Rural education in developing countries often suffers from a lack of concern and material support. Low levels of education and inadequate school facilities act as a hindrance to future healthy development. Bangladesh, a nation known more for its widespread poverty, dense population and disastrous floods than for its rich culture and warmhearted populace, currently suffers from the underdevelopment of its educational infrastructure throughout its countryside.

The Unification movement has in the last two decades worked in rural Bangladesh largely through social and interreligious outreach programs. The International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) has for nearly a decade supported the building and development of rural schools in Bangladesh in an effort to promote educational uplift. Recently, the Women's Federation for World Peace-Japan (WFP-J), in cooperation with the IRFF, has

Blessing ‘Brainstorming Session’ held at UTS

In response to an invitation from Dr. Tyler Hendricks, a meeting of Unification representatives from a variety of walks of life took place at the Unification Theological Seminary over the weekend of February 7-8, 1998. Elders of the American and Canadian movements, who have worked in just about every area of the movement, participated. The meeting was a sort of Unification brainstorming retreat. It was attended by about 75 persons (about 15 of whom they men). The stated purpose was to come up with some ideas and guidelines for the American and Canadian contributions to the next round of Blessing events, slated for June 13.

One participant commented, “The meeting was a first and, I sensed, somewhat historical. I was told by one American UC historian that such a meeting of westerners had not taken place since the early ’70s. In my view, it was unlike any meeting I have ever attended. The dialogue was frank, open and somewhat bold. The hard questions were being asked. Of course, and several more music acts followed. About an hour-and-a-half later the crowd doubled in size, due to the arrival of many WCSF guests from Japan and Korea. After a great performance by the Winans Sisters (Debbie and Angie), the audience was led in the recital of the Pure Love Pledge. Then the rally

NYC Family Federation Holds Ministers’ Luncheon

Approximately 200 ministers and community leaders gathered at the beautiful Bridgewaters Restaurant in New York City’s South Street Seaport on Saturday, January 24, 1998, to partake of the culinary graces of God and to address the theme, “A Stable and Secure Family Culture”. On this crisp New York afternoon, participants began arriving at the catering facility, which was ornately decorated with boats and ocean-faring paraphernalia. The banquet hall afforded a breathtaking view of New York Harbor. After some spirited warm-up piano entertainment by a local clergyman, emcees Edner and Juanaite Pierre-Louis opened the program and invit

Pure Love Rally and March at WCSFIII

Today, Nov. 28, the Pure Love Alliance started its rally and march at 12:30 PM with music by the band “Wave.” About 1,000 people were gathered around the stage near the reflection pool by the Capitol building. Several speakers addressed the rally participants,
Blessing Prayer at RFK Stadium

February 1998

This is a translation of the Blessing Prayer given at RFK Stadium, Washington, D.C., on November 29, 1997

Of course, blessed Heavenly Father! Today, November 29, 1997, we have gathered at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. We are deeply grateful that we could hold this 3.6 Million Couples’ Blessing in the angelic world. We know that our Heavenly Father, Creator or dear God, we thank you that we could bring these couples together in a bond of true love, with true parents in our hearts. Thank you for allowing us to have this Blessing ceremony. Here we can establish a new beginning by bequeathing the blood lineage of true parental love.

This place is the focus of the whole world: the nations represented by these chosen men and women and the entire spirit world. We are truly, truly grateful that you have given your permission for this Blessing of Marriage to be held at this place. Heaven and Earth are in harmony here, and through the True Parents these true children can inherit God’s family tradition. We recall the history of humankind.

We know that the first ancestor made a mistake in one moment, which gave birth to billions of sorrowful years without fruit, instead of being above heaven. We also know that to reverse that mistake, saints and sages have walked the path of suffering, sacrifice and offering, leaving behind a history of love.

Jesus Christ came as the Messiah, as the second Adam, to fulfill the mission of True Parents. However, because the people did not unite with him and care for him, the mission was left unfulfilled. Although Jesus is the Messiah, he did not complete the responsibility of True Parents and did not establish a family to extend the messianic mission to the nation and the world. He had to take up the cross, leaving behind his promise to return.

God promised to send the third Adam, the Second Coming of the Lord. He comes to restore the 2,000 year history in which humankind failed to perfect the family and nation worldwide. Beginning from the position of perfected third Adam and starting from the True Parents, we have formed the history of blessed families, centering on you, Heavenly Father and True Parents. This is so that we might inherit again the tradition of the heavenly blood lineage.

Today, 39.6 million couples are gathered to receive the Blessing. This is a time of glory for Heaven, for God, for you, our heavenly Father, and liberation for humankind. We are grateful for this. Through the Blessing of marriage, Heaven and Earth are able to dwell together on Earth. Through this ceremony, God is able to establish the realm of the Sabbath on Earth and personally dwell directly with us. Also, through this ceremony, the world of angels and the world of saints and sages can dwell on Earth.

Through this, all families of the world are empowered to become your tribe by weaving together, one family after another. In this way, we are able to establish the one family and return joy to Heaven by cutting off Satan’s blood lineage. We are truly grateful for your permission to have this eternal moment. Now, by completing 39.6 million couples on Earth, and by being liberated through the grace of the Blessing, we cross the final battle line at which you can allow the Blessing, which Adam’s family failed to bestow, to be given to all humankind.

Please, Heavenly Father, take direct dominion over everything from this day forward, to come and settle your kingdom and be established as the final kingdom. I beg you to establish your reign of goodness. Reign from the position of both right and left, with Heaven’s dominion and realm of victory at the center. Engage the entire cosmos to complete the purpose of creation.

Proclamation of the Blessing

God our Father! You are the origin of all things in the universe and the source of true love. Today, together with the True Parents, you are connected from this RFK Stadium to the entire world. Through the Holy Blessing, these 3.6 million and 36 million couples want to create true God-centered families which can live eternally as models of true love. Heavenly Father! please come and personally direct this ceremony and bestow your eternal blessing of true love.

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Blessed Father! Today is the very first hour to welcome the new year of 1998. Today we sent off the year of 1997 and welcomed the new year. In the world of your heart, every plan beginning from now is for the liberation of all families of the world. I am really thankful that we can have a new year in which we can march forward to welcome Heaven.

Last year, the foundation of the blessing of 40 million couples was accomplished, upon the 3.6 million couples, the 36 million couples connected to the growth stage victory. From today, toward the remaining 360 million couples, the families of all humankind should settle down centering upon absolute sex, which is God’s ideal of creation, and the couple’s relationship which is centered on absolute love.

Due to the loss of the ideal family throughout the Fall since history began. We recall the history of humankind.

We also know that to reverse that mistake of one moment, which gave birth to billions of sorrowful years without fruit, instead of being above heaven.

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This speech was given at the Closing Banquet of the 3rd World Christian Student Federation (WCSF) at the InterContinental Hotel, Seoul, on Nov. 29, 1997. The interpreter was Rev. Peter Kim. These are the unedited notes of Reverend Hyeon Ju Moon.

S
ome of you probably are see-
ing me for the first time, and
even though I am a mono-
sopher with horns. As you
look at me, you see I am a
handsome man. You may not think I
am handsome, but God thinks I am.
Therefore He gives me a mission to deal
with the world’s problems. The organ-
izations’ representatives gave me gifts,
and as you remember, our goal was 39.6
million couples, but we reached 70 mil-

ed, not separated? [Yes.] It is the same

thing. The root of love, life, lineage and con-

science is God. If Adam and Eve had commit-
ted some other crime than the misuse
of love, God could have married them
first, then sent them out.

God lost His beloved son and daugh-
ter. The fruit is a symbol. They fell as

result.

All of us desire to reach the top. It
ever will be doomed to perish. If the first
love is lost, all kinds of social crimes
result.

To the children. Women usually have
developed hips. What is your

husband, not yourself. Also the unique

thing is for your husband, verti-
cally. If you misuse it, your are a

thief. If you misuse it, you are a

thief. God is absolute love, absolute sex.

This is Godism; it is the eternal reali-
ty. If you really understand this, then

your trip here was well worth it. With-
out this, all the conferences are not

worth anything.

The “manseol” at the celebration
of True Parents’ birthday in Se-
oul, Korea.

The Purpose of WCSF

You can grow to become as God. God
wants to bequeath to someone on His
level. Living for others is Godism and
Headwing. Why did Rev. Moon spend
so much money on the WCSF? To edu-
cate you about this. If this succeeds, it
is worth it. This is the best way in order
to create true families and a
ture nation. The purpose of the Bless-
ing is to create the kingdom of heaven,
so there will be no trace of hatred and immoral-
ity, and we will live with each other in
peace and freedom through God’s true
love lineage in True Parents. The lin-

eage was switched before the fall, so

God could not intervene. It was as if a
bride was on her way to meet her hus-
band but ran away to meet Satan.

The Blessing solves problems of right
and left, race, economy, culture, and
so forth. This is because of God, not
Rev. Moon. When you return home,
inquire your nation. I am establishing
many organizations for you, such as
including martial arts and literature.
As communism followed democracy,
democracy will follow Godism and Head-
wing.

Please apply these ideas fully. Please
work hard to build the true family, coun-
try and world. May God be with you.
cannot be achieved by our current membership going out door to door or at sign-up tables. The afternoon sessions were broken down into six areas: Blessing and Program Design, High Level Outreach, Financial Planning, Youth, Church and Matchmaking, Media Strategies and the Education of Blessed Families. In the evening we heard summaries from each group leader.

Sunday morning we had pledge, followed by the reading of Father’s words, and then we had group discussions. For example, Dan Fefferman Kim of Chicago — who achieved noteworthy success building constructive relationships with Christian ministers — then spoke at Sunday morning group leader and final observations. Through our interaction, two recurring issues seemed most prominent:

1. What is the relationship between HSA and FFWPU? 2. What approaches are acceptable in giving the blessing?

I was personally asked to speak on “high-level outreach”. I talked to the organizers that I did not have high-level outreach for the RPK blessing, and in fact my overall outreach experience had been limited. It was suggested, however, that I talk about my Church experiences, and I agreed to. I thought that I would be a radical voice, since I intended to raise the issue of the current transition of the Unification movement. However, I need not have been anxious about that, since by the time the first round of speakers had finished, the current state of what I perceive to be confusion and transition problems in our movement had been pretty well aired. (Other speakers on high level outreach, including Phillip Schranker, had plenty of hands-on experience at it prior to RPK)

Essentially all of the serious questions which I feel need to be looked at were raised at the meeting. Of course, the issues are not amenable to simple resolution, but I regard the meeting as a first effort to bring a thoughtful yet passionate “democratie” approach to bear on the movement’s challenges.

