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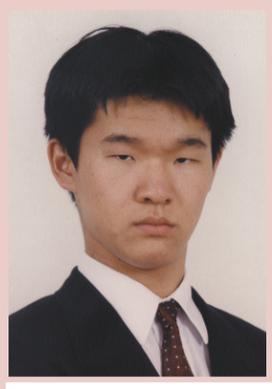
The day after arriving in Korea on July 21, True Mother began her successful series of rallies for leaders in sixteen cities throughout Korea, on the subject "True Family Practices Leadership Rally Toward World Peace and Unification, Korea." She furthermore held two successful rallies for women leaders.

After going through a course of suffering and sacrifice on the front line of pioneering three countries in South America, True Father arrived in Korea on August 6. On August 9, he declared the historic "Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth" and educated 8,000 National Messiahs.

At the Kuri Training Center outside Seoul, at seven seconds past seven minutes past seven on the seventh day of the seventh month of 1997 (lunar calendar), Father prayed to offer up the victory of meeting the 3.6 million pre-blessing goal, and creating a new holy day. The new Holy Day is called "Declaration of the Realm of Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth."

True Parents said that on July 7 (lunar calendar)

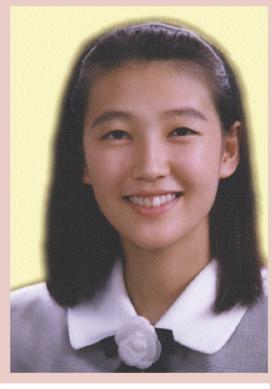
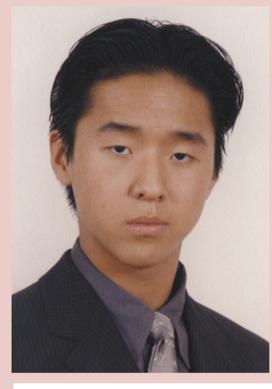
Tru Parents announced at the conference the engagement of two sons:
Young Jin Nim is engaged to Hwa Jung Yoo (1800-couple daughter of Jong-So Yoo and Sang-Nan Lee).
Hyun Jin Nim is engaged to Yun Ah Lee (777-couple daughter of Seung Dae Lee and Eun Jung Joo).



Mr. Young Jin Moon and Ms. Hwa Jung Yoo

daughter of Seung Dae Lee and Eun Jung Joo).

Their joint Holy Wedding will be held in New York, USA, on September 6 of this year. We offer our congratulations and gratitude on this great occasion for True Parents' family.



Mr. Hyun Jin Moon and Ms. Yun Ah Lee

of each year from now on we will commemorate the "7.8" Holy Day (meaning: eight times the number seven), and that this will be an important Holy Day among the eight major Holy Days.

In his prayer after the announcement, Father was overcome with tears. Afterwards, he told Rev. Kwak that he was crying so deeply that it completely overwhelmed his mind. Clearly this was no ordinary occasion, but one of cosmic moment. Father also said later that this was the most important procla-

mation he had ever made.

While supervising the worldwide leaders conference, True Father gave guidance for a life of faith, and new directions. He also awarded prizes for the pre-blessing results accomplished up until now, and awarded prizes as follows:

1st was Korea with 1,051,852 awarded \$400,000; 2nd Philippines, 952,281, \$300,000; 3rd Nigeria, 748,814, \$200,000; 4th Ghana, 658,000,

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Celebrating 144,000

Reverend and Mrs Joong Hyun Pak with the North America Regional Directors and staff celebrating the accomplishment of 144,000 pre-Blessings in North America at the Continental Headquarters at 43rd Street in New York City.



First row, Rev. Bill Choi, New York KEA; Rev. Mitch Dixon, Canada National Messiah; Rev. Dr. Chae Hee Lee, Canada National Messiah; Rev. & Mrs. Joong Hyun Pak; Bishop Ki Hun Kim, Chicago; Dr. Tyler Hendricks, NY.

Second row: Rev. In Hoi Lee, Los Angeles; Rev.

Jong Phyo Hong, Philadelphia; Rev. Won Keun Kim, Seattle; Rev. Ki Young Shin, Denver; Rev. Won Seog Kang, Charlotte; Rev. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Washington DC; Rev. William Stoner, St. Louis; Rev. Jae Seok Kim, Boston; Rev. Jin Churl You, Dallas; Rev. Young Shik An, Atlanta; Rev. Hun Suk Lee, Minneapolis.

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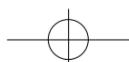
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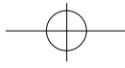
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This proclamation, dated July 20, 1997, ran in *The Washington Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other newspapers nationwide

PROCLAMATION OF THE 3.6 MILLION COUPLES MARRIAGE BLESSING

The advent of the third millennium heralds a time for humankind to re-examine its past and determine our course for the future from the perspective of God's original ideal in creating humankind. In so doing, we can discover the eternal principles which are the basis of happiness, harmony and fulfillment, and we can determine a beneficial course for ourselves and our posterity.

In creating the world, God intended that Adam and Eve would become the first true parents of humankind. As such, they would establish a true family with God at the center. As that family multiplied, it would grow into a true nation and world of peace and harmony. In a world of such loving relationships, God would be able to dwell eternally on the earth.

Unfortunately, Adam and Eve abandoned God's principles of true love and failed to become true parents. Therefore, God sent the Messiah—a second Adam—to restore the failure of the first Adam and establish the original ideal of the true family, true nation and true world. Jesus came as the second Adam. He came to a nation which God had prepared for thousands of years. Tragically, in spite of this national foundation, people at that time could not understand the mission of

Jesus, and he was unable to establish a true family and a true nation. This is the reason Jesus promised he would return. Accordingly, a third Adam must come to fulfill the mission of the true parents of the worldwide level.

The Second Advent is the period of time when the Messiah comes to accomplish the original ideal of creation as the third Adam. He comes to fulfill all of the promises of the Old and New Testaments and to bring about the Completed Testament Age. He does this by fulfilling the position of true parents, establishing a true family and sharing the blessing of true love with all humankind. Through a special marriage blessing, couples worldwide have the opportunity to become true families..

On August 25, 1995, 360,000 couples participated in an international blessing at the Olympic Stadium in Seoul, Korea. This year, on November 29, another international blessing ceremony, this one for 3.6 million couples, will take place at RFK Stadium in Washington, DC. As of July 15, 1997, more than 3.6 million couples worldwide participated in blessing ceremonies in preparation for this event.

Having achieved this, it is with great joy that we announce a new campaign to share this holy

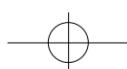
blessing with 36 million more couples throughout the world. This is truly an historic turning point. These true families, sharing the blessing of God's love, will lay the foundation for the kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven.

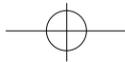
The ideal of true families centered upon God and true parents is the foundation of a national and global ideal which transcends religion and ideology. Through the fulfillment of this ideal, God's providence of salvation will reach its successful conclusion. The historical mission of all religions will be accomplished.

The age of religion and individual salvation is therefore passing and the age of family salvation has begun. For this reason, The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (Unification Church) is giving birth to a much larger, non-denominational, family-centered organization, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

We invite the leaders of the world and the people of all nations to join us in this noble endeavor, by actively promoting and participating in the international blessing ceremony for 36 million couples, transcending race, national boundary and religion.❖

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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

WORLD ERA OF BLESSED FAMILIES

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is an excerpt from a sermon given May 4, 1997 at the Belvedere International Training Center, Tarrytown, NY. The interpreter was Mr. Peter Kim.

Even if you establish a couple, if you do not produce children then you have not formed a Blessed family. Therefore, it is important that we understand the term "Blessed family," not just Blessed couple. In a family there should be grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren.

Ordinarily, secular people do not have an understanding of "cosmos." This is like our own unique term. The cosmos includes the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, both worlds. It means the unification of these two worlds. Since people do not understand the term cosmos Father uses the word *segye* or world. Internally we should understand the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification to mean the Family Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification, the Cosmic Era of Blessed Families. This particular title has recently been given to you.

The Family Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification includes within it the meaning of the entire Unification Church down to the individual. The individual is included here, unification is included here and the church is included here. Centering upon the individual, what is subject? (The mind.) When you have to apply yourself as an individual to this particular title, where do you

belong? Cosmos? Peace? Unification? or Family Federation? Where? (Family.) "I" can be interpreted as the representative of the whole. Therefore, I can say that I represent the entire cosmos; I represent unification; I represent family federation; I represent the cosmic era. I represent the movement of the Blessed family as an individual. In terms of value, they are equal. Subject and object, plus and minus relationship is of equal value.

"I" can represent the cosmos, peace, unification and even God, and the Kingdom of Heaven on the Earth as well as in Heaven. Do you follow? What about your eyes? This eye may represent me. Even your nose can represent you. Your ear, mouth, hand, foot and even a small cell in your arm can represent you, a human being as a whole. Man's sexual organ can represent all men. You can represent the universe. In love, what is it that comes together in order to create love? (Male and female sexual organs.) Man as a big plus and woman as a big minus [Father draws a diagram on the board]. The is the meeting point between husband and wife as a small plus and a small minus. This is big, as a whole man (a big plus); as a whole woman (a big minus) [indicating to the diagram], but when they make love, the small plus and small minus come together and become one. In this you have your limbs and billions of cells. But here [indicating to the board] this is smaller. This particular organ represents the entire cells and organs of yourself. When you make love don't you think that the cells in your body become active? (Yes.) Everything in your body works toward one goal. That is what we call unification. That is where plus and minus combine together and peace is created. As a whole, when this phenomena occurs, the base for a family is established. The extension of this is the world which we refer to as man's world and woman's world. It extends further to the cosmic level. [Father continues to draw on the board] This is the very beginning point to build the Kingdom of God on Earth. That is why love is so precious.

Please remember that there is only one vertical line. There is just one central point, never two. The horizontal and vertical lines should be perpendicular. Centering on that central point, if this vertical and horizontal line begin to move around in a circular motion, then the entire universe will begin to revolve. In that center, we can find God, as well as the family of God; family of nation, family of world, family of the cosmos. That center represents everything that we can imagine. We should understand this concept clearly. No matter how small a woman may be, she should have confidence that she is the representative of the entire female world.

The same is true for men. You can even think that you represent your grandmother and all your ancestors. As a woman, you represent all the mothers who went before you as well as all the wives in your time



A victory mansei for the 3.6 million

period. You should also think that you, as a woman, represent all the elder and younger sisters in the world. Any woman has a lineage. If we were able to pull her lineage out from her, don't you think that all the female ancestors would be pulled out? Stretching like a rubber band, they are not disconnected, but rather part of the same line. In our mind, we should desire to become the representative of the entire humanity and entire world. We should desire to become a queen of queens, grandmother, mother, wife, daughter, sister, the representative of all female figures.

You ugly men have the same feeling, don't you? If Father were to pull your lineage line out like a rubber band, then your father, grandfather, great grandfather, all the way back to Adam would be pulled out also.

You are the representatives of all the male and female figures throughout history. If God comes down here and sees what is happening, do you think that He would be happy to see only one tribal lineage or the lineage all the way back to Adam and Eve? (All the way back.) If you want to provide the road upon which God will travel, would you like to offer your lineage zig-zagging all the way to Adam, or a straight super highway lineage back to Adam? (straight super highway.) If you want to do that, then you have to make sure that you become a good enough representative so that your entire ancestry will support you in one line! You should not live your life in a zig-zag fashion. Once you build this super highway it should be straight and wide all the way to the end. It should not be both wide and narrow. Because of the fall of man, this road is sometimes upside down and really narrow in places so that one cannot pass.

Within our teaching we use the term "individual truth body." Within our body there are over forty billion cells. If all of these forty billion cells individually insist on being the better one and insist on doing whatever they wish, can we exist as a human being? (No.) If the cells in your eyes and nose or ears and mouth begin to insist that each is better than the other, or insist on their own way, we would have trouble. If all forty billion cells claim to be the best then where can you find that kind of cell? Love organ cell. Repeat after me, love organ cell. (Love

organ cell.) Wow! People might claim the Unification Church to be heretical because Reverend Moon often speaks about sexual organs, but in reality, we are not heretics. Do you feel this is real? (Yes.) If you truly understand and believe in my message, don't you think that the cells in your sexual organ will give a loud "mansei"? Or will they feel ashamed? (MANSEI!) Even among the sexual organ cells there are plus and minus sexual organ cells. Which one is the mainstream cell among them? (Plus.) If there are only plus cells then there would be no continuation. [Laughter] The plus cells in your sexual organ should be able to say, well my representative is the minus cell. Likewise, the minus cells should claim the plus cells as their representative.

In other words, the plus cells in your sexual organ should claim that they are living for the minus cells; that it is their ultimate goal to meet with the minus cells. The minus cells should claim the same thing toward the plus cells. Once

this desire from the plus and minus cells come together and become totally one, then as a combined being they will explode like a rocket. They become so powerful because they want to occupy the love center, which is God. The power of love is like that. With regard to the representative cells, do you think that two minus cells would come to be united with one plus cell or would there be only one partner? (Only one.) Yes, only one plus and one minus, not two. One partner means an absolute, unchanging being. Love concept has that kind of content.

Even this cosmic era of the Blessed family concept includes all the explanations which I have just given to you. Also, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is included here. Now Father wants to pose a question to you. Up until this point, have we been seeking this one-to-one cell love life, such as the one plus and one minus sexual organ cells have? Or have we deviated and entertained different thoughts? Which is it, all the way straight or not? Our way must be the one way and the highway course; only one cell to one cell. Suppose there is one plus cell and ten minus cells appear, will you welcome them or reject them? (Reject.) Among all of these billions of cells within our sexual organ, there should be a king figure plus cell and queen figure minus cell truly centered upon God. But has our life really been supporting, strengthening and widening this super highway or have we deviated and held back? This is the question we need to ask ourselves. Suppose there is one plus king cell and ten minus queen cells appear. As only one, you cannot deal with them. In order to deal with them, you would have to have ten sets of eyes, ten sets of ears, ten noses. It is too complicated. Absolute unification can never occur under these circumstances. Do you understand?

Have you Blessed couples been living your lives up to the standard, this king and queen cell standard? Or have you lived your lives like shrimps caught in a shrimp net, helpless and unable to do anything? What kind of life experiences have you had up until this point? Do you understand what I am trying to say? This net, a woman's net, exists in order to catch a man. There is also a man's net which exists to catch a woman. You end up like shrimp caught in the fishing net. I will elaborate upon my question



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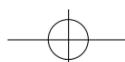
- 1 Day of Returning to the Home Country
- 14 Shin Goon Nim's 14th Birthday
Shin Kwon Nim's 8th Birthday
- 16 Total Victory Day
- 20 In Jin Nim's 32nd Birthday
Declaration of the Providential Age of Salvation by Love
- 25 30,000 Couples' Blessing ('92)
360,000 Couples' Blessing ('95)
- 31 Day of the Settlement of Eight Stages

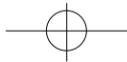
SEPTEMBER

- 1 Shin Ji Nim's 3rd Birthday
Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism
- 3 Shin Joong Nim's 4th Birthday
- 7 Hyung Jin Nim's 18th Birthday
- 16 Soon Ju Nim's 25th Birthday
- 18 Foundation Day
- 27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification

OCTOBER

- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World
- 4 Day of Victory of Heaven
- 9 Shin Myung Nim's 11th Birthday
- 12 In Sup Nim's 25th Birthday
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing ('82)
- 17 Shin Eh Nim's 8th Birthday
- 19 Shin Ok Nim's 8th Birthday
- 21 Hwa Yun Nim's 20th Birthday
777 Couples' Blessing ('70)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing ('88)
- 31 True Children's Day





REV. JOONG
HYUN PAK

Rev. Pak is the Continental
Director of the Church
in North America.

A talk given at the Chicago Family Church, August 3, 1997

As of this day, August 3, our North American Continent has a total of 210,000 couples for the upcoming Blessing. We hope to soon reach our goal of 360,000 couples.

Sitting here with us now is Mr. Joseph Willett from Kentucky. He and his wife Sun Hwang Willett have the honor of being the first American couple to fulfill 185 blessed couples and to pioneer door-to-door witnessing. After reaching their goal, the Willetts then began to bless leaders of their community starting with the mayor. The mayor then brought twelve of his staff people to be blessed. The Chief of Police, school board officials and others were blessed as well. So far Joe and Sun Willett have blessed 400 couples and, without a doubt, they have become our model Tribal Messiah couple. As a result of this achievement, Joe Willett will represent their family in Korea when True Father makes the special Proclamation, August 9.

The open Blessing

When we think of today's topic "The Open Blessing" we also think of the long years of struggle of many brothers and sisters in the past, the indemnity that had to be paid by early members, and the seriousness with which we learned to approach the Blessing. The Blessing means everything to us and even the apprehensions in past years that perhaps we would not be chosen for it after a long period of waiting, leaves some of our members in confusion today as they watch the Blessing being offered so freely, so openly to all! In other words, it is being given so cheaply, meaning that it is being offered "free, without price." This is quite a change.

As we know, there are 66 books in the Bible, the last one being John's Revelation. There, in the last chapter, after Jesus sent his angel to testify, we read:

And the Spirit and the Bride say "Come." And let the one who hears say, "come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. (Rev.22:17)

The meaning of this verse is: Come. Everybody come. In the presence of the Holy Spirit and the Bride, come and we will give you the water of life. Free. No cost.

Water of Life is the source of life. We believe the water of life is: True Love, True Life, True Lineage; True Love, forever, undying True Life and pure True Lineage—these three elements come from the Water of Life. Actually, this is the most precious, costly gift from God and yet the Bible says "everybody come and you can have this free." How can this be? Let us now explore more deeply this open Blessing.

Worldwide victory

How many couples throughout the world have so far received this Blessing? Seven million couples, and the numbers are growing every second. So

in America and throughout the world we are seeing 'hurricanes of Blessings'. Among the 210,000 blessed couples in America, 500 Christian minister couples thus far have been blessed. And 5,000 of the couples have been blessed in Christian churches. Not in hotels, not in parks, not in other public places, but in the Christian Church.

Blessings are also taking place in Muslim mosques, Jewish synagogues and Buddhist temples. So the millions of Blessings that have resulted from True Father opening the doors to free Blessings are taking place everywhere throughout the world. Heung-Jin-Nim, Dae-Mo-Nim and Jesus Christ and all the saints and sages and ancestors coming down from the spiritual world, are working with us to create this wonderful miracle that is taking place everywhere. It is truly a day of miracles!

Even we are surprised. In just one week the Blessing numbers have grown a million times worldwide. Imagine. And we have heard that the President of Ghana has received the Blessing. Not the former president, but the present president. He is reported to be a very good person, very respected and a good leader for the nation of Ghana. Of course, some former presidents, former prime ministers and top leaders of the world are lining up now to receive the Blessing. So the open Blessing is creating tremendous power on this Planet Earth!

Heart of True Parents

Let's think for a moment: Why do we need this open Blessing? Today is the time of the Messiah. The Messiah, the True Parents, are living on Earth. We who are living on earth today are the luckiest people in all of history. Living during the Messiah's era, the True Parents era. This can happen only once in a lifetime. Only one lifetime can they dwell on Earth. They will go to the spiritual world and never be here again in the physical body, only in spirit.

In his lifetime, the Messiah must live for the sake of all the people. Will only the good-looking, the healthy, the strong receive the Blessing? The Messiah comes to give the Blessing to everyone who will receive it. We must reach out to everyone, everywhere—the rich, the poor, the person in the hospital, in the home, on the street, the lame, the sick, the thief, the gambler, the drug addict—they must be changed—all must be saved if possible.

All are children of God and True Parents—whether they be handsome, educated and healthy, or handicapped, uneducated and unhealthy—all need the Blessing. We must reach out to everyone, the suffering ones as well. This is our mission. To extend to them, to all people, this eternal message, this eternal love which is their inheritance!

With the remaining time of our True Parents on the Earth, we must reach to all the corners in order to cover the Earth with Blessings. This is our responsibility. Someone may say, "Oh yes, I did my 185 couple Blessings. I finished. Now I can relax." No! Keep going. Why not make your goal 1,000 couples as some others are doing. We must keep going as True Parents are.

How can we stop when True Parents are not stopping!

Opportunity for witnessing

Last year Mrs. Pak and I attended 47 days of training at Chungpyung workshop. It was not easy, especially that first workshop. We were then chosen to be National Messiahs to Switzerland. I know it was our crown, our honor to be chosen for that but on one hand, I was struggling. Why? I had been serving in America for 22 years. I was not expecting to go to Switzerland. I actually thought I would continue to work in America for a longer period. But now, suddenly, I was being asked to serve in Switzerland! One part of me was happy and proud. The other part was challenged. I was always thinking: I have been in America so many years but because my mission demanded all my time, leading and guiding people, I had no time left to witness for spiritual children here. I gave my best. I loved America, but my tree of life bore no fruit here, this tree of life was bare, very poor—no spiritual children. That was my struggle. Then True Father opened the door of the Blessings!

Mrs. Pak joyfully went out to give Blessings. She thought she would keep going until we had 780 couples. But now that she is close to that number, Mrs. Pak is planning to continue on to 1,000 or more. Why not? In the beginning, Mrs. Pak and I knocked on doors with not too many results. But we learned as we went along. Then Mrs. Pak realized she could do better—and faster—alone. So she liberated me to keep my busy schedule at Headquarters!

Two generations together

The spiritual world is working so powerfully with all of us. Some blessed couples like to go together to give Blessings. Some are finding that taking a child with them can bring added power, sometimes even guidance when the child is spiritually attuned. So however we do it, we definitely have the Blessing Fever!

Some second generation young people are going alone to do Blessings. This is greatly powerful. Our second generation is beginning to appreciate the strength and dedication within their own homes. And even though their fathers and mothers are working hard full-time for the Kingdom, still they are together, not divorced. So they are beginning to see the value of their own family, especially as they, and all of us, are seeing first hand and with sadness how few families exist intact anymore. It is rare to knock on a door and find a father and a mother together, married.

