New Eden Academy Welcomes Inaugural Class

New Eden Academy International, the first high school founded in North America by our True Parents, welcomed its inaugural class of 44 students to Bridgeport, Connecticut on Sept. 22 this year. Students from all over America and the world are pursuing academically challenging high school studies in a spiritually enriched atmosphere—truly, a garden of learning and joy.

Students are sons and daughters of members of the Unification community. Most parents have served and followed True Parents faithfully and many are now in mission countries pursuing Tribal Messiah work. Headmaster Dr. Hugh D. Spurgin comments: “The spiritual and leadership qualities of the parents are evident in this group of students, who are not only academically talented, but spiritually bright and very responsible.”

Toshiko Sato, the Residential Life Coordinator, currently lives with the students and guides their spiritual lives. “I really enjoy taking care of these children, especially cooking noodles and rice for evening snack. They are truly God’s precious children and the beautiful fruit of their parents’ prayers and love.”

Daily Schedule
Students take turns giving morning service at 7:00 a.m., having attended morning exercises beforehand. Breakfast at Marina Dining Hall, located across from the dormitory, is served from 7:30-8:20. Classes begin at 8:30.

Program for the World Culture and Sports Festival III

by Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

This is the text of the statement released to the media at a press conference held October 29 in Washington, DC.

I am my honor to serve as the Chairman of the World Culture and Sports Festival III, which will take place here in Washington the week of November 23-30.

First, I would like to first explain the origin and purpose of this unprecedented event. The Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon first spoke to me of their vision for the Festival during the Seoul Summer Olympics in 1988. They envisioned gathering thousands of participants from the many fields of human endeavor for the purpose of establishing a foundation for world peace. This gathering would bring together many of the projects which represent Reverend and Mrs. Moon’s lifelong efforts around the world. As Rev. Moon has often said, “There can only be a peaceful family of nations when you have nations of peaceful families.”

Based on this vision, we organized the first World Culture and Sports Festival in 1992 and the second in 1995, both centering in Chamsil Olympic Stadium in Seoul, Korea. Over 100,000 people attended each of the Festivals. On this successful foundation, we proudly bring the World Culture and Sports Festival III to the capital of the United States.

The Festival’s program will begin on Sunday, November 23 with a reception marking the opening of an international art exhibit at the Georgetown Mall, followed by an evening of jazz featuring the acclaimed Spyro Gyra in the Omni Shoreham Hotel Ballroom. The rest of the Festival will be held at RFK Stadium.
Father’s topic today is: The Cosmic Era and Unification Families. When the entire five billion people of humanity truly understand this concept of Father’s teaching, they will want to have the family centered upon the True Love and teaching of Father, or the secular-style family we see today? The strong enemy is trying to establish the mainstream family system for everyone to follow.

Even within this audience Father can see five different colors. Are they colored by Father’s teaching or do you still maintain your own unique color? Among the brothers and sisters of the white race, do you welcome or reject black brothers and sisters? Even as a white race you need the color black and vice versa. If day represents the color white, then night represents the color black, don’t you think that day needs night? What do you need more, daytime or night time? When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? On Fifth Avenue in New York City people are rushing around during the daytime. However, one part of the street is visible during the daytime or night time? If we consider America to be the new Spring culture. The Spring season because it represents the culture of our entire civilization is now being crushed and experience what color your face is or how you see everyday? Father’s teaching can establish the mainstream family system for everyone to follow.

In the field we see a tree growing. Does the tree exist eternally? Then which one is more important, daytime or night time? When do you need night? What do you need more, daytime or night time? When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? When do you need night? What do you need more, daytime or night time?  When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time?  When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? When do people ordinarily make love, during the daytime or night time? 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should remain almost as if it were dead, without feeling. That is the action for redistribution already established by True Parents. True Parents are in the position of the third Adam, to restore and indemnify our ancestral line so that the entire kingdom of God. By the time of the completion of this right hand sequence. He could not make the heavenly settlement on the Earth. The third messiahship is the time of the Lord of the Second Advent. That means the world victorious foundation, beginning from the family and expanding vertically and horizontally.

Now we understand the meaning of True Parents. True Parents are in the position of the third Adam, to restore the failure of the first and second Adam, and they are the True Parents of mankind. The original couple who were to become True Parents in the Old Testament era failed. And in the New Testament era, Jesus failed to establish the position of the True Parents. Therefore, in the Completed Testament era, the True Parents finally came to this world and completed this mission. That is why the concept of Blessed families has come into being and the Blessing is taking place in this world.

This is why my topic this morning is The Cosmic Era of the Blessed Family. This is what it means. The time of the 3.6 million couples Blessing on November 29, 2019 will be the time when vertically Heaven and Earth and the entire world horizontally, will meet together and become united. It is like the entire humanity, without the fall, awaiting the Blessing on time on November 29, 1997. It has that much value. It is equivalent to the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve making the family system. During this heavenly era, you have the power to bring your parents and relatives to the Blessing without Satan’s accusation. After the Blessing, they will be so grateful to you, even though you might not have the opportunity to meet them. This is the place where the family is being created to receive the entire universal value as one family. As I told you earlier today, if we were to pull out the entire lineage from any one woman or man, the entire ancestry would be pulled by that string.

True Parents have appeared in the Last Days. Now, through indemnity, they have won the victory and liberated Jesus and the New Testament, as well as the Old Testament all the way back to Adam and Eve. If you truly follow Father’s direction and bring your relative to the Blessing, and establish this foundation, then your entire ancestry will be attached to you. Jesus will be able to liberate this ancestral line. From November 29, the new era of Blessing from this physical world will be extended to the era of Blessing even in the spiritual world. Until now, even within the spiritual world there was an absolute separation. Originally the Kingdom of God was supposed to be taken by Adam and Eve who were to fulfill their responsibility to build the original ideal family. As the family, they would live together with God and enter into the Kingdom of God in the spiritual world. But due to the fall of man, this did not take place. In other words the Kingdom of God is still empty. In these Last Days, as long as we are totally united with True Parents, then based upon True Parents’ victory of the establishment of the true family on the horizontal level, we will have the privilege of becoming the citizens of the Kingdom of God. Just as in the time of Adam and the Old Testament era, and Jesus and the New Testament era, we are in the position to be able to restore and indemnify our ancestral line so that the entire spiritual world can be liberated. Up until now, the religions of the world have focused upon individual level salvation. But once we come out of that shell and follow True Parents we enter into the family level. The family level automatically extends to the nation, world and entire cosmos. Therefore we can build the Kingdom of God here. As Unification Church Blessed couples, if we truly fulfill the role of tribal messiahs, there is an automatic extension. That is why we can truly restore this world in the Kingdom of God.

For this purpose, Father took down the HSA UWC sign and placed a new sign. From Family to World Peace and Unification. Until now, unification needed Christianity. Christianity needs to be grounded in the Cosmos, the Old Testament or the New Testament. If these are cut away, then the Completed Testament era cannot stand, and the restoration of the Old and the New Testament
body has to yield to the hurricane of Blessings! I have given the Blessing to several groups of national leaders, and in my heart I believe as I give this Blessing they had to deny themselves, they had to yield in order to receive this. So this whole year I wish to consider this hurricane of Blessing. This is a miracle. At no time in human history has such a thing hap- pened. This one movement is spreading throughout all the world.

2. The Vertical Value Of The 3.6 Million Couple Blessing

The 3.6 million couples Blessing November 29, at KFGK Stadium, will be the twelfth Blessing and will represent the peak of the Blessing. Every day there are 12 hours; within every year there are 12 months. Num- bers and times have meaning. Vertically, Father gave the first worldwide Blessing of 30,000 couples. That Blessing represented the formation level; the second worldwide Blessing was 360,000 couples and repre- sented the growth level; now this year, the perfection level will be reached with the Blessing of 3.6 million couples.

Three years ago, when we finished the 360,000 couples Blessing world- wide. Father announced the 3.6 mil- lion couples Blessing. At that time, in Korea, during a world leaders confer- ence, Father asked: “Korea, how many couples will you bring to this Blessing? How many? In Korea, such a central country, only around 210,000. Father said that number was not high enough, that it should be 1.2 million couples.

Well, Korea has now fulfilled 1.2 mil- lion couples and America will fulfill 360,000. At that time in Korea, only True Father believed this Blessing could be possible in and around Korea. Leaders all over the world could not believe. Our faith is not big faith, not giant faith like Father’s. Father is a spiritual giant, we are his blessed children, but we are like little peanuts in his presence. However, we are the answer to save their coun- try.