As another participant observed, “Participants, in my view, did not hold anything back. The frankness of all in attendance was very refreshing and I attribute the unusual openness to the format of the meeting. I was impressed by the frankness, boldness and honesty of the many young people who shared their personal experiences. Some of the best people the world has ever known. Collectively among us there was an abundance of effort and experience.” I should say that many approaches to life and the UC were on display over the weekend. For example, the word that there are no problems, we just need to buckle down and believe, was voiced by some. Another viewpoint was that the only real problem is that we are all so distant from the level of Father — was voiced. However, there were not the only views expressed, and there was an abundance of appreciation for very real issues. Let me close by relating the very emotional experience I had during the small group meeting that took place on Sunday morning. The first person in our little group expressed a view that if we all buckled down, miracles could occur. The second person acknowledged that point, but expressed with tears and words her great concern for blessed couples who are having difficulties. She said that her son had said to her, “Mom, sometimes I see parents who don’t seem to love their children. When my turn came, I could feel myself being overwhelmed by emotion. A big picture of True Parents was in my line of vision in the front of the room. I blurted out that I was glad that people at the meeting were being honest, and that was all I had to say. And I started sniffling and getting teary. When the group urged me to say more, I expressed my feelings in my frustration with the apparent dissonance between real change and growth of human beings and the offerings of numbers which we are asked to make. I concluded by saying that I always felt that I was clear about things, but now I was in what I regarded to be a crisis state, and I view this as a wonderful opportunity for serious advancement.

Certainly one man’s emotional experience, or even the thoughts of a group of sincerely dedicated people, does not solve real problems. As a Unificationist who was not there but heard about the conference commented, however, “Such concentrations of hearts and minds, where mature members can engage in honest discussion of the problems, can lead to some radical conclusions, as people discover that their perceptions are widely shared. The difficulty comes in trying to implement changes afterwards.”

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the answers to all questions were not provided, but I don’t think anyone attended with that in mind.”

Another said, “For myself, it was a most refreshing meeting and I realized that at least there is a consensus about the questions we are all asking.”

The conference opened with remarks by Dr. Hendricks and Dr. Theodore Shimmyo. Farley Jones served as the master of ceremonies, and brought a wonderful spirit of recognizing the value of each person’s thoughts and contribution.

Two plenary meetings on Saturday morning followed. The first, focusing on reflections from RPK, was presented by Neil Salonen, Tom Ward and Andrew Wilson. After questions and answers and short discussions, a second plenary discussed Evangelism and Marketing the Blessing, with presentations by Sheri Reuter, Go Ezaki, Dan Fefferman and Mitch Dixon.

Some very interesting areas were explored. For example, Dan Fefferman shared with us that America’s goal of 40 million couples, taken as a percentage of all married couples in America, represents a greater market share than that of Coca Cola. (Perhaps even greater than Microsoft, I thought, or the U.S. Postal Service.) Dan pointed out that this kind of market share only gets achieved through “a serious commitment to mass marketing. It simply

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31st True God’s Day in the midst of nature, receiving this water which can connect Heaven and Earth. We are also grateful for this grace that can hold this memory in Heaven and on earth as the condition of grace through which your heavenly blessing can be one with earth and can be connected to all humankind.

We are having rain at this moment, over 5 oceans and 6 continents, to which all land and water in the world can be connected. Please pour down abundantly the unification grace, I fervently desire and ask of you.

Such a blessing from God, to welcome the new year of 1998, at the time of the 31st True God’s Day, with the accomplishment of the blessing of 360 million couples, bringing the liberation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which can change the course of human blood line. Please grant the appearance of the Kingdom of Heaven where we can praise the victory and glory of the realm of the fourth Adam. I fervently ask and desire your permission to establish one victorious Unification soldier and ask of you.

**body, the entire direction, absolute power and authority, and omnipotence.**

Father, bright 1998 came to us. I fervently ask and desire your permission that everyone can be victorious soldiers who can march forward looking victoriously for the Unification solution, and ask of you.

We start a new day and, at the same time, start a new year. I fervently ask and desire your permission that everyone can leave the seed which can connect 365 days to the Father’s glorious day.

Father! I fervently ask that the blessing of this year that came with a promise can fully pour out the realm of heavenly victory in Heaven and on earth. I wish your permission that this moment can be the time of the declaration of congratulation for victory in the name of Parents and in the name of God and, at the same time, can bind together the continuity of grace. I declare and pray this in the name of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!
A love all else in this year of 1998 should have the attitude of deeply appreciating the True God; to love Him, to be proud of Him and to accomplish our mission of bless- ing 360 million couples. This is our privilege and honor and for this we can have a heart of gratitude.

For that reason, we should appreciate the Trinity of the True God and the True Parents, because they have pro- vided for us this great opportunity to play a part in history. They have allowed us to participate in this great period of time so we can feel deep gratitude to them. We have to feel deep gratitude for them to this.

At the close of 1997, seventy million couples had got in the way of his good sense and his pride and ego got in the way of his good sense and wisdom. Is the leadership in America space our? God and True Parents are not spaced out. And those who value God and True Parents are not spaced out either. Some on board were happy, some had problems, some were high society, some were lower society on the lower decks; but when they saw the iceberg, they all met the same destiny!

We might compare the Titanic to our world and divine sons and daughters. They live a pure lifestyle. They are most part, they are uncomplain- ingly, they live a pure lifestyle. They are enjoying all the people on this gigantic, beautiful ship. We should always look for the things for which we can be grate- ful. With tears we show love for God and True Parents and express how truly we grateful for them. We are steering us in the right path to build the Kingdom on Earth and in Heaven.

When we see the movie Titanic we see all the people on this gigantic, beautiful ship eating, drinking, dancing, loving, with no idea that just moments later they would all meet their end virtually com- pletely. Some on board were happy, some had problems; some were high society, some were lower society on the lower decks; but when they saw the iceberg, they all met the same destiny!

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The SportsFest started at 10 am in the Washington DC convention center on November 30. The 10,000 capacity hall was almost full. MC Mike Bakcomb kicked off the opening ceremony with the Entry of the Sports Fest Athletes, and the Flag Parade of the Nations, World CARP President Jin Hun Park introduced the founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Father spoke in English about the WCSF, the importance of chastity and purity, as well as the importance of the 360 Million Couples Blessing. Father speech was followed by his cutting of the victory cake for the WCSF and the SportsFest. Then the audience was treated to some delightful entertainment. The Eastern High School Marching Band which had already performed at RFK the day before, again inspired the audience, and as they were marching out, an announcement was made that Father had just decided to donate $20,000 to this marching band, with the wish that they may become the best marching band in the country.

Step Africa! gave local youth a chance to demonstrate their step dance techniques, while the DC Double Dutch League introduced the audience to the art of double Dutch (rope jumping). Five or six different teams of Martial artists displayed their techniques, and the George Mason University Cheerleading Team had 5 strong young men throw five young ladies in the air and catch them again over and over.

The highlight of the entertainment was Duo Design. These two Polish acrobats were awesome. While one acrobat was balancing on one arm with his hand resting on the head of the other acrobat, the other acrobat slowly changed from a sitting position to standing up. And more unbelievable stuff like that. It was really something.

The Pure Love Finale was a performance of Pure Love kids dancing and acting while a narrator explained shortly about the goals of the PLA and the PLA summer tour.

Then the first part was over and there was a lunch break. The second part consisted of “The Game of Legends,” a celebrity basketball game hosted by singer Johnny Gill. Among the players of “The Legends” were former Harlem Globetrotters Tyrone “Hollywood” Brown and Curly Neal. Somehow David Eaton from the New York City Symphony had also ended up in this team!

All in all the SportsFest was exciting, through, with some real highlights during the entertainment of the morning, and an excited, youthful spirit of all the local and international participants.

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ed participants to begin a sumptuous lunch.

A little while later, Fanne Ladybird Ray, a former NAACP woman of the year, introduced Barney Webster from the Dance Theater of Harlem. Barney delighted everyone with his creative dance interpretations of “I Believe I Can Fly” (Rev. Al Sharpton’s theme song) and “Amazing Grace”.

Before his speech Rev. Sharpton received a Family Federation Leadership Award, presented by Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, continental Director of the Family Federation for Unification and World Peace. Rev. Sharpton, alluding to the recent scandals plaguing the White House, cautioned clergy to “look to the recent scandals plaguing the world, and to pray for the blessings of the world.”

In his keynote address, Rev. Pak reiterated several themes from his recent message to the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention. He reminded the audience of the history-making event on November 29, 1997 at RFK Stadium – Blessing ’97. Then, utilizing Biblical themes (Revelation 22, in particular), he explained why only “true families” can enter the Kingdom of God. God is love, and love exists in a relationship. God wants to live with us and to experience love with and through us. Joy and happiness come from the give and take of love – fundamentally in a family. The family of God is the multi-colored love – fundamentally in a family.

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ome on, Oldman, just
five more minutes... My
bored body betrayed me
as such evil words of
mind and body disuni-
ty were carelessly muttered out of
my mouth towards my sudden attacker
who jerked me from my sweet slum-
bber. “What do you mean, ‘Come on’? Get
up, you spoiled kids...” Came the sharp reply
from the dark figure shak-
ing me ever so violently
as if trying to get rid of
my evil spirts with a mod-
tified Chung-Pyung treat-
ment. The broken Jang-
lshum was unmistakably
that of my WCSF volley-
ball coach, Masaki-san,
whom I, more often than
I probably should, refer
to as the “Oldman.”
The time was 6 o’clock,
at the crack of dawn, an
unusually late wake-up
call for us selected ‘lucky’
games. Korea and Japan had domi-

ated the volleyball event. The pres-
sure was on, especially since none of
us had any actual organized-volleyball
playing experience, except Masaki-san
of course.

The vigorous practice was followed by
three hours of WCSF promotions,
followed by a lecture again by our inspir-
ing CP Shunji-san, which was in turn
followed by a two-hour DP study/lec-
ture practice. After closing meeting,
lights out at midnight.

Actually, I never blamed him—none
of us did. In the past two Han Ma Dang

by Hoon Pal Jon

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O n September 1, 1997, at the celebration of the ninth anniversary of the “Proclamation of Heavenly Par- entism” at Belvedere, True Father proclaimed a “New Start.” He instructed all blessed families to set aside one hour each morning from 6:00 to 7:00 to recite the Family Pledge, “It read Blessing and the Ideal Family, Way of God’s Will and the three pro- videntially important speeches: “View of the Principle of the Providential His- tory of Salvation.” “In Search of the Origin of the Universe” and “True Fam- ily and True Universe Centering on True Love.”

