Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth

This address was given at the Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, Jamsil Gymnasium, Seoul, Korea, June 21, 2002

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, brothers and sisters of my beloved motherland, and the seventy million people around the world who are watching this historic convention: I offer my sincere gratitude to all who are attending this meaningful “Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth”!

We have finally entered a truly historic and providential era worthy of great proclamation. For six thousand years, Heaven and Earth have yearned for the ideal world of peace, that is, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven. The Heavenly fortune of the present era supports our establishing it now.

Heaven has allowed the growth of religion in relation to certain ages and specific cultures as the providence unfolded in history. Humankind has worked with unceasing effort to realize a world of peace within this religious realm. In the end, however, everything will be resolved through understanding the content of God’s providence and His heart.

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of The Washington Times

The celebration of the anniversary of The Washington Times generated much comment and analysis. The following are selections from this coverage:

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon and a crowd of 3,000 celebrated the 20th anniversary of the newspaper he founded, The Washington Times, in the nation’s capital.

Moon, the 82-year-old leader of the Unification Church, started the Times on May 17, 1982, nine months after The Washington Star closed. The Times has a daily circulation of 110,120 and a strong following among political conservatives in the U.S. capital for its editorial philosophy.

Moon delivered an hour-long address in Korean with a printed version in English given to guests, on the life of Jesus.

“I hope that The Washington Times, UPI and other major media will accept this lofty command from Heaven and take up the task of educating humankind. 

The other newspaper in the nation’s capital is the Washington Post.

Moon has invested more than $1 billion in his News World Communications, which recently bought United Press International.

The 26th Annual Commencement at UTS

Rev. Kwak Receives Honorary Doctorate

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks

The Unification Theological Seminary held its 26th Commencement on Saturday, June 22, with 19 students receiving Master of Divinity degrees. Emcee Dr. Michael Mickler, UTS Vice President, welcomed more than 300 faculty from the main campus and Extension Center, administration, supportive clergy, family, friends and neighbors to a great beginning to UTS’ second quarter century.

It was a small graduating class, the smallest in UTS’ history. So, this graduating class is a rarity band of believers, who committed themselves to UTS when we were in our hour of greatest struggle. To them, we offer our gratitude and recognition.

Role of UTS

Rally for the Unity and Completed

desperation from the sorrow over personal suffering. To find a way to the sorrow over the tribulations of all mankind. He will have to delve into the sorrowful and desperate hearts of people in order to find a way to resolve it. Otherwise, mankind will not be able to push aside its sorrowful and miserable history and establish a world of peace and happiness, a garden of peace that is forever unscarred by sorrow.

If you become a representative of the ideology of the universal Kingdom of Heaven, expanding the movement of God’s true love, true blood lineage and truth, then a peaceful world will arise. In such a world, your own parents are not the only parents, your own siblings and your own children are not the only children. If you can regard all people, whether parents, siblings, or children, then when you look upon the many who are suffering in this world, you will be unable to relate with them without tears. When you look at your siblings, or younger people, you will gain a strong sense of responsibility to save them, and with tears you will make every effort to do so. If you truly become such a person, like God, then the Kingdom of Heaven will be built around you on this Earth.

God’s strategy is to take the first blow from Satan, do everything for his sake, love him, and later receive everything from him. God does not use force to take from the satanic world, but first freely gives love, sacrifices Himself, accepts blows and is even willing to lose His life. You must understand that God cannot sow the seeds of world peace if He does not apply this strategy.

You must lead your family and live for your nation and the world. Spanning the ages of the individual, family, clan, tribe, society and nation, you have to fulfill the role of showing the world’s peoples and nations the right direction, based upon real experience. Having a strong sense of responsibility will make you able to serve God from a mutually inseparable position. Only then will the spirit world and the physical world become a unified realm of peace.

You have to be the guides who can direct others from the position of the elder leaders of the age when the Heavenly Kingdom is established, and be awarded a glorious official commendation of the Heavenly realm.

A person who fights and bleeds profitably in the harsh process of building a new kingdom of peace, a Heaven of freedom, will not perish. The blood he sheds is not the blood of death, but becomes the power of life. What he achieves in this manner is the base we have to reach, embody in our lives, and bequeath to our future generations.

In my lifetime, I have been imprisoned six times and vilified in other countries for being a cult leader I have faced intense opposition. If the path of devotion to God I am walking is the central one, on which people of different skin colors can be found, I will go anywhere. I have always lived my life in such a fashion. Keep in mind that God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the saints can rejoice only when we become the elite troops of Heaven and gain success. Then a time of peace can arise.

Conflict within the individual turned into conflict within families, conflict within families into conflict within clans, conflict within clans into conflict within society, conflict within society into conflict within the nation, and conflict within the nation into global conflict. There will be also conflict between the spirit world and the earthly world. Only when the battle between God and the countless evil spirits of the satanic world is over will an era of peace come to our universe.

You must understand that God is working through such a process, according to Heavenly principles. The age of cosmic peace will arise only when, after clasping with Satan, God solves all problems. Until the moment the core of God’s sorrowful heart is healed, humankind will never find peace and the ideology of Heaven will never come to fruition in this world.

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It is only when you live up to the idea of creation, your divine Will, in which you have always wanted to take pride, that you can earn a place in the Heavenly Kingdom.
Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth

The world established the equilibrium we see today in this manner. Equality is peace. Originally, Adam and Eve, after perfecting themselves centering on God's love and becoming one, could have come to stand in a God-centered structure of relationships. In the Unification Church, this structure is called the four-position foundation. Because we lost the means to complete the four-position foundation, whatever historical age we pass through, there has been no way to create peace, utopia or an ideal world.

An ideal land cannot arise through the denial of or breaking away from the Principle. For two thousand years, Christianity developed in the vortex of untold pressures, such as during the period of persecution under the Roman Empire. Why has Christianity, which even absolved Rome, declined and fallen away as it has during a few decades in freedom-loving, modern-day America? This is a puzzle.

Judaism taught belief in God and all Jews loved God, but Hitler massacred six million Jews. This is a deep mystery. The answer to both questions is that religions did not go the way they originally should have. In the Last Days, if the central people cannot align with God's original true love, they cannot help but be broken apart as offerings before Satan.

So, to reorganize the world, where should we focus? There are so many historians and intellectuals who pronounce on this matter today, but we need someone who can lead the world. Then how should such a person guide us? What should he teach? There are plenty of people qualified to teach us how to live focused on politics or political power. It is not because of a lack of money or imperfections of their political system that they can't lead us properly. It is because they offer no order of love that can be connected to God and His ideal. If we find the truth by which the order of original love and the origin of peace can develop on a worldwide foundation, then our original mind can rest for the first time.

The beginning and the end of true love must be the same. A person who could connect his heart directly to Heaven and Earth would be enough. Peace comes from a heart of true love. What happens then? With a truly joyful mind, the cosmos becomes our friend. If we have this true heart, then when we encounter the cosmos, its vast expanse will play with us in our mind.

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The spirit around Washington DC is amazing! With all the preparations for the July 3rd Blessing, and the whirlwind of activities surrounding the Summer Service Rally, the clergy and church members that we are working with are sincerely moved by our second generation young brothers and sisters who are doing their best to love and serve.

We are setting a tremendous condition of sacrifice to ignite a revolution of heart. That’s why we are asking all families and especially our second generation to sacrifice more than before. We fully realize that summer camps and other plans are being sacrificed by our second generation, second generation and our leaders. We know that this is not easy. However, the situation of young people in America is truly serious and will not be transformed without a major transformation within our own hearts. That transformation is really taking place before our own eyes with the second generation’s efforts here.

Please pray and seek God’s guidance and direction. Reverend Moon has taken responsibility to inherit Father’s role. This alone is far beyond our understanding or ability to comprehend. In that capacity, through his prayer and the anointed position he holds, heaven has revealed to him that he must perform that role. Dr. Yang knows that we must move quickly while fortune is with us. He has been giving his absolute support and commitment to our goal of building the cultural change in America that is symbolized by the Summer of Service and Service for Peace Rally in DC this summer. He has seen the power and energy that has developed in Korea during the Washington Monument Blessing and we believe that the experience will be enriching for everyone involved. It will be a empowering program of getting fully involved in service projects and outreach activities. Already, the 2nd Generation volunteers in DC have laid a great foundation in terms of building the fruits in July. Young people who come to DC must be prepared to really invest themselves and work hard. This will require a certain level of maturity on the part of each person. The goal is to add value to young people through the Office of Service and Service for Peace. We’ll make sure that everyone has an enjoyable and enriching experience, but it won’t be easy and it’s not all fun. The reward for that will be a truly transforming experience together with older brothers and sisters from around the country. All of CARP’s activities are looking forward to July 26th, to creating opportunities for everyone to DC for hands-on experience and training in Service for Peace.

The entire focus of this summer’s activities is to create a substantial expression of the core teachings of True Parents and True Family. Living for the sake of others. We originally envisioned this to be accomplished through Blessing central families and young people establishing Service for Peace in their own hometowns, then bringing the Service for Peace participants to DC for the big rally. Once we recognized the challenges of accomplishing that strategy, we realized that a ‘team’ effort will be required to fulfill this. Reverend Moon said “I dedicated myself to building this nation of America for 32 years through the United Korean Church. Now is the time to establish soccer teams in Brazil, Argentina, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay and all of South America should come together through soccer. Who will take on this responsibility?” Father asked him. “I want to establish a soccer college to further promote the sport of soccer.”

Reverend said to True Father: “There was warfare within the nation of Gabon, but since the soccer games are now being played there, it has had a quelling influence on that nation. Soccer seems to have that kind of power. People there are concentrating more on the games. As a soccer player, I want to take a stand for world peace.”

by Michael Jenkins, Ken Bates and Joshua Cotter. Robert Kettell, Steve Nomura, Michelle Meyers, Joe Leonard, George Kazakov, Norbert Stoshinsky, Lily Kato, and Jamal John Hefco, as well as many other support staff. They will be working together with In Soo Kim and his 2nd generation office staff in caring for and organizing their young people in Washington DC. We are eagerly accepting volunteer parents and adults who want to support in any way they can. We are offering opportunities to get involved in this exciting and meaningful project. The contact person in Washington DC is Ann Marie Weinman, at (301) 422-8266.

Mr. Brian Saabourn and Mr. Noah Ross will continue to lead the summer camps for middle and elementary school students. They have shown an incredible integrity and resiliency through these changes. These families of high school students who have signed up and paid for summer camp at Camp Sunrise will be refunded their fees by Brian Saabourn. We ask the families of any of these young people who may be mobilizing to Washington to please consider offering these funds to support the activities there. The costs are high, and we believe that the experience will be a great one for all who attend.

The middle school summer camps at Camp Sunrise will continue to follow a new schedule. There will be one middle school camp scheduled from July 2nd to July 10th, and one from July 15th to the 25th. Mr. Saabourn will be in touch with you regarding the scheduling of these camps. The elementary school camps will continue unchanged. Please address all questions regarding any of the summer camps at Camp Sunrise to Mr. Saabourn.