The second generation is also beginning to value the first generation members as they realize how hard and steadfast we have worked in our missions. Most importantly, the second generation is learning the real value of the Blessing, the value of a true family.

Pioneers of Blessing life

Another way we can understand this free Blessing is by looking back to when God created Adam and Eve. They were to have gone through the

levels of formation, growth and perfection, arriving at the Blessing. So we also have had to walk the path through these levels, finally receiving the Blessing, all the while following True Parents, our models of perfection. Now, as we are nearing that perfected level, we are looking at these newly Blessed people and thinking: "I came a most difficult path, paying a price, but now you are coming without cost." If we think in a negative way toward the situation, we are wrong. But if we look at it in a positive way, then we can say we are inviting them to the Blessing with True Love. Because it is through True Love that we can feel joy and satisfaction that we have paved the way for them. Just as the Messiah paved the way for us.

America has the most developed highways. America is the kingdom of highways. After World War II, during President Eisenhower's term, America's wonderful system of highways developed. Plans were drawn, trees were downed, rocks were blasted out, as these super highways were constructed. When these systems of highways were finished and opened, did it make travel easy or difficult? Obviously, it made the traveler's journey easier. In Los Angeles, they have now planned a new system of automated travel. You sit in an electric-driven car and it moves safely, protected, to one's destination.

At the top of perfection

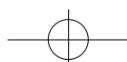
You and I, we earlier members, have gone through formation, growth and perfection, by climbing a high mountain, a rocky mountain. We carved out the mountain, driving the nails, chipping at the rugged, jagged edges as we climbed the steep peak to safety, each time making it smoother and easier for the ones behind us.

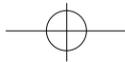
This past Spring, I visited Switzerland in the area of Interlaken. There is a beautiful hotel on the lake that I wanted to view as a possible workshop site in the future. The owner of this hotel just recently received the Blessing.

Behind this hotel is the famous Eiger mountain. As I stood gazing up at this high, very steep, beautiful glacier mountain, a woman approached me and asked "are you Japanese?" "No, I am Korean" I said. She then went on to tell me that three young Japanese men were presently climbing this mountain. "How long will it take them to reach the top?" I asked. "Three and a half days" she answered me. Now in three and a half days of climbing they must stop to sleep. Where? How? Perpendicular, that's how! Because the mountain goes "straight up" with nothing but solid, icy rock! No ledges to nestle upon. With their strong ropeline secured somewhere above, and then attached, one man to the other by rope, suspended, dangling against that rock, they sleep. Can you imagine!

As they approach the peak, the first one that reaches it will certainly not shout to the others to hurry; but rather he will pull the others by the rope to safety and together they share the victory.

We elder Blessed couples went a
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very difficult course, paying so much indemnity as we climbed our high, spiritual mountain peak, but now we help our younger spiritual brothers and sisters to more easily and safely climb to the top, the level of perfection, the Blessing. Now the open Blessing is given and we all share the victory.

America, light and shadow

America is now in an economically good period. Hotels are packed with travelers, people are economically able to travel and enjoy many things. The economy is too good! People are living in good houses, eating well, relaxing! But where are the American families! We cannot find couples as we knock on doors across America. America is in danger.

Society is filled with young drug users, alcoholics, homosexuals, and such. They have learned an immoral life. America is a most dangerous place right now. Who will save this America? Our Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, our Blessed couples, working hand-in-hand, are out everyday conveying and proclaiming this message of peace and salvation, the Blessing.

What are the four requirements of the Blessing? 1) Never divorce; 2) Do not commit adultery; 3) Teach a pure life to second and third generations; 4) Teach these True Family values and Blessing vows to relatives and the community. Every household is given this Certificate of a True Family and what that family is to uphold. As we give the Blessing, it is then passed on to others. This is how we will reach all the corners of the Earth.

Power of the Blessing

Recently, I visited Camp Sunrise in New York, where a Second Generation workshop was in progress. Bruce and Debra Grodner are the directors there. The Grodners are pioneers for over 20 years in the Church. Visiting the camp that day were Bruce Grodner's parents. When we were introduced, the father acknowledged the introduction and then very quickly proceeded to painfully verbalize his many concerns over the years for his son and daughter-in-law. I respectfully listened for the long time that he spoke and when he was finished I began to speak to this man, this successful Jewish man who had always headed a company and lived a life of leadership and responsibility. I spoke to him, not about the things that were troubling him, but rather about True Family Values, the Blessing, the condition of America, what we are doing about it. He became so excited and called to his wife (who had remained in the car during this conversation), "Come out quickly" he called to her. "You must come and hear this good news!"

Here was a man now in tears, who, according to his son, never expressed emotion publicly. He and wife both became emotional and so inspired. At this point I asked them "Do you want the Blessing?" "YES!" was their reply. So they received it right there. And when I suggested to them that they must now go and focus on blessing others, the father went that very moment and called his daughter at home! How beautifully the Spirit of God cuts right through our struggling, negative thoughts and brings instead a clear and truthful understanding.

This marriage, like many we are seeing, was being challenged before

this moment. Amazing wonder of Heaven! We are saving marriages. It is fashionable today to be divorced. It is a lifestyle now in America. But True Parents are literally saving families every day. And the power of God is flowing.

Members tell of the many years they have tried to witness to their families to no avail, but now suddenly these same families are receiving the Blessing. So amazing and so powerful these times are. And God is using us as the saviors for American families. This is our honor and our duty. Please understand all this deeply.

Another story of the power of the Blessing was told by a member to True Mother in Korea:

A blessed couple recently gave the Blessing to an old couple in their home. The witnessing couple felt bad because they did not have much time for education for the old couple, just the Blessing and some brief explanation. A few days later the newly blessed wife went to Spirit World. There she was so happy and so surprised when she arrived as a blessed person—it made so much difference. With this awareness, she quickly sent a dream to her eldest son, giving him a telephone number to call. The son called the number the next day and it turned out to be our church number! He got the Blessing and brought other members of the family as well.

Biblical fulfillment

From the beginning of the Bible, in Genesis, as we read of God's Creation and His dream for Adam and Eve all the way to the end in John's Revelation, 22:17, where Jesus gives his last prediction, the dream is being fulfilled finally by True Parents. God has been disappointed so many times down through the years, crying tears as each era of time passed without the expected results, and now finally God's dream of hope is being fulfilled.

John's Revelation is all about the Second Advent, True Parents coming, to fulfill the dream of God, the dream for Adam. Now God is giving the Water of Life, free.

There are two years and five months remaining until the year 2000. This is a very serious time, the year 2000. It is the culminating point of God, True Parents, Jesus Christ. Such a serious and important point of time. Our Messiah Jesus Christ came two thousand years ago. And now, two thousand years later, his mission of True Parentship and Messiahship must be fulfilled before the coming of the Third Millennium, the twenty-first century.

All of human life down

through history has been a struggling, suffering, fallen, bad life. But before the turn of the century, we will begin a New Heaven and a New Earth, a new people. Everything must be cleaned up, all fallen lifestyles cleaned up before the twenty-first century. This is the vision given in John's Revelation 2,000 years ago.

I saw a New Heaven and a New

We elder Blessed couples went a very difficult course, paying so much indemnity as we climbed our high, spiritual mountain peak, but now we help our younger spiritual brothers and sisters to more easily and safely climb to the top, the level of perfection, the Blessing. Now the open Blessing is given and we all share the victory.

Earth coming, for the first Heaven and the first Earth passed away... And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God... (Rev. 21:1-2)

...the holy city of Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names were written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. (Rev. 21:10-11)

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl, And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. (Rev. 21:21)

Everything will be beautiful, with clear rivers flowing, and the light of True Love shining so that not even

sunlight and moonlight will be needed, just the light glowing from True Love. The life of True Love is only brightness. So this wonderful vision given to John 2,000 years ago must be fulfilled.

Mobile Blessing Team

Now is the Dispensation of Open Blessing, Free Blessing. So, Brothers and Sisters, if you have reached 185 couples, please keep going until you have doubled or even tripled that. Some members are feeling shy, discouraged. They have been unable to challenge themselves with door-to-door witnessing. Couples that have fulfilled their goal can accompany the hesitant ones until each gains confidence. You will be a mobile Blessing team (MBT). In New York this is how many couples are helping others. Members are experiencing partnership and love as they clean up society.

Benefits are coming from this Open Blessing. Many good things are happening even beyond our expectations. Sometimes, over a period of time, some have lost appreciation for the value of their own personal Eternal Blessing from God (because we keep it to ourselves). But now in our witnessing we are gaining a new appreciation for its value as we bring this Blessing to others and educate others, we re-discover the value of our own Blessing. As you look at others struggling with divorce, single parenthood, loneliness—just seeing this day and night, you will naturally come to appreciate what you have.

America is a super country, but under the shadow of prosperity, families are broken down and people are suffering. This has become a "broken-down-marriage culture." We are bringing in a new culture!

Royal Family Kingdom

In conclusion, I want to mention that also in the Book of Revelation we read of the 144,000 to receive the Blessing, in white robes. Well, America, a Christian country, the Bride country, has already reached 144,000 couples and way beyond, and we are on our way to 360,000 couples soon.

I hope each couple can bring 20 more couples with them to RFK Stadium in Washington, DC. Incidental-

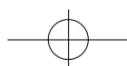
ly, Dr. Tyler Hendricks put it so aptly recently when he said "R.F.K. means Royal Family Kingdom!"

By the year 2000 we can achieve the Bible's dream. We must bow our heads, join our True Parents' crusade, and during their lifetime on Earth "eat" our Messiah, "eat" our True Parents, "eat" our Blessing. How wonderful it will be when we arrive in the spiritual world and are greeted by Abraham and Moses, Joshua and Caleb, everyone coming to congratulate us for the wonderful work we did on Earth, and how we faithfully followed True Parents into Canaan. ❖

CORDIAL COMMUNION



The Reverend Jesse Jackson had a cordial conversation on the topic of family values with Rev. and Mrs. Joong Hyun Pak and Rev. Ki Hun Kim during the Rainbow Coalition and Convention held August 3 at the Chicago Hilton.





Questions and Answers about the Blessing

by Chris Corcoran—NYC

Since the 3.6 million Blessing is fast approaching, I thought it would be helpful to give a brief overview of the event, and raise some questions and answers which may help explain it.

The World Culture and Sports Festival III will be held this year in Washington, D.C., from November 23 to the 30th. The first two festivals were held in Seoul, Korea, in 1992 and 1995.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon first presented their vision for the Festival just after the Summer Olympics of 1988. As they stated in the founding declaration, "There can only be a peaceful family of nations when you have nations of peaceful families."

Their statement summarizes the reason for the WCSF and should be the main starting point of any discussion about the Festival and/or Blessing.

Since the Festival is based on the ideal of establishing families that are dedicated to the service of God and mankind, it is fitting that the heart of each Festival has been the International Blessing Ceremony.

Couples from every corner of the globe—from almost every religion, race, nationality, and culture—make a sacred commitment in this Ceremony to practice true love as a way of life: emphasizing purity before marriage, fidelity within the marriage, and the eternal nature of marriage.

What is the Blessing? The event is a marriage blessing and rededication ceremony. It is not a legal rite of marriage nor is it a conversion to the Unification church. It is open to all faiths.

What will it be known as? The official title is : "Blessing '97: Worldwide Movement for True Families."

Who are the sponsor(s) of the Blessing '97? The primary sponsor of the Blessing is the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Also, each of the participating organizations is a festival co-sponsor.

What are its main features?

Inter-religious: It is the only event in the world that gathers husbands and wives of all faiths for the purpose of voluntarily renewing their vows. It affirms the ideals of all religions.

World Peace: It has the unique goal of achieving world peace through the restoration of the family, beginning with the marriage partnership itself.

Marriage Culture: It promotes and strengthens the *marriage culture* by emphasizing God's new relationship to the married couple and by teaching an ideal family model. Families now have a clearer vision of how to achieve strong, healthy families.

What is the role of Rev. and Mrs. Moon? Rev. and Mrs. Moon are officiating and "sealing" the Blessing.

By what authority do Rev. & Mrs. Moon conduct this event? Jesus Christ called them to this mission and we believe they have the authority, given by God, to perform this ceremony. They have blessed hundreds of thousands of couples during the past 37 years, painstakingly laying the foundation to conduct this ceremony.

Are they the only ones able to officiate at one of these events? No, any couple, under the auspices of FFWPU, which has already received the Blessing is able to confer this on other couples.

How does one qualify to be Blessed?

Any couple with an intact marriage and who agrees with the four vows can participate. In order to attend the Blessing '97 event at RFK stadium, a couple must first drink the holy water, be sprinkled with holy water and participate in the chastening ceremony.

The vows are:

1. We rededicate our marriage to God, centered on true love.
2. We will be faithful in marriage forever, to one spouse (no divorce, no adultery)
3. We will teach our children sexual purity before marriage (no pre-marital sex).
4. We want to join the Worldwide 3.6 Million Blessing Ceremony on November 29, 1997. We affirm that this ceremony can contribute to world peace through the ideals of true family.

In the chastening ceremony the husband and wife gently hit one another's backside with a small stick. This is for the purpose of symbolically paying a small price (indemnity) for any emotional pain the spouses may have caused one another or other people in the realm of the misuse of love.

What is expected of those who participate? Those who participate are encouraged to join the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. This is a voluntary, international organization formed by Rev. and Mrs. Moon in 1994 to bring together all Blessed couples for the purpose of promoting strong marriages and a new *marriage culture*. The main condition of membership is to keep their vows, i.e., no adultery, raise pure children and put

God at the center of their family.

Will there be other similar events in the future? Yes, definitely. **How soon?** Rev. Moon has set a goal to bless 36 million couples by next year and 360 million around the turn of the century.

Why does the world need such an event? We have to solve the breakdown of the family if America, and the world, is to survive. So many problems, including drugs, criminality, sexual diseases and poverty are directly related to family breakdown. The only way to solve the breakdown of the family is to restore the sanctity of marriage. This event must be a cause, a movement, to mobilize society to change.

Why 3.6 million couples? The number 360 symbolizes all humankind, just as the 360 degrees represents a circle. In 1995, Rev. and Mrs. Moon blessed 360,000 couples based on the same symbolic meaning.

What is Rev. and Mrs. Moon's motivation? Sociology and psychology confirm the traditional religious and folk wisdom that healthy families—with no divorce or adultery—lead to a healthy society and world. Rev. and Mrs. Moon want to all people in our common quest to build a healthy world for our children.

What about single people or homosexuals? We are upholding the ideal of true love between a husband and wife as God's plan. We realize that there are many good people who, for whatever reason, do not practice this. We do not judge other peoples' lifestyles but rather work to bring together and strengthen the family of humankind.

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\$100,000.

For reference, the ensuing eight positions, and their results, were: 5th: Sudan, 515,200; 6th: Taiwan, 486,812; 7th: Russia, 285,643; 8th: Mexico, 231,102; 9th: USA, 178,611; 10th: Zaire, 173,000; 11th: Colombia, 148,711; 12th: Malawi, 140,306.

In addition True Parents announced their plan to award prizes for the 36 million and the 360 million couples blessings. Results coming from August 9 and afterwards will accrue to the 36 million couples.

The essence of blessed family edu-

cation, including that for the 3.6 million couples, is contained in the Family Pledge and the three speeches—View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation, In Search of the Origin of the Universe, True Family and True Universe centering On True Love—which comprise the essence of the word of the Completed Testament Age. All members should study and memorize these speeches. In the future, contests for the recital of these speeches off by the heart will be held.

Do not worry how to manage things after the blessings of the 3.6 million couples and the 36 million couples. Educate with the Family Pledge and the three speeches (View of the Principle of the Providential History of Sal-

vation, In Search of the Origin of the Universe, True Family and True Universe Centering On True Love).

Upon the declaration of "The Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth," twelve clan federations connected with the Moon Tribe and Han Tribe were established. In the beginning, only twelve clans are represented, but this should expand and develop horizontally to twelve more clans, then a further twelve clans, and so on. This is to expand the Cain-realm organization for the salvation of the nation. This organization is to be compared with the orderly expansion of the blessed families into the Abel-realm within the providence. Among the 36 couples, twelve received the blessing as Adam-type families representing our ancestors and the past. Another twelve received the blessing as Noah-type families representing the current generation of humankind and the present, and the final twelve couples received the blessing as Jacob-type families representing future generations and the future. Then, as the 72, 124, and 430 couples, among others, received the blessing step by step, the foundation of the Abel-realm was thus expanded.

These are some of the key points from Father's talks during the period August 6-14, 1997.

What is it that you are going to be proud of in the spirit world? To have blessed many couples is the first point of pride.

After the 360 million couples, the realm of blessing will be bequeathed to all families.

Parents are the owners of the realm of the practice of true love.

True Father has been consistent in his life of devotion. Forgetting about the sunrise and sunset, he dedicated himself in one direction.

If you follow unwillingly, God does not work. Enjoy your life; live happily.

When you go to the spirit world, how you lived your life on earth is clearly shown. If your life was spent wrongly, you will therefore have to pay much indemnity. Do not seek the high position, therefore, but live with a humble attitude. You can go before God only after you pass through all the conditions of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. As this state is one of absolute selflessness, it becomes the object of infinite existence--thus becoming the secret of acquiring infinite power.

From God's point of view, once you set up the condition of being one hundred percent united in heart with Father's work, the angels are mobilized and cooperate with you, and all kinds of miracles occur. God, who has been persevering despite being viewed until now as an incompetent God, would like to manifest Himself as a capable God.

The Blessing of 3.6 million couples is a watershed: from this blessing on, those who are receiving the "single person's blessing" can be blessed with their spouse in the spirit world.

In the course of restoration, you should not reject or criticize someone whom True Parents love just because that person does not fit in with you. Dedicate yourself and embrace that person more than True Parents do. ❖

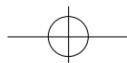
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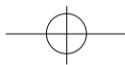
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to you a little more. Have you been caught in one of these nets and had your activities limited because of this? Or have you been totally free from these nets and lived your lives as king and queen cells, becoming united and exploding like thunder and lightning or shooting like a rocket? What kind of life have you lived up until this point? The life of the fish net or the life of the rocket? (Rocket.) If you pull the shrimp net up, there are usually many dead shrimp found in it. Some are alive, but are weak. Similarly, how miserable people are in the world because of these nets. Even though this handsome gentleman's hair is very ugly [indicating to a member of the audience], still his hair desires to live a king and queen cell life. Don't you think that the hair would think that way? (Yes.)

If all the forty billion cells in your body

were to complain against you, what would be your destination, Heaven or Hell? (Hell.) The bottom of Hell. Do you feel real? The dividing line between Heaven and Hell is within the sexual organ. The sexual organ is the most fearful and also the most precious place. If you follow the king and queen cell road then that will lead to the most precious place. Do you want to find the most fearful or the most precious place? (Precious.) Those who are willing to follow this most precious way, the king and queen cell way of life, show your hands to Father. The world around us is filled with free sex advocates. Do we find anyone like you out in the secular world? (No.) Do you have confidence in that? (Yes.) Thumb up or thumb down? (thumb up.) Up until this point there may have been some zig-zag lines caused by wrong doings in the past. But from this time on, since I proclaimed the Cosmic Era of Blessed Families, we have to straighten everything out. ❖





Rev. Sharpton Blesses as 'The Prince of Peace'

Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis,—NYC

The Grand Ballroom of the historic New Yorker Hotel became the house of harmony and Holy Blessing on July 24, 1997, at 8:00 pm.

Rev. and Mrs. Al Sharpton were inaugurated as Co-Chairs of the Coalition for Harmony and made altar calls to ministers and elders from around the country to rededicate their families and marriages to God.

Reverend Sharpton, father, husband, mayoral candidate and President of the National Action Network became Co-chairman of the Coalition for Harmony. The Coalition for Harmony was founded by Rev. Joong Hyun Pak and Rev. Simon T. Levine in 1990. This coalition was formed to address a racially intense situation in Brooklyn, New York during the Korean store boycott. Many people misunderstood Rev. Sharpton's leadership at this time. Rev. Pak, 1st Co-chair said that under Rev. Sharpton's advice and prayerful watch, the boycott came to a peaceful end. Amidst the climate of racial injustice and tension the Coalition for Harmony was a force to create unity and resolve conflicts through the spirit and heart of true love and family values.

Respecting differences in belief and opinion, the Coalition for Harmony advances the theme of working together to achieve common objectives and provides a forum for God-centered solutions based on a multi-racial, multi-cultural foundation.

At this inauguration, The Rev. Simon T. Levine, Award for Harmony was given to Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. and former Secretary General to the National Baptist Conference, Father Arthur Minichello, St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church, Bensonhurst, Brooklyn and Father Oswaldo Cardenas, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Sunset, Brooklyn, NY. Fr. Cardenas recalled Rev. Sharpton's part in the Korean Store boycott and heralded him "The Prince of Peace".

Reverend Simon T. Levine was the founder and pastor of the church of The Open Door A.M.E. Rev. Levine passed into his eternal life on January 27th, 1996. In honor of a distinguished man or woman of service to God and His or Her church, the award is presented to an individual for outstanding devotion and service to the community.

True Family

Values Ministry

After the inauguration of Rev. Sharpton and Mrs. Kathy Jordan Sharpton as Co-Chairs of The Coalition for Harmony, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, President of The True Family Value Ministry of America, gave an eye opening and very informative presentation on True family values.

The True Family Values Ministry seeks to empower families of the world by renewing marriage and family life thorough God's gracious love, education and reaffirmation of the sanctity of marriage.

The ministry is dedicated to bringing families to God, helping one another

fulfill our God-given potential, and making our families those in which God's love can dwell anew.