On October 3, in Uruguay, True Father added the speech “True Fami- ly and I” and “True Church and the Will” to the selected material to read. On October 13, True Father named the daily morning reading session ‘Hoon Dok Hae.’ He also emphasized many times the importance of Hoon Dok Hae at the Inter-Christian leaders’ meeting which was held right after the cele- bration of the 38th True Children’s Day on November 19.

The reason why True Father has emphasized the importance of the Hoon Dok Hae is that since the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth, the direction of the Unification Church’s providence has been progressing rapidly as if one were our own, and “to start living a life in the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth as the way that all blessed families who live in the Age of the Realm of the Fourth Adam should practice” (True Father, Nov. 11, 1997, Belvedere).

Becoming one with the Word

The tradition of becoming one, cent- ered on True Parents’ Words, began with the True Family. At East Garden, True Father, centering on True Parents, they started reading the Words from the end of August 1997. Through this reading, True Parents began to educate the True Children directly. Until that time, True Parents were not able to educate their children directly because of the prov- idential reason that they had to love Cain children first. Now it has become possible for them to teach God’s Words directly.

True Parents and True Children have established the tradition of becoming one, centered on the Words. True Par- ents are expecting every blessed fam- ily to inherit this new tradition which True Parents began. For the True Parents were not able to educate their children directly because of the provid- ential reason that they had to love Cain children first. Now it has become possible for them to teach God’s Words directly.

The overflow audience in Pusan.

The standard to evaluate how deeply we are one with True Parents is the Words of True Parents. Especially the most recent ones. True Parents empha- sized many times that the only words we have to teach (even to those who are pre-blessed) are the Words of True Father that are written in Blessed Fam- ily and the Ideal Kingdom (True Father, Sept. 21, 1997, Caceres, Brazil; Nov. 1, 1997, International Leaders meet- ing, East Garden). This is the true yard- stick of life for blessed families. This is the reason why True Words of the Sep- tember 11, 1997, Belvedere, are being emphasized: “In the theoretical battles, a logic for those battles was required. The necessary logic for those theore- etical battles was Divine Principle, Uni- fication Thought, and Theory of Vic- tory over Communism. The age of the theo- retical battle has come to an end, however, and the age of constructing the Kingdom of God on Earth has come. The most important identifica- tion of True Parents, ultimately, is not that of becoming Thinking Parents in the theoretical bat- tle, but that of build- ing the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, in other words, the Ideal World, which is the Will of God. To do this, the most impor- tant thing that we can do is read the Words of True Parents that are based on the contents of True Parents’ life course, and establish a new tradition in our daily life like that of the life of True Parents.”

Centering On Blessed Families

True Father instructed that every blessed family should participate in the Hoon Dok Hae between 6 and 7 o’clock every morning to recite the Family Pledge. True Father, the reason we start at 6 a.m. is because God created human kind and the body of man. The reason to continue to 7 a.m. is because we must read the Words of True Parents before the family breakfast. A core family centered on True Parents is the most important, if we keep our past con- ventional lifestyle for even one day it will be difficult for us to understand True Parents; it will also become painful to accept the Words of True Parents, which is more difficult to do accord- ing to those Words. Moment by moment, we must deny ourselves, and contin- uously make ourselves in order to return absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

For the reason to become one with True Parents, we should not be influenced or drawn into surrounding cultures and traditions. The bracelates who entered into Canaan guided by Joshua, aroused God’s wrath because they were influ- enced and absorbed Canaanite life and the Canaanites and stained their blood through their relationship with them. The culture and the tradition of the Unifi- cation Church are neither something that goes along with the conventional culture and tradition, nor can they compromise with the culture. The cul- ture and tradition established by True Parents, are totally new. They are being established from the position of Adam and Eve before the fall. True Parents is expecting us to know deeply the funda- mental spirit of this culture and tra- dition through the Hoon Dok Hae.

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HOON DOK HAE

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indulging human kind’s mistake, which made God restless even on the seventh day. In heaven, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, was supposed to rest (True Father, Sept. 14, 1997, Hae).

Humankind, after having been created on the sixth day, should have become the embodiment of God, achieving individual perfection according to God’s purpose of creation. They should have realized an ideal husband and wife relationship through being ideal spouses and then established the ideal family (True Father, “The Significance of Celebrating July 1”, July 1, 1997, Sala Bio Bio, Brazil). In this way, all humankind, all families, must allow the True God to come and rest in the family as His true place. It is True Parents’ desire that even embryos in their mother’s womb drink the true spirit and food from God’s lineage. The goal of the providence during the next two years is to “cut off Satan’s lineage” and to establish the “Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom.”

Hoon Dok Hae in Korean

On November 1, 1997 at the International Leaders meeting at East Garden, True Father directed all National Messiahs to translate Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom into the language of their mission country. However, soon after that instruction, he said that every blessed family must read the Words of Korean. He also said that those who do not understand Korean should be able feel the Heart of True Parents who have emphasized the importance of Korean through the sound of the reading, and that they also must feel the spirit of Hoon Dok Hae.

It is apparent that the unification of languages through the Hoon Dok Hae is in True Father’s mind. True Father, who has stressed the importance of Korean for the last 13 years, has used Korean for the last 13 years, has used Korean language of their mission country. How- ever, soon after that instruction, he said that every blessed family must read the Words of Korean. He also said that those who do not understand Korean should be able feel the Heart of True Parents who have emphasized the importance of Korean through the sound of the reading, and that they also must feel the spirit of Hoon Dok Hae.

New Tradition

Hoon Dok Hae is a new tradition which True Parents established for all blessed families, responding to the spiritual shift from the age centered on the Principle to the age centered on Life. True Parents’ desire is that every blessed family will freely receive the Words of True Parents which are the source of Eternal Life, beyond the boundaries of race and nation, by attending the Hoon Dok Hae.

Through the Hoon Dok Hae, we read True Father’s Words again and again, every day, every moment, until we digest all the words which are in Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom (True Father, Nov. 1, 1997, International Leaders meeting, East Garden). Based on this foundation, blessed families will become enabled to live naturally and automatically according to the Words. True Father said that after the “Proclamation of the Cosmic Sabbath of Heaven and Earth,” the theme of the prayer of blessed families should be: “True Par- ents! Please enter my mind and dwell there” (True Father, Sept. 28, 1997, Countries, Argentina). The content of such a prayer has to be expanded to the levels of husband and wife, family, clan, tribe, nation, world and cosmos.

The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth will start from the point where Satan’s lineage is completely eradicated. It is impossible to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth if there remains even a small part of Satan’s lineage. Therefore from the America’s together to provide service, share friendship, culture, ideals and love.

The first American Friendship Project was hosted in Haiti, 1996 and was followed by projects in Honduras and in the Dominican Republ. ic. The 4th AFP being held in Guatemala will involve fifty youth from more then a dozen nations in an effort to deeper links of friend- ship and promote a future of peace and cooperation. The Guatemala AFP pro- ject will focus on a theme of, “Sharing True Values through Educational Uplift.” Participants will work together to construct the 2nd floor of a rural school house. Immediately following the project participants will be offered an optional two day sightseeing adventure.

The sponsors of the American Friendship Project include the Religious Youth Service (RYS) and the Women’s Fed- eration for World Peace (WFWP). RYS was initiated in 1985 as an interna- tional service project that has involved tens of thou- sands of young adults from over 90 nations in active ser- vice and religious cooper- ation. RYS has spon- sored nearly 70 ser- vice projects in twenty seven nations. The WFWP was inaugu- rated in 1992 and is a UN registered NGO with chapters in over 180 nations worldwide. The WFWP has had numer- ous peace activities, promoted service and educational outreach globally. The WFWP has cooperated with the RYS in sponsoring American Friendship Pro- jects since 1996.

If you are 18 - 28 years of age the RYS is accepting applications for those who would like to participate in this project. We look forward to involv- ing an increasing number of students and young adults in these exciting adventures. This project, as all RYS projects, depends on the generosity of people like yourself.

4th America’s Friendship Project


For more information and application for the RYS, or if you are able to make a monetary donation to support the project, please contact us at: RYS. 4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036. Fax: 212 869-6424, Phone (212) 869-6424. e-mail: rys@pipeline.com. Donations by check should be made to IRDP or the BF with a note that it is to be used for the Guatemala project.
On February 3, about 2,000 people including National Messiahs and leaders from Japan and Korea attended an International Leaders Meeting in Chung Ang Training Center, Sutaek Dong, Korea.

The meeting began with the entrance of True Parents. First came reports by President Joon Ho Seuk, President Jeung Og Yu, and Chief Director Chung Hwan Knaak. Rev. Knaak reported that at that moment, 55 million couples have been blessed by virtue of the activity of the Northeast Continent and Africa Continent. In his report, he also emphasized that the Blessing Ceremony of 360 million couples will be held in 12 major cities around the world on June 13.

Then Father spoke, centering on the theme “God exists from before eternity to the present,” and “while one who acts with knowing becomes a subject (the Lord), one who acts without knowing becomes a servant.” Following this, True Father added the eighth verse of the Family Pledge as the condition of faith in the Completed Testament Age.

Family Pledge Number 8

Our family pledges, as we enter the Completed Testament Age, to achieve the ideal oneness of God and humankind in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, thereby perfecting the realm of liberation of the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on true love.

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Today we are thankful to God for having just returned from Washington D.C. attending a conference with my wife. Truly we thank God for His goodness and blessings, for what our ears have heard and our hearts have felt. We attended the Inter Religious Federation for World Peace. The address was given by the founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife. We don’t know his church so much but we give thanks to God because we learned a lot of things, and we have seen a lot of things.

Now, some folks say that the Rev. Moon only believes in God and doesn’t believe in the Sun, but the problem is we have a lot of churches in the Bahamas which are greater than God. We understand that if the Sun set you free you’re free indeed. You might not believe in Rev. Moon but if you come to my son for something and he tells you can get it, then I’m not going to tell you can’t have it when my son just told you that you could. We might not agree with Rev. Moon’s religion, but at this conference I saw such a lot. There were people from many different countries representing over 100 different religions from all over the world and I didn’t know that we had many different religions.

We were addressed by many different religious groups including Catholic and Protestant. The chairman of this particular meeting was an Anglican from California. We gained a lot from the address given by Rev. Moon. Some people say that he says he is Jesus, but he never claimed such a thing according to the speech that I have here. He told us about how Jesus came into the world and made his presence felt, and how he had to leave his work to his disciples. Rev. Moon seems to be one of his disciples and doing all he can for the sake of people, preaching to the young people. He’s trained young people around the world, trying to teach young people out of the way of getting pregnant, and that marriage comes before sex. I think he’s getting along well for a long time and so may God bless you, Amen!