It is necessary for me to travel a lot during this period of time. I spoke recently in Boston at a Sunday service. Boston, like other cities, is immoral. Our mem- bers were struggling so much there. The members realized that they must become more united in order to spiri- tually empower themselves. They worked at this. Then things began to change. Results began to come. In the United States, Boston Region is now No. 1 in bless- ing results. On the North American con- tinent that they will indeed bring many blessings. This is a reality. Look at this secular country. This is a reality. Look at this secular world.

4. For The First Time TMs Become Co-Officiators With True Parents

Until this time, True Parents were the only officiators of the Blessing. All Tribal Messiahs are the officiators. Looking back, would you ever have believed such a time would come? Father is truly sharing the officiating of this Blessing with Tribal Messiahs so we must appre- ciate and take advantage of this great honor. Let us get the same faith as the seventeen members in Sudan and be responsible for thousands of couples each. True Father said “bless the person on the street who sees you, everyone, every- one, everywhere.” This is how signifi- cant the Blessing is. The Blessing is no joke. If we don’t have a greater vision and bless many peo-

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3. The Blessing With The Wide-Open Doors

True Parents have opened the doors wide with this Blessing. We must each begin having bigger vision. We don’t become just how wide open the doors have become. For example, the coun- try of Sudan came into the lead for results began to come. In the United States, Boston Region is now No. 1 in bless- ing results. On the North American con- tinent, True Father promised 210,000 couples Blessing. In Korea, how many couples will you bring to this Blessing? How many? In Korea, such a central country, only around 210,000. Father said that number was not high enough, that it should be 1.2 million couples.

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Parents Visit to South America

by Ricardo de Sena— Sao Paolo, Brazil

Greetings to all from the south. I would like to give you a brief report about True Parents' recent visit to Argentina. They arrived on Tuesday September 16, at 7:50 am with their private plane and left to Brazil on Saturday Sept. 20, at 8:00 am.

They came together with other 10 Korean leaders, including the three regional leaders of Korea who gave the most pre-blessings. Every at 6:00 am True Parents came for morning service. After we all had a full bowl, True Mother chose somebody to recite the Family Pledge in Korean. Then, for one hour Mrs. Won-Ju Mc Devitt (Mother's secretary) read Father's words from RFK Stadium November 29, 1997. Then we will have regrets.

God's grace and True Parents' grace is amazing during this time, allowing us to give these blessings to everyone.

6. Physical World And Spiritual World Both Receiving The Blessing

Never in history has the spiritual world and the physical world both received the Blessing. Many of us went to Chungpyung. There our ancestors were liberated. Now in the spiritual world, Heung Jin Nim and Daemoo Nim together are preparing for the Blessing. Among our ancestors, there are so many sinful people, difficult people, but now they will be truly liberated through the Blessing. We have helped to free them. So we are free. We must not allow our ancestors to lose this kind of fortune. We must work hard to bring heavenly fortune to our family lineage.

Some people who were blessed on Earth went to the spiritual world and complained "why aren't my parents giving blessings now like other parents in America?" This sort of thing is happening everyday. One 36-couple parent mediated through someone on Earth to alert and wake up his grown children to participate in current activities. In the spiritual world they see things so clearly and know the consequences of our actions.

Recently, I had a dream about my own uncle who went to the spiritual world last year. Just before he passed he received the Blessing. In my dream I saw my uncle writing on a registration form just like the ones we are using here on the physical plane. If we do not participate actively in this year's Blessing, our ancestors in the spiritual world will be hurt. They will be affected in some way.

A church sister in the mid-west had a dream that I was blessing a well-known spiritual leader in America. Two weeks later the dream came true. I was in a city far removed from Chicago where this well-known person and I were meeting together and he received the Blessing. Amazing things are taking place now. Our two worlds are coming closer together. Communication lines are opening more and more. Within the spiritual world and the physical world the same activities are taking place. Never before in history has this occurred.

7. The Greatest Opportunity Ever To Be Available In America At RFK Stadium November 29, 1997

This twelfth Blessing by True Parents was their greatest public one of such magnitude to be held in America. This twelfth and perfection-level Blessing had the heavenly authority to give it to us. True Parents have the heavenly authority to give it to humankind and by the year 2020 we will have more than 30,000 couples in the providence of world history. Your spiritual children and your people and let them help you.

Also other areas near you may have extra people to offer to you as bus guides. Twenty-five thousand couples can be invited to Robert F. Kennedy Stadium! Let us say that if by November 29 twenty-five million couples in the world are blessed, then only one couple out of a thousand will be given the privilege to be there. Just imagine being one of those couples. November 29, 1997 will be the Victory of God.

At a leaders' breakfast meeting held each Tuesday in New York, when I asked the question "who is going to attend True Father's speech 25 years ago at Carnegie Hall in New York?" three members raised their hand. Those three probably not only attended the speech but may have been out on the streets selling tickets for the event. They were making history just by doing what seemed a simple thing. Across America there are those who are working on a particu lar event. We should bow to them. They are about to make history. Even if those some people who served during Carnegie Hall times fail to contribute toward this perfect Blessing, then what kind of future will they have? Two thousand years ago, if the chosen people, the prepared people, did not serve and attend Jesus Christ, then all their preparations were in vain, all of Jewish history was meaningless.

What about True Father's speech at Yankee Stadium? Madison Square Gar den? Washington Monument? How many of you attended True Parents during those campaigns? Yes, if you did you are truly a part of history, but still the most important event of all those events is the RFK Stadium Blessing. This world level, perfection-level Bless ing in the providence of world history. This is the part America is playing. We must all be a part of it.

We have angels and ancestors working with us. Please believe that this is true. You do not need to fear going out and being bold. This is the most impor tant Banquet of the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven.

We will never pass this way again. Please understand the significance of these seven points. Do your utmost!
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A typical daily academic schedule is as follows, Monday through Friday:

6:30 - 8:30 U.S. or World History
9:30 - 10:30 Religious Education
10:30 - 11:30 Geophysical Science
11:30 - 12:00 Lunch
12:00 - 1:00 English
1:00 - 2:00 Korean Language
2:00 - 3:00 Computer Science
3:00 - 4:00 Integrated Math I
4:00 - 5:00 Sports/Martial Arts or Music Lessons
5:30 - 6:20 Dinner
6:30 - 8:30 Supervised study or evening classes

Evening classes include Chorus, Martial Arts and weekend recreational activities. Students have access to local parks, shopping and museums.

Challenging Academic Classes

Located on the campus of the University of Bridgeport, New Eden Academy's students utilize resources such as the University library, classrooms, recreational facilities and dining hall. Three academically advanced students are already enrolled in a college Chemistry class. New Eden is working with the University's High School Partnership Program, which allows qualified students to take up to eight U.B. classes before graduation. New Eden students may also take classes at the local Community College, as well as advanced placement exams, to earn college credit before graduation.

The New Eden Computing Center has twelve state of the art computers available for student use during supervised study period in the evenings, and during daytime study halls. New Eden students access the Internet over the high-speed fast ISDN connection. Students are developing their own sites and are expanding the New Eden website. After completing an introductory computer course, all students will be able to create professional-looking web pages, manipulate spreadsheets and manage databases.

Instruction includes Chorus, Martial Arts and sports. Instructors are available during supervised study periods, and by the Family Pledge as well as the three speeches recently given by the Parents. Mrs. Josephine Hauer, the religious education teacher, will be sure, but they are often the fruit, created first hand when Acumedia asked for actors and actresses for a music/movie project in the Korean public school system. Sixteen students participated in the filming and five students helped with the production crew. Students involved in Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Atsuko Ezaki, are preparing to offer musical selections at upcoming holiday performances and celebrations.

Call for Library Donations!

New Eden Academy seeks to develop and maintain a unique library and collection of subtle interactions of personal biography, reference group attachments, institutional frameworks, and cultural value systems. The purpose of this panel is to address the dynamics of selfhood formation by addressing factors such as socialization: the family, school, neighborhood, peer group, and institutional factors; the cultural definitions of a healthy personality, civic responsibility, and a sense of right and wrong. The papers are designed to provide an array of insights garnered from interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, and theoretical/empirical perspectives. The historical focus is firmly rooted, however, in the contemporary circumstance where global forces are reshaping the context in which personal integrity and consciousness are being framed.