Dr. Hendricks pointed out that more and more objective scientific research points to the fact that the host of ills

that beset our society—crime, drugs, poverty, sexually transmitted diseases, etc.—are rooted in the breakdown of the family. Only by strengthening our families can we hope to have a prosperous, safe and, and healthy society. But how do we strengthen the family? Through the father-mother relationship centered on God, children learn the essence of love. As they grow and develop centered on this essence, they themselves become aware of a God-centered love, which they can learn to give. In the world there are so many variations of family life, that some communities depend heavily upon the extended family, especially grandparents, to raise children, where the nuclear family (father & mother) is not intact.

But at this time The True Family Value Ministry is celebrating marriage, by helping couples to rededicate their life to God so that their families can be stronger, their communities safer and our world a better place to live for all. Dr. Hendricks received a round of applause.

The Charge

Mr. Allan Inman and Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, Master and Mistress of Ceremony then gave a rousing introduction to Rev. Al Sharpton as he ascended the stage. The crowd stood enthusiastically and applauded Rev. Sharpton as he stood at the podium.

The Reverend began immediately to challenge and charge the enthu-

siastic audience with the order of the night, to rededicate their marriage and family to God, and recognizing the messenger.

Rev. Sharpton spoke candidly about the Million Man March. He stated that there are those who would not support the Million Man March because they didn't like Minister Farrakan. But we never know who God will choose as His messenger. It is the message that counts.

And to the accusations about his affiliation with Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the True Family Value Ministry, he decreed that, the world needs the message of true families. I don't care if it comes from Rev. Moon, Rev. Sun or Rev. midnight. This is the message God is sending us today".

The African-American Family

Rev. Sharpton said that the white Christians had sought to destroy the black people by tearing apart their marriages and families, because they knew that if you destroy marriage and family, you destroy the life of the people. Therefore, we must restore, rebuild, and strengthen the marriages and families of Black America and that's why he's working with the True family value ministry.

He masterfully linked the cause of family values with the cause of social justice, saying that true family life leads to mutual respect, fairness, and justice. The Reverend said that if men have the support of their wives and wives the support of their husbands, they can take on the difficulties of society. He doesn't need approval from Mayor Giuliani, he said, because he has the complete love and approval of his wife. When he leaves home in the morning. There was laughter and approval for the audience. He reiterated that for all these reasons, he has rededicated his marriage, plus, he added, Kathy (his wife) wanted to do it.

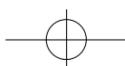
With these and other soul stirring words, Rev. Al and Mrs. Kathy Sharpton, newly appointed co-chairs of the Coalition for Harmony and Advisors to the True Family Value Ministry inspired fifty prominent clergy and elders to come forward and rededicate their marriages.

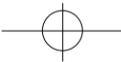
It was an eternal moment of God's love when the Paks and Sharptons stood in front of the stage, and between forty and fifty couples from an audience of 250 (many of whom were clergy who have already received the blessing) stood up and made their way to the front. Then all received Rev. Sharpton's Holy wine Ceremony prayer, then the sprinkling, Blessing vows and Blessing prayer from Rev. Pak.

The evening was celebrative, festive, and Blessed!

Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis is the Asst. Director of the True Family Value Ministry of Harlem. ❖

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Blessings of God Power the Ukraine

by Kyoung Hyo Kim—Kiev, Ukraine

Ukraine is growing up more and more as the main providential nation expected by True Parent. I am living now so amazing time by the sudden miraculous blessing result from Ukraine. So I want to share this news with our all members with the gratitude mind to God, True Parent and the spirit world. I want to witness how God and the spirit world work and how great the TP's victorious foundation influences.

The miraculous blessing event began from Dnepropetrovsk region on July 12. I feel very well why God chose this region first. So many leaders including President Kuchima, formal and present prime minister came from this region. Before in communism time this region created a very special political cartel. Almost 50% of Soviet leaders who were working in Moscow including Hurushichof and Breznev came from here so that people called even this region as the factory of politicians.

Could you believe that one young sister becoming 22 years old has blessed around 120,000 couples for 27 days? It is neither by door to door blessing nor by park blessing. People were gathered in the certain places of many cities and she traveled. Many times the big hall was full by thousands of people. She has been traveling several cities everyday from morning till night. Even one day she visited 10 cities and blessed 17,000 couples.

Do you know what kind of person was gathered? Most of them was the families and relatives of the leaders, the military officers, the police and the social securities. Without any exception, everybody from high officers to the old couples is becoming the blessed family through around 1 hour's impressive ceremony. Who were they before? They were the first group who had been supporting the communism system for 70 years, aren't they! Really I can not stop my hot tear. This is a great miracle from Heaven and victory of True Parent!

Such miraculous blessing event is now taking place everyday in many regions, already covered 9 regions. It is really incredible speed. It looks like dream. We are planning to have the same blessing event in Kiev region soon and to have 15,000 couples of the mammoth blessing festival in the official stadium on Dnepropetrovsk city on September.

I am calling her Olga. She is driving herself to the blessing tour everyday over-

coming painful sickness. Many people recommended her to receive the treatment from the hospital even as free of charge, but she refused it and is going out everyday. She is really sacrificing everything for the sake of being proud of God and True Parent and loving them. I can say she is a real daughter of True Parent and a great woman of Ukraine.

It was really by chance that she met one man, Basili Pabolichi. Last February she visited the city hall for the registration work of FFWPU. She met him there first time. She did not know who he was at that time. One person brought her a bad article of newspaper about our movement. By chance Mr. Basili came in and saw it. He said to her, "are you working with this Mafia who is using the name of religion?" Olga was so upset and immediately challenged him—she is a very strong woman. He was moved by her courageous and confident attitude, and he got some interesting information on our movement from here.

He invited her at his home. He was a vice mayor. She brought the many materials about True Parent and our movement. Finally he could open righteously his eyes toward us by her confident explanation. Some period of time passed and suddenly he was picked up by the prime minister to Kiev while we were being so busy for the blessing campaign. Very naturally he could report his boss the righteous information on True Parent so that the prime minister became interesting to us.

The city leader, Rev. Ramsaran asked him many time to receive the blessing, even though he excused every time. However he was watching us with deep interesting how we are doing. One day his father got the heart attack. His mother got a dream that Rev. Ramsaran and Olga came to her husband to cure with the white gown. This time Mr. Basili got a dream that he was dropped into the long hole and falling down. He saw Rev. Ramsaran holding a glass in one hand. He held Basili's falling hand with the other hand. Mr. Basili said to him desperately, "please pull me up." Rev. Ramsaran asked him bringing a glass into his mouth, "drink it, and I will pull you up!" He became very serious and eventually received the blessing together with his parents. After this event Rev. Ramsaran pushed him continuously to gather some people using his position for the blessing.

God was driving us and Mr. Basili into the typhoon of great blessing, even though we were completely ignorant. Now

I understand clearly how God was preparing for this time. On July 7, when we were so busy for the door to door blessing activity, Rev. Ramsaran and Olga were invited suddenly by him. He proposed them to give the blessing for 30 couples who he gathered. Olga thought "wow, today we will do the best." They prepared the holy wine and water and the indemnity sticks for 30 couples. But how amazing it was when they enter to the hall! There were around one thousand people. Olga thought, "maybe 30 couples among them will receive the blessing." However she lost almost her consciousness when she heard from Mr. Basili that everybody would receive the blessing. They had to buy more juice and water quickly. They borrowed all 'stakan' (cups) from the restaurant. Each couple brought already the stick from the home. It was really the big happening. We chose the 12 young couples as the assistant and gave the blessing in the corridor first. We explained them how to assist the holy wine and water ceremony and the indemnity stick ceremony. They were very sincere.

Basili Pabolichi gave a very good speech about FFWPU and the founder even though we did not ask him. We blessed them dividing several groups and officiated the family vow ceremony gathering altogether in the main hall. It was really tearfully exciting. Such big voice and many tears... Many couples brought the flowers and presented the gift each other. This first event was big successful.

There were many questions after the first event. At the same time there was no enough time to think about that because everyday he called Olga by phone and said, "please come to this place by this time." Wherever she goes with him, hundreds of people and even thousands of people were waiting them for the blessing. Sometimes they used the plane to move quickly. Everything was organized very well by his dignity and connections. Nothing serious problems happened until this time.

Once we introduced him our good tradition of "mansei". He said to Olga, "why didn't we use this good way in our ceremony?" From the next event he explained the meaning of mansei very beautifully and Olga closed the ceremony with the 3 mansei; God and True Parent mansei, 3.6 million blessing mansei and city mansei.

How could we mobilize such crowd of people and big expenses if we do by ourselves? What is amazing and grateful to God. We are preparing just holy wine and holy water. That's all. They mobilize people, prepare the hall, make everyday thousands color copy of the certificate and copy of application form and find out many sponsors. Of course it is a big delightful stress for us to prepare just the budget for holy wine and holy water.

One day Rev. Ramsaran became very serious because he did not have enough budget even for the next day's blessing. Suddenly he got an idea. A few days ago Rev. Chung, a national messiah of Ukraine and I visited Dnepropetrovsk center. That time Rev. Chung advised him very strictly that we have to give all blessed couples the True Parent's photo even selling it and distribute them the Divine Principle. Frankly speaking I was very shocked and almost could not translate his word. I understood by myself that it will happen in the future. What is the great point of Rev. Ramsaran. He decided to make the True Parent's photo calendar and True Parent's picture in order

to sell it to the blessed couples. If I were at that situation I almost would not get such great courage in the special situation of Ukraine. Somehow this idea was accepted to Mr. Basili and even he helped to produce it. He explained very well our product in front of the audiences. It was really very strong dignity. He said, "daragii durujiya' (dear my friends), please buy it. they are doing such a good work for us." Olga could sell many calendars and photos. Furthermore several days ago he suggested us to sell the Divine Principle book to all the blessed couples. He asked Rev. Ramsaran to make a short presentation to introduce the book as a worldwide best seller.

He knows very well our center is not so rich that he is helping continuously to bring many financial support. Once he asked one business man to donate one van to FFWPU. This man donated one new Ford van. Another business man donated us the full set of computer, TV and Video machine.

He is very confident now for this blessing work. He read already the Divine Principle three times, and caught out from it who Father is. He starts to pray before the ceremony and keeps True Parent's photo in his pocket during the ceremony. Once someone asked him who is it and why he keeps it. He said, "This is your parents and True Parents!" One day he became little bit tired, but when he blessed 17,000 in one day with Olga he was so inspired and said to Olga, "Let us continue until we fall down." In the end of July I specially asked him to dedicate his best effort in order to fulfill the Ukraine goal and the CIS goal by August 9. Then he said, "O.K. I will not take the rest until I fulfill my goal." Rev. Chung said him by the phone that King Vladimir baptized all his people and made Ukraine the first Christian nation in CIS in 988. He responded, "I am doing exactly like him now."

He has now a great desire to have the blessing event publicly on the nationwide level. He invited some high delegates from Kiev to the blessing. They were impressed very much and invited our delegates to Kiev to discuss the blessing event in Kiev region. Olga met 3 delegates in Kiev with Mrs. Basili. They were the very influential people and new very well Father and our movement. They asked many things about the blessing and Mrs. Basili gave them the very good testimony. They promised to help us. When I got this report I felt really the great things will happen after the 9th of August.

Until now such a blessing events were organized amazingly very unofficially using their connections and powerful dignities. It was because we protect their political position. We could avoid many problems. Just we are giving everyday thousands of blessing to the influential peoples in the society. If we give such a blessing until November in every cities, what will happen after that in this country? I almost can not imagine what God is planning.

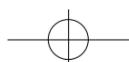
When I reflect the True Parents' tearful sacrifices in order to liberate God and save the mankind, I feel such result is too small that we can not console True Parent. It is just start and hundreds, even thousands times more miraculous result will compete to witness our True Parent. This day will come soon.

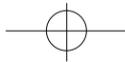
Ukraine will do be proud of True Parent and love True Parent continuously. I did not know really that such one prepared person brings so amazing result. God is really so great. May God bless him to continue this righteous march regardless of any pressure and difficulties! ♦



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A Foundation for the Rebirth of Nepal

by Ginger Nicholls —Katmandu, Nepal

In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "I have a dream." I can see the day when all of the world's children shall be lovingly fed, clothed, and able to receive an education. Together, my husband and I share a dream to realize the rebirth and development of a nation whose ancestors have been waiting patiently for the providence of National Messiah. This quiet endurance characterizes the Nepalese people as they struggle to live among rugged mountain terrain. As the only Hindu Kingdom in the world, Nepal's treasure lies in the magical beauty of the greatest mountain range in the world - the Himalayas.

As our flight descended into Katmandu, the capital of Nepal, in January, 1997, I caught clear sight of the mountain range. I became overwhelmed with tears and an embrace of God's love. All my fears and doubts concerning our new destiny as national messiahs to Nepal were melted by an incredible sense of peace and reassurance. It was going to be OK.

I should begin by explaining that I had adapted my lifestyle over the last 10 years to deal with osteoarthritis (affects the spinal joints). This condition I had developed one year after leaving UTS as a Div. graduate (1986). With my husband's help, I maintained various public missions, however, any prolonged sitting or standing resulted in extreme back, shoulder and neck pain.

Therefore, when we heard of the NM providence, we quickly dismissed ourselves as unworthy, unqualified, and physically limited. Besides, after moving 8 times in 6 years, we finally had found a place in the British Church where we felt at peace and had a vision to create a language school.

However, without realizing it, God had been quietly preparing us through various difficulties until the moment when He was ready to call us—quite unexpectedly. Consequently, when Heaven's call came and we were asked by the British Church to join the Aug. 1, 1996 Chung Pyung 40-day seminar, it was difficult to say no. It must have been my ancestors who caused me to choke with emotion when the fax arrived. I think they realized the dispensational value of the NM mission more than I did.

Still, I had little confidence that I could go to a third world nation and not be more of a burden than a help

with my physical limitations. The overnight flight to Korea and 40-day seminar was daunting enough, but Tr. Father was asking national messiahs to dedicate the rest of their life to their mission country (plus two generations!).

Fortunately, there was another sister in my region who was determined to join this new providence who had more serious health problems than I did. Petra and Philip Hill (NM to Slovenia) had volunteered despite here diabetes and related complications. In fact, out of 13 Blessed couples living in our region of SW England, 5 families had agreed to become NM's, and both husband and wife of each couple faithfully attended the first 40-day seminar for western NMs despite leaving children and money problems behind.

As to be expected, I struggled immensely due to the tight schedule and my health situation. Most of the 40 days I had a chest infection and although I was allowed to use a mat on the floor for my back pain, I couldn't participate in prolonged clapping without causing my shoulders to seize up. I kept thinking how crazy I was to have agreed to attend the NM 40-day seminar. In all honesty, I just wanted to go home. When it came time to break the 7-day fast, I had lost so much weight that I looked and felt like someone in a refugee camp.

Before we had left England to attend the 40-day seminar, I had made a pact with God. If my health was restored by attending Chung Pyung, I would go anywhere in the world. My husband and I also entertained hope that our infertility would be solved as we had been trying unsuccessfully for 7 years to conceive. Previous to that, we had waited 7 years to be re-blessed after 1982 broken blessings. When it came time to decide whether we should participate in the 'Korean lottery', we took a leap of faith and John chalked his mark on the top line. I'll never forget that moment as we listened in anticipation to receive our mission country... NEPAL! I felt immediate shock at hearing a third world country, but my dear husband had only positive words of encouragement. "Nepal has beautiful mountains . . . It's a peaceful country." I united with my Abel mind and began to feel hopeful about the future.

In the last days of the seminar, I was given a chance to see Dae Mo Nim personally. Even so, I left Korea without any apparent physical change to my back pain, possibly due to a mechanical cause. However, my experience with her gave me confidence that God believed in me, even if I found it hard to believe in myself.

A few days after returning to England, my parents and younger brother arrived for a visit. Our hospitality toward them set the stage for us to ask if we could stay in my parents' home for several months while preparing to go to Nepal. Another national messiah, Dennis Pearson (NM to

France), had advertised at Chung Pyung for mall managers to work with his business over the holiday season in Minnesota. John and I were fortunate to work with Dennis for 2 1/2 months in my hometown of Minneapolis. Interestingly, we had worked at the same mall 7 years previously raising money to move to England. By the end of the season, Dennis (and partner Scott Pankow) had made sacrifices to their business to help finance at least 6 or 7 national messiah couples.

When we first arrived in Nepal, we soon came to appreciate the difficulties and indemnity paid by those who had come before us. Rainier, a German missionary from 1975, had dedicated 17 years trying to establish a foundation in Nepal. Before family problems finally caused him to leave, in 1992, he had prepared the first Blessed Nepali member, Ram Prasad Pokharel (1989) to become a student of UTS. Shortly before Ram was to leave Nepal, he was murdered by thieves on a visit to his village. His brother, along with 5 other Nepalese members received the Blessing in 1992, and his brother took over national leadership.

The first previously married couple were also blessed in 1992. Having two daughters previous to receiving the Blessing, Mrs. Rabindra Baile gave birth to the first blessed child, a son. Sadly to say, the baby died soon after, and Mrs. Baile would not be able to have any more children.

Japanese missionary sisters arrived in 1994 and without knowing any English or Nepali, they struggled to not only lay a foundation for WFWP, but they decided to help the few young Nepalese members build the church foundation. A new Nepali member, Dr. Kishor Rajbandari, arrived in 1995 with his wife and two children (having joined in Germany). He soon became national leader, but after the Blessing in 1995, family problems caused him to step

down, and a Japanese sister courageously took on the task of national leader.

Fundraising had not been firmly established in Nepal as a means of financial support and there were no church businesses to rely on. Only CARP had been registered, but since 1994, Japanese sisters were providing all of the financial support of the church. Nepalese members began to rely on financial aid from Japan. Without substantial leadership to raise members, unfortunately, in 1996, the five 1992 Blessed members all left Nepal to live with their wives in Japan and Malaysia. Furthermore, out of 24 new blessings of single members in 1995, by the time we arrived in Jan. 1997, 19 were broken blessings (most of them were Nepalese brothers rejected by Filipino sisters).

It had been very difficult for most of them to go against their Hindu tradition and accept a match from True Parents (rather than marry within their own caste, selected by their own parents). Some were made outcasts or severely persecuted by their family, especially after the marriage broke down. Therefore, our first priority, after arriving in Nepal was to re-educate and counsel Blessed members, which in this case, our own experience of broken Blessing proved helpful.

Both our Japanese and Korean NM had arrived in Nepal at the end of 1996 to help with the FFUWP campaign, but they had to return to their countries soon after we arrived. Despite having very limited experience as a leader, my husband soon took over national leadership responsibility. It always takes time to gain the trust of members, especially when there are old resentments and misunderstandings to clear up. We experienced this first hand.

The Nepalese membership consisted mainly of young brothers who affiliated themselves with CARP—whether they were a student or not. CARP had been registered as a non-government organization. with eleven Nepalese board members following legal procedures. However, legal procedure and heavenly restoration are two different things, causing the members to have a more 'horizontal' understanding of U.C. membership rather than a 'vertical' understanding regarding the Cain/Abel relationship. In fact, most Blessed members did not understand

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When we left Nepal, we felt as though we were leaving our family behind. We left our heart in Katmandu, and we're anxious to return. Nepal may be a poor, undeveloped country with cows roaming the streets and the smell of garbage in the air. But we don't encounter problems such as homosexuality, divorce, and crime as we do in the West, and the future is bright with hydroelectric potential from the mountains.

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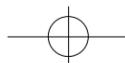
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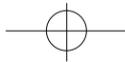


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Unity for the People of the Book in Israel

by Masatoshi Abe—Tel Aviv, Israel

Generally speaking, the Middle East is considered as one of the most difficult regions in terms of witnessing. In Israel there is an anti-missionary law. If you violate this law, you will be kicked out. So ever since I arrived to this nation, I struggled about the issue of giving the Blessing to the Israelites.

At the end of June we have started a 40 day Blessing campaign lasting until August 6th. In the past 5 month the results were just one or two couples a month. After starting our campaign results have reached an average of 100 couples a day.

As a national Messiah, I had to make my own foundation first. In the beginning I was nervous, and had no confidence to bring results. This year I turned 60, and also have a serious heart disease, and on top of that, Israel's weather this time of the year is very hot. Anyhow as a leader I new I had to show good example to our members. My wife and myself started going door to door to give Blessing. It was the first time for me to go witnessing in 28 years (since my own Blessing) as husband and wife together. It seemed to be a dream for me to be able to Bless 160 couples, I had no confidence.

Somehow we started and just in a couple of weeks we were able to Bless 84 couples. It was amazing!! Then I got the confidence to Bless 185 couples. We decided to go to the old city of Jerusalem, a city which is holy to the world's 3 major monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

For this reason its not that easy to witness in the old city. Further more, this city has 3,000 years of history so the streets are narrow and complex, like a maze. Foreigners are unable to enter the residential area. We went to the Christian quarter, but had no idea where to start. Then we entered the big Catholic Cathedral and prayed seriously to Jesus to help us. The first door we knocked, was opened by a young woman who was still single. She said: "sorry I am not married yet." I asked her if she knew any good families living around. She pointed out to an Arab man who was sitting on the near by door steps. He rose up and came over to us smiling: "Please come to my home." We followed him to his house, where his young wife was waiting.

They immediately accepted the Blessing. The husband, who's name is Issa, said he was unemployed, so he had lots of time. He offered to introduce his relatives and friend to us. Since then, we visited many houses with him every day. In each

house, Issa explained in Arabic about the Blessing and its procedure. Since we don't know any Arabic we would probably had been refused without his help. As a result of his help, we just set down on a chair as he did all the explanation. Almost 100% of the families accepted the Blessing. I asked Issa to bring us to at list 40 families in the old city within 3 days.