We’re grateful for all the support and understanding from blessed central families everywhere as we prepare for this event. All the people working in Washington are keenly aware that this is not an event. It is the expression of our unification within our movement, but that it is an event to promote God, True Parents and True Family. We will be taking all of us pulling together to make it work.
The Night before True Day of All Things

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

On June 12, 2002 Dr. Yang and I arrived late at Chung Pyung and immediately went to the main center. We were on the fourth floor where Father has been watching the World Cup. At Chung Pyung, Dae Mo Ni paraded True Parents living area directly based on instructions from heaven. The room is very beautiful and has a huge picture window which stretches its whole length. From the room you can see the mountain to the left of the tree of blessing and the training center as well as the main mountain to the left of the tree of blessing.

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In the yard there were only tent bar racks on the property and a small stone training center built by Father himself with early members. In the earlier years you could only get to this area by boat. There were no roads. Father held the first workshop there in the small training center. While Father intensely prayed for the providence there at Chung Pyung there were only a handful of members. Now whenever I go in the dining room I can’t help but think Father’s prayer in those dark times when no one knew the providence and he stood alone in this dark world. Still at that time he predicted that one day Chung Pyung would become an international training center in which the whole world would visit.

Father’s prophecy has come true.

As soon as we arrived Dr. Yang gave a report. He gave a brief overview of the impact of the 144,000 couple blessing.

Dr. Yang reported that we are blessing everyone in Heaven and in the spirit world.

Dr. Yang then reported on theralad, we must recognize that this will estrange us from the world of unity forever.

When I ask myself whether or not I myself am unified in mind and body before unifying my family, I find that I am not. There is a struggle between body and mind, isn’t there? There is no happiness, peace or hope when a couple struggles. In the end, the mind and body divide into two separate parts. A couple divided in this way gives birth to even more minds and two bodies; and there is conflict among all of them.

The Unification Church equips you with a logical, organized system that no religion or ideology can match. It teaches you to live for others with internal unity as a person motivated by God’s true love. It can become the basis of world peace.

From the beginning, the True God made the ideal of True Parents is that people unifying Heaven and Earth and in the spirit world. All the saints and sages and everyone in the spirit world want this, but it must be accomplished through people learning the realm of oneness with True Parents on Earth. Then Heaven on Earth and in the spirit world will be established.

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Beloved people of the fatherland, and seventy million people observing this conference from all over the world! You are truly blessed people. We have come to an age in which the True Parents of humankind have come, the age when the Kingdom of heaven can be unified with true love and truth instead of by guns and swords, the age when all the religions can be unified under True Parents’ teaching, and the historical and providential age when the saints and our ancestors can descend from the spirit world and communicate with us directly.

I’d like to introduce the messages of Jesus Christ and the saints in the spirit world going on to go beyond the barriers of race, ideology and nationality, and build a world of peace. Please study this content in its entirety through the books that will be distributed.

I hope you will live happily and peacefully with your family and nation on this Earth and in the eternal Heaven, both on the Earth and in the spirit world, where everyone is in his or her marriage when Father-in-law David Abernathy Jr. have given their blessing to the 144,000 couples in their congregation and then expand. This gives us the 1,728,000 goal for expansion of Father’s direction that each of the True Parents miracles are occurring everywhere. He also told Father about the Global Generation leaders that are now joining in to lead the July 3rd Blessing.

Passing Barrett’s miracle have affected Christians throughout America as well as the story of Bishop Stallings and True Parents living area directly.

The ideal of True Parents is that people unifying Heaven and Earth and in the spirit world, and ultimately, the cosmos. The starting point must be the True God. From the beginning, the True God made man and woman through a process. If the True God cannot reestablish the path to the destination, we cannot establish the ideal of creation, the realization of the ideal, a world of peace.

The world of peace is a world of unity. A world of peace is a world of unity. To aim for a world of peace, there is only one way, not two. The world of hope and peace for which men and women, young and old, are craving, is a world of unity. Even within single nations, we see various organizations, each having its unique thought, methodology and objectives. Surveying the political landscape of Korea, the ruling and opposition parties seek to run their own party in their own way. How many different directions will there be? Problems stem from this.

Since the dawn of history, a great number of people have worked for world peace. But the number of those capable of leading humankind with hope into the sublime, unified world of tomorrow is gradually dwindling. From where do we start to determine the structural system of society, going beyond all studies, research and conventional practices?

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If we do not go beyond the humanistic world toward a true God-centered world, we cannot discover the way to the unified world of peace. In the world of mind and body, setting up a standard of peace is the most essential thing in life.

In relation to this problem, where is the standard of peace? Not in the world, the nation or the religion. To be religious leaders, you must be able to create absolute mind and body unity to establish the standard of peace within yourselves. The purpose of all education and all training and all humanistic thought is for the realization of oneness between mind and body.

You can believe in any religious teaching, you may be a wonderful religious leader, or a great saint reigning over the world, but you will not be able to achieve unity of mind and body on the same level as the eternal God in this fallen realm.

The problem is that in the individual realm of heart, if I do not settle the root of the peace of true love, then an ideal religion and Heaven are just a dream. To solve this problem centering on God, the source of unification found in the unified realm of the True God’s children, God’s body and mind don’t struggle.

Then why do the human mind and body struggle? The father, the king of peace, and son must unify in order to unify the mind and body. The origin of peace begins from the relationship of father and son united in God’s true love, true life and true lineage. True love, true life and true lineage must be unified where father and son become one.

We, the lineage of fallen man, must certainly know the original God and the ideal environment of the realm of Heaven. The way to Heaven will surely be found if we make a great effort to unite with God. This is the beginning of world peace and of the joy of the father and son who become one from the individual level to that of Heaven.

Therefore the True Parents, who are Christ at the Second Advent, will illu-

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May God’s boundless blessings fill your family, nation and the world. Thank you.
vering at oversized reproductions of the paper’s most remarkable front pages from the past two decades.

David Keene, chairman of the American Conservative Union, said everyone who can remember Washington before The Times’ debut in 1982 agrees that it has had “an incredible impact.”

 Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas, whose column appears in The Times and more than 500 other newspapers, agreed and said the increasing number of one- newspaper towns in America troubled him.

“I can’t imagine Washington without The Times,” Mr. Thomas said, understating the importance of an alternative view in the capital of the most powerful country in the world.

Wesley Pruden, The Washington Times’ editor in chief, took pleasure in tugging the Greek chorus of critics who had predicted a short life for The Times.

“Six weeks, they said. The Washington Post will wring your neck like a chicken,” Mr. Pruden said, acknowledging the theft of a line from Winston Churchill.

“Some neck. Some chickens.”

Christian Toto, The Washington Times
every newspaper is unique. At the beginning of every day, it exists only in the minds and imaginations of the men and women who produce it.

The brick and mortar of the buildings, the hardware of the newsroom, the computers and desks and fax machines, the rolls of newsprint and the barrels of ink that become the tangible newspaper lie inert and useless until the skill of dedicated men and women produce the words that assign events their place in the archives of memory and recollection.

The vision of a second newspaper in the nation’s capital, speaking to the world in a robust voice, first sprang to life in the imagination of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The birth of The Washington Times was not celebrated by a press establishment grown smug and complacent. The Times was to be a different kind of newspaper, one that would go for inspiration “back to the future,” to a time of familiar as Solon, Leonidas and Pericles.

And true to our eyes, because each ten- ders and vagabonds, all skeptical of proselytize only for the principles that hold to no sectarian cause, to champion the cause of the common man, whose column appears in The Times and whose company, told me at a state dinner, “I can’t imagine Washington without The Times.”

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Mrs. Schlessinger ought to know. Two years ago, when her radio and television programs were besieged by homosexual rights activists who accused her of homophbic bigotry, only The Wash- ington Times, she said, bothered to call her an id- eal.

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I believe you know who I am, but some people meet me face to face for the first time. Can you please raise your hands, those who see me for the first time. I’m 82 years old, is there anybody who can challenge his age?

People say “the founder of the Washington Times is famous in America”. But in which way is he famous? In a bad way of good way? You will find out tonight. Think about the amount of love you gave to the newspaper the Washington Times in your living country of America, and I tell you, I am the founder of the Washington Times gave to this newspaper and to your country America. Who’s love is greater? You have a certain knowl- edge of heaven today, you have a certain knowl- edge of heaven.

I can confidently tell you that I love the Washington Times and America more than you do. Why can I say this? Why?
The reason I love the Washington Times more than you do, is because I pray every day that God will love the Washington Times and that God will love the American people who love the Washington Times and the country of Amer- ica more than me, so that you can become better people and better families than mine.

You can talk about the Washington Times all night. You know. But then you will still be here tomorrow. America is the center, the Christian nation of the world, therefore I like to give you a serious talk in a new dimension.

Can you see me? I can not see all your faces. Even though I cannot see all of your faces, please don’t take it easy, because the spirit world is watching all of you, right now.

The first 10 years of the Washington Times were dedicated to liberate the commu- nists in the cold war era. The second decade of the Washington Times histo- ry, was to save the youth, from immoral- ity and family breakdown.

But the next 10 years is from today on: the Washington Times has the responsi- bility to educate people to know about God.

There are many famous people here, well known people, but they don’t know God. I want you to know about God. Once we know about God, absolutely we can solve all the problems. We can find all the answers, solve the problems of the individual, the family, tribe, nation and the world.

The second important point is about the spirit world, the place where God dwells. People are ignorant about that. Do you know about the spirit world? God is watching over us now, and He is smil- ing to us, saying: “If you are ignorant about the spirit world, the other world, My land, you are bound to hell.”

Is there anyone among you who can say “I will never die”? What about you, what about the politicians? What about diplomats? What about religious lead- ers? Is there anybody who can say, you will never die? Without choice you will all die, and you will end up in one place. A place where you never thought you would go. That is our ultimate destina- tion. Who can teach you about that place clearly? I, Rev. Moon, am the only one. Is there anybody who really wants to know about those 2 points? About God and about the spirit world? Can you take this seriously? I think those of you who didn’t raise your hands, have no confidence in God. I may love another 10 years, up to the age of 92, but these 10 years will be dedicated to educate all the people of the world about God and the spirit world.

Do you still want to know about it? People of the Washington Times, do you love your country? I do love the Washington Times, I do love America. On this 20th anniversary celebration of the Wash- ington Times I want to give a precious message to everyone.

America represents the world, in particular the Christian nations, so that is why I am delivering this special message, in this particular time, in America. You have many minis- ters and theologians, but have you ever met someone who understands the truth, who could give such a confident mes- sage like I will give tonight. Please do not take this lightly.

The Period of the Last Days

Celebrating the twentieth anniversary of The Washington Times has a partic- ularly gratifying meaning for me. The memory is still fresh in my mind, how, in May 1982, I made the final decision to publish The Washington Times in response to Heaven’s direction. This took place while I was being unjustly tried in New York federal court. It was a prosecu- tion motivated by both racial and reli- gious bigotry.