By Gary Fleisher—Denver, CO

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Testimony to RFK Aired in Bahamas

by Bishop Misssick—Freeport, Bahamas

This testimony was given on the Bishop’s radio program.

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true Parents’ Birthday heralded the official opening of www.Tparents.org, a world wide web site of True Parents’ Organization. About 20,000,000 bible verses are available on the web. Much web sites lease space, and cannot afford enough space to put the content of the HSA-UWC BIBS on line. However, www.Tparents.org owns its own Inter Net Service Provider and is able to hold the whole HSA-UWC BIBS and continu

For instance, just by typing “Bill Clinton” into the search form, abstracts of 13 articles are listed. These articles included speeches by Reverend Moon, Reverend J. H. Pak, His Reverence Shin Jim Moon, articles from the Unification News. The Unification News articles recorded President Clinton’s support of Unification Church activities.

MARRIAGE RENEWAL AND THE HOLY HONEYMOON

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks—NYG

This is an unofficial document, which you may find helpful. A lot of people have worked on it. I offer it until something more official is available.

Men and women are meant to become true parents, giving birth to sinless children through godly true love. But we are not one with God, so we are incomplete parents, giving birth to imperfect children. We suffered as children who never received true love from our parents, and we pass our difficulties on to our own children. In our hearts, we long to separate from this unhealthy inheritance and be complete in our marriage.

We offer the following affirmations and encourage you to think deeply upon them:

1. Affirming the necessity of sexual purity for our spiritual growth. I will refrain from all sexual relationships before marriage.

2. Following my conscience, when it is time for marriage, I will respect my parents’ and/or spiritual elders’ guidance in choosing my marriage partner.

3. I will serve as a good example in this for my brothers and sisters, colleagues and friends.

4. I will encourage others in these ideals, beyond race, nation and religion.

For unmarried youths and singles, participating of the holy wine represents one’s commitment to these affirmations.

Holy Wine (Nectar) Ceremony

We then partake of a spiritual grace for the Blessing through the Holy Wine (Nectar) Ceremony.

The Holy Wine (Nectar) represents God’s love, the original love of the world, which is the root of the lineage of goodness. God’s love infuses new life into us as couples. We are echoes of true parents, inheriting the love, life and lineage of God. This is the redemption of our body, soul and spirit as husband and wife.

Following the Holy Wine or Nectar, pray in gratitude for separation from any wrong-doings of the past, from the evils of this world and its broken history, and for the chance to begin anew.

Holy Blessing

A sprinkling with Holy Water represents your reunion as a husband and wife standing together as a Blessed couple. Again pray, for the new life of your marriage. Couples can treat it as reliving their time of engagement, sharing that excitement and anticipation. Marital strains of life in the world. This time to repair a greater appreciation for your spouse. Take personal responsibility. Do not blame. Know that through the history of your country, people and religious faith.

How do I discover an objective view of myself in my marriage?

1. What situations in our marriage do I really enjoy? What is a strong loving relationship between us?

2. What situations in our marriage cause pain? Have I failed in good and beautiful, and the bad and unhealthy. Strive to free oneself from hav- ing caused grief and pain because of one’s desire for spousal divorce.

3. How did we meet and develop our love?

4. What would I do differently if I had the chance?

Week 1: To Remember

Recall and reflect upon your marriage from the first time you met until the time of the Blessing Ceremony. Remember the good and beautiful, and the bad and unhealthy. Enjoy the meaning of your common path as a couple, and be willing to learn from your marital history. On a larger scale, recall and reflect upon the history of your country, people and religious faith.

Week 2: To Repent

Recall and reflect upon your marriage from the first time you met until the time of the Blessing Ceremony. Remember the good and beautiful, and the bad and unhealthy. Strive to free oneself from hav- ing caused grief and pain because of one’s desire for spousal divorce.

Week 3: To Rediscover

Rediscover what was good and beautiful, and the bad and unhealthy. Strive to free oneself from hav- ing caused grief and pain because of one’s desire for spousal divorce.

Week 4: To Respect

Respect for your spouse is a symbol of your gratitude. Consider the following plan for your consideration.

The 40 Days of Purification and Renewal

Forty days is weeks, with the final “week” being five days. We offer the following series of themes for your prayer, meditation, conversation and activity on a week-by-week basis. The questions are intended to be a guide for personal reflection. It helps to write down these reflections in the form of a letter to your spouse. It is also valuable to maintain a personal journal. We urge you to develop this outline with the resources of your faith community and personal marriage.
First Ever ‘Voice of Unity’ Broadcasters Conference held in the Philippines

by Rev. Lloyd Howell—Manila, Philippines

To celebrate the one year anniversary of the radio broadcasting providence in the Philippines, the PPWF sponsored what we believe may be the first “National Unificationist Broadcasters Workshop” ever held. The Philippines began the radio providence as a way to educate the steadily-growing number of blessed couples in the country now reported to be around 13 million. Mass education requires mass communications and radio is an effective mass communicator in the Philippines since many people do not have access to books. Also radios are more effective than nation-wide shows because of the many different languages which are spoken in the country. Through a local show, the broadcaster can speak the language of the local community directly to the local communities.

The radio project has expanded over the past year, from one station in Manila, the capital, to 14 stations throughout the country. The shows vary in length from a half-hour to one-and-a-half hours. The shows range from programming providence in the Philippines,” and General Florencio Magpilo, this broadcaster discussed “The role of radio in the Philippines,” and Mr. Eric Nida-Quasha assisted by Rev. & Mrs. Lloyd Howell and Fe Miranda, this workshop, held Dec. 27 & 28 outside of Manila, had 21 participants representing 10 of the 14 stations presently broadcasting in the nation’s various provinces.

The hands-on conference consisted of several segments dealing with the spiritual and physical aspects of radio broadcasting, participants offered ideas to expand the content and improve the technical aspects of production and also practiced mock broadcasts.

The first day also included a working session wherein broadcasters listened to and evaluated sample programs of the other broadcasters. It was during this session that we discovered that we had some dynam- ic, professional-sounding disc jockeys in our ranks.

The workshops were also held at the conclusion of the final week, which is represented through three days, bring this process to a climax in which you re-create, develop and improve your spouse.

The period of celibacy is complete and we renew the act of love as a re-creation of love and holiness and of your being as husband and wife.

On the larger scale, pray deeply for your country, people and religious faith, seeking God’s guidance for the world.

What follows is an explanation of this three day’s spiritual and physical celebration of true love between husband and wife.

The Holy Honeymoon

Having completed the 40 day period, we are ready for the final step of the Blessing of marriage, a three day ceremony so joyful that it has been called the holy honeymoon. Jesus said, “But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father.” For three consecutive evenings, blessed husbands and wives should meet in the privacy of their own bedrooms or a favorite place to offer a special prayer of thanks.

The two handkerchiefs given you are a souvenir gift of this Holy Blessing. They are color-coded with a pink spot for the wife and a blue spot for the husband. They represent the purity of God’s True Love. During the Holy Honeymoon, hus- band and wife each use his or her handkerchief each evening when bathing as a sign of purity and a prayer of thanks. You should view this cleansing with the handkerchief as cleansing of the body and past misconduct.

Thank God for His gift of sexuality, which enables you to become one body with your beloved. More than any other part of your body, your sexual organ exists to bring joy to your beloved, and in that sense it belongs to your spouse more than to yourself.

As you are about to pray, greet each other humbly and respectfully in remembrance of the great covenantments given by all religious and ethical teachers, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart . . .” and “love your neighbor as yourself.” Begin with a prayer such as the Lord’s Prayer or holy words of your faith. Then offer personal prayers of thanks and determination to create an eternal family centered on God’s ideal of husbands and wives for all over the world.

After the prayer is a time to enter into the most intimate and precious rela- tionship of sexual love that only a husband and wife brought together by God may experience. The union of man and woman was meant to be sacred and joyful, but the sinful world has taken its toll on our marriages. Through this sacred union, you can renew the feeling of purity by coming together centered on the True Love of God. The husband should help his wife experience a new sense of self-esteem as God’s Daughter and a Heavenly wife. He humbly encour- ages her to take a motherly leadership role in the prayers and in their sexual relationship during the first two nights.

A husbands’ identity as a man is strength- ened and renewed by a true wife. The key for healthy families is for women to have a position of esteem and respect in the household. For this reason, on the first two evenings of the ceremony, the husband should be beneath the wife dur- ing the love act. Through this gesture, the husband indicates his recognition that his own spiritual growth and the family’s prosperity come through his rela- tionship with his wife. She is not only in the role of wife towards her husband but also in the role of mother. Most men hold their mothers in awe and they should do precisely the same with their wife.

On the third evening the husband and wife consummate their marriage with the woman beneath the man. This symbo- lizes the man taking real maturity to assume his proper position as the lov- ing head of the family. To renew his dig- nity as a Son of God and a true husband, the wife supports him and respectfully follows his leadership in both the prayer and the act of love, from that moment and for always. Through the ceremony, both husband and wife commit to a new commitment from each other, centering on God.

After their holy union on each of the three evenings, the couple offer prayers of thanksgiving that this most intimate of relationships is now centered com- pletely on God, bringing joy to God, Heav- en and Earth. We thank God for having taught all of us to become True Parents in our families centered on Heaven. At the conclusion of the third evening, dry your sexual parts with your Holy Hand- kerchief. Do not wash it, but store it safe- ly as representing your eternal love life together. Please keep this in mind. In the meaning of this beautiful ceremony of love, and most especially in the faith- dom in creating through it the most holy, refreshing and powerful new birth in your blessed marital life. The three evenings should bring Glory and thank- giving to God in the Highest. Amen!

Conclusion

During and following the forty days, we encourage you to do something for the sake of the public. For example, it is a wonderful time to speak to your chil- dren and friends about your renewed commitment as a couple and about your experiences of renewal. Your married friends may also want to participate in the Blessing. If the opportunity presents itself, consider sharing with adolescents at the local schools about premarital purity and marital fidelity. Too often stu- dents hear about marriage from people who have never intentionally prac- ticed even one week of celibacy. Let them know that love is not a thing that comes...
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Pure Love Alliance March at WCSFIII

participants were organized for the march. With police cars clearing the way ahead of them, all participants marched down Pennsylvania Avenue, chanting and waving colorful placards ("Condoms can’t protect your heart" was the text of many creative slogans advocating sexual abstinence.)

Around 3:30 the march reached the Ellipse behind the White House, and it seemed to me that the crowd had become bigger. My estimate is that there were between 2,000 and 3,000 people gathering at the Ellipse, almost all Unificationists. A few more people gave testimonies, speeches, and sang songs. There was an announcement earlier that the founder of the PLA would be the last speaker, but when the time for the last speaker had come it wasn’t PLA founder Jin Hun Park Moon who addressed the audience but PLA president Robert Rittel.