The third day was Sunday, and results were not turning good because all people were out. Somehow around 7:30 in the evening we had reached our 3 day goal of 40 couples. Then a miracle happened. We visited one of the families who accepted the Blessing. At that time one of their relatives was visiting them and watching the Blessing—he also wanted to receive it. Then we gave him the Blessing. By that time

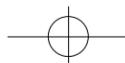
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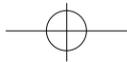
the rumor has spread that we are giving the Blessing. Immediately after that, many people arrived to that house one after another, and the house became packed full. They came in holding their spouse's pictures in their hands. When Issa saw that so many people come, he got upset and chased them out shutting the door. But I said to Issa, we must give the Blessing to everybody. Then the door was opened once again, and many people where waiting there beside the door. We became so busy giving the blessing to them one by one. Finally in

one and a half hour, 25 couples had received the Blessing. All preparations were done by Issa so we had just to give the blessing itself. Among those who were Blessed there were Christians, Jews and Moslems. That was the unification of those three major religions. I was really so amazed.

Towards the end, people brought their sick, adult and children. They thought I was a great spiritual healer. I felt that Jesus, who healed many people, was with me. So although I could not heal the sick I thought that I must pray for these people. When praying tears came from my eyes, as never happened before. It was late at night, and we were running out of Blessing forms, so we had to bid farewell. When we left, all people gathered and waved us good-bye. It was the most incredible experience in my life. I believe it was Jesus help, and needless to say without our True Parents' victory, it could never have happened. Finally we were able to fulfill our 185 couples Blessing on July 30th.

Masatoshi Abe is National Messiah to Israel ❖





Fulfilling Tribal Messiahship at Car Dealerships

by Mrs. Burgi Hutcherson—Winston-Salem, NC

My husband and I are pioneer Tribal Messiahs in my husband's hometown of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We have been here five years and have six children. My husband, Bruce, has a repair business and helps me prepare flower bouquets which I sell around car dealerships every weekend.

On June 1, my husband left for a 40-day workshop at Chungpyung. I was so happy that he could attend, although I knew it would be difficult to run the business and take care of the children out of school. I really wanted to fulfill Father's will to Bless couples, but felt stuck without my husband and his help. However, I did not want to have one thought of complaint. After all, I was the one who encouraged him to go to Chungpyung in the first place. Also, I had experienced Heavenly Father and True Parents' love at Chungpyung myself and knew, somehow, the spirit world had prepared everything and it was only up to me.

After several weeks I was able to Bless only a few couples and felt really desperate. I wondered how I could move forward quickly and break through the spiritual barriers. Then I remembered that my regional director, Rev. Kang, had encouraged me to talk to Mrs. Sun Willett, who had already fulfilled 160 couples. I called Mrs. Willett and spoke with her late into the night. She poured out her heart and I felt a deep gap between her level of

heart and my own. Afterward, I begged God in tears to help me bridge that gap and feel His deep sorrow in every single bone of my body.

The following week I attended a meeting with Rev. Kevin McCarthy, who encouraged us to make a plan to fulfill the goal. I made up my mind to Bless my flower customers around the car dealerships. The first week I gave all of them a letter about the Blessing; the next week I gave out application forms. Then I got the idea to give a dozen roses to each Blessing participant. I ordered extra roses, and on the weekend of July 4 I announced at each dealership that I was giving roses to those qualified. That really got their attention! Then I explained that I was doing volunteer work for FFWPU and discussed the qualification that they need to be married and fill out the application form. I wore a little pouch

around my waist holding the Holy Juice, Holy Water, and cups, and carried a clipboard with Blessing forms. I also had a bag of literature and a bucket of roses. I prepared the Holy Juice in front of them, saying: "This is some sanctified juice; just put a drop on your wife's signature (most of my customers are men) and drink the rest. It marks a new beginning with God in your marriage." I took the Holy Water and sprinkled it on each one's wedding ring, saying: "This is for pure love in your marriage." Then I grabbed his hands, looking him in the eyes, saying: "I pray your marriage can be Blessed for ever in the name of Christ." Finally, I gave each one a certificate and a copy of the speech, "The Path of the True Family." Each ceremony took only a few minutes. Giving people the letter and application form beforehand helped me build up courage; however,

I also Blessed many who did not receive the letter and form. Some participants told their friends and co-workers. I first day I Blessed 10 couples, the next day 50 couples, and by the end of the weekend I had Blessed over 150 couples—all while my husband was away in Korea!

Brothers and sisters, this is truly a special time. If I can do it, you can do it. Just make a plan and follow it—the spiritual world is ready to help us. I felt restless, with a strong drive to keep on pushing forward. I had no time to sit down to eat and hardly any time to sleep—all I could think of was the goal I wanted to fulfill to comfort Heavenly Father and also to surprise my husband on his return from Korea. I hope this is the first step of many more victories to follow. ❖

...and in Moscow's Gorky Park

by William Stoertz—Moscow, Russia

Tim and Angelica Birdsong, a well-known American-Russian couple, conducted the pre-Blessing ceremony in a creative new way in Gorky Park, Moscow.

On a nice sunny Sunday in Gorky Park, they went around with a tray of small wine glasses, Holy Wine, and Holy Water. Tim and Angelica went around together approaching couples in the park, even while they were sitting at a table eating, offering them

the Holy Wine ceremony to rededicate their marriage, and sprinkling them with the Holy Water. The average time for each couple was about ten minutes. After only a few hours, they had blessed 25 couples.

They kept a couple glasses of wine on the tray, together with a bowl containing the Holy Water, since they want to be ready when several couples came one right after the other. Tim would turn around, and there was already another couple waiting.

The park was a very beautiful, free environment, and they kept a relaxed

spirit, taking breaks once in a while to enjoy the day. The people's response was good, just the same as at dachas (summer garden country homes) or door-to-door. There was no problem with any kind of opposition. Each couple signed the recommitment of Marriage Vows.

At the end of the day, the Birdsongs blessed a couple on the Moscow River bridge on the way home from giving the Blessing in Gorky Park! ❖

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the meaning of a foundation of substance.

When my husband felt things were getting out of hand with regard to members taking too much subjective control of CARP property, he voiced his concern to our Nepali church leader, who in turn locked the CARP office without informing members of the situation. The result of this action led to a group of Nepalese members taking over the Nepalese church leader's house and demanding that my husband and I leave the country—or they would destroy the property.

Fortunately, with the help of our Japanese sisters, who felt responsible for mistakes they had made in the past, the Nepalese members finally cooled down. My husband made a public apology, but maintained his position that our community is not simply run as a democracy, but with a serious set of restoration principles.

Our five month stay in Nepal allowed us to have such a wide range of leadership experiences that it would be impossible to describe them all. However, the overriding factor was that due to the NM providence (based on True Parents' victorious foundation), we seemed to be able to make progress much more quickly than during previous years.

One of our major prayer concerns was how to secure a longer visa and create financial stability. God soon answered our prayers when a 1995 Blessed couple gave us an opportuni-

ty to co-found an extension of their established primary-secondary school, Holy Vision. Mr. Godural, a Nepali Hindu, wanted to establish a "model" Unification school that would not only help us to solve visa and financial problems, but would seek to raise up future leaders of Nepal. Next January, I will begin teaching English part-time as well as become Vice Principle of the school. My husband will help as school counselor, but will focus more on leading the FFWPU. We managed to bless the two other Nepalese co-founders of the school—one of whom will be the Principal.

With time running out on our visas, and no clear information regarding pre-Blessing ceremonies, I quickly contacted the Philippine continental HQ of SE Asia and received inspiration to get started. On June 1, we held a determination meeting at the top of Nagarkot Mountain, challenging our young Nepalese members to "save their country". Many volunteered to go out on teams with a Japanese sister to hometowns and remote villages. Before leaving Nepal on June 25, about 200 couples had received the Blessing, including many professionals and 14 SaiBaba couples we had personally witnessed to. All 200 couples participated in a formal Blessing ceremony including indemnity ceremony. Now, our small group of members were on fire!

When we left Nepal, we felt as though we were leaving our family behind. We left our heart in Katmandu, and we're anxious to return. Nepal may be a poor, undeveloped country with cows roaming the streets and the

smell of garbage in the air. But we don't encounter problems such as homosexuality, divorce, and crime as we do in the West, and the future is bright with hydroelectric potential from the mountains.

We're still hoping to conceive, although at the age of 40, my health does not make me the best candidate, especially during the occasional bouts with dysentery. An offering of a Blessed child would bring a grateful joy and comfort to our hearts and make our life in Nepal complete. If this doesn't happen, there are many orphaned children waiting for loving parents.

The NM mission is not just another burden to carry. After many tearful,

enduring years, it is a precious gift from God and True Parents', both for us and Nepal. I've heard there are 40 more positions waiting to be filled as Cain National Messiahs. Whoever you may be, we welcome our Cain NM with open arms. Nepal is waiting for you.

Our school in Nepal is urgently looking for short or long term British or American teachers of English who have at least a BA or BS (in any subject) with a salary provided. Contact John and Ginger Nicholls Cleeve House Seend, Melksham Wilts. SN12 6PG England Tel/Fax: 44-1380-828-549 ❖

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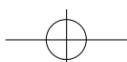


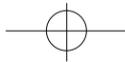
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Parents' Day Victory for Inland Empire, CA

by Sarah I. Davati—Ontario, CA

On July 27, Mayor of Rancho Cucamonga William Alexander hosted the first annual Parents' Day Awards Ceremony in the Inland Empire section of Southern California. The generous contribution of Ontario, CA Mayor Gus Skropos and Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Ovitt covered the use fee for the community center.

Two local churches, the Water of Life Community Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, co-sponsored the event. The two pastors mobilized 50 volunteers who exhibited much love and service. It was truly a testimony to their faith: love your God with all your heart and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself.

The program started with the national anthem and opening remarks by Mayor Alexander, who said: "Healthy families are the foundation of strong communities. Through National Parents' Day we can celebrate and reflect on the importance of parents and recognize the significant role they play in the lives of children, families and individuals."

The ceremony followed with presentation of a city proclamation to National Parents' Day Coalition representative In Hoi Lee. The nominees for exemplary parents received certificates

from the mayor. We had nominees from different cities in the Inland Empire section of Southern California. Each family took a picture with the mayor as he presented them with their certificate.

There were four different categories of parents, organizations, and individuals with outstanding standards of service and devotion to their family and community being recognized.

Congressman Jay Kim's remarks were presented by his representative. He said: "At a time when we see more families where both parents are forced to work, we need to remind ourselves that it is not the government's role to raise our children. Nor is it a teacher's responsibility. Parents need to take the primary responsibility for raising their children—instilling morals and teaching those values which we want our nation to represent in the next century. Through active participation in all facets of their children's lives, parents can mold and shape their children into the type of citizens who

can lead the United States into the 21st century."

After the Adult Choir sang, Judge Linda Wild spoke, followed by my remarks as event organizer: "The call

create effective school-church-family partnership for learning to serve the needs of America's diverse families."

More than 300 parents and children participated. The audience was very attentive and friendly and the children very well behaved. There were public officials from all across the Inland Empire. The program ended with the audience singing hand-in-hand together, "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

It was a memorable and wonderful event. The NPDC has been recognized by many public officials and dignitaries. It is my desire to establish a local chapter of NPDC and elect officers among those who participated. We want to carry on seminars and workshops on a monthly basis in order to restore the culture and renew the community.

This event was the first step. It was a great victory for True Parents, founders of National Parents' Day.

Congratulations to all the sacrificial volunteers of the NPDC. ❖



Mayor Alexander presenting the award to Sarah Davati of the Parents Day committee.

to parenthood is a lifelong commitment and responsibility. We hope that through National Parents' Day we can empower and strengthen individuals and parents to meet the challenges to

Parents' Day Festival in Little Tokyo, CA

by Ted Miyagi—Los Angeles, CA

Japanese brothers and sisters successfully organized the second annual Nikkei Parents' Day Festival, held Saturday, July 26, 1997 at Japan America Theater (1,000 seat capacity) in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. The first festival, one of the largest National Parents' Day events, impressed so many Japanese and Japanese American people that the second one was supported by many community leaders. The event was chaired by former Long Beach Mayor Eunice N. Sato. The consul general of Japan came to deliver a congratulatory speech. The Nisei Week Queen came to present flowers to the final candidates for Nikkei Parents of the Year. The Nikkei Parents'

Day Festival was held as a participating event for Nisei Week Japanese Festival, the largest Japanese American festival in America. The mayor of Los Angeles issued a congratulatory message for this Second festival. Various Japanese businesses and Japanese and American corporations donated about \$25,000 to fund this big event.

The Nikkei Parents' Day Festival was created to celebrate National Parents' Day by holding a Japanese speech contest on the topic of "Parents" and by bestowing the Nikkei Parents of the Year award. In addition to family values-conscious entertainment, the art contest on the theme of Parents and Family was held this year. From about 400 entries, 120 were selected and exhibited at the Japan America Theater. Although most community VIPs

had been invited to the Miss Nikkei Dinner Show, many of them chose to attend the Nikkei Parents' Day Festival, which began at 5pm.

As for the Parents of the Year Award, profiles of three couples in the 70s, 80s and 90s were introduced with slides and English narration. Then, three of their daughters presented testimonies about their precious loving parents, giving gratitude for the awards. Each presentation moved the parents to tears. The Parents of the Year Award, Consul General of Japan Award, and UTB Award were given respectively to the three couples.

During the reception following the three-hour program, the former president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California praised this event and made an appeal to extend Parents' Day to become a universal holiday around the world.

Funding is critical for this big event. It cost \$20,000 last year. This year, seven Japanese Kodan sisters worked hard to raise funds by selling ads for the program book. Over 200 corporations and businesses bought ads or donated to support the event. The amount topped \$25,000. Two of the seven sisters are 7-8 months pregnant. They phoned corporations from a list to contact the right person. In some cases, a sister called ten times and left messages to complete the ads or donation agreement. The responsible person finally took the message and sent a check for \$100. They raised funds during the two months from mid-April through mid-June. Right after this fundraising, they started the Blessing campaign. Most of them Blessed 185 couples by the end of July. One pregnant sister Blessed 185 by July 15.

Those sisters showed absolute faith.

Because of the Blessing campaign, a very limited number of members were involved in the preparations. So some of the members, like expectant sister Aya Kitamura, had to sacrifice many things to carry out their heavy duties. However, one non-member volunteered to help make this big event possible. A local Japanese TV company (UTB) was interested in this volunteer group, the Nikkei Parents' Day Festival Committee, and made a 15-minute TV program, which aired July 23, three days before the event. The largest Japanese American local newspaper, Rafu Shimpo, carried substantial articles in several issues.

The event was made possible with moral support from our regional director Rev. In Hoi Lee, our Japanese church leader Mr. Hiroshi Inose, and many others. Los Angeles is moving the West Coast and America ahead! ❖

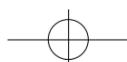


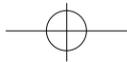
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500 Celebrate Parents' Day in South Gate, CA

by Mark Eastman—New California Times

The August heat didn't deter the more than 500 men, women, and children who turned out for the National Parents' Day program in South Gate.

Sponsored by the City of South Gate, Commission for South Gate Youth, and National Parents' Day Coalition, the event honored the 1997 Parents of the Year and nominees from all public schools in South Gate.

"I'm proud of these individuals because they have been so unselfish and deserve to be recognized as outstanding citizens of the community," said Susan Janer, a coordinator for the activity.

Janer visited each of the ten ele-



chosen couple crossed a "Bridge of Friendship," where many embraced each other and became a truly re-dedicated couple. Later all couples in the audience were invited to cross the bridge.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was South Gate Youth Commissioner Bill Baum, accompanied by his wife, Jean. Baum was assisted by Project JADE Director Marcos Vega. Also facilitating was Godwin D'Silva, general manager of the *New California Times*.

Rick Joswick of the Family Federation for World Peace offered the invocation, followed by the Flag Salute, presented by San Antonio District Boy Scout Troop #468 of South Gate. John Holmes provided entertainment on the keyboard.

South Gate City Manager Andrew Pasmant gave a moving keynote address, focused on the merits of a strong family.

Early on during the program proclamations were presented to Commission on South Gate Youth Chairman Dianna Winnor by representatives of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and Assemblywoman Martha Escutia, and for the City of South Gate by Vice Mayor Buckles.

In addition to honoring Parent's Day families, close to 50 married couples chose to rededicate their marriages in a ceremony sponsored by the Women's Federation for World Peace, Era Thompson presiding. Among those participating

were Bill and Jean Baum, who have been married for over 51 years.

National Parents' Day is America's newest day of commemoration, signed into law by President Bill Clinton on Oct. 14, 1994,

following unanimous adoption by the United States House of Representatives and Senate, and endorsed by 39 state governors.

"The purpose of this day is to reinforce the importance of the role of parents in raising healthy children," according to Dr. Robert G. Grant, chairman of the National Parents' Day Coalition. "Kids are in trouble because families are in trouble," he added.

The 1997 Parents of the Year and their affiliations included:

Juan and Eustolia Garcia, Montara School; Ramon and Yolanda Ramos, Odyssey School; Fernando and Hilda Morales, Stanford School; Pablo and Margarita S. Gamez, State Street School; Mike and Patty Nagel, South Gate Optimist Club; Jose Luis and Noemi Lopez, Tweedy Elementary School; and Gabriel and Ivonne Loucel, Victoria Avenue School.

Others included: Jesus and Sonia Miranda, San Gabriel Elementary School; Lionel and Karla Sirias, Liberty Boulevard Elementary School; Robert and Melody Hernandez, Bryson Avenue School; Jose and Mary Segura, South Gate Community; Jose and Socorro Enrique, Family Federation for World Peace; and Daniel and Maria Isabel Parra, South Gate Middle School, San Miguel Avenue Elementary School. ❖



Guest speaker, congresswoman Roybal-Allard (left)

mentary schools, South Gate Middle School, and South Gate and Odysse high schools, soliciting entries for Parent's of the Year.

The winning couples were awarded beautiful, custom framed color portraits of their families, which will hang for at least a month in City Hall. Portrait recipients seemed "overwhelmingly grateful to receive such a nice surprise," said Janer.

All of the nominees received proclamations from the City of South Gate, presented by South Gate Vice Mayor Mary Ann Buckles who represented Mayor Bill Martinez, who couldn't be there. The husband and wife of each



Raising Children of Peace

In his timeless classic, *The Great Learning*, Confucius declares: *If there be righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there be harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there be order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.* This book is written to trace some of these linkages and to see how righteousness, beauty, and harmony can be nurtured and established in the hearts of our children, thereby truly fostering peace in them and in the world.

Those who contributed articles to this book are all parents who bring the voice of experience to this endeavor. They are writing not from theory, but from experience. Further, each brings a unique perspective to implementing those stable family values that can best sustain the happy and peaceful lives of our children. Though the writers come from different quarters professionally, some important common themes emerge from their insights.

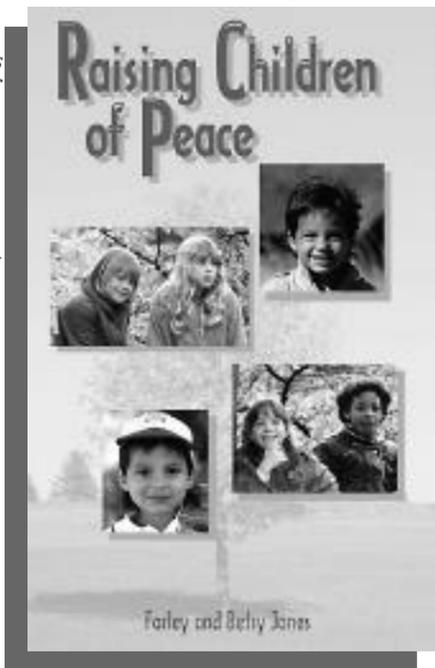
To minimize problems of family dysfunction in the future, and to support the health of our families and society, we must renew on a society-wide basis the ideal of parenting.

Prior to this, however, must be the renewal of the idea of committed marriage. Beyond doubt the most successful parenting experiences are provided by those who have been successful in their relationships with their spouses.

Ultimately, both marriage and parenting must find their place in a transcendent order that links marriage and parenting in a unified whole. It is for this reason that religious faith can play such a constructive role in harmonious family formation.

While parenthood seems the most private of arenas, the effects of this parenting are ultimately cosmic in scope and character. What each of us do individually now as spouses and parents will have enormous collective effect in the future. When we parent our children, then, we parent the future and we parent the world.

It is because parenting is so important to our children and to our society that this book has been written. It is offered to stimulate active caring and investment in the central relationships of each of our lives, those being first with our spouses and secondly with our children.



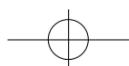
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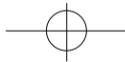
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Blessed Kids Summer Camp, Pennsylvania

by Rob & Sally Sayre—NYC

From July 21-27, over fifty children and 10 adult staff members participated in a Summer Camp at Robin Hill Campground near Lenhartsville, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Much of this report is simply the response of the children as recorded in their reflections.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS AND OTHERS—the kids arrived throughout Monday afternoon and camp began that night.

When I first arrived (at Camp) I thought that this week would be horrible. I barely knew anyone. After the first day I started making friends and eventually started having fun.

Did you ever go to a place where you were the total opposite of homesick? In fact you didn't even think of home once while you were at that place. Well, that's how Camp Robin Hill was to me. It was a home away from home.

I had lots of fun on this trip and made lots of friends and I can't believe for a second that I didn't want to come.

THE HIKE—each day a different group hiked to the North Lookout at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, near Kempton, Pennsylvania. The weather varied from day to day.

I thought the best part of the week was the hike. At the start of the hike it was cold, windy, and rainy. When we got to the top it stopped raining and wind calmed down, but we still couldn't see anything.

On the way down, it completely cleared up and we went to the lookout where we had lunch. The view was amazing. Since there was a thick fog the whole time before, I never realized how high up in the air we actually were. I could see for miles.

I liked the hike because you could experience God and Creation.

I liked the hike the best, it was so



and telling me something I needed to know.

FRIENDS—there were 51 blessed children, ages 9-14.