Panels 3 and 4: The ability to provide leadership of any kind, in a given period, in a given situation, is the result of the convergence of a number of factors: intellectual acumen and personal moral virtue are prime elements, to be sure, but they are often the fruit, not only of individual effort but of community. Identity and character are achieved within a social context. One may create one's self, but largely out of materials available to oneself. Leadership is multiple in kind. It may be found in the intellectual order where the leader by virtue of training, insight and the intellectual skills is able to move others to action. "The pen is mightier than the sword" is not a recent dictum. Leadership may be exercised on the battlefield by a Napoleon, Nelson or Rommel. In the social order it may be exercised by charismatic figures such as Gandhi or Mother Theresa. In every case, the character of the leader is a worthy subject of study. When we examine the identity of he who would command? What contributed to the development of his identity? How much is due to the personal, to society, to circumstances? We look at a number of historical and literary figures, ancient and recent, to determine their intellectual and moral genesis, and the quality of their action for good or for ill.

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1. Character and identity are the themes of the 7th International Conference of the Frontier Society for World Peace and Culture (FSCWPF). The conference, which was held in Washington, D.C. from November 24-29, 1997, is an event of the World Culture and Sports Festival held in 1997. Over 200 academics from across the world are expected to attend the conferences. It is expected that 40 experts will be providing opinions on the topics.

The identity of individuals is rooted in relationships. We think of ourselves as "husband," "wife," "father," "mother," "child," "teacher," or "student," depending on our relationship with other people. We identify ourselves as "artist," "salesperson," or "farmer," depending on our occupation or role. The identity of individuals is therefore a complex interplay of relationships and roles.

The theme for this year's conference is Science for the Benefit of Humanity, organized by Reverend and Mrs. Moon, who have been promoting peace and unity through various initiatives since 1972. Reverend and Mrs. Moon have hosted various conferences and events, including the World Congress of the Spirit (WCSF), which aims to bring together scholars, artists, religious leaders, scientists, and statesmen to discuss critical global problems.

The conference will be held in various locations across the United States, including Columbia University School of Journalism, the University of Michigan, and the University of Tennessee. The conference will feature plenary speakers, guest lectures, and workshops, with the aim of facilitating cross-disciplinary conversations on the pressing issues of our time.

The conference will also include a Festival-wide celebration, with thousands of couples participating in the event. The Festival encourages couples to remain faithful to each other and to the sacredness of marriage. The festival is an opportunity for couples to come together and celebrate their commitment to each other.

The conference is being organized by the Family Federation for World Peace and Family, which was established by Reverend and Mrs. Moon in 1975. The organization aims to promote unity and peace through various initiatives, including the WCSF, the Youth for Peace, and the World College of Associate Universities.

The conference will provide a platform for discussing the pressing issues of our time, including the problems that beset humanity and threaten international peace. Throughout the week, there will be activities organized by students, faculty, and the public, including the promotion of marital harmony, world citizenship, and the sacredness of marriage.
UTS Seminar: Unification Theology and the FFWPV

by Gareth Davies—Barrytown, NY

When God’s providence moves as rapidly for- ward as it has in recent months, theologians are sometimes left scrambling to catch up, not only to understand the implications and significance of new developments. This was the purpose of a seminar held in Barrytown on July 28th which brought together theologians and other scholars from SMU and Sun Moon University (SMU) who hosted the first seminar which was held last year. The one day gathering covered a range of academic and theological issues relating to the Founder’s recent announcement of the discontinuation of HSA-UWC as an institute of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FPU).

The seminar was divided into five sessions:

1. The Age of the FFWPU as the New Context for Unification Theology
2. The Community and Content Addressed by Unification Theology
3. Methodological Approaches to Unification Theology
4. Educational Philosophy and Practice
5. Methodological Implications for SMU and UTU

Speaking during the first session, conference organizer Dr. Andrew Wilson attempted to define this age of the FFWPU by identifying its characteristics. Firstly, he noted that the Completed Testament Age Word is comprised of three speeches which have been delivered by Reverend Moon since 1993. These are “View of the Principle of the Providence History of Salvation,” “In Search of the Origin of the Universe,” and “True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love.” Dr. Wilson pointed out that the Divine Principle is the eternal truth and that these new speeches are consistent with this truth. He suggested, however, that these speeches may now require a rethink of how the Divine Principle is understood. The implication is that we must reconcile the Divine Principle as including, and indeed consisting of, the three Speeches outlined in the Three Speeches. These speeches, he said, organize the overall structure of CTA theology into three times in the folder of God’s Love, True Marriage, and Family, and The Ideal Society.

During the discussion of FFWPU as the new context for UT, Dr. Jae Young Lee of SMU pointed out that the name Unification Theology, suggest- ing that rather than following the order common to most Christian systematic theologies—namely Creation, Fall, and Restoration—we should now adopt the Completed Testament Age kerygma as outlined in the Three Speeches. These speeches, he said, organize the overall structure of CTA theology into three times in the folder of God’s Love, True Marriage, and Family, and The Ideal Society.

Continuing the discussion of FFWPU as the new context for UT, Dr. Jae Young Lee of SMU pointed out that the name “Unification Church” was adopted after common usage by others rather than through a decision by the Church itself and that a certain image is now associ- ated with the name. In the same way, he said, the clear purpose and identity of FFWPU should now be disseminated into all areas of society. Unification Theology, he said, can play the role of intermediary by introducing the words of True Parents to society and he pro- posed the development of a new theo- logical structure based on heart, true love, true family and the heart-centered cultural world.

During the second session, Dr. Hang Je Kim stated that the definition of the the- ology as “a contemporary interpretation of faith and a contextual confession of faith” means that Unification Theology in the age of HSA-UWC is different from the age of HSA-UWC. He offered the following outline: True Parent God, True Parents Messiah: Completed Testamen- tary World. He stated that the nearly unan- imous experience and recognition of the family as the source and school of spiritual teachings has overtaken the providen- 

cial necessity to save everyone before the clock runs out.” Looking toward that future, he responded to the question of which approach best leads to an under- standing of Unification, the Judeo- Christian approach or a World’s Reli- gion approach, that it would have been the paradoxical position of affirming the Judeo-Christian hermeneutic as the best approach to Unification’s teachings while also affirming that Reverend Moon’s teachings are unique and unprecedented and that Unification Theology is on the cutting edge of religious thought. Of the two approaches, he expressed a preference that the latter should be empha- sized.

In the same session, Professor Hyun Kwang Kim, proposed a method for estab- lishing the “Completed Testament The- ology.” He proposed to use Dr. Young Oon Kim’s “Unification Theology” as the basis for the project with annual joint seminars providing the forum for ongo- ing discussion. Professor Kim also pro- posed to establish clear sections of the existing theology such as Biblical Theo- logy, Systematic Theology, Historical Theology and Practical Theology with professors from each institution being responsible for them. At the conclusion of the sessions, there was an animated dis- cussion of the proposals but in the absence of President Shimmyo, who is in South America, and President Se Won Yoon, who was unable to attend, few decisions were made.

Dr. Michael Mckler’s presentation on educational philosophy and practice in research seminars, stated that Unification education can only take place in a global, multi-cultural, inter- racial and interreligious context,” he said. “Second, I believe that voluntarism and in-service education will be a key component. Third, although we are under- taking a transition into a more peace- ful and harmonious world, Unification- 
ists have to be forceful in advocating tra- ditional values and a Godly way of life.” Dr. Jun Choon Kim, Dean of the College of Theology at Sun Moon, contributed to this discussion by offering a summary of the FFUWPU’s perspectives on theological education and his expecta- tions of the graduates of UTs in partic- ular.

In the final session, Dr. Yoshishiku Masuda, Dean of the Graduate School at SMU, offered several ideas con- cerning practical cooperation between SMU and UTs and divided them into three areas: exchange of students; exchange of professors and cooperation in research and publication. Regarding the last of these, Dr. Masuda encouraged faculty mem- bers at both institutions to contribute to the seminars which both now publish. SMU launched Journal of Unification and UTs launched Journal of Unification after this year and the first issue of UTs’s Journal of Unification will be published in the very near future. Dr. Masuda also stressed the need for cooperation and authorship among the various specialists at both institutions.

6000 Couple A anniversary testimony

by Andrew J. Johnson

My wife and I along with many others, cel- ebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the 6000 couple Blessing recently. On this occasion I would like to share my match- ing experience. After three days of waiting in the main auditorium at the little angels school in Korea I was get- ting very tense. It was drawing to the end of the day and True father was getting very tired and found me waiting in front of the church, so he asked everyone if they wanted to wait until the next day for more candidates to arrive or continue, there was a resounding call to continue. Shortly after this True father had me and a dozen or so other brothers stand up along with some more mature sisters.