After three cheers of Mansei, the rally participants invited to go to the Kenny Lattimore concert that was to start at 6 PM at the Washington Convention center. I couldn’t make it there myself, but I can imagine that it turned out to be quite a unique event.

The Pure Love Pledge

The pure relationship of love between a man and woman is a sacred gift from God, to be cherished and honored for the sake of building a true family, healthy society and a world of peace for future generations. Once that love is consummated, it is not to be broken.

Therefore I commit myself:

• To refrain from all sexual relationships before marriage;
• To respect and honor the ideal of purity in myself and others;
• To learn how to practice pure love as a child, friend, spouse and parent;
• To dedicate myself to absolute fidelity within marriage;
• To encourage others to do the same.

see page 16 for two testimonies of the PLA March in Washington
RYS Service Project in Bangladesh

Japanese 2nd Generation Play a Key Role

sponsored the construction of Jaigeer Primary school in Sengair Thana, Moulagong district around 40 km. from Dacca. In order to facilitate the construc-
tion of the primary school in Sengair village where the IRFF had previously built a small school, the WPFW-J and the International Religious Foundation (IRF) jointly sponsored an international Religious Youth Service (RYS) project from December 22–December 30. The international RYS project involved forty five volunteers from eight nations and was largely organized and run by Bangladeshi RYS alumni.

The international project was the fifth time since 1991 that the RYS has held a major service project in Bangladesh but this project marked the first time that many other nations took part. The projects success stemmed largely from the involvement and cooperation of many of the RYS Alumni Association who have formed active chapters in Dacca. The project city and in Chit-
tagong, a major port city. Since the RYS Alumni Association began in 1995 they have also sponsored and organized numerous activities and seminars in different parts of the country and publish a newsletter.

Second
Generation
Share as a Comm-
unity of Faith

The RYS is a lea-
dership training that promotes moral and spiritual values through education programs, interreligious sharing and work service. The RYS host nation of Bangladesh is a predominantly Muslim country but it has a significant Hindu, Christian and Buddhist popula-
tions, all of which were represented in this project. The Bangladesh participants were joined by inter-
national participants who were largely from the Unification move-
dition. All those involved worked together on creating a commu-

ity of harmony dedicated to peace and the service of humanity.

Part of the RYS education expe-
rience included a visit to a des-
erately poor slum in city of Dacca. Many of the participants were deeply moved when they visited the habitats for they had a chance to deeply realize the difficulties that the everyday struggle for food and subsistence presents to so many of the world’s people.

The physical work of con-
structing a school side by side with local villagers was the cen-
tral action that brought this diverse group together to form the “RYS family”. As each day passed, the news spread throughout the vil-
lage community about the peo-
ple who had come from different countries to their village in order to build the new school. Each day saw the numbers of local volun-
tears grow as fathers and
mothers and children of all ages found ways in which to team up with the RYS members and contribute to the work, the morning prayers, the spontaneous singing and general good-natured sharing.

Among the interna-
tional participants were
many of the world’s people. And subsistence presents to so
many of the world’s people.

Despite the shock of massive pover-
ty that people came to realize as they stared at it face to face, their was an even stronger insight and image gained from by international participants dur-
ing the Bangladesh experience. That separate experience served to provide a hope and a dream for each of the par-
ticipants.

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ing God that the second generation is determined to be their brother’s keep-
er.

Villagers Moved by RYS Example

One village leader commented on the efforts of the RYS.

“We are very much moved by your unselfish dedication for our poor vil-

lage. You taught us how we should help each other unselfishly and the impor-
tance of cooperation.”

The comments of the Bangladeshi village leader are very much the ful-
fillment of the vision of RYS founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s vision. Rev. Moon shared at the inaugural RYS pro-
ject in the Philippines in 1986:

“Man’s unity with God is not a mat-
ter of beliefs and doctrines in the mind, but a concrete and practical experi-
ence that people can touch and feel their unity with God that the second

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er.

The work that these RYS young people offered serves as a way to contribute to the dreams of the Bangladesh children while the people of Bangladesh helped remind the international participants of what is of real and lasting value in life.

The second generation that took part in the pro-
ject can take satisfaction in the fact that their actions are a result of a pattern set up by the original second genera-
ton. Individually and collectively each

 multicast to help create the long awaited dream of both God and humanity, the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Villagers Moved by RYS Example

One village leader commented on the efforts of the RYS.

“We are very much moved by your unselfish dedication for our poor vil-

lage. You taught us how we should help each other unselfishly and the impor-
tance of cooperation.”

The comments of the Bangladeshi village leader are very much the ful-
fillment of the vision of RYS founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s vision. Rev. Moon shared at the inaugural RYS pro-
ject in the Philippines in 1986:

“Man’s unity with God is not a mat-
ter of beliefs and doctrines in the mind, but a concrete and practical experi-
ence that people can touch and feel their unity with God that the second

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immorality. It also helped me be more

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able to see that there were many sup-

porters.

The afternoon was clear and brisk.

Love Comes Alive for PLA Marchers

by Miho Yoshida

‘O

one love! One life! One

man! One wife!”

Chants like these filled

the usually unevent-

at the center of atten-

ion so that I didn’t have time really to see

what was going on all around me. I

remember the way our voices sound-

ed shimmering off the buildings that

how we got to the White House as

planned.

When we got to the Ellipse, it was a

breathing sight. There were people

milking all around, too many for the

eyes to focus on any one. Somehow I

ended up helping them carry the ban-

ner to the front of the stage, and there

we stood, waving and singing, staring

out onto a sea of faces. Staring direct-

ly out at those thousands of people

was a moving expe-

rience, especially see-

ing the way they

responded to the

chants we were call-

ing out. For the first

time I could see the

result of our collec-

tive efforts manifest-

ed on that one day.

Looking out at

those thousands of

people, I could real-

ize what a profound

impact a group of indi-

viduals can have

when they unite

together. I really felt

like this event was the beginning of the

healing of the moral problem in this

country, and in the world.

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Unification News

by Steve Schneider

The march itself passed by

like a kind of dream. I was

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and keep everyone in line

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Europe's New Wars: A Cure Worse Than the Disease

by Dan Fefferman—Washington, DC

A wave of legislation, investigations and outright descrimination against minority religions is sweeping across Europe today.

The cause of the current fear of "sects" is complex. Part of it, no doubt results from concern that the tragedies of the Solar Temple and Aum Shinriko not be repeated. Part of it is due to organized lobbying efforts of the anti-cult movement coupled with sensationalized media accounts. And part of it seems to be rooted in old patterns of intolerance of things new, foreign or different. Whatever the causes, the new European Sect Scare is widespread, and it's for real.

German Sectophobia

The German government seems to be at the center of the European anti-sect movement, especially in relationship to the Church of Scientology. The government has officially placed the Church and its members under police surveillance. Scientologists are banned from joining the ruling Christian Democratic Party. They are even forbidden to become dentists. Literature published by the Christian Democrats caricatures the church's religious symbol by transforming it into a skull and crossbones.

It's not just the Scientologists that receive the brunt of German intolerance. A pamphlet published by the Christian Democratic Youth, entitled "Insect Farm! No thanks!" features an illustration of a huge fly watter squash-ing a variety of mosquitoes and other "sects." Among those sects singled out by the ruling party's youth arm to be treated as vermin are Jehovah's Witnesses, Unificationists, Hare Krishna adherents and Scientologists.

The German government went so far as to publish at taxpayers' expense a booklet attacking the Unification Church and has placed the church's founder, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, on the Schengen Treaty list, effectively banning him from entry into most European countries. The government has officially placed the Church's religious symbol by transforming it into a skull and crossbones. By the Christian Democrats caricatures the church's religious symbol by transforming it into a skull and crossbones. It also states that a US Hasidic group, which is able to become dentists. Literature published by the Christian Democrats caricatures the church's religious symbol by transforming it into a skull and crossbones.

A member of the Jehovah's Witness movement was fined for operating a public school after years of honorable service apparently for no other reason than that he was a member of one of the listed groups. At least one bombing has been linked to this atmosphere of hate. Shortly after a Paris newspaper published a report on the Parliamentary report with a headline to the effect that "Something Must Be Done" about the cults, the headquarters of the French Unification Church were bombed.

Despite the protests of a number of French Catholic bishops, the Report even includes a Roman Catholic the-astrical group on its list of "dangerous cults." The troupe, Office Culturel de la Découverte, has been denied the use of public-theaters for its shows and is report-edly nearly bankrupt as a result.

The French Ministry of Youth and Sport now employs anti-cultists to speak to youth organizations and athletic groups about the evils of minority religions, and Time magazine reports that there are plans to fund hundreds of offices nationwide to educate young people against organizations on the list.

Critics say the French report is rid-ded with unsubstantiated rumors and false information. According to an analy-sis by the academically-oriented Center for the Study of New Religions (CES-NUR), the French Report was "completely without reference to any number of easily acquired resources that could have corrected the misleading infor-mation utilized by the commissioners."

Following a recommendation in the Report, the government has now estab-lished a national Observatory of Cults, with two extreme anti-cultists report-edly appointed as "experts."

Reports on a Rampage

The poor scholarship evident in the French Report has not stopped it from setting a trend for other countries in Europe. In Belgium, a parliamentary commission on cults released its report on April 1997. It outdoes even the French report both in number of "sects" listed and in the types of organizations it considers dangerous. Among them the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Seventh Day Adventists, Quakers, the Amish and (believe it or not) the YWCA.

The Report, which was adopted by the Belgian Parliament minus its embarrassing list, recommended that "mind control" be made a crime pun-ishable by law. It also stat-ed that a US Hasidic group, the Satmars, was engaged in kidnapping Christian children-a charge which would be ridiculous if it were not eerily similar to previous patterns of Eu-ropean anti-Semitism.

In Switzerland, the city government of Geneva has voted to make "mind manipulation" a federal felony crime, funding anti-cult groups, and creating a government body to oversee cults.

Austria too has published a list of dangerous "sects." Children of minority religions hear their teach-ers in public schools ridicule their parents' religious beliefs and prac-tices and face derision by class-mates as a result. Listed groups are not allowed to incorporate or own property. In effect, they must operate as underground organiza-tions.

In Greece, the special status of the Church of Greece is strengthened in severe limitations for minority groups.

