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TRUE MOTHER'S AMERICAN SPEAKING TOUR

LOS ANGELES

by Godwin d'Silva—Los Angeles, CA

As we looked anxiously across the skies waiting for the plane to appear, it suddenly appeared out of a white puff of cloud hovering over Los Angeles airport (LAX). This was truly the most perfect day seen in Los Angeles in a long time.

The previous day was the storm before the calm; and how appropriate on Easter Morning April 12, the weather cleared for True Mother's Hoon Dok Hwe speech.

The plane landed and the VVIP entourage was quickly escorted to the Westin Hotel at LAX. This Hotel has the largest lobby, ballroom and Presidential Suite in the whole LAX area. In fact, True Father held a religious conference back in 1988 in this hotel. The story (as verified by the Hotel) goes that Father was quite unhappy with the decor of the presidential suite and had made suggestions on how to improve it. The Hotel

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TORONTO

By Mitch Dixon—Toronto, Canada

T rue Mother embraced an overflow crowd at the Korean Canadian Cultural Center in Toronto, Thursday night, April 16, as a conclusion to her 16-city, Spring '98 speaking tour across North



America. The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification sponsored the event. The auditorium was packed within 15 minutes of the program's beginning with more and see **TORONTO** on page 6

BRIDGEPORT

by Aurora Lee—Bridgeport CT

T he Family Federation for World Peace and Unification drew a host of local VIP's and an audience of nearly 1200 guests on April 2. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the founder, gave the keynote address entitled "Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life" at 7:30pm in the Mertens Theater of the Arnold Bernhard Art and Humanities Center.

The Unification Campus Ministry invited Dr. Moon to come to UB as one of her 16 stops in America. According to Rev. Krys Hempowicz, the Connecticut director of FFWPU and Unification Campus Ministry, "Mrs. Moon is on her third world tour since 1994 promoting world peace through a blessing of marriage re-dedication to God."

The Moon family and organization have been the source of a lot of controversy in America over the past 24 years and around the world. Last year they officiated over a marriage rededication of over 40 million couples and this spring they will bless in see **BRIDGEPORT** on page 7

UNIVERSAL BALLET TOURS THE UNITED STATES

by Anne Inoue—Seoul & Sunny Charla Asch—Los Angeles

It was 7:00 a.m. in Seoul. The sleepy dancers, most of whom stayed up all night packing, stumbled onto the waiting busses for the drive in the morning traffic to the airport. Here they would board their plane for the long flight (via Japan) to the United States. Fifteen hours later, after crossing the international date line, it was still morning when the Universal Ballet arrived at Los Angeles' International Airport on March 11, 1997. During the long flight the dancers slept, read, chatted and, of course, wondered about their first tour of the United States and Canada.

When the passports had been checked and the luggage cleared through customs, the dancers climbed onto two

waiting busses for the first stop on their tour — a day of fun at Universal Studios where they could relax, enjoy the famed rides and attractions of this internationally acclaimed amusement park and get their first taste of fun, American style.

Was this an unusual way to start an arduous 12 city tour that was to include performances in Los Angeles and Riverside (California), Spokane (Washington), Victoria (British Columbia, Canada), St. George (Utah), Lake Charles and Shreveport (Louisiana), Raleigh (North Carolina), Fairfax and Norfolk (Virginia), Las Vegas and New York City? At first glance maybe, but this diversion was an essential part of the time adjustment for the dancers. They needed to stay awake until the normal



Los Angeles nighttime so they could quickly adjust and avoid the damaging effects of jet lag.

After Universal Studios, the company checked into the hotel which would be their first American "home" and had dinner.

Everyone seemed happy to have an early bedtime.

The same afternoon work began in the theater as the ballet's technical staff, led on this tour by Aaron

Carmichael and Soo-Chun Yum, joined with the staff at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex to unload the first of two 45 foot semi-trucks that would be used to transport scenery, set pieces, wardrobe trunks, ballet barres and boxes and cases of equipment that would be needed for the productions of "Swan Lake" and "Shim Chug". Each production (sets, scenery, props, costumes), traveled in its own truck which would not be unloaded until it was time for that ballet to be performed.

The sets, backdrops, and costumes for "Swan Lake" and "Shim Chung" had begun their part of the tour in February when they traveled in containers from Seoul to the port of Pusan, Korea, where they were loaded onto ships for the long ocean voyage to Long Beach, California.

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INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM Religious Freedom and the New Millennium

by Alex Colvin—Washington, DC

From April 17 to April 19, 142 religious leaders, scholars, human rights activists, and government officials gathered at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington DC to engage in penetrating dialogue and discussion on the theme "Religious Freedom and the New Millennium." The conference, hosted by the International Coalition for Religious

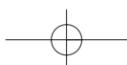
Freedom and cosponsored by The Washington Times Foundation, afforded participants from 45 nations in Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and North America an opportunity to review the state of religious freedom in the world, examine common concerns, and formulate strategies to for achieving religious freedom throughout the globe in the 21st century.

The conference began on Friday evening with a reception. The atmos-

phere was charged with anticipation as guests relaxed and exchanged greetings. Some had traveled form as far as Japan, Uzbekistan, the CIS, and the Philippines. Perhaps even more significantly, the group represented a wide variety of religious traditions, ranging from Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christianity, to Islam, to Buddhism and Shintoism. Some participants came from religious organizations with millennial histories, while others were

members of new religious movements. The gathering was truly a microcosm of our planet's global culture, yet from the start, these individuals, grounded in faith and united in a common commitment to freedom, related to one another in a spirit of friendliness and openness.

The reception was followed by a welcoming banquet. Mr. Dan Fefferman, ICRF Executive Director, acted as the see **ICRF** on page 8



FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

44th Anniversary of the Founding of HSA-UWC

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is an excerpt from a sermon given May 1, 1998 at Belvedere, NY. Translation by Rev. Peter Kim. Unofficial Notes by Tyler Hendricks

Everything is rooted in love. Therefore we must understand how we can make equalization centering on love. It begins with man and woman standing on true love. Each step expands, from individual to family, and so forth. At each step, the previous level is included in the successor. From Adam's family, there expanded eight levels. Even if these levels expanded, the origin is the same, and the nucleus is the same: plus and minus. This is the centerline of each level.

We all have mind and body. As our mind and body exist as subject object, the entire universe resembles that, as a pair system. What is the center of this pair system? True love. On every level, the center is the individual thing, but from a bird's eye view each level expands. So I represent the universe, the nation, the tribe, the people and the family. That is what I am. Therefore we can say that the universe is the result of the expansion of man and woman, us ourselves.

The world of nature has the same principle but on a lower level. On every level, mineral, plant and animal, we see the pair system with the same center, Universal Prime Force. God dwells as the subject of dual characteristics in every being, and provides the force of existence. Even one strand of hair has universal prime force in it, on a lower level, because all things resemble God. Therefore, Universal Prime Force is the energy that brings give and take relationship. Universal Prime Force never changes. The law of division of species is strict. The theory of evolution is wrong. The Universal Prime Force is in each being. Even in the human face is the pair system. The eyes represent God. There are three stages in the face. The nose is two becoming one. The mouth, throat, arms... centering on the centerline, groups of three are being formed.

Three forms a circle. Three stages from different angles form a circle. They all resemble God. Your eyes guide your body. The universe functions because of God. The pairs create a balance. The brain harmonizes the sounds of your two ears. You use two hands to catch something. To create balance, you need a pair. The universe exists this way.

By the same token, our mind and body should keep a balance. If you encounter a big object, your mind expands to cope with it and the body follows. Our knees balance our body. Even when we lay down, we need balance. This balance is based on the principle, or it is not balance. Eyes exist as eyes, and nose as nose, each with a principle of internal operation and of operation one with the other.

In each species there is subject and object, but between species is no subject and object. So the theory of evolution does not fit with the reality.