At that time, Communism was sweep- ing the world like a giant, angry wave. Even America had no effective means to deal with it. I followed the supreme Will of Heaven, which told me that America, the final fortress of the democratic world, was the last hope of human history. In the spirit world, where we all eventually must go, whether we like it or not.

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Now, we have entered the last days of human history. In the spirit world, unfortunately, religious love has been abandoned. Beginning with the founders of the four great reli- gions, have accepted the Unification Principle, which is my teaching, as the truth of human history. In the spirit world, where we all eventually must go, whether we like it or not.

Particularly for the sake of America, a Christian country representing the Second Israel, the four founders cen- tering on Jesus have each chosen: 120 of their historically famous disciples in order to establish a unified front. Now, through their return to Earth, they are furthering the work of the Intercultural and International Federation for World Peace and the World Association of Non- Governmental Organizations in order to bring complete peace on Earth. They are proclaiming that humankind has no future unless we practice true love, or a life lived for the sake of others, which is the True Parents philosophy. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to give a commemorative address today and deliver a most valuable mes- sage to America and humanity on the topic, The Life of Jesus as Seen from God’s Will, and God’s Warning to the Present Age. The Period of the Last Days.
A Spiritual Foundation

Until now, Christianity has not been able to pursue the Kingdom of Heaven both on Earth and in the spirit. Christianity has had no choice but to yield to the physical world, attending Jesus as the spiritual Messiah and setting spiritual salvation and a spiritual Kingdom as its goals. The people of Israel had a nation and possessed national authority as the chosen people, but worldwide Christianity today is in the position of the second Israel only as a spiritual nation; it has no national authority. Christians have no country. We stand in the realm of the second Israel with only a spiritual foundation, not a physical foundation. Because Christianity was not able to accomplish the original mission, it is not reasonable to have a Kingdom on Earth that is of both spirit and flesh, there is no other way except for the Lord's coming.

I want to make one declaration to you today. The crucifixion was not God's victory. Instead, it was Satan's victory. You will remember that Jesus said to suffer, and even when the Lord came again he would have to go the way of suffering. You need to know that this is the reason that Jesus had to say, "It is finished," in the Garden of Gethsemane. Christians today say that Jesus prayed for deliverance because he had a physical body and feared the pain of death. But was Jesus such a trivial Messiah? Certainly not.

What, then, did Jesus mean by saying, "It is finished," when he committed his spirit on the cross? Jesus had come with the mission to save both spirit and flesh, but he realized that he could not completely fulfill God's Will in a world in which there was no foundation. So, he offered himself completely in order to establish a condition for spiritual salvation and allow that providence to begin. Having completed that, in the end he said, "It is finished."

You probably have never featured this even in your imagination. Christianity and Judaism should realize even now that the Lord, who tried to demolish Satan's nation and do away with Satan's kingdom, and to accomplish God's will and restore humanity, died a sacrificial offering. When they realize this, they should repent and not only Christians should become one and prepare to receive the blessing of Heaven. Truth must conform to reason. The time has come when it is necessary for Christians to throw off the age of blind faith and move ahead into a new age united as one, to sort out this world and bring it to salvation. You need to know that the foundation in which the term 'unification' is essential.

Jesus' Suffering Course

What does it mean that Jesus suffered pain during the three days following his death? Heaven, Earth and Hell all remained in the realm of death. For Jesus to gain authority over Heaven and Earth, he needed to encompass the depths and heights of this realm of death. For this reason, in order to pursue the connection of life and go the path that could comfort God, Jesus needed to prevail, even if it meant descending into the lowest environment such as Hell and suffering pain. Because Jesus passed through and endured a path of suffering, it was possible to make a new beginning toward Heaven. Though he was cast out and isolated from God and, finally forced to go the way of death, he was able to leave a path of hope for future generations. That is the reason Jesus had to go on his three-day course. Jesus did not go to Hell for three days just to look around. He needed to know about Hell. He needed to go there, pass judgment and pave the way for the world of death to the world of life. In this way, he laid a foundation of victory on Earth, which is the world of death and Hell, and established a starting point from which it is possible to reach Heaven.

In the eyes of the religious establishment, Jesus was a heretic, and in the eyes of the nation, he was a descendent of the religious law. His own clan rejected him and chased him out of his home. The group surrounding John the Baptist rejected him. So he went into the wilderness, but there Satan pursued him. That was why the Jewish establishment in the country mobilized to force him to go the way of death on the cross, the path of suffering.

Jesus, though, shed tears for the nation that was rejecting him as a traitor. The Jewish establishment treated Jesus as a heretic, but he shed more blood and tears for them than did any priest. Not a single person of that age would stand on his side, but Jesus was a friend of that age. He was rejected as a traitor, but he was the greatest patriot. He was rejected as a heretic, but he was the most faithful priest.

Jesus walked a wretched path, the path of the cross, where people ripped off the robe that was given to him to the ground. That was not all. Evil men whipped and beat him. In this sit-

uation, Jesus had been like Elijah, he might have said to the people, "I am the only one of the Lord's prophets left." (1 Kings 19:18) But when Jesus left his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane and went to pray, he said, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Luke 22:42) This was his greatness. He understood that even in his prayer Jesus had one official offering for the nation, a sacrificial offering for humanity and a sacrificial offering for Heaven.

Because he understood this, Jesus, while not denying his own sorrow, was more concerned with the future of his nation. How could God must have felt. Jesus had appeared for the sake of the nation and he was concerned how great God's sor-

row was to see him rejected as a traitor. Jesus was the prince of Heaven, the cen-
tral personage of the entire universe, and the Messiah. If he chose, he could have fallen into self-pity and asked why he should go the miserable way of the cross. He could have set the entire universe in motion to be a deep sigh of despair with him. But he understood that his position was not to sigh in despair. Instead, he even went so far as to feel apologetic toward Heaven for having been rejected.

Jesus bore the responsibility to rally the religious establishment, rally the nation, build the Kingdom of Heaven and return the world to the Father's bosom. Yet when he returned to Emmaus he knew that mission and walk the way of the cross, the path of suffering, Paul could not help praying, "If I did not pray, "Let this cup pass from me", out of a fear of death. Rather, he prayed that Jesus, as a King, to stop this pain and consider it an act of sacrifice that would add to the grief of the nation and to God's grief.

Jesus knew that if he died on the cross, there would be an even heavier cross remaining for the future generations of humanity. It would mean that the sor-

rowful history would not end. He knew that the path of Golgotha would not end with him. He knew that the path of death would not end. And he knew that if he went the way of Golgotha, those who fol-

lowed him would also have to go the same way. Jesus knew that an even more dif-
ficult course lay beyond the cross.

As he was made to wear a crown of thorns, and the nails were hammered into his hands and feet, and his side was stabbed with a spear, Jesus knew that these events would have impact far beyond his own death. When he turned to Heart-
T he Times, in no small part because of aggressive coverage of the White House, Congress, national security and foreign policy as well as local affairs, grew to be one of the most quoted newspapers in the world. At one point, it reported on no less than 880 stories. It was selected in 12 categories. The top 12 winners honored last night were Valerie G. Peckarsky, Mark Meland, Matthew P. Farrell, Gina DePaul, Bia Yang, Linnae Corley, Graham Spencer, David Kay, Paul Thornley, Cherryce Lynn White, Kim Sorensen and Tara Lester.

The Times presented its Courage in Leadership Awards, which honor individuals who have shown distinction and courage in their fields of endeavor. Virginia State Trooper Michael Middleton, Fairfax County Fire Capt. Jerry Rossilin and Arlington County Fire Capt. Stephen McCoy were honored for their heroism in response to the September 11 recovery efforts at the Pentagon.

Douglas Joos, president of The Washington Times Corp., said: “We are proud to set a distinctive tradition in public discourse.”

The National International Courage in Leadership Award was presented to Cesar Gaviria, the Organization of American States’ secretary general, in而又 in Latin America as a conflict mediator, democ- racy advocate, staunch supporter of human rights.

The National Courage in Leadership Awards were presented to the Rev. Floyd Flake of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church in Queens, N.Y., and Michael S. Joyce, founder and chief exec- utive officer of the Washington-based Americans for Community and Faith- Centered Enterprise, which seeks to channel government and private fund- ing to small, religious social service groups.

Ellen Sorkin, The Washington Times ten himself elected president of the Unit- ed States. He was greeted by the dom- inant media establishment with incredulity, suspicion, frustration and anger. Arnaud de Borchgrave, a storied foreign correspondent and editor at Newsweek, arrived as editor in chief in 1985. The European-born Mr. de Borch-grave, who had gone to war at sea as a teenager at the outbreak of World War II, put The Times on the map with an emphasis on exclusives especially in international news, intelligence affairs and foreign policy and including his own interviews with world leaders.

He relishes telling of how the late Katharine Graham, chairman of The Washington Post Co., approached him at a state dinner some months into his tenure. “Arnaud,” she said, “I have to tell you, the paper is looking good in fact, too good.”

Other now familiar offerings include Washington Daybook, Inside Politics and Inside the Ring on the national pages:

en and said, “It is finished”, he did not mean that the path of the cross for the world was finished. He meant that Heav- en had received his heart’s tearful plea and had said, “It is finished”, he did not mean that the path of the cross for the world was finished. He meant that Heaven and Earth will have come together and be whole and Heaven and Earth will move toward a single nation, one body and they are descending freely to the physical world to attend True Par- entship.

If we look in the Bible, we see that Jesus said the wine and bread that he gave us was the promise and new covenant. After Jesus was on Earth, we received his flesh and blood, and these remained with us even to the present. No News, then, that must be accomplished. At the same time, they represented the provin- cial Garden.

What does that fact the we received Jesus blood and flesh symbolize? This is not just the flesh and blood of Jesus as one individual. In a larger sense, these signify Heaven and Earth and, in a smaller sense, they signify the core and the individual body. Also, the flesh symbol- izes the truth and blood of the Holy Spir- it. Jesus gave us all this without condi- tion.

What has been blocked between God and human beings? Heaven’s Will should be manifested on Earth and everything that is not in agreement with Heaven ultimately should be connect- ed to Heaven’s Will. In this way, Heav- en and Earth will move toward a single body and a single nation.

Chris- tians have been waiting two thou- sand years for that to happen. It can build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven on an inter-religious, international and inter-departmen- tal footing. Heaven’s fortune has finally arrived. Jesus, Peter, John and the other disciples, plus thousands and even tens of thousands of religious leaders in the spirit world are now of one mind and one body and they are descending freely to the physical world to attend True Par- ents. Without a doubt, the Unified Cos- mic Nation of Heaven’s Will and the King- dom of Heaven in which Heaven and Earth can be one in eternal peace will settle on the Earth.