Smaller religions complain that they are denied official status and cannot legally hold meetings, conduct worship services or own property. Non-Orthodox children are required to attend Orthodox religion class-es in public schools. Until recently, attempting to introduce a person to change his or her faith- even with that person's permission-was a criminal act. In addition, any new place of worship could not be opened without the approval of the Ortho-do-x bishop. The European Court of Human Rights, however, has declared all these acts to be void.

Pan-European Actions

Both the European Parliament and the Council of Europe are con-sidering actions to control minori-ty religions. The European Parliament has voted to investigate "sects" across all of Europe. The Parliamentary Committee on Civil Liberties has appointed a Rapporteur to prepare a draft report on cults. Whether the Committee will live up to its name is another question. (The EP draft report turned out to be fairly responsible. However, it faces an amendment process in which it can be substantially altered.)

Meanwhile, the Council of Europe, comprised of representatives of all Eu-ropean nations, approved in May a rec-o mmendation that states should create a cult oversight body and draft appro-priate anti-cult legislation. Although the Council has no executive power and acts as a consultative body with no juridical authority, it is considered to be very influential among European legislators.

Europe today is witnessing a wide-spread trend toward controlling minority religions. While fears of a repeat of the Solar Temple and Aum Shinriko tragedies is understandable, European legislators apparently did not adequately consider the consequences of various governmental reports on the liberties of innocent people who hold uncon-ventional religious beliefs. Could this be another case where the cure does more harm than the disease?

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HANDBOOK OF HATE: This book, Insects, No Thank You, published by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's party, depicts minority religions as insects to be exterminated.

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It must be expressed in actions of love and service to others."

Through young people of all faiths coming together and serving this village, the essence of religion was displayed in the form of a spirit of loving cooperation. A model of "True Religion" is being provided, this model of a spirit of loving cooperation. Through young people of all faiths coming together and serving this village, the essence of religion was displayed in the form of a spirit of loving cooperation. A model of "True Religion," is in a way essential for a world growing in skepticism and moral confusion. The RYS is in a way providing a bridge that provides a patterns for peaceful transition into the 21st centu-ry.

Yoshiko, one of the young Japanese par-ticipants shared these reflections.

"Despite language limitations, we realized the possibility of unity among different races and religions. I could discover more similar-
by Rick Swarts—Montevideo, Uruguay

I have had much opportunity in the past few months to experience fishing in a foreign country — specifically the Pantanal area of Brazil.

The Pantanal is the world’s largest wetland, a vast expanse of marsh, pastures, and grassy plains, home to all manner of exotic birds, spectacular flowering plants, and myriads of aquatic reptiles and mammals. Home to the jaguar, the cougar, the caiman, the giant river otter, and the anaconda. And it is also home to myriads of fish, which grow very large and attract fisherman from all over the country and the world.

I have been working in the Pantanal doing ecological studies, and have been learning a lot in my spare time about the art of fishing in a foreign environment. I have also been learning Portuguese, quitesos, as part of a personal experiment for my brother, or to law Wally Rieskold. You see, Wally developed a special concoction out of his backwoods Pennsylvania that claims repels mosquitoes. Not exactly approved by the FDA, and in the beginning not concerned for the effects of DEET found in the normal insect repellent. I decided to test it out on myself to see about it.

After all, the Pantanal is also renowned for the size and masses of its mosquitoes. Those swarms sometimes obscure one’s vision. And I could get many bottles of the stuff for nothing. I would have had an all-natural insect repellent that would not cause cancer, he looked at me sideways, and muttered something about “it better work” — because the choice down here is between cancer in 20 years or death in one day from having all the blood sucked out of you.

At any rate, I would like to pass on to you my acquired knowledge about the art of fishing in a foreign land, and specifically Brazil’s unique and eccentric fishing customs and etiquette.

Actually, it is not necessary to have to speak fluent Portuguese in order to be part of the fishing community here. Yes, it is certainly true that a few, well-chosen expressions are useful. I have gained a lot of knowledge from Portuguese maneuvers.

First of all, I had given him five bottles of the repellent. Normally I would have made it back to the boat, but my skills in non-verbal communication works. Luckily, I can illustrate how that skill works with the following true accounts about my recent fishing experiences.

It was a spring day near the Curimba river, where I normally fish. The Curimba river is also my favorite fishing river, which gets to be up to 20 inches long. When they migrate, there are so many of these fish, that they could fill your boat and you see a literal sea of fins sticking out of the shallow areas. There is nothing like it, and they are so active, that the river has plumes of fountains everywhere. However, over the past week, they are not a sport fish, since they don’t seem to take any bait (and you only need to reach a hand up and you can catch as many as you would like). Fortunately, with the Curimba migration comes numerous sportfish, like the afore-mentioned Dourado and Pintado, as well as the Paú, all of which like to eat the Curimba.

Now, normally one is fishing in virtual isolation in the Pantanal. The Pantanal is itself as big as the country of France, with numerous rivers, and so one pretty much has a large section of the river to himself or herself. However, over the past week many of the fishermen had stuck in my motor when I moved into the area, I settled down to fish. That is when I began fishing, and the other fisherman were staring at me. What is wrong? Am I still bleeding from that mosquito bite? Finally, they dawnted on me: everyone was using crabs while I was seating there with fish of Curimba. Fortunately, I was dawnted on me when people started saying "peixe fritado filé!" Fortunately fillet is the same in English and Portuguese.

The next, 30 minutes was one of my more event-filled and thrilling fishing experiences. I caught Piranha after Piranha after Piranha, which seem to love fillet of Curimba. I was wrapped around everyone else’s line. I got stuck twice in my neighbor’s anchor line. I would no sooner throw my line in the water, then a Piranha would grab it. I thought this was simply amazing, since only moments before I arrived I didn’t see any fish catch and Piranha at all. However, for some unexplained reason I couldn’t understand the Portuguese, it didn’t seem that these fish were sharing my bubbling enthusiasm.

To complicate matters, it was also about the same time that the first results of my Wally Insect Repeller experiment began to come in. And I began to notice that it had an interesting side effect. It seems that the Wally repellent attracts mosquitoes rather than repels them.

My boat swarmed with mosquitoes, and I nearly slipping into unconsciousness from slapping myself. I decided to move on. Anyway, the Piranha had mysterious, stopped biting anyway. And I felt I needed to get back and warn my fishing guide about the Wally Repeller, since he had five bottles of it. I told him the Piranha was also eating you throw into the water; and is considered a junk fish as far as sportfishing is concerned. I quickly recognized that not everyone was sharing my enthusiasm for this fish.

After about my 50th Piranha or so, I realized that it was no longer exciting to hold each one up proudly to the other fishermen, who were completely jealous of them where they can fish to get a lot of great Piranha. Usually, they moved away from me promptly.

Well, I was out fishing by myself, the last Friday of September — my fishing guide had shown up due to some freak occurrence where mosquitoes attacked him in mass, and the other guides not available due to the vast numbers of fishermen in the area. Not being able to catch any Paú, Dourado or Pintado, I decided to closely observe the other fishermen. I noticed that one group of nine boats, packed against one bank of the river, were having marvelous fishing. They were catching Paú after Paú after Paú. Not one Piranha. However, they were so tightly bunched that I was not sure I could get my boat in between them. An opportunity presented itself, and I smoothly worked my boat right into the middle. I did get prepared for the greatest fishing of my life.

After exchanging a few pleasantries, and avoiding two big sandbars that could have stuck in my motor when I moved into the area, I noticed that someone else was fishing against this current, by now affected by rip tides, since I missed it three times and kept hanging back into their boat. So I fired up the motor and proceeded to the submerged tree, a plan hindered only by the fact that by the time I shut the engine off and reached for the tree, the current (influenced by now by El Niño) had pushed me back into a meeting with my colleagues in the other boat.

By now we were having a lot of fun. They kept acting like they were angry and the more I laughed at their funerarics the more they pretended to be angry. Finally, I worried that I was encouraging them to act angry, so I shifted my course against this current, by now affected by rip tides, since I tried it three times and kept hanging back into their boat.

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Well, the following Saturday I made sure that I had crabs, and headed out for this prime fishing area. The group of nine boats were still there, but my keen eye spotted an opening in the up stream area that was my lucky day. And this was just such a day when my skills in the art of non-verbal communication came in handy.

Deftly maneuvering my boat into the area, I picked up the line and set the hook. My anchor. I settled back and relaxed and let the current drift me exactly into the narrow gap between the boats. Well, a solar flare must have affected the currents just then, because I missed the location by a few boat lengths. Otherwise, I would not have bumped into this other boat, with its three Brazilian fishermans, whose intense fishing was distracted only by their obvious admiration for my seamanship. Another less knowledgeable person might have interpreted their glaring and strong words as criticism for our seamanship, but my skills in non-verbal communication allowed me the insight that the other fishermen were just greeting me. After all, they had sent the courtesy of me extending to me in reaching out full-length to their motor in order to support me!

Well, I decided that we were a little too close that I could not have the group in my motor in order to support me!

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The Serpent and Satan

The Book of Revelation reveals who the "serpent" symbolizes: "And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him." (Rev. 12:9)

This passage brings together the last book of the Bible and the first. According to it, the ancient serpent, the tempter of Eve, was "Satan," and this has been the commonly accepted view within the Judeo-Christian tradition.

But the question is, "Who is Satan?" The word itself comes from the ancient Hebrew, where it meant "the adversary." It signifies the Biblical affirmation that there is a force in the universe which is in active opposition to God.

Since we know that in Genesis the "serpent" represents Satan we can discover who the "serpent" was by discovering who Satan is.

According to the passage just quoted, Satan was once "thrown down to the earth." If we contrast earth and heaven, Satan must have been originally in heaven before being thrown down to earth. If we examine Satan's life, we must at one time have qualified for heaven. We may also surmise, in light of the principle of growth, that although this being was created good, later he fell and became Satan.

TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

A House Built Beside a Rock

by Linna Rapkins

We must get a place to live. We have been in Pusan for almost six months now. If we continue living in this tiny room, we will never be able to get people to join us. There is no space to teach. No freedom to invite guests in.

Won Pil Kim nodded his head in agreement but without much feeling of hope. As he wiped the sweat from his brow, he thought to himself, "Where would we ever get enough money for a place of our own? And where would we even find a place?" Every dwelling in all Pusan is surely full to overflowing.

Father didn't seem to notice the heat, as his brow formed a thoughtful wrinkle. "I want to show you a place tomorrow, Won Pil."

The next morning, Won Pil Kim followed Father up the steep Pusan Net Rok hill where Father had hidden and prayed so many times. They climbed beyond the city to a place where only a few could squat in one house stood.

"The Pusan people tell a story," said Father. "that on this hill a white tiger once appeared. From the time it roared, no one wants to live here. They are so superstitious."

"Yes, Father," answered Won Pil Kim, "I can understand why."

