unionized. It is widely believed that unions once served a vital purpose, but have now outlived their usefulness. Unions have had almost no luck in organizing newer, high-tech corporations.

This author has occasionally worked alongside members of one large union. I later commented to a fellow truck driver that "I'm not loud enough to belong of that union." (Just before I realized the guy probably belonged to it himself . . .)

I must note that this union has won clear and specific rights for their members, and maintains a valued pension fund. By now they're a bit over-organized; they have absurdly strict procedures, and one gets the impression they spend about half their time on breaks.

Many nations have not even begun this process. Shamefully, a large portion of the goods on American store shelves are imported from factories that keep their laborers—often children—in penury, sometimes chained to machines. Both the left (National Public Radio) and right (*Insight* magazine) have worked to expose such conditions.

**Unificationists**

Our members own many compa-

# LABOR PAINS

nies, large and small. Some pay minuscule wages, designed for loyal young (single) people. Often, in practice, they must accept a heavy turnover in their work force. A few Unificationist businesses have gone to the opposite extreme, granting their employees lavish house-buying bonuses and such.

Some- times our s t a n - d a r d s have odd conse- quences.

Soon after its founding, the *Washington Times* was served (by a well meaning, non-Unificationist employee) with a widely-reported wage lawsuit. As a result, employees who had taken a voluntary 'sacrificial' vow received large raises. Long ago, your author made more money working there than he ever had in his life.

Over the past 30 years, our members have made difficult choices concerning 'front line missions' vs. 'career paths.' Some remained in church centers, and devoted themselves full-time to the many crusades we've carried out over the years. Their work will always be honored.

Other members finished college, and/or developed professional skills for a lucrative career. Now, many of these members are applying their skills in our movement's increasingly complex undertakings.

True Father has stated that our movement was "pioneered by warriors." Their efforts produced many unprecedented, heroic; yet up-and-down, and sometimes convoluted, achievements. They've been loyal and enthusiastic, but not always terribly skilled.

Father says that today is "the time for Kingdom builders." Educated members who can inject Heavenly meaning and purpose into every aspect of work, society, and civilization. Thus the True Children have been earning prestigious college degrees, and gaining sophisticated work experience.

**History**

Long ago, hand plows allowed a farmer to eke out a living. When animal-driven plows were introduced, he could produce enough to feed some nearby town.

A whole series of inventors had a hard time perfecting the sewing machine, and an even harder time getting anyone to accept it.

Automation was both feared and welcomed. One man can now oversee a production line that used to require the hard and dangerous efforts of twenty. In Japan, some factories resolved union protests by granting their assembly robots dues-paying membership!

In a recent UNews article, Dr. Tyler Hendricks tackled a thorny issue: what is this 'Heavenly Socialism' mentioned in the Divine Principle?

No one has produced a clear model, though we all know it will

achieve socialism's goal of fair and abundant sharing—and lack the old version's bureaucratic, atheistic tones.

The American founders made it clear that their new nation was only fit for a righteous people. And America's original colonists, most of whom were literate and God-fearing, fit the bill. (As for today—please pray!)

One supposes that Heavenly Socialism, to work right, or even to exist, must rest upon an even more righteous society.

**Utopia**

People have longed for Utopia since before recorded history. Many old American Indian tales describe a "sky country," or a place "far across the mountains," where game is abundant, and beautiful people live in health and harmony.

In James Hilton's *Lost Horizon*, Shangri-La could only exist in a small and isolated valley. Everyone sings while they work, and lives for centuries, but they can never leave the place.

Aldous Huxley saw Utopia as a fragile place. In his novel *Island*, everyone is a philosopher, and gladly supports their society. But the whole thing collapses when their greedy neighbor, Colonel Dipa, sets his sights on the place.

In his novel *Voyage from Yesteryear*, James P. Hogan's planet Chiron is full of atheistic (and rather uninhibited) citizens. They work hard, and value personal competence above all. And when the bad guys show up, they 'convert' as many as they can—then calmly blast the remaining aggressors into atoms.

**Conclusion**

Eventually, the Restoration will elevate the hearts, and the morals, of a large portion of humanity. Versatile robots, and then nanotechnology, will make virtually every type of work unnecessary.

Perhaps, certain elements of each Utopia mentioned above will be incorporated into the Ideal society. Then we can all enjoy the 'hobby culture' proposed by True Father. This has already been shown, in embryonic form, at Jardim in Brazil.

Personally, I can't wait! ❖

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by Isabelle Sarah Davati

**J**uniors academy in Ontario, CA, held an abstinence rally. The performance and testimonies were led by the Third Floor Family Christian Raps. "A healthy lifestyle starts with making a commitment to abstinence," said Sam Perez, age 22, band director.

Adam Johnson, age 20, who played quarterback at the Chaffey Junior's College, said, "Abstinence is the formula for a lasting and successful marriage."

"Unfortunately, through the comprehensive sex education in high schools we are led to believe a lie: that 'safe sex' is safe. Studies show that the average HIV-positive patient stated that they have used safe sex. Sexually infected patients stated that they have used 'safe sex.' Most pregnant teenage girls stated that they used 'safe sex.' Apparently, safe sex is not working. Yes, abstinence is the only solution. Abstinence is the only safe solution," said Isabelle Davati, Program Director.