What is first, concept or reality? (Concept.) Communists believe that reality comes first. Look at the eyes. They are made of material. Before the eyes were

formed, the material itself did not expect the world into which the eyes would be born. There is a tear duct, which keeps your eyes lubricated. But the material itself did not know this. Some force knew that the eye would need water.

Can you see your brain? No, but it harmonizes the five senses. If you hold your nose and blow, the air will be emitted from the ear and eyes. They are connected.

Women have larger hips, so they prefer sitting down to standing. It is like a storage space for your baby. So women should live sitting down more. If she goes out too much, it is not good. If a husband holds a baby for more than one hour sitting down, his bottom will be sore. But the fat on the woman's hips creates a cushion. Thus children want to sit on the mommy's lap. Also they want to touch the softness of the breasts. Like they jump on the soft bed; they like to sit on soft mommy. So mothers, not fathers, take care of babies. Mothers take care of clothes, food, etc.

In the West, there is the woman's demand for equal rights, such as doing an equal amount of dishes. No, there should be a distinction between north and south poles. Between them can be created the life of many children. Do you want to have many children, or only one or two? (Many.) Why?

The secret to control your husband is to have many children and create heartistic relations with the children. Gradually, you will be able to control your husband as you do your children. Children are your training to control the tiger, the king.

If the husband has a bad temper, will the children be the same? The children will resemble him. Then as you learn to deal with the children's temper, you learn how to deal with him.

There are 12 types of human character, the east and west agree. So if you have 12 children, dealing with these personalities, you will become a rounded person. You will meet a mayor who reminds you of your third son, etc. So parents who raise many children cannot become evil. Evil means the self-centered way of life. The more selfish, the more evil. As you raise your 12 children, you deal with 12 personalities, their difficulties and struggles. Eventually you will come to resemble God.

If you have 12 children at home, 365 days a year, you will learn 360 ways to deal with them, passing through 360 situations. You can sit and deal with all people's situations, and you can offer what you have to please them. You can serve and give to them. Why is the mother the master or queen of the house? Suppose you have 10 young children? To whom do they run first? Mommy. At each meal, they think of mama. The children run around the father. The father does not need to do diaper change, giving bath, etc. If he does, there is no center in your family.

So the entire universe is balanced through the pair system, but what of the world's families? If yours are not, you will decline. Is there a mother who can be selfish when she deals with her baby? Even a mother bird is not. They sacrifice their lives for their babies. What of secular mothers? Don't they put the child into a separate room? The

baby should be born and cared for by the mother. As it grows, then it starts to deal with the father, like after three years. The mother therefore grows as the son grows. That way, the center point is enlarged and grows bigger. If babies do not receive this, they will not fit, and they will feel the world is hell. Such a woman should repent.

Mother is form stage, baby is growth stage, and they go together to the completion stage, represented by the father. From his point of view, he should love his wife as he does his children. Which should he love more? The children should be a bridge connecting you and your husband. You kiss each child at night, and as you kiss all the children, you kiss your wife. 12 children at one kiss each, means 12 kisses to your wife. So make sure your wife also gives them a kiss. That way the woman becomes a good mother and wife.

Do women want to follow their father or mother? Children want to follow the mother more, because she is the center of love, receiving her husband's love. The child sees the mother being kissed by the father. Therefore they want her attention. She will win the love award ceremony, followed by the children, and the father will come in last. But there are women who are like thieves.

Whose is your flesh? What did the father contribute to you? He gave only the seed. 99% is from the mother. Therefore it is more natural for the mother and child to become one. So she should be able to embrace them and build harmony and unity. Then she can claim she is the best wife and woman. Then in spirit world God will stamp her as the queen of wives.

If your husband supported your reaching that level, then he will follow you and be declared king. Do you want to live that way? (Yes.) Do many other people of this world? (No.)

During a training session, you should have a small room, like a mother's womb. There you are well taken care of and trained well. You should likewise live a humble life. You are trained that way in the Unification Church and therefore you can go anywhere. Unification Church members should be needed and wanted anytime and anywhere. We can work day and night, and Satan will be defeated. We should be able to work without eating and sleeping, even if everyone else runs away. Satan has to eat, sleep and rest. Satan likes to eat and sleep more than God does. But nonetheless, God's stomach is bigger than Lucifer's.

Among all people, does Rev. Moon sleep most or least? (Least.) How about you? He keeps such a schedule that no one can keep up with him. Even Satan has to take a break. During that time, Rev. Moon expands his terri-

tory. While the fallen world is sleeping, Rev. Moon is expanding his territory. But it is for the sake of the world.

Do you like Rev. Moon? (Yes.) When it is pouring rain and I say, let's go fishing, everyone puts on a long face and runs away. I am the only one remaining, so I claim myself to be the king of the realm of love. I am the only king, but my color is bright. The insects are attracted by light. Then the insects attract birds, and thus it expands.

Colored people are attracted to Rev. Moon. Such will become farmers and white people will depend upon their industry. The only thing going for whites is Christianity itself. They did not have any knowledge of God originally, but it was easy to convert them to the heavenly side. This is why Christianity will follow the Unification Church.

Which religious leader received the most persecution in world history? Reverend Moon alone, not the Unification Church. But Father wants to give the credit to you, as champions of the world. But I am the greater champion than you are. I am the true love champion of giving the Blessing.

Almost each family has struggles, divorce, and so forth. But Rev. Moon wants to claim all these families by giving them the Blessing. He is the champion of kings.

While persecution always comes, Father puts his head down and walks, but we put our hips up and fly around. We do not understand what Father is going through. We take the 360 million couples blessing lightly, as if it were time for us to fly.

Father is gaining the central position on central line. To have a new world start, you begin at the original point. Gears that are meshed turn in opposite directions. This represents God and Satan's worlds meeting and turning in different directions. Today is the 44th

CALENDAR	
MAY	
1	43 Couples' Blessing (1969) HSA-UWC Established (1954)
5	Hyun Jin Nim's 29th Birthday
15	36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
16	Day of the Love of God (1984) Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
18	Shin Yeon Nim's 8th Birthday
21	118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
26	TRUE DAY OF ALL THINGS (1963)
JUNE	
4	72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
11	Young Jin Nim's 20th Birthday
13	39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
14	Jeung Jin Nim's 16th Birthday (1982)
23	Day of One Heart (1989)
JULY	
1	2075 Couples' Blessing (1982) DECLARATION DAY OF GOD'S ETERNAL BLESSING (1991)
24	124 Couples' Blessing (1963)

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anniversary. 4 and 4 are like the two gears. 4 represents 4 directions. Two 4's represents 8, new beginning.

Satan took the number four, so within 4 years, the providence should be completed; by 2001. Then the new world will start. The new world is not this kind of fallen world, but the True Parents world, the world of true love. True love is the essence of everything, even germs. Germs have Universal Prime Force, as does everything on the lower level.

Man represents the vertical plus/minus. We stand and walk; no animals do. We are the vertical center of the universe. Westerners shake hands horizontally; animals walk on four legs. Men are supposed to greet each other vertically, bowing from the waist. Orientals write vertically, and from right to left. Westerners horizontally from left to right. Both sides are equal, divided by one vertical line. There is only one vertical line, although many horizontal lines. The true center is not a center of knowledge, power or wealth. The center is invisible. We cannot see love, life, lineage and conscience. Their center is where vertical and horizontal meet. The four concepts are one at the center. Love, life, lineage and conscience are vertical. The key point of our conscience is lineage, then life, and then love. Since everything was born of true love, the subject object relationship is unchanging. True love is unchanging.

Man was meant to be one, mind and body, but he fell and the mind and body separated. The original ideal is *il shim*, one mind, *il shin*, one body as husband and wife. The root is the oneness of the mind, then oneness of the body extends that. First vertical, then horizontal. On that foundation they become one with God, *il chae*. *Il chae* means one body, wholeness, but it includes oneness with God, according to Father.