At this point I would like to say that I had been instructed that my father had to match me because I had to be unconditional in my attitude and be pre- pared to accept anyone that True father chose to match me with. Well the day after the blessing I knew I would not last as it would have been a forced match. I was not a forced match.
by Dr. David Carlson—Barrytown, NY

On Saturday, September 20, 1997 a workshop was held for matching candidates from Region 2. The Garden Room in HSA headquarters served as the venue for some spirited and insightful presentations. In attendance were about 80 participants, a mix of first and second generation candidates. Centering on the theme of “Developing a Heart of Acceptance,” the workshop offered a veritable goldmine of information, inspiration, humor, and internal guidance. Dr. and Mrs. Dietrich Seidel, the primary organizers of the workshop, had their hands full as they attended to the needs and concerns of the participants.

Dr. Seidel, serving as master of ceremonies and presenter, led with a thoughtful and well-organized presentation on “The Meaning of the Blessing.” He spoke on such topics as the purpose of life, rebirth, and change of lineage. Everyone was attentive, some perhaps hearing such content for the first time.

Following Dr. Seidel, Mr. Masahisa Kobayashi spoke on “Faith and Commitment.” Sharing some of his own testimony, he gave a heart-felt sense of the deep conviction and faith necessary to fully appreciate the Blessing, even when experiencing difficulties in one’s external situation.

The next presentation was a very leaky one for everyone. Mr. In Ho Pak, himself a member of the second generation, and the son of Rev. and Mrs. Joon Hyung Pak, spoke about “How to Make Your Blessing Romantic.” Wandering between serious and very funny, he related the ways in which he and his wife slowly came to get to know each other, and shared the many ways in which they were able to bring romance into their relationship. His honesty and purity touched everyone. Towards the end of his presentation, his wife joined him and shared a bit of her own experience.

The following session, “Blessing and Family: Strategies for Success,” found Rev. and Mrs. Farley Jones, the national President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, sharing some of the techniques they had discovered as useful for working out conflicts. As a successful elder blessed couple in the American movement, their experience was valuable. They gave concrete examples of how conflicts everyone can be approached with a better possibility of being worked out. Conflict among couples can often not be avoided, yet how we approach those conflicts and our way of dealing with them can make a tremendous difference.

After a delicious pani-lunch, everyone gathered for a brief but stimulating question and answer session with the presenters of the morning sessions. When Mr. John Gehring arrived, he effectively caught everyone’s attention as he shared some of the joys and pitfalls, expectations and real life experiences of an international marriage. Everyone was riveted to Mr. Gehring’s animated presentation, since it will indeed prove possible that some of those present might be finding themselves in an international marriage.

The workshop ended with a presentation by Dr. Tyler Hendricks, the American Church President, on “Developing a Heart of Acceptance.” Dr. Hendricks shared quite honestly and openly about his relationship with his wife, and some of their trials and victories. Participants listened carefully, because his presentation was so honest and filled with practical advice. He was able to bring the reality of blessed marriage life into clear perspective.

To give the Blessing candidates a better sense of what to expect in the matching process by True Father, Lynn Mathers, the national director of the Blessed Family Department, gave a heartwarming presentation that included a report about the matching for the 360,000 couple Blessing in 1995. In several ways, she assured the workshop participants that their heart of acceptance is matched with Father’s total investment to find the right spouse for them.

This workshop has been successful in raising the consciousness of those present to the point where they could have a more real sense of what to expect as they approach their blessing, how they should prepare themselves, how they can make their blessing into something very meaningful for themselves, personally, and a sense that there were many people, older brothers and sisters, who were ready and willing to support them and help them work through any potential problem they might face. Everyone surely felt their confidence level go up.

After the official closing of the workshop, opportunities for counseling and other forms of guidance were made available to those who requested such support. It is hoped that other forums, similar to this, will be forthcoming in the future.

Video tapes of this Blessing Candidate Workshop are available from the Blessed Family Department for $15.00 for a set of 2 tapes, plus $5.00 for shipping where needed. You can order them by phone (212) 997-0050, ext. 711. Send checks payable to HSA-UWC to: Blessed Family Department, 4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036.

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East Coast Workshop for Matching Candidates

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feeling. (Don’t get me wrong I have a lot of respect for the 99% of our Brothers and sisters who can manage it.)

When I reached the point of not being unconditioned but honest about where I was at. True Father came up to me and asked me “How old are you?” I replied “29 years old.” He then said “Ahh!, an English Heart of Acceptance.” Wandering between serious and very funny, he related the ways in which he and his wife slowly came to get to know each other, and shared the many ways in which they were able to bring romance into their relationship. His honesty and purity touched everyone. Towards the end of his presentation, his wife joined him and shared a bit of her own experience.

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Red Oak Academy: Alternative Education in the Greater New York Area

by Jerome Carroll—Clifton, NJ

Red Oak Academy, a newly founded school, officially opened its doors in September 1996. Named for the state tree, Red Oak Academy offers an alternative to traditional education for children in first and second grades living in the greater New York area. Through the inspiration of Mrs. Ginny Christofferson and the innovative teaching of Mrs. Jeanne Carroll, Red Oak Academy started last year with 4 first-graders in the Carroll residence. Through personal fundraising, the school moved to officially lease classroom space in a public elementary school in Verona, New Jersey. Operating as an “alternate name” business, the school is under the auspices of Jin-A Child Care Center directed by Mrs. Christl Brunkhorst. This school year the Academy has 6 first-graders and 6 second-graders. After thoroughly researching a multitude of curricula the Academy settled on an individualized, mastery-based approach to instruction. Currently a Christian program which is self-accelerated and self-motivated, and which “paces” the student at their own level is utilized. Each student is constantly being challenged academically, but not frustrated or bored; therefore, students of diverse ages can be taught in the same classroom, reminiscent of the one-room schoolhouse.

The daily routine is based on Shim Jung philosophy. Our desire is to support the role of the parents in raising children to be conscientious world citizens. Divine Principle study, Bible study, Animal Science, Creative Writing and Word Building are offered, as well as Math, Reading, Social Studies, Science, English and Computer Skills.

It is the desire of the Academy to expand at least one grade level each year.

If any parent is dissatisfied with the way their child’s education is progressing this year, the Academy is looking for new students to start at any time. Diagnostic testing is available to place the child at his or her own level, as well as to uncover any learning gaps which may be present. The fee for the Academy is $225 per month and $155 for each student thereafter from the same family. Please call Jin-A Child Care at 973/567-1203 during regular business hours; the Academy between 2 and 4 pm at 973/851-1318, or Mrs. Jeanne Carroll at home (973)361-7557 after 6 pm. Any support both spiritual and physical would be greatly appreciated.

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TRUE PARENTS’ HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

Liberation from Hung Nam

by Sandra Lowen

There were rumors spreading in the prison camp that war was coming. The communist guards of the camp seemed nervous. Something was about to happen.

One day, one of Father’s prisoner disciples came to him and said that he might have a chance to work in another part of the camp where the work was much easier. He asked Father if he should go there.

“Father looked at the man and said, ‘No, don’t go.’

But the man continued to think about the easier work at that camp. He had been working so hard, and his bones were crying out for some rest. When his chance came, therefore, he decided to take it and he went.

A second prisoner disciple came to Father, and told him he also had a chance to work at the easier camp down the road; what did Father think? Father looked at the man for a moment, and then said, ‘All right, go. But if anything seems suspicious to you, run back to this part of the camp immediately.’ That man also went.

A short time later, in June 1950, North Korea attacked South Korea. It was the beginning of the Korean War.

In August, Mr. Pak was released. Before leaving, he asked Father what he should do. Father told him, ‘Go to Pyongyang and tell the members not to worry about me, I will return soon.’

The Korean War progressed, and by October the bombing began near the Tong Nee Camp. The guards were terrified for their own lives, and even more terrified that their prisoners might escape. They decided that they would just shoot all the prisoners so they couldn’t escape. The guards began with prisoners outside the main camp. They ordered some prisoners to line up and walk down the road.

The second man, who had received Father’s permission to go there, became suspicious of what was going on and he quickly ran back to the main camp. The first man, who went without Father’s permission, was never heard from again.

The prisoners in the main camp were then herded into their cells. Taking one cell at a time, the men were brought out to be shot. The communists determined that no one would be spared. Cell by cell, the prisoners were killed. The communists reached the cell next to Father’s, but by this time it was very late. They decided to continue this terrible work in the morning. It looked as if Father had only a few hours to live!

Before they could start the next day, however, bombs began falling on the camp. The United Nations forces had arrived. Terrified, the communist jailers ran to underground shelters, leaving the prisoners out in the open. Staying alive among the falling bombs was almost impossible. Hundreds were killed.