"We will build a house right here," announced Father as he pointed to a huge rock rising out of the rough, rocky ground. He did not look at his young disciple's surprised face but continued sharing his plans enthusiastically. "We will gather stones and wood and anything else we can find for our building. But first we must level this spot off. I already found a shovel and a sack. We can fill it with dirt from over there, dump it here and pack it down tight. That will be our floor."

He had already packed up an old shovel and a big cloth bag from their hiding place and was walking to the place he had pointed out. Won Pil Kim followed him and soon found himself holding the bag, while Father shoveled dirt into it. When it was full, Won Pil Kim carried it near the big rock and dumped it into the holes. By the time it was returned. Father had more dirt already dug up to shovel into the bag. After awhile, they changed jobs. Father worked so fast, however, Won Pil Kim couldn't get very much dirt dug up before Father was emptying the bags. They knew that when it rained, these boxes wouldn't last very long, but there weren't enough wooden boxes to be found.

Once, as they were building, the house fell down. Twice, it fell down. But Father never even frowned. He just figured out what was wrong and began again.

Finally, on the third try, they built something resembling a house—a shack, really. On clear nights Father and Won Pil Kim climbed up the hill to admire the stars through the cracks in their roof. In wet weather, rain would drip through and turn their dirt floor into mud. But they were too eager to move in.

One day in September, they were able to stand back and admire their finished handiwork. Their very own home! Here they would be able to stretch out to sleep. They would be free of the landlord's questioning eyes. They could cook their own meals. They could breathe fresh air. And most of all, they could invite people in whenever they wished—for this house was not just for themselves. It was for doing God's work.

Before they even thought of moving their few belongings in, however, they knelt down to pray. They thanked God for their new home and dedicated it to Him. This humble hut of boxes and stones was God's most holy house.
I imagine a person going way over the speed limit as he races down the road, skidding him right in his rear view mirror and sees the police. He pulls over only after being followed a long distance. He protests he didn’t do anything wrong, that everyone is driving fast. The policeman says nothing but just starts writing out a ticket. The man starts to cry that it’s not fair and, besides, he doesn’t have the money to pay for a ticket. The policeman keeps writing. The man takes the ticket, tears it up and throws it on the ground. Now the policeman takes out his book and writes another ticket for littering. The man screams he hates the police and threatens the officer. Now another car pulls up and the man is taken away to jail.

In this scenario, the man in the car is of course acting like a child. Children use all the above tactics, and more, to get their way with their parents. The police officer of course is in the position of a parent, in this case, a healthy, confident one. With too many parents, the childish strategies used above are unfortunately effective; parents give in to the child’s tactics or engage in a power struggle as they battle the police. Why are the police so effective while some parents are not? It’s because the police use certain basic principles of discipline effectively.

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gos in the linked boat were acting. But I knew everything was all right when one of the more entertaining fellows started making thrusting motions toward me with his fishing knife: an obvious non-verbal communication of “It’s all right to cut our anchor rope if that will help.” And frankly it did help. Unfortunately, by this time we had drifted through the fishing spot with the other nine boats, all of which had actors and comedians every bit as talented as my new friends. Apparently, acting angry is a Brazilian way for fishing buddies to communicate. As they courteous, moreover, friendly, helpful, I didn’t have the heart to say “Eu não falo Português,” so I just politely smiled, resulting in more of theanimation.

When I finally got my anchor up, I looked up and noticed that a boat had moved into the spot vacated by my new-found friends. By who now had drifted quite some distance away. I thought the fellows in the other boat would have been displeased to lose their spot. However, I knew they were good sports when they began waving their knives toward me. Obviously show- ing a person how to fillet a fish is a Brazilian way of saying “You’re welcome any day. Come back again soon.” Nonetheless, I decided not to stay and fish in the area, since all the companions of the other fishermen had probably scared off all the fish. I fished some distance away the rest of the day.

As you can see, I am learning a lot during my stay here in Brazil. Already I am on the lookout for a reputation for myself. I can’t wait for my wife, Lourdes, a native Brazil- an, to come down here from the United States and see how all the fishermen stare at me when I go by, like I’m some kind of super- fisherman or something. I am sure she will be impressed.

**Reality, An Effective Discipline for Children**

by David Kasbow—Detroit, MI

They use:
1) A clear set of fair laws agreed upon by the community.
2) Actions, not words, to enforce the law.
3) Enforcement that is respectful but decisive and consistent.

The policeman doesn’t nag or scream “Do you know you could hurt someone out here?” or “How many times do we have to tell you not to speed?” or “What am I going to do with you? You’re hopeless?” He just writes out a ticket and the system in place backs it up with ever-increasing levels of action. If the ticket is not paid, the fine goes up. If the person gets multiple tickets, his license will be taken away. If he drives after that he ends up in jail. All of this is done quite calmly. No emotion is involved, no excess energy is wasted.

This model I think can be of benefit to parents. Kevin Leman calls it “reality discipline.” The theme is that in the real world there are numerous realities which we all must face to get along in society and the closer the parents model the real world in their family, the better off their children will be. For ideas on setting up such a model, see Richard and Linda Eyre’s book, *3 Steps to a Strong Family*.

It is important to note that discipline is not punishment. The dictionary describes discipline as “train- ing which develops self-control, char- acter, etc.” It comes from the word “disciple.” This is an excellent way to think of raising children; they are to be Christ’s disciples.

The key to making it work is for parents have the willingness to not pro- tect their children from reality, to not bail them out. Of course, loving one’s children is to have a clear set of expec- tations for them, but just as impor- tant, loving them is giving them the freedom to experience the consequences of their decisions about following these expectations. To be blunt, it is to let them fall on their face some- times. This is quite anxiety-producing for some parents. It’s hard to let John- ny walk to school when he sleeps in late and misses the bus. But it’s just this kind of expe- rience which builds Johnny’s self-respect and self-esteem. When he can take respon- sibility for his failure and get himself where he needs to be, when he needs to be there, he has united his mind and body centered on the truth. Goodness is the result; he is an active, responsible citizen.

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Money and the Universal Prime Force

by David Burton—New Haven, CT

This is from a sermon given at the Connecticut Church of Friends. When I look at the physical universe we can see there is a vertical and horizontal order. The vertical order begins with the smallest particles, the quarks, electrons and neutrinos, and ends with the whole physical universe. Unification Thought calls this the "macrocosm." We do have to be careful how we use the terms vertical and horizontal; they can mean opposite things depending on the context. Vertical can mean internal, or spiritual, and horizontal can mean external or physical. Vertical can be lineal and horizontal a single generation, or history vertical and the present horizontal. The term vertical defines the direction as an increase in complexity or size of scale. The vertical thus begins with the smallest least complex things, the elementary particles, and runs up to a series of stages that I will represent by atoms, molecules, materials, planets (and suns) and galaxy, and macrocosm. At each vertical stage there is also a horizontal structure holding together a similar quality, i.e., at the level of the heavyenu bodies, centering on the sun, the planets have a horizontal order. We can therefore begin to see how this whole vertical and horizontal order. We can therefore begin to see how this whole vertical and horizontal order. When we look at the physical universe again. Say we were able to break this vertical line so that we could see something of the way these forces operate. What we need the proton and electron exchanging photons? Of course this is not the only thing that makes a family, but what I am getting at is that this is an essential part. For example, in the physical universe each level the larger levels cannot come into existence. The same is true also for the family. If we do not maintain the vertical flow of UPF (money) in both directions, it depends on us to connect it to God's purpose. Only if we connect, we are not automatically connected to God's purpose. So that as UPF is multiplied through us it depends on us to connect ourselves to that purpose can the UPF (money) flow both along vertical and horizontal axes. We can begin to see the emergence of God's world and plan.

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only cause division. That tithing was a private matter between the individual and God. Based on what I have been trying to explain, I disagree with that position. Tithing is a matter between the individual and God, but it is also between the family and God, and the tribe and God. If we really feel part of a larger whole, our tribe or community, it is not wrong for that community to know who is contributing to its life.

Of course we cannot stop at the tribal level any more than we can stop at the individual or family level if God’s will is to be realized. Thus we can begin to see how we can be connected to world level events. To be connected to the larger levels there must be an uninterrupted axis centered nation may occur. The unity of God’s individuals, families and tribes, i.e. sufficient money from brothers and sisters joined in a candlelight for the third one that Power financial situation in Korea, even though the amount of money the widow offered was extremely small, much less than the offering of the rich people, because the heart of the offering was completely pure. She was offering money out of what she really needed for her own existence, not just giving from what she had left over. God could accept it and use it more than the larger external offerings of the rich people. Because the purpose element of UPF offered by the widow was connected to God, God could use it more than an offering where the purpose element was not connected.

Traditionally of course in the Judeo Christian tradition it is ten percent of our income offered vertically that is the condition for God to accept the rest horizontally. Maybe you cannot even offer ten percent. It is however, extremely important to offer something. We must make some kind of conditional offering vertically. Your heart in the offering is what is important. Additionally when you do offer something, offer something at each level. I believe it is a mistake to offer something at each level, with the horizontal level too. We should try to meet these goals, but in reality we may not actually be able to meet them. Even if we cannot meet them it is still important to offer something at each level, with the heart and desire to offer more. With the correct heart I believe God can accept the offering, and we can be connected at each level.

This is the reason I choose the Bible reading today. In Israel at the time of Jesus the widows’ lot was particularly miserable. With no income or property, they often lived in poverty. So even though the amount of money the widow offered was extremely small, much less than the offering of the rich people two of the smallest coins, because the heart of the offering was completely pure. She was offering money out of what she really needed for her own existence, not just giving from what she had left over. God could accept it and use it more than the larger external offerings of the rich people. Because the purpose element of UPF offered by the widow was connected to God, God could use it more than an offering where the purpose element was not connected.
Being a father involves much more than just having sex and siring offspring. Dr. Emma S. Etuk, a Nigerian-American history professor who lives and works in the Washington, D.C., area, makes that point over and over again in his little 97-page book. [Emma is a male name in Nigeria].

In it, Etuk, who is also founder of Nigeria for Christ Ministries, draws heavily from the Bible to construct a model of the ideal father. His assumption is that you can’t be a good father without approaching the ideal through the Word of God.

“In America today, fatherhood is highly sexualized,” Etuk writes. “And children, the dear products of our procreative endeavors, have become the unpleasant casualties of our free-for-all, immovable sexual appetites. ‘Fatherhood is not for babies. It is for mature adults.’

Since children are ‘God’s precious gifts to us,’ each child needs as good a father as possible.