The ultimate purpose of the universe is to go back to God, the origin. That way, we can claim God's mind. This is why we even desire something greater than God, as we want our love partner to be greater than ourselves, whether we recognize it or not.

Adam and Eve have greater power than God does to take care of the creation, although God created the principle by which they do it. So God wants to be their love partner. He created the model man and woman, to feel the same joy and happiness. For example, if a husband comes home with a headache and burden, if he sees his wife having a joyful time with the children, he will join in and enjoy it. The same with God joining in with Adam and Eve enjoying the creation. God created the fabric, but Adam and Eve do the embroidery.

So when you get home, you want your wife to pay attention to you. God created the human voice, with so many types and pitches. God enjoys all the different levels, bass, soprano, rough, smooth. God enjoys all His children. When Father started tuna fishing, he spent 21 days without even a strike. Did God enjoy watching that? Or was

it too tedious, with God becoming impatient? Even now, on the Hudson River, Father will sit on the same seat for 10 hours. He even casts and reels in the fish sitting down. It's very enjoyable. Father knows that God enjoys watching, so Father doesn't feel tired. It's fun. Everything should be based on "chae-mi," the Korean word for "fun."

HSA was born based on true love, life, lineage and conscience. True love means always giving, investing. Never stop giving. If you stop giving, you stop



growing. If you give, you will expand to fill the universe. Suppose you have a big pipe, which you continually fill with water. The water will eventually become a force to push you. The force will expand. The secret is to invest and forget what you have given. Then you become bigger. This means the sacrifice of myself for the sake of others.

Once you keep giving, when the universe is filled with your giving, then the universe becomes the central line (is connected with the central line?).

From 1954 to 1998, for 44 years, Father has invested everything. So it has been growing. If Father has something, he invests it. Therefore the foundation of the Unification Church is bigger than that of a nation. Then small nations want to join us and work together, so that they may become bigger too.

To live centered on your self-centered possession is like your downfall. If any nation insists on its possessions, it is not good. This is one world under God. The only owner is God. But the American credo is one nation under God. Hence the owner is not God, but Satan. It is really one cosmos under God. Rev. Moon is the man who is working to create this. True Parents advocate one world under God. The false parents' concept was one nation under God, ruled by people. One cosmos under God means we occupy and win the heart of God.

True love is the husband who sacrifices for his wife and forgets about it. Go through three stages of life and death. Then he can build the horizontal level.

Do you have the right of possession? Not on the basis of your citizenship or

university degree. You cannot possess it as your own. We own nothing. It belongs to God. I own nothing. Give everything, every time, until the world is restored.

The flat line is the base line, with no valleys or rivers, etc. This was the status of God when He created everything. All was done with absolute faith, pouring in absolute love. The pipe explodes because it is so full.

It is easy for fallen people to think we did things right based on logic, but

The secret is that the seed is clean and perfect. As a seed, if you want to fulfill your purpose, you must be buried in dirt, like wearing dirty clothes. Fertile land is always smelly from the fertilizer. You do not smell fragrance. It is like rotten human waste. If Rev. Moon is a true seed, he needs to wear all this dirty soil. That has been Father's life. He is pushing 80 now, but he is thinking to take these young guys to the Hudson River, to set a fishing record today.

Rev. Moon sits like a rock when it is pouring with lightning and thunder and others run away. Storms drive the fish away, but Father sits there like a rock and becomes more serious. A fish, after all, can bite anytime. Then when it strikes, it is so exciting. I await the future, when the big fish strikes. What excitement, jumping! This is the top of the universe. Everything resonates, spiritual and physical. Father has been waiting 40 years as if it were one day.

Without exception, no one wants to stay with Rev. Moon for this reason. But now they all are coming home and he is returning with the whole world. They have no other way to go. Now they realize that Rev. Moon is saving the family worldwide, so the American parents who opposed Rev. Moon realize that only he can save their children from homosexuality and free sex. So they say, stay here, Rev. Moon.

Some people steal Father's teaching, claiming it as their own teaching. When the time is full, Father makes a proclamation to conclude what happened during that period. Those who steal Father's teachings don't know this. They do not know what teachings are appropriate to the age. Such a thief will go to hell.

Father's record is 16 hours for one sermon. Isn't this the historical record? Also he has the record for the most books published under one name. His topics cover from physical life to spirit world, containing both quality and quantity. Father appears ignorant, but if you hear him talk, you see he knows everything. With spirit world, you needn't read books, but just look at a person and you can tap into the world of their mind and find the answer.

Did Father accomplish this by enjoying his life? No; he followed the difficult course. Even Mother begins searching for Father in the east when he is in the west, or in the morning when he is at night. When members in the old days heard that Father went to the mountain, they searched in the highest mountain or the deepest valley, the extremes. If you want to find Father in South America, go to the worst possible, most dangerous area, filled with alligators. Father will go and challenge the boa constrictor. Women withdraw, but Father goes forward.

When Father came to the US, he covered 48 states in 40 days to give speeches. At the same time he established 62 holy grounds, more than half of the 120 in the world. This was because of Christianity. Now America is the elder son nation. ❖

God will say "I created True Parents out of Rev. Moon." The masters of the fallen world will offer everything to God, and then God will give it to us. This woman, Lady General Kim, should not be proud of herself and demand that people listen to her, but should go to the servant's position, go to the bottom as the Unification Church members' servant. Father is the king of servants; she is General Servant.

Little Angels Perform in North Korea

from combined dispatches

South Korea's Unification Ministry announced on Saturday, April 25 that it had approved an application by the Little Angels to perform in Pyongyang, North Korea, May 2-12, staging three shows.

The cultural group's visit was arranged between the South's Korean Cultural Foundation and the North Korean Asia-Pacific Peace Committee.

The cultural foundation said it received an invitation from the North Korean committee on April 13 following talks in Pyongyang earlier in the month.

North Korea sent an invitation for the Little Angels to perform in Pyongyang four years ago but the trip was canceled as inter-Korean dialogue came to a halt over tension over North Korean nuclear project issues.

A KCF statement said, "We received a grant from the North on April 13 to perform in Pyongyang this year and hope the performance by these beautiful children will become the cornerstone in opening a new era of peace and harmony with the North."

The statement said the art troupe will perform South Korean folk dances and traditional songs as well as "Amazing Grace" and "We are the World."

The Little Angels art troupe, founded in 1962, is comprised of 200 elementary and middle school performers and has held 5,000 musical events in over 50 countries. A total of 68 people including Bo Hi Pak, president of the cultural foundation, and 30 technical and administrative staff arrived in Pyongyang via the Chinese capital, Beijing.

On May 3 the youth art troupe received a warm welcome, raising hopes for improved ties between the two hos-

tile nations, sponsors of the visit said.

Pyongyang's official media said the "Little Angels troupe arrived in Pyongyang Saturday and was warmly greeted by officials concerned with compatriotic feelings." "Schoolchildren in the city gave them bouquets and flowers, hardly repressing their joy at the emotional meeting with the fellow schoolboys and girls from South Korea," said the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

It was the first private cultural group

strengthen solidarity."

Seoul saw Kim's letter as "somewhat meaningful" and eased restrictions on inter-Korean business exchanges.

"As a whole, there is nothing new in the letter. But it is meaningful at this time since North Korea is calling for dialogue with the South despite the collapse of talks in Beijing," a South Korean official said.

The two sides last month held their first official government contact in near-

The new rules permit South Korean companies to engage in any type of business in the North except those classified as strategic defense industries, including electronics, aeronautics and computer science. The government also decided to grant multiple permissions to go to the North for South Koreans with business interests there. Dr. Pak is leading the entourage that includes 38 performers, all girls aged 9 to 14, and 30 adults.

The fact that Dr. Pak, who helped found the ensemble in 1962 and the Washington Times newspaper in 1982, can go from South to North Korea on such a mission symbolizes a shift in South Korea's outlook since President Kim Dae Jong took office in February. Dr. Pak angered a previous South Korean administration by attending the funeral of Kim Il Sung and meeting with his son, Kim Jong Il.