Now is the time for America, the Chris- tian country representing the Second Israel, to stand in the forefront. I declare to the world that America has the respon- sibility to bring it about and to make sure it is a reality. But it must not do so with weapons; it must do this in truth and love by living for the sake of others upon the founda- tion of true love, true life, and true im- age.
The Power of True Love—The deepest clergy testimonies of the Blessing to date; introduces July 3rd Blessing as well.

VIII. 144,000 Clergy Couple Blessing—15 Minute Version + Media Coverage

VII. 144,000 Clergy Couple Blessing—28 Minute Version—includes some media coverage

VI. Stand for Family—Save the Nation—Powerful testimonies of ministers, and outreach for clergy to promote and participate in the Blessing movement rather than glorification, and increasing focus on the Family Values centered on God with many resources. Its clear message moved all the participants. Then, Pastor Jones expressed his experience of altar call blessing at his church.

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Beginning with True Parents’ Birthday Celebration in 2000, a new video ministry has been taking shape, aimed at a western audience, with greater emphasis on showing the greatness of our founder through the works of the movement rather than glorification, and increasing focus on the clergy who are in the forefront of the Blessing movement. These videos are great for introducing members of the clergy to the ACLC, Father & Mother Moon and the Blessing movement. They also provide direct testimony of the ministers’ growing relationship with True Parents, and the deepening understanding of the Blessing, the changing of blood lineage, and the "greater works" that Christ challenged us to do in His name.

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Over 100 guests gathered in the beautiful Terraza room of the Sheraton Hotel on June 3, 2002. During dinner we were entertained by the R&B Queen, Mavis Almondness Jazz Band. After a 15 minute video presentation on the 144,000 couple blessing Miss Jennifer Hanberg, winner of the John Lennon song writing award for 2002, entertained the pastors with a piano solo. We then listened to the entertaining and hopeful testimony of Minster Torrey Barrett. He is the son of Dr. T.L. Barrett, ALCCL national executive committee, whose marriage was healed on May 27, 2001, when he was 72. When his father (Rev. T.L.Barrett) brought them together to Father and Mother Moon, and the moment Rev. & Mrs. Moon touched their hands, he felt that their marriage was healed. From that time on, he said that his relationship with his wife became much, much better and he even said that everyday seems like a wedding day. Most especially after the 40-day separation period. He testified that they were not only blessed in marriage but also they were blessed with a new house. Torrey went on to say to younger and elder couples to ask the question, did I invite Jesus into my life?  And finally he said that if we invite Jesus into our life, then we will not run out of wine. After the service we had a lunch together and they cut a cake celebrating their first Blessing anniversary.

Barrett of the Life Center, son of Rev. & Mrs. T.L. Barrett, ACLC national executive committee, commented that he had been awake all the pastors stood-up and expressed the meaning of the Blessing. When he finished, the audience that Archbishop George Augustus Stallings (with wife Sayomi and his 2-month old son Shin Young). This time Archbishop Stallings brought us more into the deeper meaning of blood lineage. He gave emphasis on the Divine Principle’s teaching about the establishment or the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. He explained that God’s lineage started during the time of Adam and Eve. Jesus’ lineage was cut off from God’s lineage. Jesus should have the potential to become a True Parent if they had not crucified him because the will of God is for Jesus to build his ideal family and pass his lineage on to his generation. He added that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are the True Parents for the Spiritual Rebirth.

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The Latino version of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ALCCL) under the banner of “Conference de Clerigos de las Americas (CLCA),” was inaugurated June 6, 2002. The ALCCL Latin Clergy Prayer Breakfasts, seminars and programs have been successfully carried out. The Latin Clergy, filled with the powerful spirit of God, are inspired to join with ALCCL to work to bring revival to the nation. According to the US 2000 census, Hispanics are presently the largest minority in America. There are presently 35 million Latinos in the US. In 1960 in the Unites States the estimated population of Hispanic was 3 million. As the largest minority group in the US, this community has its strong love for God and concern for God’s people can kindle the hearts of the American people. The strength of the unity between Black, White and Latino Clergy will surely melt down the walls across racial barriers, denominations and strengthen the families in America.

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Pastors’ Meeting

The monthly Pastors’ Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the ALCCL-Chica-go was held at the Haram-berry House on Tuesday, June 11, 2002. The event had surprisingly brought tremendous success centering on Bishop Kim, National Messiahs, Trib-al Messiahs and the Japanese missionaries.

There were 144 guest pas-tors, ministers, evangelists and other community leaders with a total of 240 in attendance. Bishop Kim said, “We never know how miracle could happen. We prayed for 144 clergies and it happened. God must be listening to our prayers. On that day, there was even a pouring rain and we knew that the room was packed”. Not only that, the crowd was also happy to see the much awaited family of Archbishop George Augustus Stallings (with wife Sayomi and his 2-month old son Shin Young). This time Archbishop Stallings brought us more into the deeper meaning of blood lineage. He gave emphasis on the Divine Principle’s teaching about the establishment or the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. He explained that God’s lineage started during the time of Adam and Eve. Jesus’ lineage was cut off from God’s lineage. Jesus should have the potential to become a True Parent if they had not crucified him because the will of God is for Jesus to build his ideal family and pass his lineage on to his generation. He added that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are the True Parents for the Spiritual Rebirth.

Archbishop Stallings was full of vigor as he was telling the audience that the Rev. Moon is in the position of inheriting God’s lineage through Jesus and that both Jesus and the Rev. Moon have the same mission of establishing the Kingdom of Heaven. Finally, he challenged everybody that restora-tion must take place in our families and church-es and that it must be passed on to the next generation.

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NEW JERSEY

blessed by True Parents and Father held hands of Min-ister and his wife. The jazz band played a medley of Gospel and Broad-way tunes.

Finally, the moment we all waited for, the Archbishop George Augustus Stallings. He began his talk expressing that our God is an awesome God and that we human beings are the penultimate cre-ation and occupy the position of children of God. As he spoke we began to notice one then three then ten balconies became filled with people from their hotel rooms listening to the Arch-bishop’s sermon. The Ter-morial Rev. Day occupies a posi-tion where the hotel rooms with balconies overlook the entire room.

When Mrs. Stallings returned from her day in New Jersey, she heard her husband’s clear, strong voice in the lobby and she noticed all the hotel guests listening to her sermon from their hotel rooms. He continued his overview of Divine Principle and the meaning of the Blessing. When he fin-ished all the pastors stood-up and applauded his clear and persuasive expression of God’s word. The next day at our prayer breakfast, one pastor commented that he had been awake for many hours contemplating and praying over the content of Archbishop Stallings’ teachings.

Rev. Phillip Thomas and Mr. David Eaton closed out the event with a joyous Rev. Lord’s Supper. We are “On the road to the blessing of 1.44 Million young Couples in Region Three.”
Boston

Missionsaries and local members who attended place to seat. The program started with prayer by Pastor Allan Ebeling of Worldwide Church of God in Wallingford, with our dear friends and brother Bishop Erell N. Skyers as MC.

While ministers were having their dinner, the missionaries offered songs and a special Mexican dance. Rev. Eduardo Yarde, of Mt. Sinai Baptist church, gave the welcoming address and also testified about their cup of joy and blessing. "As a minister of the Gospel, I felt incom- plete and therefore the need for a partner. However, I waited and trusted the Lord for the appointed hour. My match- ing and Blessing is truly therefore an answer from heaven," by speaking both in English and Spanish, he was able to capture the hearts of everyone—especially participants who have Spanish background.

A few minutes before our keynote speaker went to the stage, we had a video presentation of April 27, 2002 Sunday service. Rev. Varina showed several times on the screen. The video prepared the stage for the keynote Speaker. Rev. Lawanda Brooks form First Church of God in Christ Ministries. She spoke eloquently on the topic, "Raising Our Level of Commitment to Our Family." She challenged those present to spend more time with their family members, commu- nicate effectively, and their experi- ences together. "Our parents were right!" Rev. Brooks stated. They felt secure and at home. As a result American fam- ilies were stronger with less divorce home, in order to keep Black men from getting involved in jail, drugs and other malpractices. Rev. Ramos Reyes of Iglesia Bethesda, Inc. who also had the opportunity to par- ticipate in the 144,000 Clergy Couples Blessing in Washington DC. gave a moving and heartstirring tes- timony. He encouraged ministers to go beyond their denomination, race and nationalities. "We are one family under one God and that is the only way we can defeat our enemy, Satan."

Bishop Jennifer Hightower, Revival Deliverey Edifi- cation Center praised True Par- ents and what they are doing beyond race, religion, and nationalities. She challenged also said about moving all their youth to participate in the July 3, 2002 Marriage Blessing in Washington DC.

The program came to a close with a prayer from Rev. Kil Hwan Kim, the Black Leader for National Ministries in United States. Although he prayed in Kore- an, participants were responding bold- ly and powerfully, an experience we had never before. The spirit of the event was so high that partic- icipants continued to stay and fel- lowship for more than 45 minutes after the program was over. Again, it was the work of God and Victory for Heaven.

Columbus, Ohio

by Dr. John Mwamba

On Saturday, June 15, 2002, we had the "Right On Time" convention for Rev. Dr. Charles and Mrs. Stung Bok Kenyatta at Hyatt on Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. We had 179 confirmations and 163 guests came. This means that 91.06% showed up. The participants were from all walks of life, clergy, business- men, politicians, friends and relatives. Over 40 pastors from American Clergy Leadership Conference were in attend- ance.

Rev. Dr. T. L. Barrett from Chicago was the keynote speaker. He spoke elo- quently on "Fascination" with illustra- tions and stories from Adam and Eve to Abraham and Sarah to Dr. Charles and Mrs. Stung Bok Kenyatta to show the audience how fascinating we are to each other as brother and sister, as husband and wife. And how unique we have been created by almighty God to be whole into the marriage. At the end of his address, he called all the participants to redefine the mar- riages with a toast of sparkling color. He further illustrated the mar- riage as a binding together of all the spiritual and physi- cal senses of the husband and wife. The ceremony was beautiful and unique.

The congratulatory remarks were given by Bishop Andy C. Lewter, Presi- dent of the Interdenominational Ministries Alliance and Pastor of Oak- ley Full Gospel Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Andy C. Lewter.

"When I met him at the Interdenominational Ministries Alliance and he was introduced by Bishop Andy C. Lewter. Dr. Charles and Mrs. Suzanne Kenyatta gave special greetings and tes- timony of the greatness of God in guiding them from nowhere to somewhere. Dr. Kenyatta told the audi- ence that greatness of life, is not the number of degrees or the possessions, but how much have you lived for another person. She mentioned how he was privileged to work closely with Malcolm X, Dr. Mar- tin Luther King, Jr. and even Elijah Muhammad and now with Rev. Moon. Dr. Kenyatta said that they are great because they lived their life for the sake of others. And Jesus is the greatest for the same reason. So, Dr. Kenyatta encouraged everyone to hold on to their dreams and hopes and leave a legacy behind when departing to the spirit world. He said also that this is the rea- son why he has no problem to work with people of different nationalities. He serves the needy and the poor. He spent all his life doing that. Now, I don’t know how long I’ll live, but if God uses me to be faithful to my beloved Sarah, he looked at Mrs. Kenayatta and gave her the micro- phone. She began to sing how God raised her from nothing to see OHIO on page 13
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In Ohio, we talked about the new Factory being built in Little Ferry, NJ. with a new factory.