But Father had received a message from God that the bombs would come near him. He could not tell his disciples this message clearly; it was a secret between him and God. He just said to them, ‘In times like this when we are being attacked, let us keep very close to each other; if we die, we die together, and if we live, we live together.’ His disciples and other people gathered around him. As others, including some communists, realized that wherever Father went the bombs did not fall, they gathered close to him, too.

Father was set free by the United Nations forces on October 14, 1950. He had survived two and a half years in that terrible place. It took him ten days to get to Pyongyang, and he stayed there for forty days while looking for his disciples.

Why couldn’t Satan kill Father in the camp? Why didn’t Father die from starvation, hard work, from the shootings, or even from the bombs? It was because Father won the victory of love. It was a terrible time for Satan. Satan had accomplished so much through hate. So much evil was in the world because of his hate. But he was defeated by a stronger force—love. Because Father had so much love in his heart, he couldn’t be destroyed.

Photos of Hung Nam in the 30s taken from Michael Breen’s new book: Sun Myung Moon—The Early Years
This is a unique book, written by an English Unification church member who has a broad journalistic background and a deep understanding of the Korean culture. These qualifications alone would give Mr. Breen the necessary foundation to write Father’s biography. However, upon reading the first few chapters of his book, it becomes apparent that the author’s talents extend far beyond journalism and propel this work into a seminal piece of literature.

While the book surely must have been an arduous labor of love for Mr. Breen, he is careful not to idealize Father’s life story. The sensitively crafted book aspires to set the record straight. Like any good piece of research, it relies only on primary sources, those people who had first-hand knowledge of the stories they’re recounting. This is one of its main sources of power; the copious footnotes at the end of each chapter testify to the exhaustive and I’m sure exhausting research that went into the book.

Readers looking for controversy and scandal aren’t wasting their time here. However, souls seriously thirsting for details in the life of one of histories most complex and controversial figures can drink deeply from this well. As Mr. Breen succinctly states in his preface, “And so there are two Sun Myung Moons, the widely-known disserter of society, and the man who doesn’t want to hurt God’s feelings. This book is about the lesser-known man.

Beginning with Father’s birth in 1920 and a fascinating account of his ancestry and village, the book takes us in ten chapters to the sending out of the first mission in 1953 and the imminent founding of the Unification Church in 1954. The book ends abruptly at this point and I am told a sequel is in the works.

The author’s ability to recount stories long familiar to most Unificationists and breathe the new life into them is due partly to his extraordinary skills at conveying life in early 20th century Korea, particularly the lives of Christian Koreans. The high drama of Japanese colonization, the explosion of Christianity across the peninsula, and the horrific Korean war are never allowed to overshadow the main story line. In allowing the facts of Father’s life to speak for themselves, unvarnished and straight forward, the greatest of all drama unfolds as it should.

The book’s greatness is also found in the hundreds of pieces of new information, at least to this reader, which add coloration to stories previously seen only in black and white. What was previously a patchwork of stories about Father, unevenly pieced together and often lacking in context and the human touch, now emerges a seamless tapestry.

For the disciple of Father, there is new spiritual life to be found in these pages. They stand as a solid testimony to the trials, tribulations and virtues of the man we admire and love. For the non-believer, or even the inactive member, this book may prove to be even more valuable, for it provides a doorway for belief and reconciliation.

It’s a book you can proudly hand to a friend or relative who is not in the church and be confident that the book is the best we have to date on Father’s life. Until the time Father himself writes his autobiography, this book will be the standard by which all others are measured.

The Unification church, indeed the world, owes Mr. Breen its gratitude for compiling these testimonies and writing them in such a masterful way.

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The Fundamentalist is the heart of the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven cannot be built except on the acquiescence of Satan’s accusation. This will come after a thousand years of unassailable nations, people who have not taste and love for humanity. This is all for the providential mission of our forefathers has been at the national and world level. This is also the reason for the development of the fundamentalist movement in Korea, which has been the enemy of humanity. God has given us the responsibility to understand the situation of the world and to work towards the realization of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Do not forget that the Holy Spirit is a source of strength and guidance for all of us. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to overcome the obstacles that we face in our lives. The Holy Spirit is a source of strength and guidance for all of us.

Let us work together to build a better world. Let us be kind and compassionate to one another. Let us be a light in the darkness. Let us be a source of hope and inspiration for others.

Our lives are governed by God. He has given us a mission to fulfill. This mission is to spread the Word of God and to bring people to salvation. Let us work together to fulfill this mission. Let us be a source of hope and inspiration for others.
In their blue, white and red school uniforms, these 13-year-olds, who value and respect manual labor and physical work. For the revolution all is acceptable.

Other than True Parents few people understand the seriousness of the North Korean people, their revolution. Few have given so much of themselves for a cause or ideology, this time Kim II Sung’s Juche. They are more heart than history. We must win them over, not by founding them, but by holding them back to do so, whether emotionally or materially.

Our True Parents pioneered the way to the submission of this society through heavenly giving. We must never stop giving and thinking of the highest and broadest goals, following our True Parents’ directions. It is in our present form that we are all North Koreans. If I had to do it all over again, otherwise, would have the stomach to give it all up for our faith, Fatherland, etc.? Fright to win in our God-given missions.

The understanding commu- nism through North Korea as a heartistic course was one of my main lessons, directly connected to our awareness with True Parents and the Principle. Relationshps with the few North Koreans we met on the trip were very warm. One cannot not talk of Principle, ideology, poverty or any lack of free-dom, nor history. We must go to them with an open and giving heart, not con-fuontionality.

They blossoms with our giv- ing and intuitively see the poverty of their system. Sidelining from this central control strategy only hurts all involved. They need to receive. It’s a matter of what they lack. What otherwise comes from them is historical poison or rhetoric. They are ready to fight us in any other way, and though they may not win no one wins that kind of meet. However they have no idea how to fight true heart and love, they are powerless, completely on the receiving end, and child-like unable to believe we see in return is the beauty of their having received the love.

I also told the brother who did trans- lating for me, Hideo Kitahara, was given a special bond. A sign of what he was being accepted; not easy, since I’m not communist. I won their heart. It is a vic-tory we must all win from them. There are many little tin badges connected to the revolution one may buy but the Kim II Sung badge is not for sale. It is Satan’s approval of one, one of the gates we must pass to enter Heaven. You must not use or abuse this image.

During the tour the mind, by the time the tour ended the three guides/security men were sad-dened and depressed because of the fruitless, heart and commitment to North and South Korean unity, and general embrace of the North Koreans we met on the tour. A point that was clarified at the Unificationist-run Potonggang Hotel we were unexpectedly met with Father’s envoy, the North Korean national Messiah. His message to the tour members was that visiting True Father’s birthplace and home gave us a chance to start calling him Father, rather than True Father. We thus come an internal step closer to his heart, we more closely feel to his love, having taken interest in learning more about True Parents, our new roots. Just like 100 feet away with some homes. Pos-sibly some of Father’s relatives lives there. (See picture) There are no luxuries in these houses, typical average homes of farmers. In all directions there are fields, some already harvested. As we were prayer- ing, around 7:30 in the morning, loud North Korean revolutionary music was purposely playing at a distance, loud enough for the whole valley to hear, even louder than the voice of the people speaking in front of us. In Father’s High School young kids performed some traditional dances, and did some singing of both also traditional and some revolutionary songs. They introduced themselves as proud followers of the famous alumni of that school Sun Myung Moon (I don’t know if they use the term Rev- erend). In North Korea schools have after-school activities preparing them for pub- lic performances. I was there the week before North Korea formally gave Kim Jong Il his two new titles, thus an occa-sion for national celebration. Their title are all ready to perform.

They do it well, with lots of energy. It was a small school band of about a dozen musi-cians plus dancers and singers, and included a drummer, six violinists, a base guitarist, an accordionist, and a few wind instruments. They performed convincingly. In the end we sang Arirang, the latter of which brought an onslaught of tears to many of the tour members. We gave the young performers gifts brought along from home especially for this occasion.

Going to see North Korea and Father’s birthplace to bring heart some contrast between what we in the US and the West are doing and what the North Koreans are. The reasons for our having riches and their need are basically God’s Will. Essential atti-tude is what will permit us to continue to inherit blessings. We in the Unification Church, builders of the Kingdom of Heav-en must surpass the North Korean heart of indemnity to win their heart. It’s easy to be pessimistic, because our culture tends to show off. However, before these people we must be very careful if we are to resolve the many problems, both economic and internal in North Korea.

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nal poetry by participants.