Threatened with arrest under South Korea's national security law for unauthorized contact with the North, he did not return to

Seoul from his residences in Tokyo and Washington until about a year ago, after receiving assurances that he would not have to face charges.

A North Korean performing arts group plans to visit Seoul, reciprocating a recent visit to the communist North by a choir from the South, a Seoul-based newspaper reported on May 12. The Segye Times, in its Wednesday edition, quoted an official of the Little Angels choir, which returned after performing in the North, as saying a basic agreement has been reached with a North Korean student art troupe.

It said details would be discussed later this year. ♦



from Seoul to visit Pyongyang. The two Koreas, still technically at war following the 1950-53 Korean conflict, exchanged visits by state-run art troupes during a brief thaw in 1985.

Dr. Bo Hi Pak, head of the Federation for World Peace, led the troupe in a series of meetings with North Korean officials and other people on Saturday and Sunday.

The visit followed North Korean President Kim Jong Il's letter, released by Pyongyang last week, which called for South and North Korea to exchange visits and improve relations.

KCNA quoted Kim as saying that "all the Koreans in the North, South and abroad must visit one another, hold contacts, promote dialogue and

ly four years to discuss economic aid and exchanges. But the Beijing talks broke down after the North refused to agree to a specific timetable for the reunion of families separated since the division of the peninsula in 1945.

The Unification Church is using an invitation for its song-and-dance troupe, the Little Angels, to perform in the North as an opportunity to talk about future relationships, church officials told the International Herald Tribune.

The day before the departure of the Little Angels troupe, the South Korean government removed the \$5 million ceiling on investment in the North by South Korean companies and did away with the \$1 million limit on machinery sent north to build factories.

by Mike Balcomb—New York, NY

Here is some news from the Pure Love Alliance.

1) The new Pure Love Alliance Newsletter is available as a PDF file on the PLA Homepage at <http://www.purelove.org/>.

2) Also there you will find information about the Pure Love Tour. It is now pretty solid that the dates will be August 1-20. The application form can be downloaded from the Internet, where you also can find the tour schedule. I hope you can announce the tour to anyone who may be interested.

Pure Love '98 Tour of Japan and Korea

The Pure Love Alliance is happy to announce Pure Love '98! Follow the tremendous success of the Pure Love '97 Absolute Sex National Tour through 26 US cities last year, we have been invited to take the Pure Love message

PLA Summer Tour

international with a tour to the Far East. We will visit seven cities in Japan and Korea.

This tour promises to be even more memorable than last year. We expect to be joined by hundreds of volunteers on tour and thousands of supporters at every city along the way. Unforgettable outings are planned to Mt. Fuji, Kyoto, Pusan and Seoul. And we finish up with a special 3-day "Lake Resort" workshop.

The provisional schedule is:

July 27 - 29: Harriman State Park, NY [possible separate program in LA] PLA Tour Orientation; rally in NY

July 30/31: New York and Los Angeles

Leave for Japan / Arrive. [participants from other nations should arrive July 31 in Tokyo]

August 1 - 3: Orientation & practice

together with Japanese tour volunteers

August 4 - 11: Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima, Fukuoka: 5 city Tour of Japan

August 12: Travel to Korea

August 13 - 16: Pusan, Seoul: 2 city Tour of Korea

August 17 - 19: Lake Resort: Special 3 days workshop

August 20: New York and Los Angeles: Return to the USA

We are looking for a maximum of 120 Western tour volunteers. However, spaces are being reserved for European and Russian students, and so participation is very limited. We invite you to fill in and return the application as soon as possible. The fee is \$1,000, and a \$100 deposit is needed to hold your space. All fees must be paid by July 15, 1998. The age limit is restricted to students in 11th grade or above, as of Sept. 1998.

For more information, call PLA at (212)382-1634 ext. 209. ♦

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Elder Son Nation and Blessing '98



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As True Father teaches us, indemnity was paid through the First and Second World Wars for the appearance of the Messiah, the Lord of the Second Advent in order for the three great blessings to be fulfilled. The nations of the world were divided into God's side and Satan's side. God's side always receives persecution first and then wins the victory. Satan strikes first, then Heaven takes back everything.

After World War II

Following World War II in 1945, Christianity rejected and persecuted True Father. Through bad media, True Father went an incredible path, his image bearing a bad crown. Just as before the crucifixion of Jesus, they made for him a crown of thorns.

Korea, the chosen nation out of which the Messiah was born, represented Adam; a new Eve nation was selected—Japan, an island nation, was chosen and America became the Archangel and Abel-type nation and Germany became the Cain-type nation.

From 1945 until 1952, a period of seven years, True Father tried to connect with Christianity in order to influence the entire world. The governments of Korea and America were connected and Christianity dwelled in both nations, because in earlier years American Christians pioneered in Korea and played a major role in establishing Christianity there. This was the serious strategy of God for the world mission. Through this kind of "highway" True Father could have come to America with great hope.

America was born out of England, hence was the son (daughter) of England. Following World War II, the most victorious nation was America. America became the center of the world. In America, the United Nations was established over 50 years ago in San Francisco, later settling in New York City.

True Father centered everything on America in the past 25 years because America is the central base of Christianity, and America also represents the first and second Israel, Judaism and Christianity. True Parents have invested everything in America. The Messiah comes on the worldwide, cosmic level as True Parents. True Father inherited the foundations of Judaism and Christianity, the foundation of Jesus Christ.

The 40 years' wilderness course

From 1952 to 1992 is the 40 years' wilderness course. During these 40 years, True Parents worked to overcome communism and made all preparations to begin the Completed Testament era, centered on Korea, Japan and America.

Following Jesus' crucifixion, in Jerusalem disciples Peter and Paul marched on the Roman Empire. Four hundred years were sacrificed in Rome and finally the Roman Empire became

a Christian Kingdom, centered on the Catholic Church. But the Catholic Church became corrupt. The "reformers" Martin Luther and John Calvin, separated from the Catholic Church, and so began the Protestant movement, in Germany and Switzerland. This movement moved through the Netherlands, Scotland, and England.

From this movement came the Pilgrim Fathers to America, the New World. Escaping religious persecution, they settled here, righteously centering everything on God and Jesus Christ. They built their churches and schools before they thought of their personal shelter and comfort. And this is how America was established. So who should we say founded and established the United States of America? God and Jesus Christ.

True Father, the second Messiah, and the third Adam must fulfill what Jesus Christ could not fulfill in his mission. True Parents must complete this mission. This is the responsibility of the Messiah. True Parents and America are inseparable. No matter what the circumstances, America and True Parents must work together, Bridegroom and Bride. True Parents had to come here and be received by America.

Now the Blessing is welcomed in America. True Father still relies on and trusts America because of Jesus Christ. True Parents want to fulfill the mission and dream of Jesus Christ.

Adam's destiny and responsibility has been to become elder son, then True Parents, and then King of kings. That is Adam's root and destiny. Adam and Eve were to remain pure and grow in filial piety, with total devotion to God. They would have become God's elder son and daughter. Then God would have blessed them as husband and wife to have children, thus becoming True Parents in the first family of God and to all humankind to come. Then they would have received the crown of King of kings.

True Father, representing Adam's position, has always had to be concerned with taking back the elder son position. So now, it is a very special thing that America is promoted to elder son nation and takes back this title and crown.

Before the RFK Stadium event in November 1997, members came from all over the United States, north, south, east and west to Washington, DC to work for RFK Stadium Blessing. Also, 120 Japanese sisters came directly from Japan to work for this event. All these visiting members slept on floors, stayed in members' homes, bunked wherever they could and humbly ate simple food. They went out in the rain or sunshine to accomplish the mission, to fill RFK Stadium, regardless of the sacrifices.