Two of the things I really enjoyed about this week was making the skit "Cabin in the Sky" and just being with other Blessed Children whom I could share my experiences at home and school with.

I loved making new friends. At the end, my friends were almost family.

I liked this camp because everybody is in the same church and it is so easy to make friends and nobody is mean to you or anything.

SPORTS & DANCING—the kids played dodgeball, basketball, volleyball, square-danced, swam and paddle-boat-ed.

I liked dodgeball, it was definitely a "team work game."

The sports were really fun. I loved the dodgeball games and there was a soccer game that was really fun.

A man came and taught us to dance in square-dances. It was so much fun.

I loved the sports & swimming but my favorite thing was just hangin' with

the sisters in our room and talking with each other. I really felt close to everybody.

I also give thanks to my group leader for dragging me onto the dance floor for square dancing. I thank her for the experience of singing in front of an audience also.

Ahhh, yes, the sports. I knew the guys would love spending their time

playing basketball, soccer, dodgeball and swimming. I mean every chance we got we ran down to the court to play basketball.

THE LECTURES—Noah Ross was teaching the kids of several parents who joined when he taught them in Boonville and Camp K. What great memories!

The lectures were great. They were very interesting and I liked how Mr. Ross put a little fun into it.

The lectures made me want to help my Mom.

I liked the lectures. When I get home I want to read the Bible.

This week I learned more about the Bible and why things happened. My favorite lecture was the one with Jacob and Essau.

I learned about the Holy Bible and Jesus, Moses and Adam & Eve and about how God created the world and how it all started with men and women.

I really got inspired by the lectures. They really made me think. I want to really try to become a better person and understand God's Will.

I know I learned a lot from the lectures and I enjoyed them because the lecturer made them funny and applied the principle to our everyday lives.

I liked the lectures because I felt like God was standing next to me.

I was really amazed at the pattern of history. I also had no idea that each time something successful happened you went up a step, like when Jacob and Essau fulfilled their part and then Joseph and his family and so on.

The lectures were very long and explanatory and I really enjoyed listening to Mr. Ross speak about God. I learned a lot about God and the history of the Divine Principle. I think I gained more knowledge about True Father and Mother too.

THE CRAFTS—the kids made bird-houses, coasters and jewelry.

I liked the Arts & Crafts very much an especially found joy in the jewelry making.

I liked the Arts & Crafts because it's like God is doing what I am doing.

EXPERIENCING GOD—the parent's who were the staff also had amazing experiences, mostly just seeing all these beautiful children.

I gained a better understanding of the History of mankind and what God has gone through.

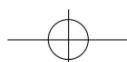
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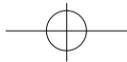


fun! I really got closer to God because of all the creation. and when we got to the top, it was sooooo . . . high. It was like I was on the top of the world. I could see almost everything.

My favorite sport was the hike, everything was just beautiful. Everything was so . . . , I can't explain it with words.

I liked the hike because it felt like God was calling my name





Blessed Children's Olympics at Belvedere

The Blessed Children's Olympics were held on July 4 at Belvedere International Training Center, Tarrytown, NY. Founded by Mrs. Moon, this annual event attracted hundreds of children and their families for a day of competition and socializing.

At the opening ceremonies, all the participants recited the Olympic Pledge:

1.

We lead our lives for God, True Parents, True Family and humanity.

We pledge to become the pioneers of true love.

2.

We are the fruits of True Parents' true love.

We pledge to unite and help one another to become people of true love.

3.

We build our self-confidence through making our mind and body strong and healthy.

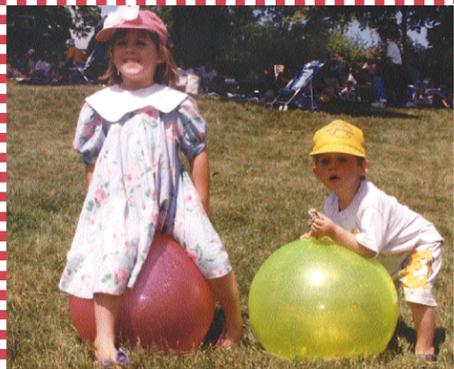
We pledge to become the leaders of the future.

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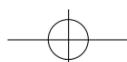
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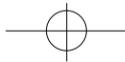


Lee, Advisors; Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Director; and the Organizing Committee: Rev. Daryl Clarke, Mr. Stan Salah, Mr. John Hessell, Rev. Eric Holt, Mr. Joe Coyne, Mr. Paul Fontaine, Mr. Phillip Schanker, Mrs. Hamako Miyake, Mr. Mark Johnson and Mr. Eric Erstling. ❖



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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

FATHER AGAIN IN PYUNGYANG

by Ken Weber & Mrs. Linna Rapkins

Father recovered from his three months of torture in Pyung-yang prison as quickly as he could. His disciples tried to make him rest, but all he could think of was returning to his mission.

Before long, he was holding long meetings. He taught the people from his Bible, always speaking very strongly and with many tears.

Again the meetings were very exciting. The people gave their full attention. They felt they had to get every word down on paper, and they would take notes as fast as they could. They didn't plan to stay late. But when Father spoke, they forgot about time; they forgot about families. Before they knew it, the time had flown by and it was late at night again. The same kind of feelings of electricity came over them, and they just had to jump up and dance around for joy. God's love made them feel so wonderful!

Sometimes, while they prayed, miracles happened. Some who came were quite rich, and the food Father served was simple. But to them, it tasted more delicious. One wealthy man with a stomach problem was cured after eating the food at Father's place, so the word got out that Father had some kind of "miracle food."

Many times, as Father spoke, they learned answers to questions they had been asking for years. Then they would get so inspired and excited they couldn't wait to go out and tell other Christians.

"I'm going to tell my minister about this," they exclaimed. "He'll be so excited to hear it."

But almost always, the ministers of

their old churches were not excited at all. The ministers told them, "You're wrong. These answers are not true, and anyone who makes their people dance around in church must be from the devil."

Many of them stopped going to their old churches altogether.

As you can imagine, the ministers became very upset when some of their best members left. So they got together with their own church members and went to argue with Father. They wanted to ask him difficult questions and show the people how wrong he was. But Father answered their questions before they even asked them!

"Mr. Moon must have special powers," they murmured. "He's surely of the devil. We must stop him."

They spread the word around that Mr. Moon was a bad man. They tried to scare the people. Then they even went to the communists and accused Father of being dangerous.

"This man, Sun Myung Moon, is breaking up our churches; he's breaking up homes," they declared. "He will want to break you up, too. He's probably a spy from the south. You must get rid of him." More than 80 ministers wrote letters to the police, accusing Father of all kinds of crimes.

This made the communists very happy, indeed. They had already heard that Father had come back to life and was preaching again. They had started watching him carefully. Their belief was that anyone who believed there is

a God is mentally ill. They wanted to just get rid of them all, so they were watching for their chance—some excuse. Now one church was fighting against another! What better way to make the churches weak? So they helped by spreading even more lies about Father.

On February 22, 1948, because of the ministers' complaints, they arrested him and brought him to trial. Father had been teaching in Pyungyang one year and ten months,

ple lies.

After the trial, the judge pronounced him guilty. Everyone knew it was always best to remain silent. If the judge became angry, he could make the prisoner stay in prison even longer. But Father knew he had been wronged, so he stood up and asked that the charges be dropped, because they were not true. He had not told any lies or deceived the people.

The judge was shocked. The communist leaders who were watching had hoped to show that people who believe in God are weak and scared. Instead, this man showed courage!

Won Pil Kim was in the audience that day. His eyes filled with tears as he saw how brave his beloved Father was. Up to then, he had only seen Father's loving and warm side. In the courtroom, he saw a fearless man.

The charges were not dropped, and Father was sentenced to five years in prison. As Father was led away, he looked back at his disciples and smiled reassuringly, as

if to say, "Don't lose heart. I'll be back." With his chained hands raised high in a sign of hope, he was escorted off to prison.

Father's disciples felt totally sad and discouraged at that point. But Father was full of hope that, through his prison term, God could do great things for Korea. ❖



which is almost two years.

By this time, Father had become well known in Pyungyang, so the courtroom at the trial was packed with people. He was led into the room in handcuffs and with his head shaved. He was accused of taking money from the poor people and using it for himself. He was also accused of telling peo-

T e e n s a n d S e x

by Roger Wetherall—NYC

Young people face many challenges and problems that kids of 50 years ago never had to deal with. Designer drugs, divorced parents and violence in the schools are not easy to grow up amidst and still turn out to be a normal adult. The miracle is that despite all of this so many young people do manage to make it.

Premarital sex is the biggest challenge to youth. President Clinton has spoken of teen pregnancy as being the nation's most serious social problem. After years of research, most everyone agrees that it is not beneficial for teenagers to indulge in sexual activities. Sociologically, psychologically, medically, morally and spiritually, 99% of the evidence shows that Teen Free Sex is a big no-no. So why is it getting more and more out of control?

What exactly is the problem? Is it teen sex, or all extra-marital sex? At what age does it become 'OK' to have a relationship outside of marriage? Today's abstinence educators and advocates are often reluctant to deal with the topic of extra-marital sex beyond the teenage years. That would be hitting a little too close to home. Many of them are unable to honestly

admit that they did not have sexual relationships before they were married. In a recent article in US News and World report (May '97) several prominent people were asked whether they had had sex before marriage and most of them could not give a straight NO! So the message that we are giving our kids is "Do what I say, not what I do. (or did.)" Kids know this. They are not stupid. They hear their parents, teachers and pastors telling them not to have sex but they know that their parents, teachers and pastors did have sex when they were teens. They look at the people they know and see that the ones they look up to are or were involved in pre-marital, extra-marital and non-marital relationships so they wonder why they should wait until they turn 21 before they get in on the action too.

In a society that is so busy pointing the finger and looking to place the blame on someone else, it is time to take a closer look at me. I. Myself. Yes that's right the one who is reading this article right now. Not the guy next door or my parents or friends, but Me. Numero Uno. Whether you are a teen, a 20 something, or a parent with 5 children, we all need to ask ourselves the tough questions:-

Have I lived the kind of life that I would want my children to follow? Am I living the kind of lifestyle, I want them to emulate now? Do I think it is important for my children to refrain from sexual relationships until they are married?

We're looking for a few good men and women!

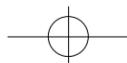
Our society needs heroes. Not the kind of comic book characters who blow away everything that gets in their way, but the kind who can be an example of purity, fidelity and happiness within marriage. A child's first heroes should be their parents. And, we need sportsmen and women, actors and actresses, politicians, community leaders, teachers, ministers, students and MTV idols to stand up and say that they will wait until marriage. It used to be the case that people were ashamed to say that they were promiscuous, now people are ashamed to say that they are not! To turn this culture around is going to take some brave people who can stand up for what is right.

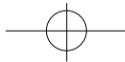
The Pure Love Alliance wants to make it popular to be pure. We are not talking about a life of eternal celibacy and monastic confinement but about an experience of the greatest possible

joy and fulfillment. Sexual love is not something dirty that we should be afraid of or try to hide. It is the absolute highest expression of love that can occur between a husband and wife. Within the realm of security and total love of a committed marriage, sexual love is the most exciting fulfilling gift that any of us can ever hope to experience, or give to our spouse. People need to know that there is hope beyond the soap operas and tabloid sex scandals. Each one of us needs to be a hero.

I am not afraid to say that I waited until I was married to have sex. Along the way there were many tests and trials. My high school friends were doing it. Even my girlfriend wanted to do it. Sometimes I was weak in my resolve and I let my curiosity take me further than I wanted to. I still have regrets about that. Sometimes, in the heat of passion, I seriously considered forfeiting the battle because it seemed to be too difficult. Yet I am glad that I did not. Now when I make love to my wife, I know that I am giving her the real thing: pure, untainted whole-hearted love. She knows that too and is filled with gratitude and loves me even more because of it. This is not to say that I

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

Nature of God and Man, the Purpose of Life

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Obviously the world we know is hardly the world of God's ideal; indeed, the proverbial description of our earth as a "vale of tears" is not far from the mark. Let us inquire how this could come to be the case.

Observing different earthly phenomenon, we note they all exist within the realm of time. Chemists recognize that in any chemical process, for example, time must elapse before a result can occur. All backyard gardeners know a summer must pass before their tomatoes can be harvested. In the case of the formation of the earth, geologists believe it took as long as four billion years to develop to its present state.

Time is also needed for movement. Each movement has a point that it starts from, a path that it follows, and a concluding point. In the natural world, a lightning bolt reaching a speed of 87,000 miles per second still needs a beginning and an ending point, a path to follow and time to occur.

"Days" as epochs

According to the Bible it took six days for God to complete His work. While indicating that time was integrated into God's creation, this teaching appears contradictory to the discoveries of modern sciences which emphasize the evolution of the earth over eons of time. Reconciling the two understandings, Divine Principle teaches the six days in Genesis does not mean a literal 144 hours. As we are told by the Second Letter of Peter that "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (II Peter 3:8), so we may perhaps best understand the "six days" of creation as the ages or epochs through which God completed His creative work.

They correspond roughly to the successive ages many scientists say the

earth has passed through in its development.

The French Jesuit Teilhard de Chardin, who is well-known for his paleontological work in China, notes that when observed in terms of millions of years, life can easily be seen to move in a definite direction. While anti-religious scientists maintain that development takes place randomly, Teilhard argues that from the lowest to the highest level of the organic world there is a persistent and clearly defined thrust of animal forms toward species with more sensitive nervous systems.

What Harvard's Erik Erikson did for children, and apparently what Richard Bach did for seagulls, Gail Sheehy has now done for adults; in her bestseller 'Passages' she had pointed out that growth never stops: There are different phases of human growth, even in adulthood, and then emergence of advanced phases depends on the successful completion of earlier ones. While Erikson has identified these phases for children and adolescents, Sheehy has begun the task of identifying them for adults. As she points out, the phenomenon of growth is a

love and work.

Since every being develops through these three general stages, Divine Principle teaches that the number three represents the state of completion.

The Dominion of God.

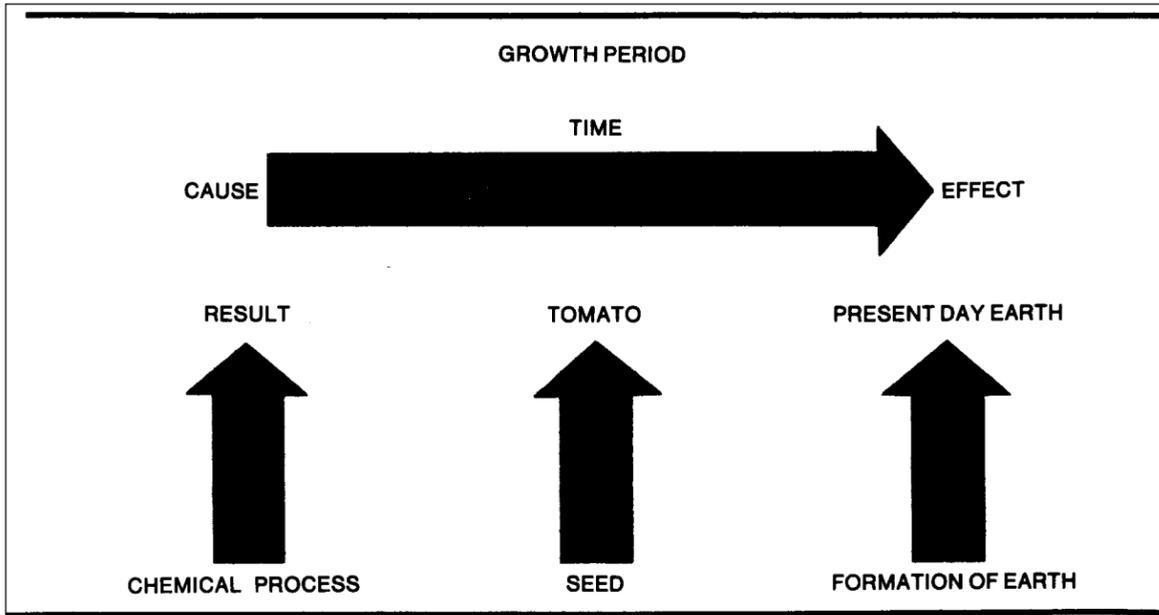
Although most Christians tend to claim that from birth to death man is guided and governed by the strong love of a kind Heavenly Father, they also affirm, on the other hand, that man is the master of his state and the captain of his soul. There is thus a considerable tension for Christian believers between the faith that God rules — and the equally strong belief that man possesses free will. Resolving this paradox has been no easy task.

Divine Principle addresses this question by reference to the direct and indirect dominions of God. According to Divine Principle, God's rule over man before he reaches maturity is indirect, a relationship which can be explained by analogy to the natural world. During the period of growth each thing of the material creation operates by the autonomous power of natural law.

The snow and rain come, the seasons change and day dawns and night falls, all because of the prearranged law of nature, created by God.

God relates to immature man in a comparable way. We may say that men and women who have not reached a spiritually mature state are guided by spiritual law. Thus, the period of growth is the time of God's indirect dominion of mankind.

We should note that this indirect dominion can often be a period of difficulty and instability. Physically, if we do not live in accordance with the rules of good health we may injure or destroy our bodies. Likewise spiritually, if we ignore the principles of God, or if we engage in spiritually unhealthy activities, we are likely to suffer as a result. By aligning ourselves with God's principles and laws, we can grow to full maturity and health, both spiritually and physically. In this way our growth beyond the indirect dominion becomes possible. On the other side of the indirect dominion, we enter the direct dominion of God's love. ❖



For both Teilhard and Divine Principle, the divine mind behind creation is working according to a plan.

States Of Growth

"But you can, Jonathan. For you have learned. One school is finished, and the time has come for another to begin." —Jonathan Livingston Seagull.

Since no one or no thing becomes mature in an instant, growth is a vital dynamic in human life. If one is to fulfill his destiny, if one is to come to full maturity in the eyes of God, he must grow through time. As with all living things, to cease to grow is to die.

While the phenomenon of growth is widely recognized, it is recently coming to be understood in new ways.

lifelong process, often precipitated by crises and difficulties.

While recognizing that there are innumerable phases of human development, Divine Principle nevertheless suggests a three-stage model as descriptive of this process. One's movement toward maturity may be thought of in terms of formation, growth and completion. During the first years of his life a child learns how to walk and talk and how to use his personality as a self-concept are established during these formative years.

As he grows older he attains most of his physical size, develops a greater measure of independence from his parents and cultivates his own circle of friends. Thus he actualizes the growth stage of his life. Reaching adulthood he not only becomes mature physically, but, ideally speaking, during this completion stage he also gains an autonomous personality and develops a mature capacity to

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am the world's best lover. Hey, I've got no idea how I compare with other guys. But you know what, I don't want to know. I just want to be the best lover I can possibly be for my wife and to love her more and more each day. No guilt. No comparisons or performance standards. Just great fun and fulfillment.

Now I have a son (7 months old) and one day when he is old enough to understand I will be able to tell him of these things and hopefully inspire him to wait for the day when he too is married before giving the most precious gift of his sexual love to his spouse. I hope that by the time he reaches that age, society will also have come to support a more responsible attitude to sexuality than the one we live in now.

There is a battle being waged in this

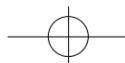
society. This battle will not be won over the conference tables but in the hearts of each one of us as we determine how we are going to live our lives. It is not possible to get rid of adultery, pre-marital sex, pornography and prostitution through legislation. Only when we can control our own desire for such things will they disappear. When we decide that we are not going to watch programs that portray sex without consequences or responsibility, when we stop buying the soft porn magazines and when we stop fooling around with the secretary at the office or the postman, that is when things will really begin to change. It is not kids who are the problem. It is all of us. Every one of us has to take a stand for what is right and be willing to speak out about our own mistakes and regrets in an honest way. Then others will also get the courage to do the same and just maybe, we can make a better world for the next millennium or more. ❖

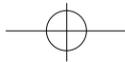
ARMAGEDDON

THE GATES OF OUR HEARTS ARE DESTINED TO FALL
WITH A THUNDEROUS, RESOUNDING CRASH!
ABOVE THE RUBBLE, A TRUMPET WILL SOUND
WITH THE COOL, GOLDEN SWEETNESS OF BRASS.

THE FLAMES OF OUR HEARTS FLICKERED AND DIED,
SO WE THOUGHT, TO A PALE, COOL SHADOW AND ASH.
BUT THE SAVIOR WILL COME, THE FLAME WILL LEAP HIGH!
AND THE COLDNESS OF THIS WORLD SHALL PASS.

RAE BETH "MARGARET" MAYE, BROOKLYN, NY





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Killing Fields of America

In this two-part article we'll be looking at the situation of children. Also, we'll look at those whose duty it is to care for them.

All people, with the possible exception of W. C. Fields, find children infinitely precious. Anyone will tell you they are deeply concerned about our youth. Even those few who aren't concerned will probably say they are. There are also people who *feel* concerned, but are so twisted inside that their actions, in the end, actually harm the objects of their attention. Unfortunately, in this modern, secular society of ours, a handful of those very people have become powerful "children's rights advocates."

Throughout human history, childhood was usually a brief and destitute period. Teenaged (or younger) children had to work the fields, or become apprentices. Even in nations as presently wealthy as Japan, many adults grew up in extreme poverty. In the past, most children received only a couple of years of schooling—if any. Many were, in effect, sold off to support the rest of their family. In several regions, that practice continues. (The girls usually have it much worse ...)

Historically, childhood was *not* a time of innocence. Only the rise of capitalism allowed societies to become prosperous—and not just for the upper classes. Families became comfortable enough to allow their offspring an extended period of adolescence. Today there are signs of a reverse. Infidelity and unwed motherhood are dragging millions of children back towards those past brutalities.

Multiculturalists will say that "different societies have their own standards, and we cannot judge them by our own." Perhaps. The appearance of African immigrant girls in North American hospitals, seeking "female circumcision," is causing quite a controversy. A team of American news reporters purchasing themselves two Sudanese slave boys touched off a more universal revulsion.