We are living in a very permissive society that ridicules most of our basic ethical and moral values such as abstinence. We are bombarded daily by the images and messages that are imbued with sexual connotations, from the media—TV, magazines and comic books—to video games to lewd jokes in everyday conversations. Since there is much confusion about love and sex, we believe it is important for students

# Abstinence Message Is Taken to the High Schools by National Parents Day

to have a better understanding about how the core ideas and concepts of love, sex and marriage came about.

Between 1960-1970 America went through a period of dramatic changes. A general transfer of values took place from conservatism to liberalism. The sexual revolution was conceived through the concepts and ideas of its three father figures: Hugh Hefner, the founder of *Playboy* magazine; Sigmund Freud; and Alfred Kinsey. Their ideas were not based on facts. Instead they attempted to derive facts based on their ideas, such as: sex is a form of recreation (it is fun like playing baseball or tennis); it should be free from the confines of marriage; and monogamy is a restriction to personal freedom. They made it seem as if it is inevitable to have sex, so let's teach our children how to use a piece of plastic called a condom and make safe sex.

They glamorized free sex, publicized and commercialized it through their magazines and publications. However, after only a decade you can see the results of the free sex idealism: the rise of teen pregnancies, in which the father

often leaves and the teenage girl seeks an abortion or ends up with an unwanted pregnancy. In many cases she drops out of school and since she does not even have a high school diploma, she is not able to get a good job. Therefore, welfare becomes the only source of

survival for her and her baby. And you and I pay their bills through our high taxes. Does it sound good?

Abstinence is the key to your future happiness and success. We also promote Second Virginity. It is never too late. Just because

you made a mistake in the past, it does not disqualify you to choose to make a commitment to abstinence," said Isabelle Davati.

As the event came to an end, all the students held hands and made a pledge to a pure love lifestyle. The pure love pledge reads as follows:

*The pure relationship between a man and a woman is a sacred gift to be cherished and honored for the sake of building a true family, a healthy society and a world of peace for future generations. Once that love is consummated, it should never be broken. Therefore, from this day on, I commit myself to:*

1. *Respect and honor the ideal of purity in myself and others. Practice pure love as a child, friend, spouse, and parent.*

2. *Refrain from sexual relationship before marriage.*

3. *Dedicate myself to absolute fidelity within marriage.*

4. *Encourage others to do the same.*

All of the students who were invited by their teachers to participate in this program held hands and recited the Pure Love Pledge, followed by the

Holy Candy. The school district superintendent's representative was there as well to see what we had to say. Some of the parents as well as teachers were present. The program was held on the school level in the main auditorium.

This was another victory for God. But Satan has done his best to block me and discourage me from continuing with NPDP foundation. I was attacked physically and financially I struggled a lot. Since I am devoting many hours of work of love to NPD projects, I have to sacrifice my own livelihood in order to keep the Parents Day projects going on regularly. I never received any financial support nor was anyone even sent out to do any volunteer work from the Unification Church. God has opened the hearts of Christian churches to be friendly and supportive of my efforts for the NPD programs. Without the help of the Christian churches, NPD, which was founded by True Father, could never have been successful here.

However, the president of the Latter Day Saints stakes in Ontario, who is my neighbor, volunteered to direct the NPD program in 2000, in my absence. It means this Christian leader (and his wife) and his churches are serving True Parents indirectly through NPD programs.

I was blessed to obtain a big house in Apple Valley (based on much prayer for the past two years) which will be used as a center for NPD projects and home church activities. I am moving to Apple Valley very soon to establish NPDP in High Desert and the San Bernardino County. I pray that NPD will be used to bring Christian leaders in religious, political, academic and business fields together in order to receive the Holy Wine Blessing from True Parents. ❖

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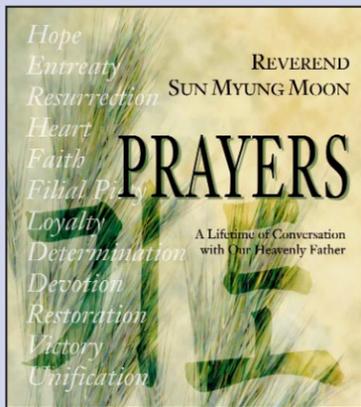
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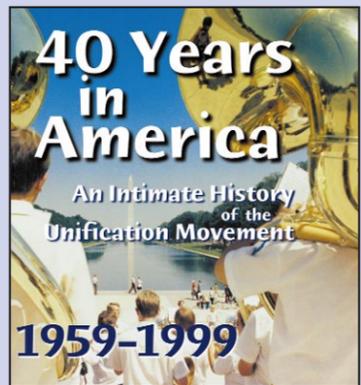
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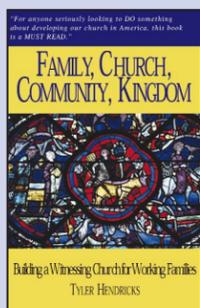
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