American Brothers and Sisters! Centered on the RFK Stadium Blessing, you all worked so hard. Especially at that time, 2,000 American Christian minister-couples received the Blessing. They opened their churches and welcomed the ideal of True Parents. Some rented buses and brought their

congregations to RFK Stadium. No matter what the media said, they came faithfully on. To have these Christian leaders completely unite with us and bring their congregations to welcome True Parents at RFK Stadium was a most important condition for the success of that Blessing.

America Moves from Archangel to Elder Son nation

Because America has received this great crown of Elder Son Nation, we must be completely humble before God and True Parents. The RFK Blessing was a good foundation upon which this nation could be crowned as Elder Son. We ourselves do nothing compared to God and True Parents, yet we can be proud that we worked for and attended this special Holy Blessing.

Now it remains a memory, a historical memory, as we move forward again to bring victory at Madison Square Garden Blessing June 13.

True Parents' 30,000 couples Blessing represented the formation level, the 360,000 couple Blessing represented the growth level, and 40 million couples Blessing represented the perfection level. Now at Madison Square Garden, True Parents offer the 360,000 million couples Blessing on the world level, with one-third or 120 million couples being blessed June 13.

PROVIDENTIAL NATIONS				
1945	KOREA	ENGLAND	AMERICA	FRANCE
7 yrs				
1952	KOREA	JAPAN	AMERICA	GERMANY
40 yrs				
1992	KOREA	JAPAN	AMERICA	GERMANY
7 yrs				
1998-1999	KOREA	JAPAN	AMERICA	URUGUAY

As we try to live a life of faith, fulfilling these many historical events and missions, two factions give us difficulty—Satan gives us a hard time, creating all kinds of obstacles to obstruct our progress and defeat us; also True Parents give us a hard time as well! Because of God and True Parents, we must make many sacrifices, change from our bad habits, bear our crosses, and learn to live righteously. We are fortunate people, but it is not easy.

We should not delay in going out to work for the Kingdom. And we should not make excuses, saying, for example, that we do not agree with our Abel figures. That does not excuse us from carrying out God's work. Many times during my own 35 years of pioneering, my Abel figures were troublesome to me! But I remember one particular leader who was especially my good Abel. It was winter time, very cold. I didn't have a warm coat. He gave me his only winter coat, a military parka. He was kind to me and helped me be successful. But so did the other ones who were not so kind to me; I served and grew through them and remained faithful to the work at hand.

If we work hard and bring victory to

America through these major Blessings, we will absolutely be playing a part in ushering in the Completed Testament. If the Elder Son is not successful, how can the Completed Testament era be available to us!

Spring of this year marked the arrival of Hoon Dok Hae, which was inaugurated in Korea, Japan and America. In Washington, DC, a Rabbi, who represented the Old Testament, came on stage to offer a special plaque to True Parents. He was the national chairman of the Jewish Rabbi Assembly in the USA. All across America as True Mother, True Parents, gave the Hoon Dok Hae speeches, Christian Ministers, as well as Muslim leaders came to the stage to welcome True Parents. City by city they welcomed True Parents. A good starting point indeed for this Elder Son position! A good sign, a good omen for the future of our world. We know from the signs of the times that we can bring the victory.

In our Elder Son nation we can make the victory happen! We will make special effort and sacrifice, because if we can bring success at the MSG '98 Blessing, there is so much potential for the world's future, and the world mission of True Parents. All the world will welcome True Parents.

Duty of the Elder Son position

The Elder Son (Elder Brother or Sister) role is a very responsible one. In a home where there are many brothers and sisters, the eldest is always expected to be the role model for the others to follow. This is a family's expectation in any nation of the world. I was visiting an oriental home one day and the father of the home authorized the eldest son to spank the younger siblings when they needed discipline. This is done in some families, because the eldest child is often put in charge in the absence of the parents.

It is also the duty of the Elder Son to take care of the parents as well.

How does this position apply to an Elder Son nation? This nation is responsible for the others, to bear the burdens for the other nations and to restore the other nations so that all citizens of the world can live lives of purity and truth, prosperity, joy and happiness. This Nation must become the role model in all these things for others to follow.

This Elder Son Nation must take responsibility for the Father and Mother nations and for the other nations representing brothers and sisters throughout the world. Never complaining; just accepting the responsibility. Always working hard, setting the best example.

Responsibility of Elder Son nation

Parents invest everything into the elder son—their love, blood lineage, their knowledge. In return, the elder son is then expected to honor and care for the Parents.

When America was in the Archangel position, True Parents always brought help from other nations to America, raising and nurturing America. But soon, after the training period is over,

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at that time was known as The Stoufer ; the management then changed the suite according to Father's recommendations. Here ten years later how wonderful it was for Mother to stay at the suite transformed according to Father's specifications!

At the Presidential suite, Mother talked to the leaders and Tribal Coordinators gathered there. Emphasis was given to learning and speaking Korean. Mother urged everyone that learning to read, write and speak Korean will help us understand Father's words more clearly. Mother added that the Korean text of Father's speech takes up a lot less words and pages as compared to the Japanese or English text.

Korean language can explain the heart of God more thoroughly than other languages.

Leaders were then asked to continue and bring more people for the evening's event

The program

Over 160 VIPS attended a special VIP reception prior to the speech. We had Ministers, Scholars, Business Leaders and others attend. Minister Tony



ervative; we offered as True Parents Wedding anniversary gift a video phone. It was a very pleasant surprise for True Parents. Through the Video Phone Father and Mother could not only talk but also see other on a TV screen. Rev. In Hoi Lee had planned this gift very effectively by shipping one end of the video phone ahead to East Garden. We heard that Father was truly impressed with this innovation. At this post celebration event Mother was entertained by several people including Sister Sureeta from



Mohammed from the Nation of Islam attended this VIP reception. The Nation of Islam attended this function with over 120 members of their congregation.

The program began promptly on time with a pre-speech entertainment offered by the

International Children's Choir, St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church and others. After the entertainment Rev. Michael Jenkins come up to start the main program. The main auditorium was packed with over 1500 people gathered there attentively listening and following every word of True Mother.

Presentations of the Hoon Dook Hwe books were made to various Professors, Clergy and dignitaries from the Los Angeles area.

Mother talks to Father via Video Phone.

Our Los Angeles community under Rev. In Hoi Lee is certainly very inno-

the Nation of Islam.

Then in the closing moments of the evening post celebration program; Mother and Father in turn sang songs with the ending in a big crescendo of everyone dancing on stage. Rev. Joseph Lee from the Heavenly Vision Baptist church danced around too and seemed like he was having a thoroughly good time.

Truly this was the best Easter we have had in LA. Traditionally it is said that "He is risen" on Easter morning. Now we can boldly claim "True Mother (She) has risen !!!". ❖

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more chairs being added, ultimately ending in "standing room only." Written responses afterward indicated that True Mother's speech was the most captivating point of the evening.

A crowd of over 500 people gathered from all walks of life, religions, and cultures in Toronto. This is reflective of the nature of Toronto itself. Included in this number were approximately fifty Unificationists. The program began with selections from Diane da Camara, a local opera singer, and continued with welcoming remarks from Rev. Michael Jenkins, Master of Ceremonies for the 16-city tour. Rev. Jenkins remarks included acknowledgment of a "Family Federation Day" Proclamation issued in honor of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon from the Mayor Peter Robertson of Brampton, a neighboring city of 300,000 population. Other acknowledgments included welcome letters to Dr. Moon from Mike Harris, Premier (governor) of Ontario, Mel Lastman, Mayor of Toronto, and numerous other welcome letters from provincial and city government leaders. Of special note is a plaque awarded to Dr. Moon from the Min. Don Muhammad of the Nation of Islam towards her work strengthening families worldwide.

The program continued with the national anthem, "O' Canada" and a warm ecumenical prayer by Father Terry Gallagher, of the Scarborough Mission. Mr. Neil Salonen, Secretary General of the Family Federation International introduced the program followed by a speech "True Parents" read by Mrs. Karen Smith, Secretary

General of the Women's Federation for World Peace in the USA, and a short video, "Toward World Peace." The highlight of the night's program was the speech "Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life" delivered by Dr. Moon. Flowers and plaques were presented to Dr. Moon in appreciation of her deep heart and concern for families. The audience was very attentive with everyone staying through the whole program.