So how do we become a good father? Etuk asks us to look at God, the Heavenly Father, and at Jesus Christ, the perfect image of God. Jesus well describes God’s nature in his Sermon on the Mount. There, God is depicted as allowing His sun to shine on the just and the unjust. God is liberal and good. He is loving, tolerant, patient, kind, and forgiving. This is the way a father should be, Etuk says.

There are four requirements to being a good father: 1) physical maturity, 2) intellectual maturity, 3) financial maturity, and 4) spiritual maturity.

To be physically mature involves not just sexual maturity but sexual purity.

Intellectual maturity means having a good level of education, one which will allow the father to guide his children through the many challenging areas of the educational system and the rest of today’s society.

Financial maturity involves keeping a stable, decent-paying job prior to having children.

Spiritual maturity means being thoroughly and deeply grounded in God’s truth and in prayerful relationship with God.

All in all, Fatherhood Is Not for Babies is a good read—inspiring and conscience-rousing. It can be bought for $7.95 by calling 1-800-325-9492 or 1-800-688-4986.
As this article goes to press there is much talk about conspiracy. Certain liberal- right-wing media are in the headlines, speaking darkly of their persecution by a “vast right-wing conspiracy.” Conservatives assert that they’re busy fending off an “arrogant left-wing power grab.” It is difficult to be up-to-date in this monthly forum, but we can certainly speak of wider trends and topics. Now and throughout history, few topics run deeper than conspiracies, real or imagined.

For decades the American Left has derided a wealthy “military-industrial complex.” Recently, the Right has warned of a cozy “government-media complex.” Both are alleged to be marching together toward diabolical goals.

It is said that “some people make things happen, others watch what happens, and some wonder what happened.” The more informed and involved we are, the harder we try to understand why things happen. Then we begin to realize just how many factors shape the course of events. In addition, there may well be seemingly random factors, or factors known to us only.

Conspiracies are often tied to events like the JFK assassination, which is the subject of numerous books. Many of these books can and do make mincemeat of the government’s “case,” and raise disturbing, unanswered questions. Unfortunately, the answers the books try to provide are often contradictory at best. (Similar books are now being written about the controversial death of two high government officials.)

Conspiracy theories abound, and in Talk Radio and the Internet these have found a vast new forum. But are they true? Are any of them based in reality?

Analysis

Let us examine what an actual Conspiracy would have to consist of.

1) A powerful, clandestine organization, whether large or small, covert or partially known, ancient or relatively new (such matters, anything less would be ineffective).

2) Selfless people, at least on an intellectual level, believing and defending their narrow interests. (As opposed to seeking individual wealth or power.)

3) A self-perceived elite, acting boldly and outside the law. Regarding themselves as divinely, or satanically- or otherwise- appointed. (Otherwise they’d be as bland as other people.)

4) Non-democratic, even amongst themselves. No serious dissent would be allowed. (Few public dissenters have ever appeared.)

5) Long-term plans and determinations. (Otherwise the project’s focus would die with its founders.)

6) A large-scale program and goal. (Small ones are simply uninteresting, and likely to be overwhelmed.)

7) Regard themselves as hidden—what? Guardians of society? Long-term thinkers, pulling the strings from within the centers of power, as dramatized in the “X-Files.” One author posits an overarching “Committee of 300.”

Organizations

The sheer variety of alleged conspiracies is impressive. Some patently false ones supposedly involve: Jewish elders, bankers (as a class), British royalty, space aliens, etc. Many real organizations have been tagged as “more than they appear.” Amongst the spiritual: the Vatican, Masons, Rosicrucians, etc. And from the secular: the Council on Foreign Relations, Bilderbergers, etc.

There are some entities: allegiances to continue in existence: the Knights Templar, Illuminati, Ninjas, etc. Also, remnants of annihilated groups such as the Sect of the Assassins, and Nazi satanic cults. This author has heard rumors have had great difficulty gaining acceptance. Recently unsealed KGB records vindicate Joseph McCarthy—and this has hardly been reported. (However, there was only a “book against agent behind every other bush.”)

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A few politicians are statesmen, seeking their people’s long-term gain over the short-term popularity. Most try to wrest all the control they can . . .

Reality

If potent Conspiracies do exist, they will be encountered as God’s Providence expands. It’s going to be hard enough dealing with known power centers! (See Into the Mainstream, July 1996.) Hopefully, any hidden powers will see the wisdom of God’s Principle.

Vast, long-term plots of a supposedly diabolical nature do exist, but they have spiritual, not human, roots. God and Satan are the real conspirators. They are masterminds with very different styles, not to mention goals.

In the past, few providential figures understood their true place in this great effort. Certainty, no mortal ever explained it to them. Even so, some knew they were following the past masters. For example, it is said that Charlemagne’s son Pepin the Short felt a close affinity with King David. Just like known leaders, any and all conspirators (no matter how powerful) will ultimately be judged by their support of, or opposition to, God’s Providence.

The deepest trends of history are guided by invisible, purposeful men and women of good will. People empowered by their closeness to God. Parents, brother-in-laws, and children—beyond...

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Peter Wettstein—WWW

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One day, everything was peaceful. The next day, the papers were covered with massive headlines; television and radio was running amok. It was the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal. It was as if a natural disaster had hit. In fact, one English commentator writing in the Wall Street Journal did comment that our president's pants should be declared a national disaster area.

The allegations stretched the national shock envelope a bit further. It seems that there was an affair in the Oval Office, and official advice to be about it. This is it. We think. Clinton's had it; the toughest tellon can't protect against this dirt. We await a forthright statement from the White House, as if we expect Mr. and Mrs. Clinton to share our dismay, our sense of disgrace.

Then we witness the demons of democracy set in. We hear the careful denials--as one columnist put it, the "lawyerly responses." "No, I didn't have a twelve year affair" (it was eleven and a half year). The accused finds no need to comment, other than "Let the whole story come out.

Okay, but why think, as all the president's men turn the spotlight around. "What did she really say? When did she say it?" why did she say it? What was that again? What's in it for her? Hey, we've got a country to run here; do we really want to waste our time on all these rumors? We'll cooperate; everyone is cooperating with what these kooks are coming up with. We'll give them their day in court. Due process. We feel just as terrible about what she really said, what's that again? What's a president?

In my humble opinion, what gave birth to this scandal was guided by the moral sense, not by the details. The very fact of the national arm's not strong enough to cast that heavy stone. A substantial number of Americans have committed adultery, with no apparent great harm done. Almost everyone entertains adulterous thoughts occasionally, like... everyday. The thought occurs; the eyes stray; no one can control it. It is amazing how adultery turns from repugnant to banal. Analysis and repetition dull the moral sense; we tire of the endless chase for firer Clinton. Let him go; it's not worth it. Let him govern the country; somebody has to do it.

Let's Change the Subject

We are glad to allow ourselves to be distracted from the real question: is adultery a crime? Is adultery right or wrong? We are soft on this; it is an unpleasant subject. Why? because we personally cannot solve it. Some of our best friends are adulterers. We almost cheered when Rose committed what amounted to adultery in Titanic. Some times, we let ourselves think, love is bigger than marriage. Adultery. Our President. The very fact he had it; the toughest tellon can't protect against this dirt. We await a forthright statement from the White House, as if we expect Mr. and Mrs. Clinton to share our dismay, our sense of disgrace.

In the process, we fail to note what is really happening. There once was a marriage between the American people and our Presidency, sealed by the oath of office. The man pledged to be faithful to the ideals for which we stand. To those who believe in these ideals, the Clintons represent a blatant violation. To those who, with the Clintons, have transcended (to put it kindly) these ideals, there is nothing to violate. In either case, the Clintons are cheating on America.

A Jules Feiffer cartoon in the New York Times said it well. A small boy is watching the television news. Out of the boob tube comes incessant reference to sex and the president. "Sex-the President Sex, see-sex-the President. More sex, more sex, more and more sex. That reminds me of a line he used to say: "Mom, what's a president?"

Instant President

Even Mr. Feiffer, a voice of the left, is moved by this president's disregard for the family. Clinton has a showcase family. His big-screen daughter is in college now. Vernon-Jordan was quoted, early on in the scandal, saying how he had known the Clintons since the early days, and how he visited their home one morning after Clinton had lost the Arkansas gubernatorial race. And, Mr. Jordan described baby Chelsea climbing on his lap, and Hillary cooking instant grits. Ignoring for a moment the question of, what the heck are instant grits, it must have been a lovely morning. "My, my, Mrs. Hillary, but that instant grits taste great!"

Now, I spent several years in the south, and I had lots of grits. But instant grits must be somewhat distant kin to those butter mashed potatoes. Yuchh. And who would remember, twenty years later, how they were at someone's house, and the wife was there making instant mashed potatoes? It's almost as if it's Chelsea climbing on his knees. Somehow, the Clintons' actions undermine the believability of their family life. It's something like an instant family.

Sooner or later, those who undermine marriage and family will fall. Consider an event as devastating as the American Civil War. President Lincoln, who was in a position to know such things, stated, when he met Harriet Beecher Stowe, "So this is the little lady who started this big war." What was it that Stowe had done? She had written a book called Uncle Tom's Cabin. Lincoln was stating his fear. He had, beyond all the political, economic, religious and social action, ignored the north to fight.

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Rev. Pak Speaks to National Baptist Convention

by Richard L. Lewis—NYG

Rev. Joong Hyun Pak took the providence a great step forward as a keynote speaker at the National Baptist Convention (NBC) held January 19–22, 1998, in Los Angeles. This Convention is one of the largest associations of Baptist churches in America, including some 33,000 churches. Speakers to the Convention this year also included Rev. Jesse Jackson and singer Stevie Wonder.

Rev. Pak was invited to speak to some 2,000 clergy, including the NBC state presidents of 50 states. His speech was entitled, “True Families and the Kingdom of God in America.” Prior to the speech he was able to have a constructive meeting with Dr. Henry Lyons, President of the NBC, and his family and staff. They understood the crucial role of the family for the future of America, and the necessity to strengthen the family through marriage rededication and True Family Values.

Dr. Lyons was concerned that the larger body of clergy might not be completely receptive to a message from a different denomination, but in the spirit and wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King, who was a member of the Convention, he invited Rev. Pak to speak. Rev. Pak was the first Asian, by the way, to formally address the NBC.

Rev. Pak first thanked the NBC for their support during Reverend Moon’s imprisonment in Danbury and the work of the Coalition for Religious Freedom. He then outlined the True Family Values Ministry and the role of the Blessing in rededicating families to a God-centered marriage. He spoke of his admiration for Dr. Martin Luther King and his efforts to bring religious and racial harmony.

The wisdom of Dr. Lyons’ ecumenism was vindicated when Rev. Pak’s speech received a standing ovation!