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Los Angeles

1.44 Million Couples blessing, but his message uplifted the room. He is a great preacher!

An offering was taken after his speech and the choir sang again. Afterwards, our West Block Coordinator, Mrs. BillieAnn Sabo, gave special guidance & pushing to the pastors for the 1.44 million blessing.

She gave personal testimony and through this, strongly encouraged them to Stand for Family by participating in this blessing and multiplying it out to the couples in their congregation. Each pastor in attendance was given a Pocket Guidance Folder and a video tape of the LA event. This time, we had 5 tables of Spanish pastors and we provided translation at each table. All of our materials have been developed in both English and Spanish. BillieAnn spoke for approximately 25 minutes.

Each pastor was encouraged to take enough holy wine to bless his couples and also to schedule his church blessing celebration right then. Pens & cards were given to each pastor.

Also, our original registration tables became holy wine tables set up after breakfast. That way, we could catch every pastor, even ones who left early.

Following Hoon Kim, Rev. Kim Henning, Pastor of LA Family Church, gave a TVP presentation on “Taking Up the Mission of Jesus”. Several pastors requested a similar teaching to their congregation.

The Sadoc Christian Choir offered a final closing song, Rev. Dr. Joseph “Papa” Lee of the Heavenly Vision MBC (first blessing church in California in Dec. of 1998) offered the closing prayer and our West Block Director and LA Regional Director, Rev. Baek-Joong Ku, closed the meeting with 3 strong and determined cheers of Manse!

It was a good day because for the first time, many pastors had open ears and minds especially during the holy wine guidance & the TPM. Some had tears in their eyes as they finally realized and understood the mission of Father Moon.

Our final step, of course, is to make 400 youth couples for our July 3rd event, so we will do quick and hard work to follow-up with the attending pastors to help them complete their Holy Wine ceremonies, to teach TPM and the main priority, to invite and sign up their couples for July 3rd.

We are very grateful for the hard work, determination and guidance of our Los Angeles Regional Director, Rev. Baek-Joong Ku, and the tremendous unity and “I Can Do – Never Give Up” spirit that we have.

BillieAnn Sabo is the West Block Coordinator

Talking to a Friend

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every day

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American Clergy Leadership Conference

by BillieAnn Sabo

The Los Angeles prayer breakfast on June 1 was a great success. The pastors/guests who attended came from the unity and hard work of visiting, ruling and inviting from our ACLC leaders, community members, full time members and missionaries, all working together. And the result was GREAT!

There were 218 attending pastors/guests; 1610 holy wines distributed; 23 holy wine celebrations scheduled; 98 churches represented.

We held our prayer breakfast at our usual place—Nat’s Cafe. We had approximately 260 participants which were a combination of guests, choir, missionaries and members. Because so many pastors were in attendance representing so many pastors were in attendance representing many, many denominations, the spirit was extremely high. Also, we have not held a large prayer breakfast like this since February. Before April 27th, we had weak prayer breakfasts, but we designed those to be small and targeted. This prayer breakfast was completely sponsored by ACLC of Los Angeles.

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Sydney Australia was the first port of call for the ILS program in Oceania. The seminar took place on Saturday 25th May 2002 and attracted participants from areas of politics, religion, media, education and civil society. Around sixty leaders attended. They represented a wide cross-section of the multicultural Australian community.

The keynote address from Rev. Kwak, presented by Rev Yong Cheol Song, set the tone and direction for the seminar. The presentations by Dr. Walsh introducing IIFWP, “The Significance of Eternal Life and the Spirit World” and the “The Significance of Marriage Family and the Blessings” inspired an enthusiastic response from participants.

People could see that this offered deep and fundamental solutions to the problems of our nation and world. Lord and Lady Murray came forward by Greg Stone

the National Coordinator of the International Education Foundation, gave an inspiring presentation on the “Need for Character Education in Schools”. This was followed by a presentation on the Religious Youth Service by Mrs. Patricia Ranak, Coordinator of RYS in the Asia Pacific Region, and Mr. Michael Jarrett Aborigi- nal Leader and Educator.

Six new Peace Ambas- sadors were awarded certificates, adding to the diverse and growing team of Peace Ambassadors in Australia. The high spirit it was reflected in the very encouraging written responses of the participants. Mr. Tianethone Chantharasy, Senior Advisor to the Lao Buddhist Association and former Lao Ambassador to India commented, “Heartfelt congratulations to all the organizers of this wonderful seminar. I was impressed by the high hospitality extended to us all. Old and young participants are practicing what they have learned through involvement in the activities of IIFWP. I noticed sparks in the eyes of participants (trust, honesty, purity). Moral character education is of utmost importance to bring real peace in this world. May the Almighty bless all!”

At a follow up Peace Ambassadors luncheon on 6th June in Sydney, several Peace Ambassadors came forward and volunteered their enthusiastic suggestions, cooperation and help for future IIFWP projects over the remainder of the year. Two journalists from China, two newspapers, one of which is distributed internationally, attended this meeting and produced positive stories which appeared the following day. We are building up a close knit working team of ambassadors and many doors and exciting opportunities are opening up.

Greg Stone is Secretary General, IIFWP Oceania.

Croatia

In the Hotel Opera, Zagreb, capital of Croatia, a leader- ship seminar was held May 13, 2002 exploring the theme, “Renewing the Nation: Exploration of Principles and Practices that Strengthen the Fam- ilies, Educate Our Youth and Rebuild our Societies,” sponsored by the Interreligi- ous and International Federation for World Peace.

From the total of 130 participants that attended the seminar, 110 digni- taries were from the fields of education, politics, religion, academia and NGOs. In addition there was a group of partic- ipants from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and a group of participants from Slovenia.

The opening greeting of the Seminar was given by Prof. Dr. Jozip Mital. Assis- tant Minister from the Croatian Ministry of Education and Sport, who empha- sized the importance of this theme and expressed best wishes for a successful seminar.

The honored guests and lecturers at the seminar were: Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of the IIFWP. Rev. Kwang Kee Sa, President of IIFWP Europe, Dr. Thomas Walsh, General Secretary of IIFWP and Mr. Massimo Trom- bin, International Director of the International Relief Friend- ship Foundation.

The program of lectures

both these elements are present only 16% of young people experiment with illegal drug use. More than 50% of those who do not have such a family environ- ment are seduced by the chemical route to “happiness.”

The Rome Seminar’s participants were deeply moved by Dr. Kwak’s explanation of parental love as the foun- dation for human develop- ment and the family as the school of love. His plea for leaders in society to become Ambassadors for Peace who set the exam- ple in their absolute commit- ment to family stabil- ity through marital fidelity was beautifully responded to by all present, as they whole- heartedly participated in the rededica- tion of their marriages through the World Peace Blessing Ceremony which con- cluded the Seminar.

IIFWP is making us aware that polit- ical leaders alone cannot bring peace. We have a huge task ahead of us and this Seminar helped us to focus our minds on reversing the slide into moral relativism and materialism which has so weakened the family in modern European society.

This seminar was a rallying call speaking out for the sacredness of love in marriage and the necessity to openly address the sexual corruption and the material damage caused by sexual promiscuity and marital breakdown. This way our young people can reverse rather than accelerate the trend of family breakdown. We have a huge task ahead of us and this Seminar helped us to focus our minds and energies and to form new relationships and alliances to secure a founda- tion for peace.
The seminar in Auckland, New Zealand, May 26, 2002, began 15 minutes early, with the ballroom already full. A delegation of Maori elders from the Ratana Church conducted the traditional Maori welcome or Powhiri (pronounced po-heere), a Maori woman chants a song, and then words and prayers are offered by several Maori elders. Representing our party, Sir Peter Tapsell responded, in Maori. The spirit was respectful yet warm, as representatives of the original inhabitants of New Zealand greeted and welcomed our speakers and guests. Dr. John Didsbury was the M.C. for the day.

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I have often heard Rev. Kwak talk about. It was of course the old Maori sense of family and still a good one. If this conference would consider the ways in which we might rebuild the spiritual and moral strength of the nation, then we will have done some good in meeting. It's something I have heard Rev. Moon talk about on several occasions which brought me to his view. Rev. Song then powerfully delivered the keynote address, which was attentively received by the audience. Dr. Walsh then gave an introduction to IIFWP which included a video presentation. The guests were very impressed and inspired by the international scope and impact of the organization.

After the lunch break in which there were many lively discussions among the participants, the conference reconvened for a panel presentation of local projects and issues to the guests. The session began with a thought provoking talk by Bruce Logan, in which he highlighted many of the social problems we are facing. His Maxsim Institute is a research and advocacy institution dedicated to promoting the role of the family in society. He discussed the absolute necessity for there to be strong families if we are to have a civil society that can function, as it is within the family that vital education is provided.

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In the afternoon, the party had an opportunity to have a meeting with the King and his family at his residence. His Majesty Taufa’ahau Tupou IV, the King of Tonga, is a good Christian in a very special way. He said: “I congratulate you for putting this together and for Rev Moon and the vision that he had. You have to have a vision, my vision was to help save humanity from what is happening in the world and you people are doing it. I take my hat off to you. God bless you all.”

Following the testimonies, Ambas-sador For Peace Certificates were pre-sented to four participants: Rev. Alfred Palu, Hasean Hussein (Mission leader), David Ansty, and Dr. Singh.

Of the reasons this event was so successful was the diversity and high quality of the participants. Many religions were represented – Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Si-lhalla followers, to name a few. The Muslims were represented by a delega-tion of scholars, teachers and communi-ty leaders (10 people), who prob-ably rarely venture out into the larger community in this way. They all appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and felt a common heart with IIFWP and the leaders of other religious commu-nities representing the Church of the Latter Day Saints, including one of their leaders, a Gentile, attended.

Also present was the party of elders from the Katana (Moai) Church including some of their key leaders and officers. The presence of Kimiora and Suzanne Pere also in attendance were members of the local Kosma, Chinese, Bangla-Deshi, Pijan, and Tongan communities. Several of the religious people represented by IIFWP’s leaders are in the church community they are able to create this wonderful spirit, but they had never had an opportunity to experience something like this in such a diverse group.

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The program concluded with a beautiful banquet, at which six individuals received Ambassador for Peace certificates. As the participants stood hand in hand singing "Moscow Nights," led by an Orthodox priest and a Muslim Imam, several people were moved to tears at the feeling of unity among the diverse audience.

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The living God."

The heartistic experience and knowledge of the foundation of the Founder’s direct, and practice.

Tremendous challenges in both faith and practice Church in the 1950s in war-torn Korea.

Neil Salonen, president of the University of Bridgeport, who spoke of the University of Bridgeport, in Connecticut. He is the chairman of The Unification Theological Seminary.