The world's societies raise their chil-

dren with an astonishing variety of attitudes. Some of them have much to teach Americans. And some are suffering, as with the spread of AIDS in Africa. There, once carefree sex has become deadly. (Read *Mission to Kala* by Mongo Beti, a novel set in then-French Cameroon.) Older attitudes and traditions may -or may not- work any more, and don't always transfer well to other cultures.

Rights and Rappers

Children's rights have evolved slowly over the millennia. Ancient law treated children as the property of their parents, to be dispatched wherever -or disposed of whenever- they saw fit. The government's direct role in children's lives has increased only slowly, and its advocacy on their behalf has grown more slowly still.

Today, children's rights are stronger than ever. In some nations they exceed the rights of the parents. In the United States they're undergoing constant upheaval, and making headlines. Occasionally, sick children die because their fundamentalist parents insisted on using prayer alone. In the near future, the authorities may take children away from their parents, because they are "abusing" them—by smoking cigarettes inside their own homes.

America's proposed adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is shaping up to be a tremendous battle. Using its same basic precepts, a handful of children have already "divorced" their own parents. Liberal apologists are trying in advance to defuse any criticism of this, by analyzing similar, historical situations. (As in *The Way We Never Were*, a rather misleading book by Stephanie Coontz.) For example, a hundred thirty years ago America had at least as many single-parent families as it has today, and they did alright; society did not collapse.

But plain statistics don't tell the whole story. Most of those single-parent households were headed by Civil War widows. As much as they suffered, there is a vast difference, especially to the children, between the death of a father and abandonment by him.

This gives us a hint about the current popularity of "gansta rap" music,

with its obscene lyrics and misogynistic themes. Most of the young rappers -and many of their fans- were raised without fathers; their mothers never married the guy. Too often, any one of several possible guys. Small wonder, then, that their sons grew up to refer to women in general as "ho's." [Whores.]

An old friend of this author once worked for a famous rapper. Despite that artist's *de rigueur* themes of violence and death, his career eventually sputtered. Turns out the guy actually grew up in the suburbs, with two professional, married parents. Seems he lacked the proper 'edge.'

Guardians

Ms. Gay Courter, a well-known author, wrote an autobiographical book titled *I Speak for This Child*. It recounts her work as a Guardian ad Litem, appointed by the court to assist a specific, troubled child. The book's true stories are often tragic, and sometimes heartening. Nowhere are there easy solutions. In every instance, Ms. Courter had to battle "The System" as hard as she did the abusive parents, boyfriends, etc.

Sometimes her solutions involved choosing the "lesser of two evils." One boy was being kept from his father, a known -but not legally convicted- murderer and pedophile. However, the youth ranches and foster homes where the boy was placed were even worse! He kept getting into abusive, sexual relationships with the older male residents. Finally the child was returned to his father, in an all too literal case of "better the devil you know."

As with the Unemployment and Welfare departments, America's many Child Protective Services are -supposedly- trying to work themselves out of a job. However, their "case load" is their bread and butter—and they know it. Foster homes and other institutions are paid large amounts to house their assigned children, more if the kid is classified as disabled.

Of course, the vast majority of foster parents are good people, sincerely concerned for their young charges. Some will nurse HIV-positive babies all through their short, painful lives. Tragically, such caring can itself be a source of pain, since the "cases" (as

the children are invariably referred to) can be, and frequently are, shifted out of those homes. Sometimes, at the whim of a distant bureaucrat.

Your author has had personal experience in these matters, both as a foster care and women's shelter assistant, and through knowing folks who were "in the system." An early observation: sometimes the foster kids were screwy and the social worker really cared—and nearly as often, the reverse was true.

Most of those kids just needed a stable environment, and neither their parents nor The System could provide one. Some kids, as young as eight, were profoundly disturbed, and the help they needed was difficult to come by.

Courter has some good proposals, especially a substantial expansion of the Guardian ad Litem program. But some of her other ideas, to be imposed by the United Nations, etc. upon every society and household, would be a universal "cure" much worse than the "disease" of family problems. Particularly considering the corrupt situation from which most UN bureaucrats emerged.

Courter rightly questions the entrance of private, for-profit child care institutions into arrangements with The System. There are already plenty of compassionate, experienced charities out there; children are not "units" to be handled like livestock or widgets.

Tough Responses

American society is gradually decaying, with thousands more troubled children appearing every day. Our leadership's major response has been to tighten up on law enforcement. They've made prison construction a booming industry. Beyond that, their version of "crime prevention" has often meant goofy programs like Midnight Basketball.

To borrow Irene Webster-Smith's memorable simile, they're placing an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, rather than a fence at the top. More than that, until recently, the fashion industry's ubiquitous "heroin look" was openly glamorizing the trip down!

Next month we'll look further at the response of politicians, and also of scientists. Finally, at some concerned parent's solutions. ♦

CAMP

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standing of the Divine Principle.

I gained a lot this week! I gained self respect, internal beauty & a spirit as tall as the tallest redwood tree. And besides that I gained the wisdom of Noah Ross (the lecturer).

I think that I gained a closer relationship with God, and a true understanding of how the world is and how God is suffering from it. I truly want to love creation and respect and trust that God has plans for me, whatever they may be.

I was really inspired when we lit the candles and prayed.

At night it felt like my parent's were in my room. What I am going to do when I get home is I am going to make my brothers and sisters happy and make my parents happy.

It's like God is living with us and God is with you every time there is trouble.

God gets closer and closer to you only if you make other people happy or make them feel well or good.

DETERMINATIONS—These are our kids! We should all be so proud of them!

When I go home I sincerely hope that I can keep my inspiration and really give 100% effort to become a better and caring person that everyone will want to have around.

I have a new determination to go to Bridgeport High School.

I felt more power and smartness and better about being a Blessed child.

From this camp I gained a new respect for peoples property, to work together to get things done and to have a good motivation about everything you do. From this camp I am inspired to pray more and to be thankful for what you have and not complain for what you don't have.

I was inspired to stay pure & free of temptation until marriage. I am deter-

mined to live life.

Now I want to be a better person and be kinder and share more. I will also try to give more effort.

I was inspired to not smoke and to have false love. When I get home I'll read the Bible 10 minutes every day.

I gained a better understanding of spiritual people, more self respect and how to take care of creation.

When I get back home, I'll do almost everything Mr. Ross said, like "Do the hardest thing" and "Say yes first."

I think that doing the hardest thing is what I'm going to work on because its like a challenge, and after awhile it won't be so hard. My goal for this year is to keep this spirit all year long and never forget my brothers and sisters.

Something I gained from this camp is the inspiration to share more and give more because I'll always get something in return, even if it's just a growing spirit.

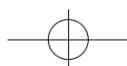
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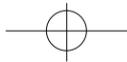
or dad tells me to do. I will try to do the right thing all the time.

But one great inspiration that I have now is the power of prayer and faith in God. Also, you not only have to be good enough spiritually to go to the Heavenly Kingdom, you must help build it.

Finally, I am inspired to practice what I preach. I want to take the narrow path so in the end I would look back and see that I accomplished more in my life. I want to treat my parents with respect and my sister with respect. I want to do my responsibilities and activities with a positive attitude. I want to be thankful that I have my life and my parents and my siblings and friends and creation. P.S. I will do the laundry every time my mom tells me to.

For information on next year's summer camp call Rob & Sally Sayre at 610-298-2919. ♦





The Origins of the Modern Dysfunctional Family

by Alfred O'Connor—Birmingham, UK

This is the second in a two-part series

Looking at the family unit from another perspective, sibling rivalry can frequently prove to be either very constructive (positive) or very destructive (negative). The destructive, self-centered kind of sibling rivalry is akin to the negative emotion of extreme jealousy/envy, which often leads to sibling violence and murder; this is an all-too-common feature of modern life.

Where can we say that we may have seen this type of thing happening before? In Genesis 4:1-16, the elder brother Cain, motivated by jealousy, deceives his young brother Abel and murders him. What a woeful precedent—of fratricide in the very first, ancestral human family!

Another very important aspect of family conflicts is parental disharmony. There was mutual blame by Adam and Eve for having disobeyed God's commandment not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the fall. As is often the case, mutu-

al blame is compounded, ultimately ending in total family breakdown, as in divorce.

Modern divorce lawyers advertise their services and have an ever-increasing workload. Some clearly exploit this tendency toward mutual blaming by disaffected spouses for financial gain, with little regard for restoration of true family harmony.

Understandably, if the parents are in a state of conflict and mutual blame, even if they stop short of legal divorce, among the resultant outcomes will doubtless be discord between parents and children as well as among the children themselves.

Furthermore, parental conflict will be likely to create internal spiritual and psychological problems within their own offspring. The children are a substantial reflection of the parents' spiritual, psychological and physical quality—dependent upon the degree and quality of conjugal love and communion.

Hence the disharmony manifested within and between the various members of the modern family is deeply rooted in the disharmony manifested

within the first human family, based on the above-mentioned assumption of a literal-historical fall of the first human ancestors.

Subsequent to the fall of Adam and Eve, along with mutual blame came the actuality of a divorce. A deeply-rooted internal, spiritual divorce, if not an external familial shattering or explosion, served to lay the foundation for the current state of rampant family breakdown and alarming divorce rates in modern social life. There is also a prevalent culture of "free sex," pervading our modern societies and energetically nurtured by the entertainment/media industry.

In the light of the preceding discussion, it is evident that the answer to the question "Why do families keep breaking down?" is to be found in the very dysfunctional situation which initially arose in the first, ancestral human family. This is the case, despite the fact that most modern families are largely unaware of the legacy of our inherited condition.

In direct connection with the original sin, the various legacies of such a dysfunctional family have been com-

pounded and passed down from generation to succeeding generation. Hence, the root cause of the decline in family values, and thus in family relationships, lies firmly in the reality of the human fall and the subsequent transmission of original sin.

Sexual intrigue, dysfunctional relationships and murder are all observable in the first human family. Accordingly, these very characteristics are also among the most unappealing aspects of our heritage, our influential precedent and bad example.

Such is the significance of the course taken by the first human family that it ought to be self-evident that herein lie the seeds of the present-day moral and ethical decadence, all too frequently lamented in our societies today.

Having explored the seeds—the origins—of the dysfunctional modern family, the issue then arises as to the urgent necessity of the application of powerful and effective curative measures. How can we really save the modern human family—and thus improve both our individual and societal lives? ♦

Ellen Beth Vogel Goldstein, dedicated wife, loving mother, devoted daughter, sister, friend, healer, counselor, therapist, advisor, writer and true revolutionary passed away on July 5th, 1997 in her home in Thornwood, New York after a three year fight with cancer.

The Sung Hwa ceremony for Ellen was held in Dobbs Ferry, NY on July, 7, 1997. The Won Jun ceremony and burial were held on the same day at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

Although her life was not without ups and downs, Ellen's eyes were always directed heavenward. Events around her passing and ascension witnessed to the victorious nature of Ellen's devotion to the ideals of true love, true life and true lineage taught by the True Parents. As the procession left Edward's Funeral Home for Sleepy Hollow cemetery a powerful thunderstorm forced all the cars in the area to turn on their headlights. Later, as the procession entered the burial site the sky cleared and a beautiful, refreshing scene unfolded for the Won Jun ceremony. The storm seemed to be sign from God to honor the victory of Ellen's life and death in a tremendous heartfelt celebration.

IN MEMORIAM

Ellen Beth Vogel Goldstein

Some who attended the ceremonies felt that there was a lot of restoration accomplished through all the feelings that were expressed and the relationships that were transformed. Some of Ellen's relatives subsequently received the Blessing after having a change of heart through experiencing the Sung Hwa and Won Jun ceremonies with the whole community.

Amidst overwhelming destructive forces Ellen's battle for her life produced great fruit for the Providence. At the end of her life, Ellen's friends, family, neighbors, and church community were pulled together to support Ellen and to create a closer loving community. This was Ellen's desire and she leaves with us her vision for healing and the courage she had to face death living for her hopes and dreams.

Ellen was born on March 30, 1955 in Yonkers, NY in a devout Jewish Family. She became a practical idealist in her early teens. Through studying Christianity, Communism, spiritual and metaphysical science and many other philosophies she devel-

oped a vision for world peace that included the understanding that each person must work on their inner life and relationships as well as make substantial external changes in the world.

While a college student at New Paltz in 1974 she was introduced to the Unification Principle and felt that this, at last, was the long sought after ideology the world needed to usher in a new era of world peace. She became the first American member of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, CARP. She later worked in the Il Hwa Ginseng Tea Co., Newsworld Communications and Sunlight Graphics.

Ellen and her husband Brian were married in the 8,000-couple Blessing on July 1, 1982 at Madison Square Garden, NYC.

Ellen's personal battle with cancer culminated a period of intensive research into spirituality and physical health. Ellen had become a certified hypnotherapist and was devel-

oping a concept for a clinic where patients would have access to alternative and traditional medicine when she was diagnosed with cancer. Through her experience with her own suffering with cancer she learned about a variety of healing approaches and understood, from the patients viewpoint, much of what would be needed to create a more effective clinical practice. Ellen wrote about her experience in a journal which may one day be published in some form.

Ellen developed her spiritual abilities and communicated with the spiritual world frequently. She used these abilities in service to others. Her close spiritual communication with God, True Parents, Jesus, Heung Jin Nim and others helped her prepare for her ascension.

She is survived by her husband Brian, an artist and an assistant manager of PG Arbor and their eight-year-old son Gilchrist Yagob.

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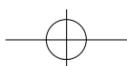
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VALUES AND SUICIDE



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A lady in California recently wrote to syndicated columnist Ann Landers, saying she intended to commit suicide. In reaction to this tragic letter of depression and despair, some readers of the Ann Landers column wrote and urged the suicidal woman to seek a solution other than suicide.

One letter writer in Indiana wrote: "I lost a brother and a step-brother to suicide.... The grief will be immense.... Survivors blame themselves, no matter what anyone says." One person from Boston wrote: "I was a teenager when my mother killed herself.... We were ashamed. We also were afraid we might be looked at as 'unstable.' Suicide stigmatizes the whole family." Someone from Seaford, NY said: "My mother took her own life 27 years ago when I was only 11. I never got over it."

Someone from Daly City, CA said: "Suicide is a terribly selfish act. It may be a 'solution' to the person who does it, but it's a horrible thing to do to your family." A lady from Lenexa, Kansas sent this message: "My 17 year old son committed suicide on Mother's Day.... I am totally devastated. My life will never be the same." A nurse in Bucyrus, Ohio wrote: "When I was 16, my father shot himself. I am now 77, an R.N. and married to a wonderful physician, and I am still not over it. My saint of a husband says I have been depressed for most of our married life." Still another said, "Thirty seven years ago, I came home from school and found my father who had just killed himself. My sisters and I are all in loveless marriages.... Suicide is a terrible thing to do to those who love you...the ultimate act of selfishness."

In this connection, the Girl Scouts of the USA have published a signifi-

cant booklet on youth suicide which points out some alarming statistics regarding the nationwide epidemic of teenage suicides; the booklet discloses that suicide among adolescents is the second leading cause of death, following accidents.

Each day, more than 1,000 teens in this nation attempt suicide, with an average of 18 teens every day succeeding. Also, at least 15 percent of all fatal accidents actually may be suicides but are disguised as accidents; and substance abuse also may be a way for depressed teens to try self-murder. Indeed, each year 12,000 children ages 5-14 are referred to psychiatric care for suicidal conduct.

One important factor in the rise of suicides among the young is the widespread influence of secular humanism, which denies the objective, extra-mental reality of God and insists

that "man is the supreme being for man." Certainly if human life is not sacred, if man is not made in the image and likeness of God, then the government or an abortionist or a suicidal individual may do away with innocent human life whenever it becomes convenient or profitable to do so.

When unborn babies are aborted merely for the sake of convenience, when newly-born babies are permitted to die simply because they are handicapped or "less than perfect," and when the elderly are encouraged to die because they are unwanted and cannot care for themselves, then it becomes easy for young people to conclude that their lives also are worthless and valueless.

Given the present social and moral context, then, self-murder becomes a reasonable and morally tolerable response to the agonizing and perplexing problems of life.

Consequently, to alleviate the nationwide tragedy of teen suicides, we must reaffirm the sacredness of human life and the intrinsic moral worth and dignity of human beings. ❖

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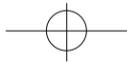
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Appreciating Your Spouse

by Steve Kille —Dallas, TX

Steve Kille is a lecturer and the following is condensed from the series "True Love in Action."

Your spouse is the most important person in your life. Only your relationship with the Divine is more important. Your love relationship with God is vertical; your love relationship with your spouse is horizontal. Husband and wife together are the image of God, exhibiting the harmony of male and female. Your spouse is the one person with whom you are meant to become one flesh. You become a holy entity, centered on God, and manifesting God's love. Through your love, children come into the world, given to you by God in a wonderful manner. Your spouse is the one who knows all your strengths and weaknesses, the one who loves and supports you unconditionally.

Of course, this is the ideal. Do you believe it? How much effort, and what kind of effort are you making? Is your relationship with your spouse wonderful and uplifting, or do you feel something is missing?

Let me describe a scenario that is all too common. A young man and a young woman meet, and feel something special about each other. As their friendship develops, they see so many attractive qualities in each other. They go out to special places and cannot spend enough time together. He brings her little presents and tells her how special she is. She makes him feel like the greatest man in the world. They feel really alive when they are around each other. They know they are in love. They decide to spend the rest of their lives together, and get married. As they begin married life, they gradually begin to find little faults with each other that they had not noticed before. Gradually, they find they are complaining to each other more than they are com-

plimenting each other. They are both trying to help the other change to fit their own image of what a good spouse should be. The husband begins to feel his wife is nagging him. The wife feels the husband takes her for granted and does not bring her little gifts or take her out. They discover qualities in each other that they really dislike. They have trouble communicating, and grow distant from each other. They both wonder how their spouse changed so much.

This scenario describes a common problems, and you can see the results in today's divorce statistics. Perhaps you think you are doing a good job at showing your spouse appreciation. Try this test: ask your spouse to be honest and tell you if you spend more time criticizing or appreciating. Or just watch yourself during the week.

If you find room for improvement, then let me offer two simple steps as a starting point to loving your spouse by appreciating him or her. First, let's talk about finding those qualities that you like in your spouse, and secondly, let's look at how you can actively affirm those qualities by complimenting your spouse.

How can we maintain a positive perspective, and see our spouse from God's point of view? Everyone has some naturally good qualities, and everyone has some weak points, or areas that need development. We need to understand that every character trait can manifest itself in a positive or negative way.

Furthermore, depending on the human perspective you take, the same

trait can be considered good or bad. For example, a husband might complain that his wife talks too much. From another perspective, this wife could be considered friendly and sociable. Perhaps a wife thinks her husband is too analytical. From another perspective, the husband could be seen as a good planner. Do you see how this goes? Perhaps the trait that first attracted you to your spouse has become a point of criticism for you. It is the same trait, but your perspective has changed, not your spouse.

Negative	Positive
has a big mouth	outgoing, sociable
argues too much	has strong convictions
conceited	has self-confidence
too rigid	highly organized
can't sit still	has lots of energy
too emotional	very sensitive
stingy	careful with money
too easygoing	easy to get along with
passive	mellow and calm
oversexed	affectionate
money hungry	ambitious

Consider some character traits and see how they can be viewed from two different human perspectives. The chart lists some examples.

If we can see that the traits which we originally found charming in our spouse are still there, and the traits that we criticize also have a positive side, we can be empowered to see more from a loving point of view, and less from a judgmental point of view.

Because every trait can be seen in a positive or negative light, it follows that we can find strong points and weak points in every person. If you struggle with your spouse, it is wrong to think that you would be happier with a different spouse. A different spouse would just have a different set of weak points and strong points.

We have a basic nature given to us by God. When God looks upon us, which point of view do you guess God takes? Too often, we look at our spouse from our personal point of view, and not from God's point of view. How do we practice seeing from God's point of view when we look at our spouse? By remembering that every characteris-

tic can be seen in two different ways. By looking for the positive aspect of characteristics that we feel like complaining about.

The second phase of appreciating your spouse is the action phase. Affirm your spouse's good points. Voice your appreciation every day. Give sincere compliments. Your spouse cannot read your mind. Speak up! True love requires action.

We make choices daily in our relationship with our spouses. We can focus on who they are not, what they haven't done, or on how they don't measure up to our expectations. Or we can love them for who they are, appreciate their good points, reinforce them, praise their small accomplishments, raise their value as human beings. Which strategy do you imagine would get the best response from your spouse? Which attitude will encourage and energize your spouse? Which attitude will help build a foundation you can stand upon when you are dealing with serious issues in your relationship?

Here is an assignment for you. Make a list of ten good points you see in your spouse. Make a list of ten weak points. Look at the weak points and reflect on how they could be seen in a positive light. Ask yourself if you have been focusing more on the positive or the negative. Think about the good points you have been taking for granted.

The second part of your assignment: do not criticize your spouse at all this week. Actively look for your spouse's good points. At least once a day, give a sincere compliment to your spouse. See how your spouse responds.