A much-loved tradition of these seminars is the Day of Heart, which encourages people to develop deeper relationships of heart with each other. Names are exchanged for secret pals, and anonymous gifts such as carefully tied bouquets of wild flowers appear at people’s doors and seats. We encourage people to reach out and try to relate to someone with whom they may experience difficulties. Some of the Russian teachers decide to institute a similar tradition at their schools to begin the new school year.

In the second seminar, I am fortunate to have Inna for one of my group leaders. Her English is excellent. A French teacher, Elena, is also in my group, and last summer’s French practice in Africa comes in handy.

I prepare a lecture entitled the Process of Change, which I give around a campfire one night along the river. These presentations give me an opportunity to share some of my 22 years of experience in the Unification movement, as well as challenges I have faced and things I have learned in my roles as wife, mother, teacher, and family counselor.

After my lectures, people come to me for counseling sessions. One woman talks to me about her daughter, and inspired by the conversation she brings other women with painful stories and translates our conversations. I hear tearful stories of marriage difficulties, health problems, and challenges of parenting a teenager. Access to a counselor is rare in a foreign land, and to be able to speak frankly and in a confidential setting is a new experience.

During the first seminar Natasha and I talk at length about the love we share for nature, art and literature. She tells me many stories of her family and school. We explore the woods and paddle around in crowded swimming holes. During the second seminar my roommate is Katya, an English student from Tver. Katya speaks fondly of Siberia, where she grew up, and riding Siberian trains so crowded the only place to sit down is on the rooftop of the coach. The locomotive pulls through clouds of mosquitoes at a speed only slightly faster than a running cow, Katya says, with a dreamy look in her eyes. It’s a shame that we have to stop talking in order to get some sleep.

Katya gets the flu, and I bring her soup from the dining hall and prepare tea. On the day of our outing to Kaunas, Katya plans to stay in bed and rest, but one of the participants walks into our room and badges her with questions. I return with a banana I bought from a sidewalk vendor. Katya jumps up and gobbles it down. Vitality returns to her spirit. It has been three years since she has had a banana, since they cost so much. I thought 17 rubles for a banana was a little high, but if I had known the marvelous effects bananas produced, I would have bought a dozen.

Having been assembled from the far corners of America to lead a seminar in a foreign land, we are forced to pray. Maybe this is part of what Rev. Moon wants us to learn this summer. We also encourage participants in the seminar to develop a prayer life. I am asked to give a talk about prayer, I decide to focus on the basics: what is prayer? why pray? who can pray? where to pray? what to pray for? We challenge people to pray not just for themselves but for others. Prayer draws us closer to God and each other. I describe my experience last summer when I was visiting the Central African Republic during the attempted coup in the Soviet Union. In a small village, Africans and an American knelt in tears to pray for God’s guidance and protection for the Soviet people. At our group meeting a couple of people tell me that after listening to my testimony they will begin to pray not just for their own country but for other nations as well.

Perhaps the most difficult type of prayer is repentance prayer. We teach about God’s love, the origin and effects of sin, and Jesus’ coming to bring deliverance from sin. The first step back to God is repentance. Sometimes the best we can do is model humility and repentance ourselves. In spite of our good intentions, we make mistakes, causing bad feelings; sometimes one of us makes a public apology and asks forgiveness. Sincere apologies open doors. Towards the end of the first seminar, a couple of teachers come to us privately and apologize for some of the uncooperativeness and uproar of the group as a whole.

Following a stimulating group discussion one evening, a dozen people linger in the room, and I ask them if they would like to go into the woods with me to pray. They nod. I get some candles from the supply closet and head for a place where we can see the stars through the trees. I light my candle and we pass the flame around. We sing a version of “Kumbaya.” Then in the stillness of the night, I lead the group in prayer, suggesting themes and allowing periods of silence for individual prayer. Eyes are bright upon our return to camp.

The staff decides to invite all the participants to a riverside prayer the following evening. After the evening program I invite everyone who wishes to join me for a candlelight prayer walk. We pass out 150 candles and light them in the still night air. A long procession of light stretches along the path and descends the steps to a broad meadow along a bend of the river. The ever-broadening circle of light against the backdrop of pine trees fills us with awe and lifts our spirits. Rev. Moon had told us the time would come when hundreds of people would be begging us to teach them about God, but I never took it seriously. Slowly, the procession returns to camp. Nobody wants to blow out their candles and go to their rooms, so we sing several more songs in the courtyard. At midnight, I urge people to retire for the night.

On the last day, the Russians collect bags of fruit and bunches of flowers. We exchange addresses and souvenirs. Louise has brought bags of squash seeds from her garden and asks the recipients to pass on their seeds next season to someone else. She hopes the seeds of truth will sprout as well.
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In a very memorable scene of the popular theater, the dream sequence in *Fiddler On The Roof*, the dreams of Tevye, father of the spirit of his wife Golde’s late grandmother in order to extirpate himself from a very problematic situation: he has promised his Daughter to the wrong man. Tevye reports that the grandmother has come to him in a dream warning against this almost finalizing match. His wife expressed yet believing response, referring to her grandmother Tzeitel’s coming all the way “from the other world” to impart her needed guidance, tells Tevye his dream.

While merely a fictional, construct acted out in the cultural setting of the Russian Jews, this scene nevertheless reveals something universal in human consciousness. From Plato and the early Greeks, through Jesus and Paul, through most African and Oriental cultures, to spiritualists of the 20th century, a belief in some kind of survival of bodily death has been empirically affirmed. Jesus’ assertion that in bodily death has been unequivocal.

The Mount of Transfiguration

Today, perhaps the most dramatic testimony to the existence of the spiritual dimension comes from those who have had what are commonly called “near death” experiences. These ind individuals, who were pronounced clinically dead but who were later revived, recall remarkably similar experiences while they were “dead.”

While many people, if not most, are prepared to admit belief in some kind of life after death, few are willing to accept the proposition that even during our physical lifestyles we are existing in two realms at once—a material one and a spiritual one.

Yet this is what Divine Principle teaches. There is an invisible spiritual world that surrounds this physical one and that is inhabited by those who have passed on.

Because the two realms do interpenetrate each other, the spiritual self of a person near death can float on out of his body and then return later on. For this same reason the spirits of Moses and Elijah could appear to Jesus.

To begin to understand how we could simultaneously live in two realms and, for the most part, be unaware of it, we must remember that there are many things, even in the natural world, that exist beyond the range of our five physical senses. For example, we can’t see infra-red light or x-rays, or hear sounds above or below certain frequencies. Nevertheless, x-rays and high and low frequency sound vibrations do exist. In the same way, even though we cannot perceive a spiritual world through our physical senses, it does exist all around us.

Science

The discoveries of modern science lend credence to this prospect. Where as in prior times scientists thought of the material world as constructed of solid, though minute, blocks of matter, they now believe this is not the case. Rather what we think of as the material world seems to consist of invisible patterns of energy.

As Professor Raynor C. Johnson of the University of Melbourne has point out in *The Improbable Spheroid*, “The world of hills and rocks, tables and chairs is for the ordinary unreflective man the one real world. There may have been some excuse for the materialistic philosophy of the nineteenth century which supported this, but the discoveries of modern physics...have undermined that outlook. The solidi ty of the material world has proved illusory...

The implications of this new theory with regard to the possible existence of a spiritual dimension are clear. Indeed, it is probably such a discovery as this that gave rise to Albert Einstein’s celebrated remark that his work was spiritual, involving the discovery of where matter ended and spirit began.

The chance-and-accident perspective of evolution founded by Darwin is built upon the mechanistic perspective of matter developed by Newton and, as we have been told it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.” One of those upon whom Newton clambered was Rene Descartes.

Before Descartes, there was little impetus to explore the world through the methods of science because the world of material was inextricably mixed in with the realm of the mind. Descartes, however, separated them; he divided the world into two sets of the res extensa (extended things) and res cogitans (thinking things). To him, the great difference between mind and material was that matter сырел and Tevye invokes the does not.

With mind and material dissociated, Newton was free to explore the workings of the material world without reference to the realm of the mind—and, in that process, gave birth to modern science.

In later Darwin would articulate his vision of the chance-and-accident origin of species based on the mechanistic concepts of Newton and the mindless matter of Descartes.

But, as we have just seen, Descartes was wrong. You cannot differentiate between mind and matter using extension.