Mr. In Sung Moon, student council president of soccer clubs in Korea and Brazil.

Rev. Mike and Wiveka Lamson, the nation’s initiative that brought the first national-level commitment to UTS, has invested their hearts into improving UTS, beginning with their first week here, when they spent two days removing the wax built up for two decades here, when they spent two days removing the wax built up for two decades.


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Reverend Kwak received a Doctorate in Sacred Theology, honors causa, the third recipient of this honor from UTS, following in the footsteps of the Founding Couple, who were accorded this distinction in 2001. Reverend Kwak, is also chairman of the board of both the University of Bridgeport in Korea and the University of Bridgeport, in Connecticut. He is the chairman of The Washington Times, one of America’s most often quoted daily newspapers. As a respected theologian and teacher, Rev. Kwak has traveled the world to well over 100 nations, bringing a message of living for the sake of others and practicing the ideals of true love.

Rev. Kwak was introduced by Dr. Neil Salonen, president of the University of Bridgeport, who spoke of the incredibly difficult circumstances surrounding the founding of the Unification Church in the 1950s in war-torn Korea, and how the earliest disciples in the church, such as Rev. Kwak, faced tremendous challenges in both faith and practice.

His love wisdom edified this year’s graduates, as he counseled them, "Our movement, and the seminary, stand on the foundation of the Founder’s direct, heartistic experience and knowledge of the living God.

Rev. Kwak also fascinated the UTS Board of Trustees at the Trustees’ luncheon with his first-hand report on the Founders’ diverse development of soccer clubs in Korea and Brazil. His work uplifted Korea as a world soccer power and in the co-host of this year’s World Cup.

Eight of Rev. Kwak’s children or their spouses have already graduated from UTS. He and his wife, Jung Un Yoon, were blessed in marriage by Reverend and Mrs. Moon in 1961 as part of the 36-couple blessing ceremony. They have six children and 22 grandchildren.

The Spirit of the Season

How would I capture the distinguishing characteristics of the academic year we just brought to a close? I have two ways. One, I consider it to have been the Year of the Students. Led by a large cadre of Korean church leaders, our student body has invested their hearts into improving UTS, beginning with their first week here, when they spent two days removing the wax built up for two decades on the dining room floor. I would like to think we were all scrapping off the school’s hard covering, once applied for the sake of beauty, but never renovated, and building up the dirt work with UTS for the education of its future leadership.

Jumping out a Window

Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Seminary president, encouraged the graduates in his Commencement Remarks. "A line from ‘The Sound of Music’ might be made more effective. ‘When God closes a door, He always opens a window somewhere.’ " He continued in this vein, saying, ‘Graduation is intense and exciting because we participate with men and women who are standing, as a group, outside a closed door. The door to UTS student life is now closed for you, and you have to find a window somewhere. God has prepared a window for you. The Founder and his representatives who have spoken to graduating classes over the years maintain the same emphasis: the UTS graduate is a person of perfect heart and absolute faith, love and obedience, dedicated to serving God, True Parents, all churches and society. The Commencement was concluded by a deep prayer of benediction by our North America Continental Director, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Dr. Yang and American Family Federation President Reverend Michael Jenkins, both Trustees of UTS, personally congratulated and "tasseled" each of the graduates.

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by Ken Saito

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day I have to confess my sin in UTS. After I joined UTS, I stopped donating money to my church. I didn’t give to any other church. I didn’t have the money to go to Jardin. I didn’t go to CPL. I did—

The Viewpoint of the Graduates

Graduate Ken Saito, who will pursue student leadership and Ph.D. studies in Korea, explained why he came to study at UTS. “We can explain many kinds of reasons, but I would simply like to say the following: I just want to enter heaven, we do not come need to enter UTS. But, if we want to establish heaven on earth, we have to come to UTS. That’s why God needs UTS. That’s why True Parents ask us to go to UTS.”

Another graduate, Chul Bak, experienced many struggles during his time at UTS but came to a deep realization. “When I tried hard to find solutions, I realized many things about my identity: Why am I here to UTS, I could—

UTS reflection

by In Chul Bak

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Top Garden Academy is our school in a growing, family-oriented, rural community near Mobile, Alabama, the home of Master Marine and True World Foods. The school has grades K-8 and plans to expand the Middle School international exchange program. In the near future, we hope to start a High School. If you are looking for a school which fosters True ParentsÔ education, family-centered community and excellent teachers focused on academic and spiritual success, we invite you to Top Garden Academy.

We invite your talents, contributions and love for second generation and children of all backgrounds as well. Also, we hope for people who can teach any of these extra skills: music lessons, ESL, Korean, Japanese, Taekwondo, farming or sports.

Call us, e-mail us, visit and explore the work and living opportunities in Mobile, which hosts several universities, developing urban business opportunities, Dauphin Islands Seabird/Education facilities, environmental and coastal education resources, as well as cultural activities. Most of all, come join our extended family. Be a teacher, aunt, uncle, grandfather, grandmother, brother or sister.

School Begins On August 11th.

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**W-CARP President Hyun Jin Moon Cuts New CD**

On May 25, just a month and a half before the World Tour 2002, Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim came to the CARP studio to record the songs for the memorial CD together with the members of CARP band AXE 6. Amazingly, they completed 11 tracks in only three days! The whole time he was in the studio, Hyun Jin Nim invested his heart and passion in each song, in order to make a منهم One CD for brothers and sisters, who are all waiting for it.

This time, the CD will include both Hyun Jin NimOs songs and Jun Sook NimOs beautiful voice. One of the AXE 6 members said, OWhat struck me was the way Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim took care of each other while singing. They checked each song concentrating their heart and spirit.O After Hyun Jin Nim had complet ed recording, he held a meeting for CARP leaders gathered from all over the country. They received deep impression from the speech and had belief and conviction in his vision.

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**W-CARP: Character Education in Albania**

The university of Elbasan was the second destination of Albanian WorldCARPsÔ University tour called ÔThe Essentials of Character Education.Ô We introduced ourselves to the university board and received support from some professors who wanted to help organize the studentÓs meeting. Besides providing the necessary facilities for the activity, these professors urged students to join our lectures, expressing their willingness to support us and participate and gratitude about the activity and some were interested to know about our center in Elbasan.

The activity was made publicly known to all the local community by the news coverage of the two TV stations. Three days later, the tour found itself completely crowded with students. The university rector stressed the participation would have been larger if there were more free seats in the room. The university rector stressed the importance of this project in his opening speech. All those who spoke in front of the students placed themselves in the positions of close partners and cooperators with our organizations, showing thus clearly a very positive attitude towards us. They also invited all the 3 local TV stations to cover our activity. These TV stations broadcast in their news reports as coverage of the whole event. We are gathering all these materials to keep them as a public record of our W-CARP activities.

In the end, all the participants expressed their support for the project and the plans for activities in the future. They got our materials and some asked further information about our organization. Success is always possible when professionalism, good organization, and support are lead by heart and true love.

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FATHER ENDURES PYONGYANG PRISON

by Less Ellenson

Father was put into the Pyongyang prison on August 11, 1946. This was several months after Mrs. Ho and the other members of the Inside Belly Church were put in that same prison. In fact, Father was put into the same cell as one of our beloved members, Soon. Soon Father learned that the communists had told the members of that church that they would be set free if they would just sign a paper saying they were wrong. But they chose to stay in their prison cell.

Father told his cellmate he should go ahead and sign the paper and save his life. That man obeyed Father, but he was already so badly beaten that he died a short time after he was released.

Father wanted to tell Mrs. Ho the same thing, but she was in a different cell. Somehow, he managed to write a note on a little slip of paper. It said, "Tell them that my back is thrown out who is that? Your name is 'this.'" He slipped it to her in a bowl of rice.

Mrs. Ho knew she was supposed to meet the Messiah in prison, but she didn’t realize this note was from him. She did not pray to find out who wrote it, she did not obey the note, and later she and all the other members of the Inside Belly Church were killed. After all the hard work they had done to prepare for him, after thousands of prayers to meet the Messiah, they never even saw him.

The note Father wrote to Mrs. Ho was discovered by the guards. They asked him over and over who he was and why he had written the note. They hit him many times. The guards asked so many questions trying to catch him, but he never denied his mission, and also could not let them know he was the Messiah.

Give up God

The communist guards were angry because Father was not afraid, they didn’t want to break Father. They wanted to break Father’s spirit and make him a weak man. Because so many other Church members had given up when they received many beatings of their own, the communist guards believed that Father would do the same. They said, “If we beat this man hard enough, he’ll give up his God.”

But Father never changed. Father prayed, “Heavenly Father, help me to withstand the torture and live so that I can work for You. I will take responsibility for mankind’s sin, and free You from suffering.”

Father knew that if he could not live through this, then God’s broken heart would continue for many more years to come. Even if every cell in his body cried out in pain, he would not allow his spirit to defy the love of God. So Father stood up straight and strong and answered: “I will give up my life. I have not sinned; I have lived so that I can work for You. I will not live any longer. I will give up my life.”

The first thing they did to Father was to not let him have food or sleep. Since the body can go longer without food than without sleep, they tried to make Father so tired that he would become crazy. But the unity between Father’s mind and body was far stronger than the guards could believe. Father willed his eyes to remain open, even though his body was asleep for short periods of time.

The communists had to change shifts every three hours to watch him and be sure he didn’t sleep. After nearly one week of “no sleep,” the guards thought, “Surely this Reverend Moon has some sort of magical power.” They became afraid of him.

Since Father’s will was so strong, the guards met and said, “We must try to break his fighting spirit with more severe physical torture.” Then they began to use the “water treatment”—a hose was forced into Father’s mouth and nose and then a powerful jet of water was shot into his body. They wanted to make him feel as if he were drowning, until finally he would faint. Then once the water drained out, and Father recovered, they would do this water treatment again.

Since Father still refused to give in, Satan became desperate. Satan said, “If this religious man cannot be broken, he will fight against evil forever.” Finally, Satan made a last try to break Father’s iron will and stop God’s plan to use Reverend Moon to save mankind. But Father was able to break the guards feel more and more angry at Father.

The guards tied Father’s hands behind his back with a very heavy rope. Using a large beam in the ceiling, they pulled the rope which lifted Father up to the heads of the guards. Suddenly they let go of the rope, causing Father to fall. Father met the floor the violent way the torturers had intended. They totally jerked the rope upward, causing Father’s arms to be jolted from their sockets. The pain was so terrible that it was impossible to stand it without fainting. Father called this awful torture “the crane dance.”

Do Not Worry

But all the time he was being tortured, Father never stopped praying. He said quietly, “Heavenly Father, please do not forsake me; I know that You are not forsaking me. The church is very inspiring to the audiences as well as to its own members. The children are learning about their personal and group skills and to participate in the worship service. A major reason why the children like the band is the opportunity to develop friendships at each others houses after practice.”