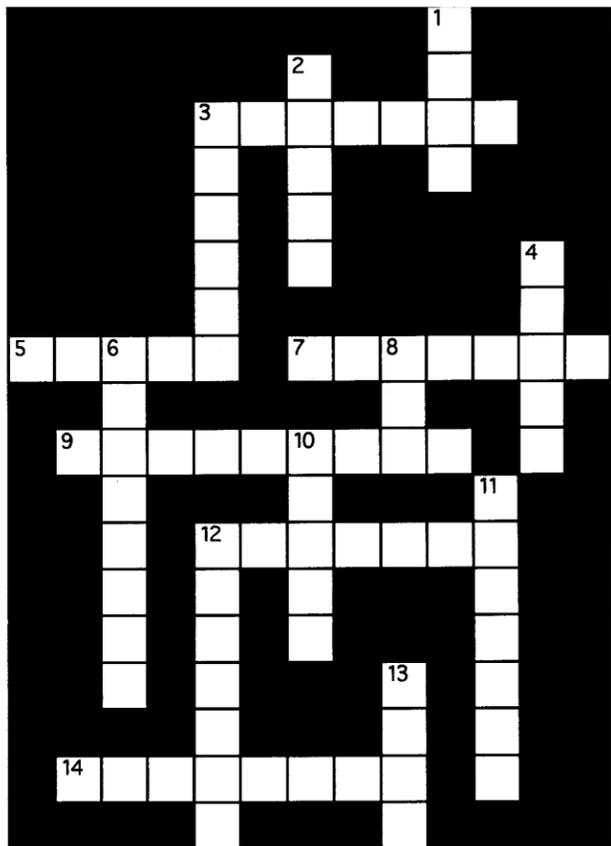
This assignment is simply the practice of true love: seeing the good aspects (original nature) of your spouse and affirming those good points in order to nurture your spouse's original nature. ♦

True Family Values Crossword Puzzle

Be Fruitful Before Multiplying

by Clopha Deshotel

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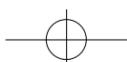
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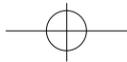
- 3 James 1:4, But let patience have its ___ work, that you may be ___ and complete, lacking nothing.
- 5 If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. (___ 3:2)
- 7 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners...He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season...whatever he does shall ___. (Proverbs 1:1-3)
- 9 John 15:8, By this My Father is ___, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
- 12 But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring... (___ 2:15)

- 14 I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. (___ 17:10)

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- 1 John 5:8, By this My Father is glorified, that you bear ___ fruit; so you will be My disciples.
- 2 Psalms 1:3, He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its ___ in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.
- 3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season... (___ 1:3)
- 4 Gen 2:24-25, Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one ___. (Mark 10:8, and the two shall become one ___. So they are no longer two but one ___).
- 6 The Second Blessing (which comes AFTER the completion of the First Blessing) is to ___ (Genesis 1:28)
- 8 Malachi 2:15, But did He not make them ___, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why ___? He seeks godly offspring...
- 10 Deut. 28:1, Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe care ___ all His commandments...
- 11 Malachi 2:15, But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring... (or a God-centered ___).
- 12 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...Therefore you shall be perfect, just AS YOUR FATHER in heaven is perfect. (___ 5:44 & 48)
- 13 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (___ 15:5)





by Joy Pople

U N I F I C A T I O N A N N A L S

David Kim Fighting the Devil

Rev. Moon came to America just before Christmas of 1971, called the faithful to him, and announced plans for his first public speech, to be given in New York City, on February 2, 1972. About 75 disciples were raptured from centers around the country to study at his feet and spread publicize his message to Americans. For nearly a month, we stood on street corners in the snow selling tickets for three speeches by a Korean prophet whose only claims to fame at that time were founding a Korean children's folkdance troupe and marrying 777 couples at one time.

We took over a house in the Bronx. Rev. and Mrs. Moon, who were beginning to feel like True Parents to us, and their entourage slept on the first floor, the sisters on the second floor, and the brothers in the basement. Each morning we descended more than a hundred steps to a little rented church building, where we ate a simple breakfast and listened to President Young Whi Kim, head of the Korean Unification Church, lecture Divine Principle. Sometimes Father spoke to us afterwards. Then we rode the subway to Manhattan looking for people to buy \$18.00 tickets to the three-night program.

We stood on the heating vents of the sidewalk, waylating passersby, following them as far as 40 city blocks, just in case they should change their mind about buying tickets. Some people gave us money just to get rid of us. Long before it became fashionable, we dressed in layered outfits, piling clothes on top of each other trying to protect ourselves from the 70 mile per hour gales blowing between the skyscrapers. Father and Mother sometimes showed up unexpectedly at a street corner to chat with one of their followers. Those who sold a ticket during the day returned to the little church for dinner; the rest of us stayed on the streets until 9:00 pm, when we returned to exchange stories about the day and eat some hot food. During this difficult month, we began to learn about praying with a desperate heart and begin to taste Heavenly Father's longing to connect with His children.

By the appointed day, a few hundred tickets had been sold, and in a near blizzard we waited at the doors of the Lincoln Center for our long-sought guests. Only the first few rows were filled with living, breathing human beings. Some of us saw angels occupying the remaining seats.

In Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington DC, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Berkeley, the scenario was repeated, each time with a bit less snow, some-

what cheaper tickets, and a few more guests. The standing-room-only audience at the Claremont Hotel in the sunny hills of Berkeley had paid only \$2.00 admission.

On this foundation, Father announced his desire to send pioneers to the approximately 40 states that had no Unification Church center. The 75 disciples submitted names of those among their number best suited for pioneering. The rest were divided into two traveling teams, one led by Miss Young Oon Kim visiting the northern half of the United States, and the other led by Mr. David Kim visiting the southern half of the United States. Originally named Sang Chul Kim, Mr. Kim chose the Western name David to exemplify his lifelong devotion to fighting for God and against evil.

Not being nominated for state pioneering, I became part of the mobile team called One World Crusade.

The teams needed lecturers, Father decided, and he began to choose them. First, he selected Joseph Sheftick and Perry Cordill as team leaders, under Miss Kim and Mr. Kim respectively. Then he asked people to nominate lecturers. Sisters from the Washington, DC, center pushed me forward. Father placed his hand on my shoulder and lined me up behind Perry Cordill. Susan Hughes joined us. Father lined up the remaining disciples and assigned numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, etc., to one team and numbers 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, etc., to the other.

For transportation, each team was given a retired school bus, which became our tabernacle for the next few months of a kind of wilderness life. Only one of our teammates knew how to drive the bus, and while we were en route to Las Vegas, our team's first stop, Sam Pell pulled our bus into a truck stop to take a snooze. Mr. Kim stood up and announced, "Father has chosen three lecturers. Let's see how they lecture."

Susan Hughes gave a gracious rendition of the Principle of Creation, and then it was my turn to lecture on the Fall of Man. From the front of the parked bus, the only face I could see clearly was that of a brother so soundly asleep that his eyeballs had rolled up so far that only the whites were visible. I breezed through the Fall of Man lecture in ten minutes, trying to keep from looking at the weird face. Mr. Kim cleared his throat and scratched his head, complaining that I had given too short a lecture but unable to think of anything vital that I had left out. Relieved, for the moment, I sat down and dozed off to off to dreamland myself.

We met our pioneer sister in Las Vegas, beginning a rhythm of a week with one pioneer and then traveling on to the next state and its pioneer. We held street rallies and handed out fliers. We held lectures in apartments, houses and rented halls. We squeezed ten or twelve sleeping bags into tiny rooms and crammed into tiny kitchens to cook rice and soup. Pioneers who had sold tickets with us on city streets and had been working alone for weeks were delighted to see us arrive and even happier to see us leave.

David Kim placed special emphasis

on the evening lectures. The podium and blackboard had to be arranged harmoniously, the chairs had to perfectly line up, and members had to sit in strategic places. David Kim took the sentinel's position by the back entrance, scribbling furiously in a yellow legal pad, noting down every mistake to be held up for public review at morning service the following day.

Susan Hughes gave the Principle of Creation, I focused on the Fall of Man and Mission of the Messiah, and Perry Cordill taught history. Mr. Kim focused his attention on the Fall of Man lecture.

By this time I had been a member for almost two years. I had diligently studied Miss Kim's Principle book, prepared numerous lecture outlines, and lectured at various evening programs and workshops. While we were traveling with Father, President Young Whi Kim had given us many three-day cycles of Divine Principle lectures based on the Korean textbook. Each of the four Korean missionaries Father had sent to America had written their own version of Principle.

Perry, Susan and I had taken thorough notes of President Kim's lectures, and with the understanding that Father wanted to unify and elevate our understanding of Principle through these numerous lecture cycles, we based our lectures on notes from President Kim.

Mr. Kim criticized every Fall of Man lecture I gave. Being a man of great intensity, Mr. Kim never gave a dispassionate critique. Each misspelling and each garbled phrase was noted. I'm a southpaw and each time I touched the chalk with my left hand he would yell. I could accept that he was putting me through training. The greatest conflict was over the content of the lecture. I was a two-year member arguing with one of Father's earliest disciples over the content of the Principle. "I'm teaching what I learned from President Kim," I affirmed. Susan and Perry backed me up, but Mr. Kim retorted: "I don't care. What you said in your lecture is not true!" Almost daily we argued. In particular, the way I explained the Tree of Life bothered him, but I never quite understood how he thought it should be taught. Under the best of circumstances it's not easy to understand Mr. Kim's English; when he's shouting it is impossible. If his life mission was David tackling Goliath, I was Joy hurling myself at David. After about three weeks, he surrendered and approved my lecture.

It became my responsibility to train other lecturers. When I believed they were ready, they would lecture in front of David Kim. He never approved anyone's Fall of Man lecture on the first try. Sincere sisters would come to me in tears, insisting that they had followed my standard exactly. We went over the lecture word for word. Each one who persisted eventually received Mr. Kim's approval. As best I could tell, it was not precision of wording which David Kim sought but persistence and guts.

In Albuquerque, New Mexico, and our bus had broken down. Although fundraising was not a major focus, since we were receiving some support from national headquarters, we had to fundraise to

pay a large repair bill. I went around asking for money. I got a better response in New Mexico than in New York: a Cadillac dealer gave me a check for \$25; the student council at the University of New Mexico allocated \$55 to help us leave town.

The long bus trips were a welcome break from the routine. Mr. Kim taught us to make *sam*, a ball of rice containing protein and vegetables and then wrapped in lettuce leaves. Before departing around mid-afternoon, we would make a big supply of *sam*. We would drive a few hours, stop at a park for a picnic supper and some horsing around until nightfall, and then pile back in the bus for a songfest that included favorite folk tunes, spirituals, or Broadway musicals. Around midnight, we would park the bus along the highway and roll out our sleeping bags on the grass to doze under the summer stars. Around dawn, a state trooper would rouse us with a stern lecture about camping only in campgrounds. We would duly apologize, pile into the bus, and drive to the nearest greasy spoon restaurant, where we would wash up, drink some dreadful coffee, and play the jukebox, joining John Denver in a boisterous rendition of "Country Roads." In high spirits we would greet our brother or sister in the next city.

We drove through Mississippi en route from Memphis to New Orleans and from New Orleans to Birmingham. We did not witness and teach there because the pioneer originally sent to Mississippi had remained in Phoenix, Arizona, to replace a brother who was unable to handle the responsibility. The emptiness of the state called out to me, and when we reached our destination of Washington, DC, at the end of four months, I asked Neil Salonen, then president of the Unification Church in America, for permission to pioneer Mississippi.

One morning in Austin, Texas, Mr. Kim did not get out of his sleeping bag. Nobody saw him move all day. We went about our usual daily schedule, talking almost in whispers. The second morning he didn't rise either. I went to health food stores looking for Korean ginseng tea and placed a cup of hot tea by his nose, hoping the aroma would create a response. Nothing happened. The third day he remained in bed as well. That evening he got up, dressed, and acted like normal. We were dying of curiosity. "What happened, Mr. Kim?" we asked.

"An army of Mexican devils came to invade heavenly soldiers," replied our valiant leader. "Since I am the commander they had to get my permission first. The devil general came to me and I fought him. It took me three days to defeat him. Now the devil army is gone. Heavenly soldiers are safe."

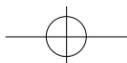
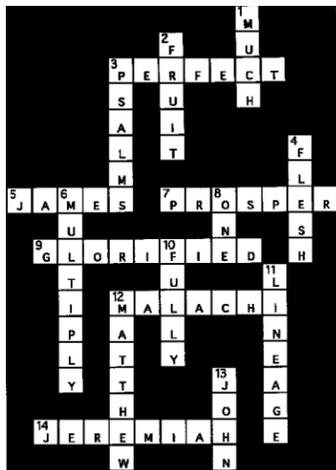
Although it often seemed that Mr. Kim spent every waking moment haranguing and criticizing us, we realized that he would face all opposition, both spiritual and physical, and give his life, if that's what it took, to protect and defend us. Three years later, when I was assigned as missionary in Latin America, I remembered David Kim fearless example and set out on a new round of battles both physical and spiritual. ♦

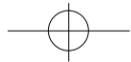
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True Family Values Crossword Puzzle
Marriage in Changing Times

by Clopha Deshotel

Answers





ALEX COLVIN

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My Daughter and Absolute Sex

My daughter Hana Lyn just turned fourteen. She just graduated from middle school and in the fall will enter Glen Burnie High School. A few weeks before school ended, I came home to an excited young lady waving a leaflet for a national bus tour — Pure Love '97.

"Can I go? Can I go?" she pleaded. The leaflet explained that there would be a national bus tour going to 23 cities promoting the following ideals: • A strong family is the center of an enduring and prosperous community and nation • The bond of love and trust between husband and wife is the basis for a strong family • Chastity before marriage is the best foundation for marital love and trust.

In response to her urgent pleas I replied, "First, we'll have to contact them and see if you can go. The tour is for high school and college kids and your just entering high school. Second, you'll have to raise the money yourself."

Well, the folks from the Pure Love Alliance were happy to have her, and Hana Lyn hustled around for the next few weeks to raise the money for the trip. The last Friday of June, we put her on an airplane with about 30 other young adults bound for LA and the beginning of the tour.

Since then, we've gotten excited calls from LA, San Francisco, Sacramento, Missoula, Montana, Salt Lake City, and Boulder, Colorado. She's been gone about three weeks and the tour has four weeks left to go.

We've also heard reports from other sources. The Pure Love '97 "Absolute Sex National Tour" has been creating a stir on the national news and the late night talk shows.

A friend of mine told me that he had seen on "Politically Incorrect" a segment in which the host commented on the Pure Love Alliance. He thought that it was a terrible thing that young people were out demonstrating against sex. From my friends report, the panelists unanimously united against the host in saying that it was an admirable thing that there were young people out there who wanted to stay pure until marriage.

Next, I received an e-mail that Jay Leno had included material on the Pure love Alliance in his monologue on the Tonight Show. He represented the tour as supporting virginity. His punch line was questioning whether or not they would find any virgins in Los Angeles.

Then, last night I got faxes of articles on the Pure Love Tour that had appeared in USA Today and other papers. Of particular interest to me was the front page story in the Deseret News from Salt Lake:

"For thirty years, free sex has run amok. It's this runaway train of immorality," said Hana Lyn Colvin, 14, of Glen Burnie, Md. "We're bringing people hope and the idea of world peace through ideal families."

Wow! There's my little girl speaking out for what she believes on the front page of the newspaper!

Needless to say, I'm proud and grate-

ful that she can play a part campaigning for righteousness, serving as an example for other young people. The cause that these young people are championing strikes to the root of America's problems. In fact, it strikes to the root of mankind's problems.

As usual, the comedians, and the pundits haven't quite got the message that this group is trying to convey. They're not campaigning against sex. What they are proclaiming is the ideal of Absolute Sex.

Absolute Sex?

Absolute Sex is a term that was coined by Rev. Moon. In this concept, the sexual union between a man and a woman is a sacred gift from God. In God-centered marriage, there is total sexual freedom and man and woman can enjoy the full ecstasy of joyfully sharing their love through their physical relationship. In a God-centered marriage, a man's sexual organs belong to his wife, and a woman's sexual organs belong to her husband. It is through this joyful relationship that conjugal love can bear fruit in the creation of new life in the image of the parents. Children born through the union of the absolute love of God, husband and wife are a joy to God, a joy to man, a joy to woman, and a precious gift to the world. This gift of love and joy is meant to be shared in marriage. That is the proper God-given purpose of the sexual organs.

Before marriage, young men and woman should remain pure. Once married they should be eternally faithful to their spouses. Men and women are responsible for how they use their sex-

ual organs.

In fact, the proper use of the sexual organs is the key to either heaven or hell. If people are chaste until marriage; if they enter into marriage with the love and blessing of God; if they

are faithful and loving to their spouse; then, they can experience the love of God through their union with their spouse. If they fail in developing self-control; if they let their sexual desire lead them into premature relationships of selfish love prior to marriage; if they engage in acts of infidelity after they are married; they

will find their lack of chastity to be their Achilles heel. Just as the legendary age of Camelot was destroyed by the adulterous relationship of Lancelot and Guenevere, people who do not control their sexual organs shall see their castles crumble and their lives shaking on seas of shifting sand. Absolute God-centered marriage is the foundation for God's love and a stable society.

This is the message of absolute sex. In layman's terms it is the virtue of chastity - purity before marriage, and fidelity in marriage. This is the cause for which my daughter, Hana Lyn, and her friends are touring the country.

Isn't it a great message? I think that this should be the core of any sex education that we teach in the schools. The biggest responsibility and the greatest challenge that any person faces in their life is to control their sexual organs. If they develop self-control in their teenage years and develop a good character, they will have the foundation for a stable marriage and an invincible fam-

ily life. They will have the kind of self-control and stability that will lead to success in other areas of their life. If they violate the ideal of chastity and absolute sex, they will find that it reaps painful rewards.

The free sex movement of the '60s taught just the opposite. Many young people felt that they should experience multiple sexual partners. It was popular for young people to live together without the commitment of marriage. Casual sex came into vogue. In the '70's we even saw for a period of time a fad of wife-swapping.

A generation later we see the miserable harvest of these misguided ideas. America is plagued with AIDS, teen-pregnancy, pornography, and family breakdown. The decline of the family is seen to be a root cause for an increasing cycle of poverty, crime, and abuse in our society. Moreover, just as in the book of Genesis, a generation after Adam and Eve broke their bond of love with God, the sin of murder entered the world with the murder of Abel; so also, a generation after the sexual revolution we are witnessing the generation of murder on the streets of our towns and cities across America.

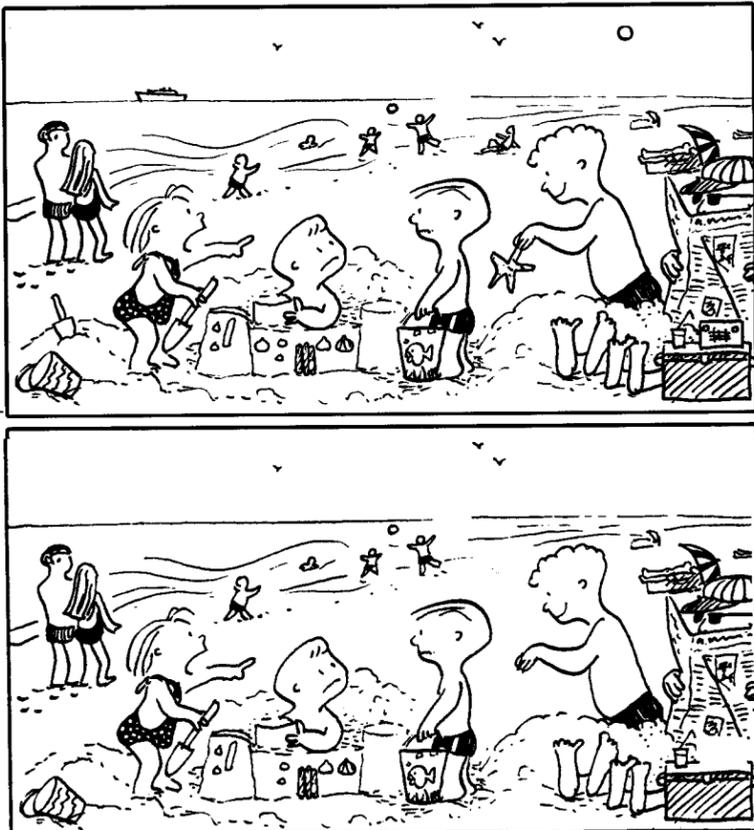
It is time to heal our land. The healing must come through the love of God. Strong God-centered families are the prisms through which God's love can flow into our communities. The message of Absolute Sex is the medicine for the soul of America. The work of the Pure Love Alliance and Pure love '97 strikes to the root of our national ills.

God Bless these young people. Let us help them to proclaim their ideal, to restore our land, and to help our nation and the world enter a new millennium of peace, love, and unity. ❖

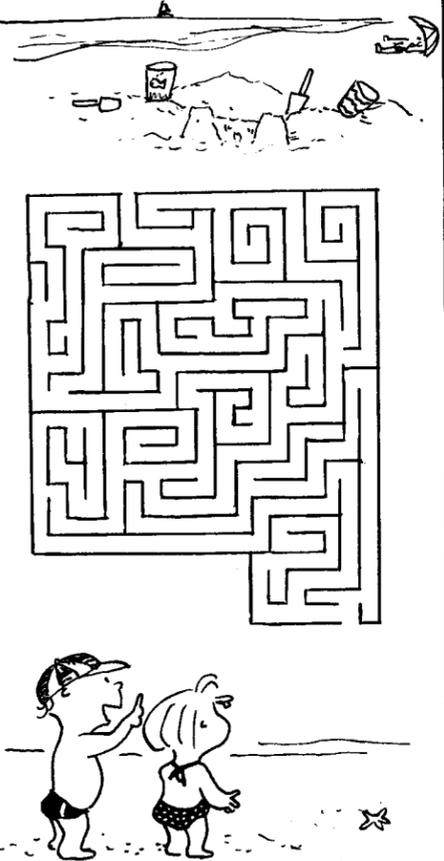
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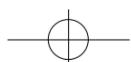
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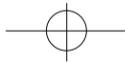


Find the seven differences between these two drawings of making a sandcastle



Help them find the bucket and spade





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True Parents for giving us the Divine Principle, which makes this "Shimjeung Community" possible. We share a bond of heart so deep that many of us expressed the feeling we had never been separated since last year. Family Camp Shimjeung features qualified teachers offering classes each morning for kids ages 2-14. Each group of kids rotates to Principle Life Education (taught by parent group leaders), Science (taught by Poppy Richie and Gerri Linek), and Art (taught by Robin Cox and Carol Clive). Principle Life Education topics this year included the First Great Realm of Heart (filial piety), the Second Great Realm of Heart (brother/sister relationships), Father's and Mother's lives, living for a greater whole (saints and patriots), and the relationship of spirit world to physical world (including a group service project). Science is taught at camp because we find the Blessed children are natural scientists, filled with curiosity about God's Creation. They persist in asking questions and in researching the things they discover. Art is taught because through the creative process, Blessed children can know that God created this entire world to give us beauty and use. Through art they learn to cherish the unique qualities of things related to the five physical senses and to cultivate their sense of beauty. In addition, as they create they feel a natural sense of joy and self-esteem. Science and art were both set up with various centers where campers used a printing press, a microscope, made

jewelry, Indian prayer sticks, paper, silly putty, playdough, star wheels, identified various plants and animals, as well as the universal favorite: making and stocking terrariums and aquariums with specimens of wildlife from Aetna Springs. Beverly Tidwell shared about navigating across the Pacific Ocean in a 36-foot sailboat by the stars, and led a stargazing activity. The heavens were breathtaking. Billions of stars were visible out in the country. Some shooting stars graced us with their brief glory. We felt awestruck by God's majesty, bathed in wonder at His Creation.