The mind—the inherent directive aspect of the electron measured by the little arrows—also has extension; it is just that it is in an internal or dimension rather than an external one. Just as it took Einstein to reveal that the belief in the absolute reality of physical extension was mistaken—it is an artifact of the fact that we habitually travel around at speeds significantly slower than that of light—quantum physics says that the strict, absolute division into mind and body is also mistaken—it is an artifact of a limitation of our senses that do not perceive a conscious entity in an internal dimension—just its projection as probability... So teleportation takes another tiny step out of the pages of science fiction into everyday life. How wonderful to think that the Kingdom of Heaven will not just be a place where the major sins of our age will seem as a nightmare—even the minor nuisances will be gone. Step into the booth, dial home—or Seoul, or the Andromeda galaxy—step out: simple. As for sloshing about in the rain, I’m sure people will still do it, but only when they want to.

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Subject And Object

By applying the principle of polarity, we can conclude that a counterpart to the physical world must exist. As previously stated, God created all things in subject-object relationships. Man as subject has both spirit and body; therefore, his object—the world—must also have a two-fold nature. Just as the physical world was created as an environment for man’s physical body, so the spirit world was created as an environment for his spirit.

As man has five physical senses for perceiving the physical world, so he has five spiritual senses with which to perceive the spiritual world. These spiritual senses make possible such experiences as those discussed above. Sometimes such bear ing voices, having prophetic dreams and seeing visions.

The spirit is seen as a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body then there is a spiritual body (1 Cor. 15:44).

Extraterrestrial worlds exist, worlds, each of us consists of both a physical self and a spiritual self. Just as the physical body and a physical mind (which functions similar to instinct in animals), in the same way man’s spirit has a spirit body and a spirit mind. The spirit body is the spirit of the self, just as the physical body is the body of the physical self. As the spiritual form is identical to that of the physical self, people re cognize even in spirit. When Jesus saw Moses and Elijah he saw them in their spirit bodies. The spirit mind is the central part of a person’s being, the source of his mind, intellect, and will. Here our personality and self-awareness originate. Through the spirit mind God is able to communicate with us, inspire us, and guide us in our growth.

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Internet Locations of Key Speeches

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1. The Family Pledge
   http://www.unification.net/misc/familypledge.html

2. True Parents and the Completed Testament Age
   http://www.unification.net/hbj/hbj030701.html

3. True Family and I
   http://www.unification.net/1995/950025.html

4. View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation
   http://www.unification.net/1996/960416.html

5. In Search of the Origin of the Universe
   http://www.unification.net/1996/960801.html

6. True Family and True Universe Centered on True Love
   http://www.unification.net/1997/97070616.html

7. The Way of God’s Will
   Not yet on the web.

8. Blessing: The Ideal Family
   http://www.unification.net/bif

9. God’s Will and the World
   http://www.unification.net/gww

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The Passing of Alan Ginsburg

Ginsburg, Keroea, Burroughs they were crying out against the materialism of American culture. They were crying out for freedom. Their cry knew no limits. They embraced drugs, homosexuality, anti-war activism, and eastern religions. It was rebellion, but it was filled with ideals. There was also a lot of naivete and a tinge of repentance.

The counterculture followed the trails paved by the Beats. Ginsburg, the poet of “Bowery power.” He led the be-ins in Berkeley that were the precursors of the anti-war demonstrations. The seeds were planted in Greenwich Village and San Francisco. Ginsburg cast the seeds to the wind through his poems. Those seeds took root and bore fruit in the formation of a sub-culture. The anti-war movement, the gay liberation movement, the anti-nuclear movement, the new-age movement — in some respects, all of these owe something to the Beats and in particular to Alan Ginsburg. The Beasts were hip. The hippies were their offspring.

American youth were on a quest for meaning. America seemed plastic and shallow. There had to be something more.

The summer before leaving Montana, I had read Jack Kerouac’s On the Road. It appealed. I imagined myself hitting the road. Eventually, after a year and a half of college, I did. I hitchhiked back and forth across the country and up and down the West Coast.

I was in college in Seattle Washington. I recall receiving a letter from a friend of mine in Montana quoting “Howl.” I went and bought a copy. I never actually read it all the way through. I liked the oft quoted first line — “I saw the best minds of my generation…” The poem lost me after that. I think that maybe I should go back and read it in its entirety. My friend’s copy was inscribed by Gary Fleisher, Denver, CO.

The counterculture on its way. Bibles are just too big for most web sites. We Need to hold the whole HSA-Bib on a CD. The BBS, founded in 1986 by Reverend Moon, contains a huge archive of Unificationist material, which has been partially available on the web from other sites.

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A generation has passed since the publication of “Howl” and the birth of the counterculture. What are the fruits? What did the generation lead us to? Instead of Peace and Love we find drug abuse, homelessness, sexual abuse, AIDS, and rising rates of murder and teen pregnancy. Just like Ginsburg’s visions, our quest for Eden was invaded by devils.

The answer seems pretty simple. Without God there is no garden. When Adam and Eve deserted God, they lost the garden. To get back to the Garden means to get back to God. Ginsburg, the Beats, and the hippies were crying out for freedom, but it was a freedom without principle. The ultimate freedom is the freedom to love. Love has its laws just like physics. To live by the laws of love, we need self control and good character, not license.

Fortunately for us, God wants us to get back to the garden too. His love is steadfast and unchanging. If we’re humble and sincere, God will guide us. We can repent and we can clean up the mess that we have made.

I don’t think that Alan Ginsburg rests in peace. But I don’t believe that he is eternally damned either. Many of the people inspired by him to break down the barriers of convention no doubt avoided the pitfalls of self destruction and benefited from their quest for truth.

I wish Alan Ginsburg well in his afterlife. I hope he can sort out what was good and what was bad in his life on earth. I hope he has the tremendous talent to inspire those of us who remain to correct some of his mistakes. I hope he is eternally blessed for all he did and all he achieved, the love, peace, and freedom he aspired to.

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**Interview with Michael Marshall about The World & I**

Michael Marshall, above, and some of his staff

**Michael Marshall**

**Barrytown, NY**

In what way does the Washington Times Corporation and, in particular, The World & I represent a new form of journalism? How does one convey a high ethical standard?

I think all the publications in the corporation and the newspaper as a whole are in shining a light on moral values. The World & I is clean—thoughtful and respectful. They enjoy the coverage of the world, and I feel that we are respected by the readers and the world.

**What do you think about the relationship between The Washington Times (daily newspaper), its weekly edition, and The World & I?**

The World & I is a monthly magazine that focuses on the international and cultural aspects of the world. We are a partner to the newspaper and our readers will often get our publication as an extension of that.

**Please tell us more about the interaction between The Washington Times and The World & I?**

The World & I is a supplement to The Washington Times and is the flagship publication of the corporation. It is a vehicle to bring the world to our readers and to help them think and consider issues from a global perspective.

**What is the Founder's vision for The World & I?**

The founder has always considered that journalism should be a tool for social change. We are committed to bringing the world to our readers in a way that is respectful and thoughtful.

**Do you think your publication serves to encourage students in their studies?**

Yes, we do. We believe that by providing our readers with a global perspective, we are helping them to think more critically and to understand the world in a more nuanced way.

**What is your goal and vision for The World & I?**

Our goal is to continue to expand our circulation base in education and to explore new horizons in the area of community colleges and adult education courses. We want to offer opportunities for our readers to learn about the world and to think more critically about important issues.

**What is your opinion about the impact of the world on society?**

The world is changing rapidly and the impact of this change is felt in all areas of our lives. It is important for our readers to understand the world and to think critically about its impact on society.

**What do you think about the role of the media in promoting good citizenship in America?**

The media has a responsibility to report the truth and to promote a more just and equitable society. We believe that the media should play a role in promoting good citizenship and we are committed to doing our part.

**What is your opinion about the role of religion in the modern world?**

Religion has always played a significant role in the world and has been a source of strength and support for many people. In our time, it is important to understand the role of religion in society and to think critically about its impact.

**What do you think about the role of technology in the modern world?**

Technology has revolutionized the way we live and work. It has made the world smaller and has opened up new possibilities for communication and interaction. It is important to think critically about the role of technology in society.

**What do you think about the role of education in the modern world?**

Education is a vital component of the modern world. It is important to think critically about the role of education in society and to promote a more just and equitable society.

**What do you think about the role of the arts in the modern world?**

The arts have always played a significant role in the world and have been a source of inspiration and joy. It is important to think critically about the role of the arts in society.

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NYC Museum Commemorates MSG Blessing

by Jonathan and Debby Gullery—NYC

Well, clearly marriage is the hot topic of 1997. There is an enormity of interest in marriage—so goes the rest of the world—or at least NY! Case in point, the Museum of the City of New York decided to do an exhibition chronicling the history of marriage in New York City. And what would a display on marriage in New York be without a little something on one of the most exciting marriages ever to take place—ours—at Madison Square Garden in 1892.