Group magazine, in addition to selling some great songs, is the best Chris- tian publication I have ever seen. It is primarily testimonies of Junior High youth and young leaders and practical suggestions how to relate to youth. Group, P.O. Box 481, Loveland, CO 80539.

If you would like to discuss this topic, contact Chad Martin. 1111 North 31 Street, Stillings 59101 (406) 259-9241.
Nature of God and Man; the Purpose of Life

Section 1  Part 2

T he eye is the lamp of the soul. That God of Heart and God of Principle implies a fundamental truth about all humanity. Looking into the eyes of another, we discover underlying patterns of the polar beings. We are both mind and body, internal character and its external form. The outer expresses the inner and the inner directs the outer. The quality of the soul is expressed in the clarity of the eye. Though our inward selves are invisible, our thoughts, emotion and will are reflected outwardly in our facial expressions and indeed in the whole body. To a considerate degree, each of us is what he does, behaves, and manifests. The outer man we see mirrors the inner man we don’t.

A man embodies an inner spirit, so does the rest of creation. Animals, for example, have internal instincts that direct their livings. Squirrels provide for themselves by burying their nuts; spiders instinctually survive by building perfect spider webs; birds migrate across thousands of miles, seeming to know when to fly and where to go. Extraordinary new experiments reveal that even plants have emotions and memories. As everything visible is the expression of an invisible aim, we come to recognize that two dimensions, internal and external, character form, characterize all things.

While it may seem obvious, Divine Principle reminds us of the importance of the internal dimension. A person’s inward aspect gives him his value. No matter how handsome one may be, qualities of disharmonious nature promise his stature in the eyes of God and his fellow man. On the other hand, even though a person’s body may be crippled, noble internal qualities will gain him the admiration and love of all. Helen Keller, for example, showed that the blind, came to be both respected and loved throughout the world.

While Divine Principle recognizes that the polarity of internal character/external form permeates all the created universe, it nevertheless affirms that the ultimate inner/outer relationship is that existing between the Creator and His creation. The heart of all creation is God. He is reflected in all that we can see or hear or touch. He is there behind what we know as the totality of creation which serves as His body, exemplifying His beauty and touching. He makes His presence known in every part of creation. And what is this God? I asked the earth and it answered, “I am not He.”... I asked the heavens, the sun, the moon, the stars and they answered: “Neither are we God.” He then asked: “Tell me of your God, and I will tell you mine.” And they cried out in a great voice: “He made us.” My question was my gazing upon them, and their answer won their beauty.

Male and Female

Beyond the polarity of inner and outer, there is another fundamental polarity that is “perceived in the things that have been made.” This is the polar relationship of masculinity and femininity. When God created man, He also created woman; they are a complementary pair. Also, within each man there are feminine qualities and within each woman there are masculine qualities. Carl Jung, the famous Swiss psychologist, thought of these qualities as the anima and animus. In the view of Father John Sanford, an Episcopal priest and Jungian therapist, masculine qualities permeate qualities of masculinity (the animus) include active creativity, controlled aggressiveness and psychological firmness, while the feminine aspect of personality (the anima) comprises such qualities as the understanding of relationships, patience and compassion. Each person contains both masculine and feminine potentials and, according to Sanford, “no one can approach whole without some development in both areas.”

Of course, the complementarity of masculinity and femininity is not limited to the species Homo sapiens. With the larger animal kingdom there are also male and female creatures—stallion and mare, cock and hen, rooster and hen. Also, plants generally reproduce through stamens and pistils, although plants both sexual and asexual, and this complementarity expresses itself in all aspects of the world of matter. To whet the appetite of Korean language students, include packing and mailing to an address by arrangement. Contact: Mr. Joo In-ho, Fresh Flowers and Supplies Toll Free: 1-800-786-8062 1-800-786-8062

New Study Guides
by Mata Williams

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A structured and focused approach has been adopted in studying Divine Principle.

The main study passage, from Exposition of the Divine Principle, is explained more fully in a separate section and accompanied by relevant excerpts from Father’s words. Each of the 25 units concludes with a page dedicated to review of the unit as well as personal reflection and application.

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY
Nature of God and Man; the Purpose of Life

Unification News

To Serve You, we will go that Extra Mile

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Large percentage of the American movement, 2075 couples or 4150 persons all in participated in a record-setting wedding sponsored by the church at New York’s Madison Square Garden on July 1, 1982. This number eclipsed the previous record of 1000 couples married by Rev. Moon in 1975, which was recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest mass wedding in history. Engagement ceremonies of 705 couples in May 1979, 843 couples in December 1980 and 653 couples in June 1982, led up to the ceremony. With this event, the church went from being a movement of primarily single people to one of married people, virtually overnight.

The Madison Square Garden Blessing introduced new complexities into members’ lives which had not been there before. These included the matter of spousal relationships, the presence of children, and issues of financial support. The church attempted to mitigate disruptions and integrate newly-formed couples into its witnessing effort through lengthy engagements that periods prior to the ceremony or separation periods afterwards, by setting standards of bringing a certain number of “spiritual children” before consummating marriages, and by mobilizing within IOWC teams. During its three-year period of “total mobilization” between 1983-85, the movement set up twenty-four hour day facilities at local centers all over the country so that members would be free to focus on witnessing.

Despite these measures, married life and children were a distraction for many. Unificationist couples understood that they were engrafted into the new humanity through participation in marriage “blessings” presided over by Rev. and Mrs. Moon. They also understood that children born of marriages arranged and blessed by Rev. Moon were freed from the taint of original sin. Many Unificationist couples believed that their children, whom had already finished school, would have gone to the MFT. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Seminary graduates were assigned CARP missions, as members of the movement’s Performing Arts groups.

CARP witnessed actively but never became the student-based movement it was in Japan. On most campuses where CARP maintained centers, active students were in the minority, and leadership was vested in older church members, most of whom had already finished school. The movement faced confrontations undertaken in a focused way mainly during the summer and even then, not on campuses but through street witnessing in geographical areas frequented by young people. As a consequence, CARP never developed a regularized campus witnessing program and did not become a major source of new members as in Japan. What CARP did do extremely well was confront leftist groups on campuses. These efforts began as the result of an unexpected confrontation in March 1979 at California State University at Los Angeles (CSULA) when the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB) assaulted CARP members distributing a pamphlet, “Communism and Fascism—Totalitarian Twins.” As campus police moved in, the RCYB assaulted two officers, resulting in the arrest of eight RCYB members and the loss of its official recognition at CSULA.

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were “spat upon, kicked, even ambushed on the streets at night,” and taunted with jeers of “Moonie slime” or “Moonie wimps.” Sigus were torn up and speakers, including Eldridge Cleaver who spoke at the invitation of CARP, were shouted down and forced from the stage. However, CARP did not back off and following the Sovietdowning of Korean Airline Flight 007 in 1983, the tide turned. CARP had developed a revolutionist, activist clan of its own replete with practiced chants, burnings of So- viet leaders in effigy, hard-drinking rock bands with names such as “Blue Tune” and “Prime Force,” and touring martial arts groups (these were especially help- ful in protecting podiums from assaults). Earlier, Rev. Park led a counter-demon- stration of 130 CARP members against a massive 250,000-strong anti-nuclear armament rally in Bonn, Germany, barely escaping after having been pur- sued by stick, pipe and chain-wielding attackers. Incidents of this nature, rather than the pedantic examination of testimonies, became part of the lore and allure of CARP.

In 1975, five years after its founding, CARP movement efforts were only one faction of its multi- pronged agenda and CARP’s recruit- ment total dropped to the mere 53 Oakland Family during the late 1970s.

Academic and Interreligious Out- reach

Between 1977-85, the Unification movement made remarkable progress in reaching intellectual and cultural elites in Australian society. It also set up business and media networks that gained widespread exposure. In addition, the movement began to make inroads into the American conservative movement to build its support of traditional Judeo-Christian values and opposition to communism. These advances came at a steep price. The movement expended millions of dollars, drawing on its worldwide resources, particularly from Japan. It also had to contend with continuing opposition. Nevertheless, by 1985 the movement was in a decidedly better position than at the start of 1977. The major difference was that at the end of the period it had a broad array of sup- porters. These included mainstream, even stellar academics, theologians and religious journalists, among others. In this sense, the Washington Mon- ument campaign was a watershed event as Rev. Moon suggested. Prior to that time, the movement had few, if any allies. Afterwards, it had an increasing number of defenders, some of whom came to its defense entirely on their own. This is not to say that the time of tribulation was over. It simply meant that after 1977 Rev. Moon and the church did not have to face it alone. The movement did cultivate some friends before, particularly through its sponsorship of the International Con- ference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS). As noted, the ICUS conferences which met every November at rotating sites grew dramatically from 20 par- ticipants from 8 nations in 1972, to 60 participants from 17 nations in 1973, to 128 participants from 28 nations in 1974, to 340 participants from 57 nations in 1975, to 360 participants from 53 nations in 1976. During these years, criticism of the movement utilized a vari- ety of tactics to dis- suade participants from attending. These ranged from letter writ- ing and telephone-call- ing to publicly “naming names” of those who attended. Most of those who had partic- ipated previously or accepted invitations stood their ground. Some addressed the sponsorship issue by stating that the meet- ings were valuable, that they were allowed “complete freedom of expression, agenda and organization,” and that “science accepts money from many sources which may be in some way tainted.” Although this line of argument may have been a viable defense against conference’s detractors, it was a less than convincing endorsement of the conference’s value.

The situation changed after 1977 in at least two ways. One of these changes was that a number of participants made a serious effort to investigate the charges against the church and its founder. Dr. Fredrick Sontag, a philosopher from Pomona College, undertook the most serious and systematic investigation.

He interviewed members and movement leaders, including Rev. Moon, on three continents, stayed in church centers, attended a weekend tent education as a participant, attended the Washington Monument rally as a spectator, and witnessed anti-Moon organizations as possible to gather their literature. The results of his investigation were published as Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church (Albion, 1977). Sontag’s book was replete with typical academic disclaimers that “the Moon phenom- enon does not admit of easy solutions” and that for every simple issue resolved, “more important and difficult ques- tions emerge.” Nevertheless, he did reach “two firm conclusions.” These were: (1) The origins of the movement are genuinely humble, religious, and spiritual (which many doubt); and (2) the adaptability and solidarity of the movement are such that we are deal- ing with a movement here to stay.” As he put it, “We have witnessed in our own lifetime the birth, growing pains—and will see the maturity—of a new religious movement.” Although the debate over “science, sin and spon- sorship” continued, it no longer threat- ened the existence of ICUS, which con- tinued to expand through 1981 when 808 participants from 100 nations gath- ered for the tenth conference in Seoul, Korea.

A second change was the emergence of a new synergy. The power of aca- demic networking was such that par- ticipants not only brought colleagues but also fresh ideas. The Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), which was founded by Rev. Moon in 1973 but which operated almost exclusively in Asia, increasingly drew on ICUS-relat- ed scholars in setting up chapters and sponsoring conferences. The PWPA began in 1979.