Following her speech, Dr. Moon presented three books of a 15 volume abridged collection of 40 years of Rev. Moon's teachings to eight local dignitaries. These distinguished recipients were: 1. Mr.



Hussein Ackbarally, Principal of the IQRA Islamic School; 2. Rev. Dr. Petro Bilaniuk, Right Rev. Mitrophoric Archbishop and Professor, University of Toronto; 3. Dr. Bob Carter, Professor of Philosophy, Trent University; 4. Dr. Jack



Edwards, Pro-Family Lobby Coordinator, Canadian Family Action Committee; 5. Father Terry Gallagher, Scarborough Catholic Mission; 6. Mr. Amouzou Komi Nicolas, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Togo; 7. Capt. Kenneth Ritson, The Salvation Army; 8. Mr. Jun Kyung Suh, President, Korean Canadian Association.

The program concluded with remarks from Rev. Jenkins, "Fill the World with Love" performed by Diane da Camara, and door prizes and refreshments coordinated by Rev. Mitch Dixon, Canadian director of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

Mobilization and outreach efforts for the success of the program included visitations by Japanese missionaries and local members; a 2800 piece mailing to couples who participated in last year's events; and ministerial and VIP outreach by Rev. Stoyan Tadin, and Rev. Abdoulaye Wone. We deeply appreciate them both.

Additional thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. E. Habara for their important work

mobilizing members and guests, Japanese missionaries for their outreach, Mrs. Ae In Lee, Rev. and Mrs. In Teck Seo, Mrs. Nishikawa, Lily Tadin, Christina Tadin, Anita Wells and their crew members for VIP hospitality, Sang Hun Lee and the set-up and stage crew, Douglas White and Michel Lejeunesse for the video and audio portions, Fumiko White and Diane Dixon for financial management, Sybil Wone for decorations and flowers, Dan Garand for banners, Michal Trusilo, Roddy Porelance, Mr. Nishikawa, Adam Smalcuga, and Dimitrie Tadin for VIP driving and care, security brothers, and Franco Famularo, Robert Duffy, Roddy Portelance, Aila Willitts, and Robert Tailleux for their efforts in mobilizing guests from long distances.

A special thanks to the Morauf family who traveled the furthest and to all whom donated their money, time, and efforts to make this event a success. In the absence of Dr. Chae Hee Lee, who is away in Japan, Rev. Mitch Dixon coordinated the overall effort. ❖

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marriage over 120 million couples around the globe. The main event will take place Saturday, June 13 in Madison Square Garden and be broadcast internationally via satellite to 12 other main cities and a number of different nations which will have smaller ceremonies.



At the end of her speech Dr. Moon greeted and thanked each of the local VIP's and gave them a gift of 15 books each entitled "Gathering for Reading and Learning." These texts are translated from Korean speeches of the Moons and their record of over 40 years of Unification Movement activities, persecution, endurance and rise to a new global religion in over 185 nations.

Among the local VIP's were President Richard Rubenstein, Dr. Betty

Rubenstein, Bishop Skyers of the Apostolic Faith Church, Mr. Rodney Dennis, representing the ABCD community action agency, Prof. Thomas Juliusburger, director of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Rev. De Kock of the Creative Word Power Ministry, Rev. Jacob David of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, NJ, Dr. Zal Velvez, deputy mayor of West Orange, NJ, and Mr. Nicholas Pastor, former police chief of New Haven, CT.

Over 200 UB students, mostly Unificationist, attended the event. "We came out to support Mrs. Moon. She is a role model for young women who are committed to building families and establish themselves as professionals," commented a six-year Unificationist, Naoka Toda, who is a senior in mass communications at UB.

Amie Ceesay, a junior business major who is not affiliated with the FFWPU or the Unification Church, commented, "I was pretty impressed. I didn't find her speech controversial. She spoke about family and life values." ♦



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America must be ready to take care of other nations in the same way it has been helped. Unity with God and True Parents is the most important beginning point.

In the well-known Korean ballet Shim Chung, the daughter was willing to sacrifice her life for her father. We should come to understand the depth of that kind of heart that is completely devoted to the parent. We can then express our devotion to the Parents by giving loving care to all other children of the Parents. While fulfilling this role to the world, America will naturally start to become the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, expanding out to the world.

Now we can say that the world has become the framework of a family. Previously, "Adam" and "Eve" did not have a family—now they do. Korea, Japan and America are as "one nation," one family.

On the foundation of Madison Square Garden Blessing victory, True Parents will go to the "Mother" country, Japan for a great Blessing. Then to the "Father" country, Korea for a great Blessing.

God and True Parents have provided everything possible for our spiritual growth so that the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven may come. We have been provided the Word for

our spiritual education and growth into Eternity; we have been given education that will provide for our material world and our physical needs and pleasures; we have access to academic education for our knowledge, technical education to build a wonderful world of comfort, pleasure and joy; and cultural activities based on beauty, sensitivity and purity.

God has planned for everything. We will want for nothing, if we unite with God and True Parents, change our old habits and traditions into newborn habits and heavenly traditions.

True Parents toured the nations of Korea, Japan and America, giving the Hoon Dok Hae tradition. Through this condition, God could advance Korea from "Adam" to "Father"; advance Japan from "Eve" to "Mother" and advance America from "Archangel" to "Elder Son," following the Hoon Dok Hae official tours.

Historical value of Blessing '98

The same sun and moon shine down upon us and we breathe the same air, but we on Earth have entered a new Chapter in history, new positions. Physically, we look the same but spir-

itually we are living in a different era now.

We are spiritually in leadership of ourselves and spiritual leaders should always try to understand the meaning of the Time Period we are living in. This is important. We must understand the dispensation and the progress that is being made. We arrive "from some-

place" and go "to someplace." We should know this. We need to know it so we can teach others. We have to give the "wakeup" call to others and be ready to move forward—in the right way and with right attitudes.

During the seven years—from 1992 to 1999—True Parents prepared for the arrival of the new Completed Testament era and the Kingdom of God, centered on the providential nations of Korea, Japan and America (Uruguay was proclaimed by True Parents as the Younger Brother nation in May 1998).

In 1974 True Father gave a Day of Hope speech at Madison Square Garden; he returned there to give the Blessing in 1982. Now we are again about to enter this famous place, Madison Square Garden, known throughout the world, to have a perfected level Blessing June 13, 1998.

We will move forward now with a spirit of total victory. God and True Parents are always with us. ♦

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emcee for the conference. After dinner, Dr. Joseph Paige, the former President of Shaw Divinity School greeted the participants with welcoming remarks. Dr. Paige encouraged the participants to explore the issues and engage in healthy dialogue. Following Dr. Paige's address, the audience was treated to a stirring address by Dr. Franklin Littell from Temple University in which he stated his concern about developments in Western Europe and encouraged participants to strive to establish the absolute right of religious freedom, not merely to accept tolerance on the part of the state.

The Opening Plenary Session set before the participants several themes which set the tone for the discussions which were to follow. Mr. Dong Moon Joo, the President of The Washington Times Foundation espoused the goal of a world in which every nation enjoys religious freedom, a world in which people are free to follow and express the dictates of their conscience in pursuing religious truth. His remarks were followed by a profound discussion of the need for "deep dialogue" between people of different religious and cultural views by Dr. Leonard Swidler, the founder of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*. The keynote speaker for the plenary session was Nobel Laureate President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica. Dr. Arias discussed the relationship between religious freedom and other human rights and examined some of the serious problems facing the world today.