The curator of the museum’s costume collection Phyllis Magidson, contacted headquarters in early spring, looking for a couple who would donate their wedding dress to the museum’s permanent collection. Peter Ross, then director of Public Affairs, asked us whether we would consider this. At first we were a little reluctant, having some vague idea that we would lose dear dress to our children. We remembered, however, how Father had often talked about our experiences and stories with our children. So Phyliss was fascinated with our blessing and asked so many questions, to being looked at as sincere but sincere but seems to have a special bond with the couple. The legacy of your family should be museum pieces for the world. The world in which you live centering upon yourself is not your trea- sure. Your treasure is only what you received in the public dimension.

Taking the dress out of its humble cardboard box in the back of the storage closet was a lot of fun—our daughter tried it on of course, and the boys all enjoyed goofing around as we went through all the keepsakes we had stored from the Blessing. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our experiences and stories with our chil- dren.

Phyllis was fascinated with our bless- ing. At first we thought her interest was in just acquiring the dress, but as the months passed between our donation and the installation and opening of the exhibition itself, we struck up quite a friendship. She really wanted to know about our matching, our feelings in the blessing, and our thoughts about family life. Everything struck her as being so sensible! I had expected that her approach to us would have been very academic.

At some point I mentioned that we had a video of our blessing that followed several couples through the matching and blessing process, along with footage of the wedding dresses being made. She was so excited! She hoped that somehow funding would be avail- able to provide for a video in the exhi- bition itself. I gave her the video of the 1982 event and she became even more enthusiastic. This led to another per- son being genuinely interested in the event. Phyllis passed our video on to Jonathan and Debby Gullery as one of 2,075 brides married at the Unifi- cation Church Holy Wed- ding held at Madison Square Garden on July 1, 1982. We felt that this really was True Parents symbolically bless- ing all of New York, and all who came and stood there, in some way joining in our blessing of 15 years before.

Following is the description of the dress, the booklet displayed, our wedding photo- graph, and other items we gave them, as they appeared in the exhi- bition catalog.

1. A Wedding Dress, 1982

White synthetic peau de soie / mechanical lace; full length, wide rounded neckline, raised front was lined descend- ing to natural c.b.; con- trasting lace bishop set in sleeves, deep 5” cuff with 6 mother-of-pearl doublet buttons / loops. c.b. zipper; neckline emphasized by applying mechanical point de Venice band. B. Veil

Headband of satin and organza lilacs holding double layer of nylon net. Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Gallery

Worn by Debby Dicen- Gullery as one of 2,075 brides married at the Uni- fication Church Holy Wed- ding held at Madison Square Garden on July 1, 1982.

“We feel—personally and as Unificationists—that a healthy marriage and family are the cornerstone of a good soci- ety. Getting married at Madison Square Garden, along with all those other cou- ples, was a larger statement of that to the world. ‘We were married by Rev- erend Moon about a year and a half before the ceremony. It was done very personally real— it’s not like he just takes forty people and makes twenty couples of them. He has a great deal of spiritual insight. If you saw some of the couples that were married with us, you’d be surprised at how well-suit- ed they seem. Even though they might be black and white or German and Jewish, for example, somehow, they’re very simi- lar.”

2. (Caption for picture)

“All the brides wore the same dress, made from a Simplicity pattern chosen by Reverend and Mrs. Moon. A lot of the girls made their own dresses. If they wanted to put a little something on it to personalize it, they could.”


As we look back at this experience with the museum, and look forward to the blessing in November, we are reminded that real- ly it was not us, but Father and Mother who were represented there in that muse- um in New York, it is their legacy that we stand on, and it is our honor once again to have had our lives blessed by them! 

FOR KIDS

Help Owen find the ripe blackberries
Preparation courses for engaged couples repeatedly address the concern with the dismal state of family breakdown, much of that knowledge is actually by Dr. Dietrich Seidel—NYC actual application of its results. Psychologists repeatedly point out the available knowledge about personal or religious problem. It contains 400+ pages. The workbook is by Ray and Kathy Sabo—Clifton, NJ the words are clear and simple. The personal or religious problem. It contains multiple choice questions and puzzles. A list of Life Enrichment Enterprises: PO Box 52, Barrytown, NY 12507

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MEMBERS have also had a good experience using the books to give a simple explanation of the Divine Principle to their family, friends, and contacts. We hope this book will continue to bring inspiration, hope and guidance for many families around the world.

HEALING MARRIAGES: WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

T he expert advice seems to converge on one topic when it comes to building good marriages. In order for the spouses to succeed in their relationship, they need to work on one basic task: develop communica-tion skills. As simple as that may sound, it takes persistent effort to learn and apply interactive skills, speakers have pointed out at a recent conference on "Smart Marriages - Happy Families" in Washington D.C.

One of the major driving forces behind this gathering of more than five hundred professionals has been a pro-found concern with the dismal state of today’s marriages. Although researchers address repeatedly the problem of high divorce rate and the tragedy of family breakdown, much of that knowledge is actually by Dr. Dietrich Seidel—NYC actual application of its results. Psychologists repeatedly point out the available knowledge about personal or religious problem. It contains 400+ pages. The workbook is by Ray and Kathy Sabo—Clifton, NJ the words are clear and simple. The personal or religious problem. It contains multiple choice questions and puzzles. A list of Life Enrichment Enterprises: PO Box 52, Barrytown, NY 12507

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It is the current issue of First Things, David Blankenhorn has written an illuminating essay on the significance of the marriage vow. Entitled “I Do?” We proclaimed our desire to be a European?” We US citizens are the only people who identify themselves as denizens of a continent, also with South; the entire western hemisphere. This is one of many expressions of the expansive, boundary-free mindset that characterizes the best of this United States. It is a big and embracing country; it wants to include the whole world and the whole universe. Its institutions circumscribe the globe; credit-card transactions, fast food and drink, hotels, automobiles, fuel, clothing styles, entertainments, and natural resources. 

America has provided more weighty items on the world agenda as well, known as liberal democracy, revivalist Christianity and the United Nations.

Where will end is?

The term America’s end has two meanings, both of which are worthy of reflection. The first is the more obvious: the end is the finish, the demise, separation, decline, dissolution, death. The second is more obscure. Cliché descriptions sometimes function for purposes. For instance, in Jonathan Edwards’ theological treatise, the title The End For Which God Created the World refers to the purpose for which God created the world. In this sense, “end” is the result one wishes to see from a project. The “end” for which you build a house is to live comfortably. The end for which you plant seeds is to harvest the fruit. In some cases, the two meanings of “end” coincide. For instance, the end of a hamburger is in its consumption, which indeed is its end in both senses of the word.

The purpose of the pioneers was to create a country which appeared out of nowhere. They expected that extinct species would be restored; not faze them. They bought land and it made it to be an ideal place for the actual inhabitants are prairie dogs, grizzly bears, spotted owls and peyote plants.

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Jin-A Celebrates 10th Graduation and First Alumni Reunion

On June 28 the Jin-A Child Care Center of Clifton, NJ celebrated its tenth Graduation of its Pre-School program as well as the second Kindergarten Graduation. The day was even more special with the celebration of the First Annual Jin-A Alumni Reunion. To date more than 500 children have graduated from the Jin-A program with over 800 children having attended Jin-A for some length of time. To help celebrate the occasion, honored guest and spiritual mentor Mrs. Mal Sook Lee was on hand as well as Rev. Kim Kil Hwan.

The action-packed day began with the graduation program at 10:30 am. First, the graduates were presented with diplomas by Mrs. Christine Brunkhorst, the director of Jin-A. Next, the graduates presented an entertaining program, including a skit, dance, songs and music & movement routines. The traditional cake cutting was followed by the annual raffle and then lunch. Jin-A wants to thank the many corporate sponsors who have so generously donated many prizes over the years.

After lunch, the Dong Won Korean School, directed by Mrs. Schanker, held a special performance and graduation ceremony. Earlier that morning, the girls dressed in Korean costumes danced and sang at the graduation ceremony. Jin-A provides weekly Korean classes for all its pupils as well as classes after school for older students. Mrs. Schanker, who has been the main Korean teacher for five years, will be moving on to new responsibilities and will be missed by all.

The afternoon Alumni program began with a karate demonstration by Mr. Endo’s Saturday karate program. This was followed by Jin-A alumni presenting selections on the violin, piano, a song, and a gymnastics routine. Everyone enjoyed a swim in the pool, refreshments and fellowship.

A special bond exists among all Jin-A graduates. As the children go on to grade school and higher education they take with them fond memories of a very special place up on a hill, surrounded by God’s creation, guided by loving hearts, building special friendships and memories which will last a lifetime.