The movement organized Paragon Unification Movement” (ISUMs) which reached more than 2,100 university students, scholars, and professionals, and was able to endorse qualified candidates for higher educa- tion from over 70 countries.

The movement followed a similar process in its ecumenical and interfaith relations. If ICUS was the base upon which the movement connected its value perspective to the sciences, Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) was the engine that powered its ecumenical out- reach between 1977-85. Established in 1975 with the purpose of promoting “interfaith, interracial and internation- al unity,” the Seminary instilled an orig- inal faculty consisting of a Dutch Reformed professor of Biblical Studies, an Oxfordian and University of Tuebingen-educated Church of Christ professor of Church History, a Jesuit professor of Philoso- phy, a Roman Catholic professor of Psy- chology and Religious Education, and a Unification professor of Systematic Theology and World Religions. The Sem- inary added an orthodox Jewish rabbist as professor of Biblical Literature and Judaic Studies, a Greek Orthodox pro- fessor of Church History, and a Confu- cianist professor of Oriental Religions by the following year, making it undoubt- edly the most religiously diverse semi- nary in America, at least in terms of its faculty.

As with its outreach to the scientifi- c community, the Seminary accepted the proposition in its ecumenical work. The most serious and ongoing problem was the New York State Board of Regents’ refusal to approve the Seminary’s charter appli- cation. Despite receiving charter rec- ommendations from two teams of con- sultants, State Board of Education staff members, and the State Comission- er of Education, the New York State Board of Regents delayed action on the charter application for thirty-four months, tabling a decision six times. On one of these occasions, a Regents “committee on UTS” raised “no questions about the adequacy of the pro- gram” but repeated allegations about “brainwashing, alleged deceptive practices of the Church, [and] alleged liaisons with the Korean govern- ment or K C I A.” When these were not substantial enough, the Regents denied the application in Febru- ary 1978 on the basis of an unannounced site visit that turned up “inconsistencies in admission standards” and misrepresenta- tions in the catalog and a brochure. The Seminary pointed out that three previous review teams had examined and approved the admissions system and that SED staff had previ- ously seen both the catalog and brochure without charging any misrepresenta- tion. Nevertheless, UTS was denied its charter and forced to function without state authorization to offer courses for credit, to grant degrees, or to issue stu- dent visas.
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by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL ELEMENTS IN HISTORICAL CIVILIZATION AND RECONCILIATION

T the 30 Years War (1618-1648) together with subsequent intellec- tual trends in the 18th and early 19th century Europe contributed significantly to a situation of loss efficacy among the intelligentsia as a viable ground for social order, and a legitimate a voice for social morality. (The 30 years war diminished the population of Europe by close to 20%, as compared with 3% lost in WWII. Imagine the breadth and depth of devastation that has been attributed (rightly or wrongly) to religious intolerance. I submit that this is a condition from which established religion (particularly Western religious) never recovered (even to this day), and further, that this circumstance facilitates the two-fold impact on conflict resolution.

Unfortunately for believing religiousists it does not suffice merely to demonstrate themselves to be on the par with, or a touch more civil and compassionately engaged than their non-religious counterparts. I reiterate, severe damage was done in the 17th century and it was pinned upon religion. Until the legacy of the 30 years war is irrefutably repudiated, religious belief will continue to be disparaged and misrepresented. The status of sophistication, reasonableness, moral superiority, and social awareness, will remain with the secular and privately religious until that time, whether warranted or not.

This invariably leads to further antagonisms among the parties in question. Attempts at reconciliation then are pursued solely on political and economic fronts even though religious and cultural allegiances are almost invariably far deeper and much farther reaching for people.

Since the fact of religion itself often is not appreciated, it becomes impossible to positively appreciate the religious feelings, commitments, and concerns of people who are in the conflict situation. If religion itself is disrespected and presumed to be an agent of conflict, it becomes difficult for negotiators and mediators to extend empathy and sensitivity to parties involved.

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However one views conflict, it is grounded on a base metaphysics (consciously or not), and what is known as a theological anthropolog- ical (again consciously or not).

The reason why disregard for religion is so harmful on this particu- lar front is because for base metaphysics and theological anthropolog- ical presuppositions held by all parties involved in peace efforts, happen to be precisely what religious belief is all about. People cannot help but hold a view of the nature of reality, and a view on the nature of the human being and identity with a particular prescription to repair and restore.

Religious believers are consciously aware of these three aspects which naturally underlie all efforts for peace. Namely, a view of reality, what is the condition of the human being, what prescriptions for personal transformation and the rigorous extrapolation of these first two positions. Religionists and believers should be experts at understanding the impact of the uncompromising assumptions about reality each person holds. This expertise and insight can be very helpful to peace negotiators and mediators in helping them recognize their own horizons of faith including secular or non-religious faith systems and how these faith positions play out when rigorously extrapolated to see the implications for action programs for human betterment.

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What Must Religions Do?

This month we’re doing something light hearted. This article is about information, and also its counterparts, misunderstanding and falsehood. Many people collect and disseminate these three: knowledge, news, and nonsense. Usually (usually) tell the difference. My favorite show talk host, Jim Easom, dubbed such ever-perceptive folks “polk cats.” I have a favorite quote: “Some people make things happen, some people watch what happens, and some people wonder what happened.” Unificationists make things happen. Years ago we plastered (and unplastered) all of Manhattan with event posters, literally overnight. Later on, in mere weeks, we’re covered the entire USA with Divine Principle videos and One Love, One People, food. Then we gathered ten million signatures. Recently, we hosted more than fifty large Speech Tour hangouts, putting some together on just a few day’s notice.

What a far cry from being a couch potato—and it’s only needed when you’re busy making things happen, it pays to stay informed.

Information

Lots of people want to tell you things. One can find activists in a thousand arenas: promoting dark skies (for the person asked probably doesn’t know that Big Agriculture is burning down farms to prevent them from breaking out), and lobbying for new unhealthy foods (everything but tofu and rice cakes?), and lobbying for new colors in M&M candies. Each of these causes, big and small, sometimes consume people’s entire lives and fortunes.

Savvy activists pour forth information, using controversial books, videos and pamphlets, loud demonstrations, faxes, and the Internet. It’s spacy enough, the news media amplifies it tremendously. Usually without bothering to check the facts, or pondering the consequences, or wondering whether the senders have a private agenda.

If this deluge merely confused millions of individuals, it would be bad enough. In reality, American laws, poli
cies, and individual behavior are based upon this mishmash.

Religion has been tarred with an ever larger brush. As religion comes to be recognized as a vital part of the human experience, its activities are characterized by the likelihood if not the assumption that strong religious belief must remove from popular opinion the very worst of reality.

When you adjust for these fac
tors, Gone With the Wind remains the most successful movie of all time. True, it didn’t have to com
cetrate with TV, and looking at the pre-screened ‘production cost’ vs. ‘take,’ the most profitable was likely The Blair Witch Project.

Unemployment figures are always doing a yo-yo on the news. Remember, this measures the number of job seekers. It entails among other factors, the num
ber of new jobs created, and how many people are entering the work force. Inflation is a complex issue. Politi
cians and bankers want to tell you it’s low. One way they did this by remov
ing housing costs from the index (the CPI). If they did count housing, for
example, my dad’s house has under
gone a 3500% price inflation, most of it in the past fifteen years. Great if you own the place; not so good if you’re a first time buyer.

Gives you an idea of how compli
cated this stuff really is...

Accuracy

It really helps to check your facts. And to trust the recognized experts, even while getting a second, third, and fourth opinion.

This very column has fallen prey to misinformation. I once mentioned that “gay teens are three times more likely to commit suicide.” In reality, while they have their problems, they are no more likely to off themselves than other teenagers. That error had been traced to a single social worker, quoted by a reporter who didn’t ask for verification. (Don’t ask why they didn’t ask why.) A common foul-up is misquotes. A popular saying I once quoted along with CAUSA and Paul Harvey is Toec
queville’s, “America is great because she is good.” Trouble is, he never said it. Ditto with Lincoln’s, “You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.” Those were written by the Rev. William Boeckler, and distributed in a pamphlet along with some actual Lincoln quotes.

Science

The media usually does a horrible job of presenting science. PBS and the Discovery Channel do better, but they want things down, besides having a scant. Few people notice, because the citizenry is so ill-informed. Sometimes it gets downright silly. Dr. Dean Edell (though a secular humanist) promotes health-related common sense through his book and radio show. (I listen.) His (through a secular humanist) promotes health-related common sense through his book and radio show. (I listen.) His (through a secular humanist) promotes health-related common sense through his book and radio show. (I listen.) His (through a secular humanist) promotes health-related common sense through his book and radio show. (I listen.) His (through a secular humanist) promotes health-related common sense through his book and radio show. (I listen.) His (through a secular humanist) promotes health-related common sense through his book and radio show. (I listen.) His (through a secular humanist) promotes health-related common sense through his book and radio show. (I listen.)

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One kind promises to restore youth
ful vigor by boosting testosterone lev
els. The other promises to create hair
growth by suppressing DHT, aka testo
sterone.

One wonders how many confused men are swallowing both kinds of quite expensive product. The reality if not the crime—is that neither type works.

Conclusion

There is hope. Many keen thinkers are working to promote information over its alternatives.

The magazine American Journalism Review is a great source. Our own Washington Times and Paragon House are spreading the right information in large doses.

Common sense is required. Ask some hard questions. What would your grand
mother say? Use your common sense and think for yourself. The news media is so ill-informed.

But what about the experts? Sometimes it gets downright silly. Dr. Dean Edell (though a secular humanist) promotes health-related common sense through his book and radio show. (I listen.)

Do say hello for me to the next poli
ter who calls.

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Quite simply contemporary religions must remove from popular opinion the assumption that strong religious belief is characterized by the likelihood if not inevitability of clash and conflict with anyone who does not believe in the same thing.

This task is far more demanding than the efforts to date by religious leaders and pol
lacquers who are able to demonize and suppress impressing degrees of sophistica
tion, maganism in social welfare, and even in international relations.

required is that religions demonstrate beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are able and willing to cooperate on a permanent basis. This cooperation must be a permanent state of affairs, and not be event driven or issue driven.

Just as there exist international bod
ies, inter-economic bodies, and even joint military relations, religions must find a way to effect permanent dialogue and negotiations at the edges of their respective doctrines and practices as well. Better than the G-8 summit and see their la
hers yield lasting fruit.

If religion can restore their reputation among the modern by behaving as insti
tutions in the same manner as nations, financial institutions, secular relief organi
zations etc., it should then become fully inserted into peace seeking work. There should not be a separate track of inter
faith dialogue, off to and to the side of the real McCoy the Camp David’s, the O.S.A., the Wye Rivers and so forth. Peace seek
ing should be integrated and holistic. It must include in the foreground the elements of religion and spirituality which exact so powerful influence in personal and world affairs. Eventually, it should become inexcusable to attempt peace negotiations without religion experts deeply involved.

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