During the afternoons, a period we call Family Free Time, parents and children enjoyed relaxing in the spa, swimming at the lake, and playing various sports. Special classes were offered by various parents: Music Appreciation by Marie Gauer; Ceramics by Robin Cox and Matthew Morrison; kayaking by Michael Joyce; basketball by Dan Davies; horseback riding by a new friend of our movement, Susie Whaley; and safely using a BB gun by Casey Cox, Steve Tidwell and David Wolfenberger.

One of the tremendous spiritual benefits of Family Camp is that parents take time to share with one another about important issues. Many couples shared their testimonies about Blessing couples in preparation for Nov. 29 and their experiences at Chung Pyung Lake. People were constantly reflecting on what works and doesn't work in caring for children. We even managed to have a daily "parent roundtable discussion hour" centered on various topics such as bringing 160 couples to the

Blessing, parenting and children's camps. Our nightly staff meetings were a combination of nuts and bolts planning, inspired brainstorming and hysterical laughter. The fellowship we experienced truly made this the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find our children making deep bonds of friendship with other Blessed children, bonds they cherish from year to year. Many of them correspond with their Family Camp friends during the year. Many parents report that their children look forward all year to Family Camp, pestering their parents to be sure they don't miss it. One parent, Bob Millar, noted that the question is not "How can we afford Family Camp?" but "How can any family afford to miss Family Camp?"

Gourmet cuisine was prepared by Joel and Mary Larson, assisted by Helen Abelseth, David Bell, Linda Nichols and Mary Glade, a new friend who attended with her husband and two children, having met our movement through the WFWP Bridge of Peace conferences. Every meal was a new delight and contributed greatly to the heavenly experience families had together.

Evening programs were special for everyone. Besides the carnival and fireworks on the Fourth of July, we enjoyed a fabulous skit night and an exciting Treasure Hunt. One evening Matthew Morrison, Bob Millar and I organized two Treasure Hunts for younger and older campers. Teams of red-faced kids raced through the camp, finding "clues" written as riddles, directing them to different parts of the resort. Teams which unified and thought

before rushing off had the shortest times, but everyone enjoyed Mary Larson's homemade cookies and milk at the end (the "treasure"). The final evening we celebrated by having each group of campers present a heavenly song or skit. From the preschool's adorable "Beaver Song," led by Ann Steinbronn and Beverly Tidwell (with a lot of funny-looking parents participating!) to the 6th/7th/8th grade girls imitating their parents and staff at the camp (preceded by the disclaimer "Any resemblance to people or events at this camp is entirely unintentional"), the entertainment was superb. The most hysterically funny skit was the 4th-8th grade boys'; in pairs they created "midgets" who followed the camp schedule. We laughed so hard our sides ached! The grand finale was the Korean tale of "The Blind Man's Daughter," acted out by the staff. It turned out to be a wonderful blend of humor and touching filial piety, crowned with the staff's rousing rendition of "The Impossible Dream"; this brought down the house.

It is fair to say that a fabulous time was had by all. We urge you to put next year's Family Camp Shimjeung on your calendars: Tuesday, June 30 through Sunday, July 5. We will offer a Counselor in Training (CIT) Program for enthusiastic 14 and 15 year olds, which will begin with a two-day workshop June 28-29. The CITs, like everyone else, need to attend Family Camp with their own families. I urge you to set aside one week out of your whole year for your family to actually experience the Heavenly Kingdom on Earth through Family Camp. ❖

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school. By the end of the school year they had earned \$329 each—not enough to take a trip to Washington. Several days of intense discussion followed—should they take a shorter, local trip and spend all the money, or should they work for another year and make the grand goal of going to Washington? They finally decided to save for another year, to visit the nation's capital. I was proud of the decision.

So, the second year they arranged with the Principled Academy to serve a hot dog lunch at the school once a week, in addition to their catalog sales, greeting card sales, soda sales, bake sales, etc. Thanks to the faithful support of the school community, the class was able to make its goal. The airline tickets were purchased in February. The entire class (Chris Barker, K. Buscovich, Christella Hardman, Philaine Seher, Henry Bechtel, Julie Zingertal and Ariana Richie) had a fabulous six

days in the nation's capital during May. And they earned the whole trip themselves!

We flew out of the San José airport at 8:22am Saturday May 24, arriving in Baltimore that evening. We took a train to Union Station in Washington, DC and ate a leisurely dinner in a superb international food court. Most of us enjoyed new taste treats, but the boys settled for good old McDonald's burgers! The five-block walk to our hotel on a balmy spring night was filled with delights. We were wowed by the magnificent dome of the Capitol and the state-ly Supreme Court, all lit up. Our lodgings were in a Quaker dormitory run by the Friends on Capitol Hill for peace activists. It was a beautiful old home, four stories tall, with a living room, dining room, and seminar room where we had our morning services (complete with the Friends' guitar), as well as bedrooms and many bathrooms. The five girls and I roomed in one big room, and the two boys with Mr. Allen Wright (Mother Mary Ann Wright's son) and several other gentlemen guests, including a paleoanthropologist doing an internship at

the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, and a wonderful Muslim scholar who has written a book showing how much Judaism, Christianity and Islam have in common. We had our morning service and breakfast each day at our home, and then set out walking for the day's adventures. During the six days of our trip we enjoyed special tours of the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, Mount Vernon, the FBI, the Washington Times, and the Pentagon. We browsed through the Smithsonian Museums of Air and Space, the National Museum of Art, the National Museum of Natural History, the Museum of National History (where the girls and I especially appreciated a wonderful First Ladies exhibit), and the National Archives. We walked and wandered and read and thought through the memorials to the Vietnam War, the Korean War, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson. It was deeply moving to be at the Vietnam memorial on Memorial Day, May 26. We saw hundreds of mementos left near the wall, including flowers and letters written to the dead soldiers. The one which moved me the most read: "Dear Dad, here is the first photo of a sonogram of your new granddaughter (still unborn). I know she will get to know you and love you just as I have...." K. Buscovich said, "This is the best day in the whole year to be here."

Some of the most unexpected things were touching. We suddenly found ourselves facing the Hard Rock Café after leaving the FBI building, so naturally we had dinner there. After leaving the exciting atmosphere, we saw a unicyclist juggling away off in the distance. Upon reaching her, we discovered a wonderful plaza with an unprecedented view of the Capitol nearly a mile off in the distance. The stone floor of the entire plaza was engraved with quotes from U.S. presidents and foreign dignitaries describing the beauty and uplifting architecture of Washington, plus original floor plans for various public buildings. We were moved by the quotes and the girls were inspired by the unicyclist spinning around to classical music coming from her boombox. They spontaneously began to dance and spin. The setting sun played on a beautiful fountain in the plaza and all felt right

with the world. Later that same night we were walking from the Lincoln to the Jefferson Memorials, and stopped to ask directions from a trolley car driver. He called out, "Get in, I'll drive you there for free!" He asked us all about our class and our trip. We took a picture with him before he let us out at our destination.

One afternoon we met the middle school class from the New Hope Academy in Maryland. They toured the Supreme Court with us and then we sat on the grass in the shade of a spreading oak and celebrated Chris Barker's 14th birthday with a decorated chocolate cake and cold milk. Students from Maryland and California introduced themselves and shared together. Many exchanged addresses before we parted. We invited the Maryland students to visit us in California. They were inspired that the Principled Academy students had completely earned the money for their trip. Later that night we celebrated Chris's birthday again by dressing up and going out for a fancy dinner. Chris amazed everyone by devouring a 16-ounce New York steak, and then (while everyone else ate dessert, groaning about how full they were) Chris ordered and ate a whole chicken-fried steak dinner! I guess when you turn 14, you get really hungry! We returned tired but happy on Thursday evening, May 29. It was a trip we will remember all our lives.

The trip was so successful that we are making plans for the next trip in May 1999 for the students currently in 5th and 6th grades at the Principled Academy. They began fundraising for their trip by putting on the last regular hot dog lunch of the school year, on June 11. Again, thank you all for your support of this wonderful project.

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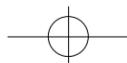
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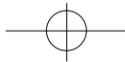
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Marriage: The Universal Principle

Let us search for the one principle that unifies us all. Why should we value such a principle? We value it because it is the key to peace and unification. Peace is a negative term, meaning absence of war. Unification is a positive term, meaning becoming one body. So we need a principle for peace and unification, by which we can not just stop fighting but also become one. Ceasing to fight brings an end to pain and destruction. Be becoming one, we feel joy, and something greater is created.

That principle cannot abide in heaven or in an ivory tower, but here on earth. It must be tangible and real to everyone. In fact, it must be a principle lodged deep in each heart, into which religion enters only in its most sacred precincts. And it cannot be a principle external to the object for which we are striving, like a wrench with which we fix an engine. The principle must be intrinsic to the object for which we are striving; it must be a renewal of the engine from within itself. The means and the ends must be one. That principle for which we are searching is marriage.

Marriage unites the two kinds of human beings: man and woman. These two kinds are made for each other. Gloria Steinam coined the expression that a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle. That saying is wicked in its cleverness but also absurd in its comparing women to fish (Now, men are similar in many ways to bicycles. They keep their balance as long as they are moving forward, but that's beside the point.) Actually, in the fallen world, men and women do cause each other pain and suffering. "Women," the men's saying goes, "You can't live with'em and you can't live without'em." In other words, in the world of men and women, you can't live at all. This has been true for the fallen world. But we need not erect this as our guiding principle, as per Steinam, because such a principle does indeed befit a world in which no one can live and no one essentially needs each other.

Then the principle we are seeking is the principle by which men and women can live together and not cause each other pain and suffering. That principle of marriage, therefore, must presuppose a more internal principle, that of true love, i.e., life for the sake of others. And life for the sake of others in turn presupposes the principle of "mind over body," or "spirit over flesh." This is not to erase or reduce the value of the body, but just to put it in its proper relationship to mind and spirit.

So our principle would be that the mind guides the body to a life for the sake of others for the purpose of marriage.

Now, when we say the word, "marriage," we naturally think of a man and woman. But I will suggest we apply this term to the unification of greater wholes, for example, differing religions, races and nations. But this comes only through completion or perfection within the most essential realm, which is that of the individual man and woman.

Marriage and Religion

I am not talking of a marriage of religions based upon agreement about doctrine and ritual. I am talking about a marriage of religions based upon, well, marriage itself. Marriage is a connecting point of all religions. All religions oversee the institution of marriage within the culture or society. All religions concur in general,

and even in the most important specifics, about the content and purpose of marriage. Marriage is a public ceremony bringing together one man and one woman into a lifetime relationship of living together, mutual ownership, mutual comfort and support; and shared responsibility for the purpose of creating lineage and supporting the larger community. Therefore, the institution of marriage in its content actually unites the many very distinct kinds of religions.

The way the leaders or representatives of the world's religions can unite is by agreement on a common cause. The most available common cause is that of the sanctity and importance of marriage. Marriage stands at the nexus of social policy, personal spirituality and political urgency. Beginning with marriage, one can move into the realms of education, morality, economy, health and human services, culture and entertainment.

Sociality of Nations

Marriage is also a great celebration. It is a time of dance and song, of renewing friendships and affirming the solidarity of the clan. It connects clans one to another. It has been a means of building peace between nations. If a marriage between a Spaniard and an Englander was strong, then the bond between the nations was strong. As marriage has become legalistic, so too has the bond between nations.

Marriage is also the ground or wellspring of righteousness in men. Ask any employer; employers would far rather hire a married man than a single man. Marriage begets stability, responsibility and maturity. The creation of children, in other words, is the creation of parents, and parents are what society needs. Married men settle down and tend to quit or at least reduce their selfish habits (drinking, whoring, running in gangs). Note that this behavioral effect is NOT brought about by cohabiting with a woman; it comes only through legal marriage.

A Crusade for Marriage

While the marriage ceremony itself is a time of great celebration, for most couples, the celebration stops after the honeymoon is over. It is time, however, to keep the marriage celebration ongoing. "It's great to be married!" should become the rallying cry of the new generation. Indeed, there will be no other generation besides that which celebrates marriage. Homosexuals, lesbians and single swingers are the grasshoppers of the world. They make no plans for the future because they create no future. Faithful, pure married people are the ants, creating a future. The next thirty years are the howling north winds.

To walk the walk and talk the talk to the various religions equally, the leading must be undertaken within the realm of a world civil religion. A civil religion provides a broad umbrella for all the world's various faiths, not attempting to replace them. The theme of each religion is that we advocate true families; Muslims advocate true families; Christians advocate true families,

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Buddhists advocate true families, etc. Within the marriage vows of all traditions there surely are common threads, nay, planks upon which marriage is blessed.

Deism and Pro-family

About three hundred years ago, a movement called "deism" sprang up, first in England, spreading to Germany, turning anticlerical in France, and having major influence in the formation of the United States. Deism arose in response to the bloody wars of religion of the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. Armies were slaughtering each other over questions of theology, over whether we are saved by grace or by works. Many felt that no one was getting saved at all by the mass carnage of these wars.

Lord Herbert of Cherbury, a man who felt himself guided by the Holy Spirit, called for an end to hostilities based upon agreement upon universal religious principles: the existence of God, that God ought to be worshiped; that virtue is the chief element in this worship; that repentance for sin is a duty, and that there is another life of rewards and punishments. Beyond that, he said, everyone can believe what they want to believe in private.

This deism failed not so much in what it affirmed but in what it rejected. Deism rejected that assertion that God is involved in the human realm, through miracles, revelation and providence. This rejection of God's mysterious hand in the world grew out of deism's marriage to the optimistic science of the age, and to the scientific agenda to explain all reality without recourse to supernatural forces. Deism eventually was used, in France in particular, to drive God out of the world. It became an anti-God system of belief, which undergirded the French Revolution. Today's secular humanism is a legacy of Lord Herbert's deism.

But deism took another path in the English colonies of the Atlantic coast. A moderate deism with a friendliness to God provided an ideological environment for the marriage of politics, science, economy and religion in the newborn United States. Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, Washington and others were Christian deists, comfortable in the church pew or at the Whitefield revival, but also comfortable in the congresses of revolutionary France and in their universities, laboratories and Masonic halls. Their calm and tolerant deism provided the foundation for a "cool" public square in which the various "hot" religions could jostle for the attention of the public.

The contemporary pro-family movement is a fruit of this Americanized, late-eighteenth-century spirit of deism. The pro-family movement is almost entirely a product of Christianity, but there is ample space for conservative Jews and secular psychologists. Jesus' role as savior is not intrinsic to the pro-family message. Rather, his role is as a model of true love, which we all should emulate in order to become good husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. Christian bookstores are full of pro-family books, but, of the dozens I have read or reviewed, few if any make an evangelical appeal. None state that you *must* be a born-again Christian in order to have a good family. In fact, content which is *specifically Christian* is virtually non-existent. These books could be written on the foundation of any of the great religions of this world.

This has a good and bad side. On the

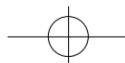
bad side, it means that this pro-family movement has nothing to do, in terms of its ideas, with the God of revelation and providence. In other words, the books could have been written 100, 500 or 1,000 years ago; they are not time-specific. It matters not whether you are Catholic or Protestant, or what doctrine of the Trinity you hold, or whether you allow instruments in your church. These pro-family messages are not tied to particular revelations of God, but rather on eternal verities.

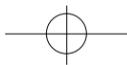
Well, what's wrong with that? you ask. What is wrong is that God is involved with the world and is disclosing new truth, new revelations. The weakness of 16th century deism was that it blocked the living God out of the world; so too, believe it or not, can the pro-family movement. Consider John the Baptist. He was totally in tune with God's providence, until that providence stared him in the face through Jesus Christ. Then John disconnected from the providence, failed to become Jesus' disciple, and lost everything, dying over a matter of political intrigue.

It is always better to emphasize the good side, however. The good side of the "deism of the pro-family movement" is its presentation of the family as the common ground upon which all religions can finally meet without denying their own inherent meaning. In other words, a Muslim can affirm the family because it is consistent with the Qur'an; a Christian can affirm the family because it is consistent with the New Testament; a Jew because it is in the Torah; a Hindu because it is spoken in the Gita; a Buddhist because it is affirmed by Buddha, etc. Thus, the leaders of the various religions can agree about something very concrete, and take constructive steps forward together based upon this agreement.

Selfish, materialistic values are no respecters of religion. All religions are being assaulted. AIDS, prostitution, illegitimate children, divorce, crime, drug abuse ... these enemies are entering every sacred assembly. The edifices of faith must make a common cause today. To do so, however, they cannot be satisfied with the espousal of eternal verities, the removal of the living God from the world. To do that would be to go the way of 16th century deism. The faithful of all religions must examine their traditions for openings to the future, to prepare for the vast changes which God is bringing upon the Earth, and to work together with God as members of His one worldwide family. ❖

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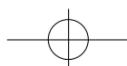
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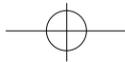
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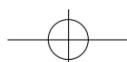
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by Kristina M. Seher—Berkeley, CA

California Summer Camp: The Heavenly Kingdom on Earth!

Ooh! Ahh!" Spontaneous applause and squeals of delight accompanied our spectacular fireworks display at the Eleventh Annual Family Camp Shimjeung at Aetna Springs Resort in Northern California. About 55 excited families celebrated America's birthday with a free carnival topped off with a fireworks display. The carnival featured 20 "booths" where everyone won tickets for effort as well as for successful results. The fourth and fifth grade boys designed a winning miniature golf putting green complete with obstacles. The 7th and 8th grade girls buried "jewels" in a sandbox and gave participants 30 seconds to dig up all they could and to redeem them for tickets. Teams of children panted, running frantically, to fill up a can with water squeezed from sponges, a game made up by one of our science teachers, Gerri Linek. Other parents and older kids manned a duck pond game, bean bag toss, golf ball-in-spoon race, bowling, nickel toss,

and a dozen other booths. Children dashed to the prize table to redeem their tickets for super prizes which Robin Cox had ordered from novelty houses. All the children (even the teenagers) were happy about their prizes, trading and demonstrating them to their friends. Bob Gauper brought a soda fountain machine and set it up at the carnival so everyone could enjoy unlimited free sodas. Matthew Morrison and Casey Cox and the 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys set up the fireworks.

Family Camp Shimjeung starts each day with parents praying at the Holy Ground, followed by exercises and morning service. We felt deep gratitude to see **CALIF** on page 24



Kayaking course taught by Michael Joyce

The Principled Academy Victory Trip

by Kristina Seher—Berkeley, CA

How many of us are struggling to make a goal (bless 185 couples!), to make good spiritual conditions, to mobilize the spirit world, and to bring a victory? And each of us adults has many stories of overcoming obstacles and bringing victory in the final moment from our years of witnessing and MFT. Well...here is a story of some of our second generation kids doing just that.

Two years ago my husband urged me to teach my middle school math students some aspects of money management: how to make money, how to save money in a bank, how to keep records, etc. As I thought about my goals for the students, I wanted them to know the value of money—how hard their parents work to support them, so they would not waste things or

money. I also wanted them to feel confident they could earn their own money whenever they needed it. I wanted them to feel they never need to go on welfare, but they can always earn for a good cause. So I encouraged the class to start a class business.

They started out with a bake sale, which raised \$56 profit. They saved \$5 to be used as change, and all tramped down to the local Bank of America to open a savings account, the Sunshine

Middle School Fund-raiser Account (now renamed the Principled Academy...Account). After many discussions among the students and with various parents, it was decided to earn money for a class trip to Washington, DC. The nation's capital is something every American child should experience.

Their next project was for each student to painstakingly design Christmas and God's Day holiday greeting cards. Robbie Wackler kindly wrote all

greetings in beautiful calligraphy. We met with several printers and came to the sad realization that we wouldn't be able to afford to print the cards (to make the project profitable we would have to print several thousand cards, and we only had \$51 to spend). So we met with several copy store managers and found one who would color-Xerox the cards for a discount, giving us 30 days to pay. The result of the first month of sales all went to paying the Xerox bill, but finally we were making a profit. The students even had a spectacular MFT-type experience when one man was moved by the spirit world to make a \$100 donation while they were selling cards at a WFWP conference—and he didn't even want any cards! I was moved to tears, telling them, "Heavenly Father wanted you to have this special experience, just like your parents had on MFT doing bar runs late at night!"

For Valentine's Day the students had a catalog sale, at Mother's Day they had a flower stand, and in between these there were occasional bake sales and hot dog lunches at the

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Students, front: Chris Barker, K. Buscovich, Philaine Seher. Back: Henry Bechtel, Christella Hardman, Julie Zingertal and Ariana Richie

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