Following the opening plenary session a panel addressed the conference on the "Present State of Religious Freedom." Dr. Charles Brunner from the University of Graz in Austria noted the trend in a number of Western European countries discriminating against smaller religious groups labeled "sects," and gave a brief analysis of a recently passed Austrian law on religions. Peter Juviler, a professor at Bard College, examined the state of religious freedom in the CIS, the states of the former Soviet Union. Brad Dacus from the Pacific Justice Institute covered North Amer-

ica and the Caribbean. Nina Shea discussed the situation in the Middle East, with particular emphasis on the situation in the Sudan, where Christians are being sold in slave markets. Mark Sigmon, from the Christian Mission network talked about religious freedom in Africa. Religious freedom in Asia, and particularly China, was presented by Michael Young from Columbia University. Religious freedom in Latin America was discussed by Rev. Julio Millan from the Interdenominational Evangelical Federation in Venezuela.

In this overview, several areas of concern emerged which were to be discussed throughout the conference.

broke up into three committees for a more focused look at specific religious freedom issues and cases. In each committee, a series of papers were heard and discussed providing participants with a broad range of views and an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. Over the next two days each committee met for three sessions discussing (1) Religious Freedom: Past, Present and Future; (2) the Character of Religious Freedom, and (3) the Battle for Religious Freedom.

These meetings constituted the meat of the conference. In all, 8 committee meetings were held and 24 papers presented. The presenters came from a

to the issue of religious freedom.

One of the highlights of the conference was an open forum on Saturday evening. Members of a numerous faiths gave testimony of violations of religious freedom which their members were facing in various parts of the world. Individuals representing Evangelicals, the Mormons, the Seventh Day Adventists, Scientologists, Pentecostals, the Unification Church, and others shared first hand testimony with the gathered delegates.

On Sunday, Rev. Punter from Antigua led an ecumenical worship service. Those gathered sang traditional American hymns. Rev. Punter read from the

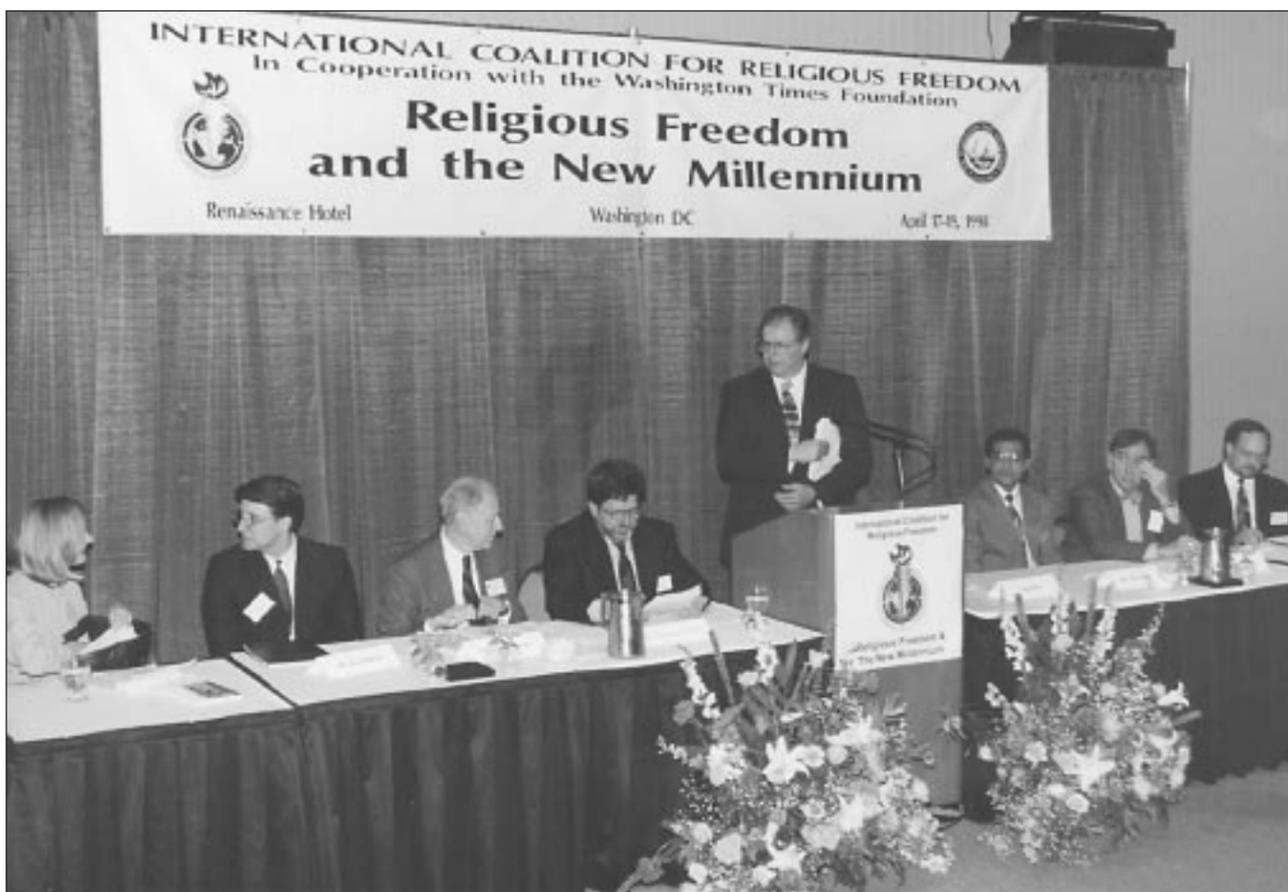
Bible and shared a brief homily on the unity of believers. He noted that while many of us experience harassment or discrimination for our belief, and we should be vigilant to maintain and preserve our liberty, we should also remember, pray for, and do what we can to assist those who are in situations where they are being imprisoned, tortured, or killed because of their faith. The congregation watched a video on the sufferings of persecuted groups and Rev. Punter led the worshippers in a moving prayer for those who are suffering extreme persecution.

After a final session of the individual committees, del-

legates regathered for the closing plenary session. A rapporteur for each committee provided a summary of each committee's presentations and discussions for the general session. ICRF President, Bruce Casino, concluded the formal conference proceedings with closing remarks.

The events of the weekend ended with a Farewell Banquet providing participants with an opportunity to continue their discussions. Addresses, phone numbers, and email were exchanged as people determined to maintain contact with new found friends. As the meal ended, groups spilled over into the hotel lobby. For hours delegates continued to seek each other out for last minute conversations before parting. Nobody seemed to want to leave. A real bond had been formed.

The first ICRF conference provided a good start in assessing the problems and clarifying the goals of religious freedom throughout the world. It has also laid the groundwork for a united network of concerned champions for religious freedom. Throughout the conference, participants expressed their gratitude to ICRF as well as their desire to work together and participate in future events. For those interested in exploring the contents of presented papers, ICRF is planning to publish the conference proceedings. More information on ICRF, religious freedom issues, and on this conference can be obtained on ICRF's website at <http://www.religiousfreedom.com>. ♦



Attention was focused on the Sudan, where the Christian minority in the south is experiencing horrendous persecution in an attempt by the northern dominated government to Islamize the country. Likewise, China was a focus of concern. Here the government has implemented a policy seeking to control religious activity so that it does not conflict with government policy. People are free to participate in government recognized religions while unauthorized religionists are harassed and, in some cases imprisoned. A third theme which aroused considerable concern is the trend in many countries to declare certain religious groups to be "sects" or "cults," to deny their religious authenticity, and to deprive them of their constitutional rights. This has been particularly strong in the German and French speaking countries of Western Europe, but has also emerged in certain Latin American countries - especially Venezuela - and even in the United States. It was registered with concern that just days before this conference convened, the Maryland legislature passed a resolution calling for a task force to study "cult" activities on university campuses.

After this general overview, the conference

variety of backgrounds: scholars, reporters, columnists, activists, ministers, lawyers, psychologists, etc. The sessions covered theoretical issues such as the relationship between religious freedom and democracy, practical cases such as the restrictive Law on Religions in Russia, and current legislative initiatives including the Freedom from Religious Persecution Act now before the US Congress and the movement for parental choice in education. The schedule was intense but every session was well attended as participants took advantage of the opportunity to share and learn from each other.

Saturday's luncheon speaker was Rev. Don Argue from the National Association of Evangelicals. Rev. Argue was one of three American religious leaders who recently visited China to examine the state of religious freedom. He was accompanied in his journey by a prominent Jewish leader and a Roman Catholic. They were invited to China by the Chinese government. Before accepting, the delegation wanted to be sure that they would not be presented with only a series of "Potemkin Villages." They did their best to inform themselves before traveling to China and to raise tough issues and questions with Chinese officials. They also managed to communicate with a number of "unauthorized believers." While, naturally, one short visit to such a vast country could not provide definitive or conclusive answers, the trip provided clear evidence that China is sensitive

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Philippine Unification Church Hosts Victory Celebration

by Lloyd & Donna Howell—Manila, Philippines

April 25th, the Philippine Unification Church celebrated Victory for Religious Freedom—the recent clearing of its name when the Philippine Government declared that there was no basis for the charges leveled at the church as a result of its Blessing activities. The dropping of the case, which had been pending for over two years, brought a sigh of relief in the Unification community and resulted in hosting a gala event called “Thanksgiving Celebration for Religious Freedom” at the Manila Polo Club.

The program, attended by 300 people, included testimony, remarks and messages from Unification officials and friends, both national and international and video footage of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his life’s work. Gracing the affair was Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, President of the Unification Church International & the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification who spoke as the Guest of Honor after being introduced by Dr. Felipe Cachola, Pres. of the FFWPU in the Philippines. Rev. Kwak soberly

reminded all attending that behind the celebration was the sacrificial suffering and worldwide victory of the Rev. Moon’s ministry without which the Philippine victory would not have been possible.

Also among the Unification notaries attending were the Rev. Byung Wooh Kim, Continental Director of the Unification Movement in Asia who was able to enter the Philippines after hav-

ing been blocked for two years by the pending charges. Also present was Neil Albert Salonen, Secretary General of the World Culture and Sports Festival International who gave congratulatory remarks. Also, the church’s legal counsel and former Senator Rene Saguisag noted

how he had been amazed that anyone could, in the first place, try to make a case out of “something that was nothing”; referring to the government’s misinterpretation of the church’s practicing of its religious rites being misconstrued as “illegal recruitment” (of overseas workers) and violating

the mail order bride law (by conducting international matchings). Gen. Honesto Bumanglag, President of the Ideal Community Foundation, gave a moving testimony of how he had confronted the powers that be as the government and its various arms cracked down on the movement. He talked of the easy slander and discrediting of his name and reputation and of his front-line

fight to blunt the government’s bludgeoning of the church.

Interlaced among the speeches was professional entertainment provided by two Filipino singers.

Highlighting the program was the unannounced awarding of numerous bouquets of flowers to Mrs. Julia Kim,

Co-Continental Director of the Unification Movement of Asia, for her two-year fight to find and rally allies of all kinds in a gallant effort to turn the tide.

Most notable among those efforts was her achievement in getting the Philippine media establishment to re-evaluate and honestly investigate the nature of the case. This effort resulted in the media pressuring the government to confront the foolishness and baselessness of the charges.

Mrs. Kim’s husband, Rev. B. W. Kim, praised the government and the Philippine people for their great respect for religious freedom and announced that a new day of blessing was coming toward the Philippines.

All in all it was a festive occasion marked by impromptu singing by the church’s regional leaders and spontaneous photo sessions - so loved by the Filipino people. Also attending the event were various national leaders and national messiahs from the neighboring nations of Taiwan, Singapore, Cambodia and Thailand. ♦



A VICTORY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was given at the April 25 celebration in Manila.

We gather to celebrate religious freedom—a truly great moment not only in the history of the Philippines, but also for the world. The decision on the part of the Philippine courts to dismiss the charges against the Unification Church is not simply a victory for the Unification church. This decision represents a most significant expression of the Philippines’ respect for the principle of religious freedom.

The right to religious freedom is one of our most precious rights. It is linked to the way in which we relate, individually and communally, to ultimate reality, or God. While history records countless instances of religious oppression and bigotry, there has emerged, particularly in the twentieth century, an awareness that religious freedom is a basic human right that every state should protect. Today, protections of religious freedom are enshrined in the constitutions of virtually all of the World’s democracies. Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948 states, “Every-

one has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, this right includes the freedom to change his religion or belief and freedom, either along

or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.” Despite these constitutional protections, however, freedom of religion remains ever vulnerable, particularly when it comes to minority religions and newer religious movements. The history of religions, whether one examines Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Mormonism or others, reveals a typical pattern of persecution and misunderstanding. Many of the most highly revered prophets and founders of the world’s great religious traditions have been persecuted, imprisoned, and even killed. In addition, their followers have often faced similar outrages. The history of Christianity is itself illus-

trative : its founder, Jesus, was crucified : its earliest disciples and missionaries, Peter and Paul, were imprisoned and killed, and for centuries its

most devout followers faced martyrdom. Can we say that such persecution was the result of a correct understanding of the purpose and mission of Christianity? This can hardly be the case. We also know that under communist regimes, influenced by the atheistic materialism of Marxist ideology, religions have received devastating persecution. This was true throughout the Soviet empire, and it holds true to this day in places such as the People’s Republic of China, North Korea, and Cuba. Pope John Paul II’s recent visit to Cuba highlighted the concerns of religious people in that country, and this will perhaps lead eventually to positive reform.

But, unfortunately, it is not only in communist states where religious freedoms are violated. For example, at the present time in Europe, not only do some Protestant and Catholic Christians persecute one another in Ireland, but several countries, including Germany, France, and Austria, have passed legislation to restrict “sects”. The word “sect” is in this case a pejorative term used to describe any minority religion which is out of favor with the culturally dominant majority religion. Just this past September, in Russia, legislation was passed that made it virtually impossible for any minority religion to spread

its message to the people of Russia. Unfortunately, such legislation is supported not only by certain secular and atheistic politicians, but also by religious leaders of the dominant religion, the Russian Orthodox Church. One restriction contained in the legislation requires a religion to be present in Russian for 15 years before it will be allowed to conduct public activities. Since virtually all religions were banned during the Soviet era, this regulation eliminated almost all the Protestant and minority religions.

Sadly, too, in a number of Islamic countries, and in direct defiance of the spirit and letter of the Holy “Qur’an”, minority religions suffer greatly. In places such as Pakistan and Egypt, Christians and other minorities often are subjected to restrictions of their right to religious freedom. The situation is particularly disturbing in the Sudan, where, in a bloody civil war between the Muslim north and a large-

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Project New Hope in Brazil

by Pres. Yoon Sang Kim

Project New Hope originated from the ideals and vision of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Its goal is to construct a model center of progress, well-being and happiness for Latin America and the world.

The interior region of Mato Grosso do Sul is characterized by an economy based on extensive cattle ranching, which requires little work and vast areas for pasture. Today this region finds itself impoverished, devastated of its natural forest, its rivers ruined, and with a flora and fauna being compromised daily in the process of clearing the jungle for the purpose of ranching.

With an illiterate population of about 65% in a state with almost 2 million inhabitants, the area is in need of serious change. In spite of their good will, the people are unprepared for progress. A high level of unemployment creates a certain collective pessimism; to do anything new seems difficult and complicated.

The big cities are far away and uninterested in rural affairs. There's no money. The schools are poor. High interests discourage new enterprises. Transportation is expensive and slow. Many ranches in this area are swampy or become flooded. And even the largest ranches employ less than two hundred men.

Mato Grosso do Sul shares borders with Paraguay and Bolivia, and the region of Jardim is geographically located in the central area of the South American continent. It is just a two hours flight from the big cities of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Buenos Aires, La Paz, Montevideo, etc..

It is in this region, centered in Jardim, Mato Grosso do Sul, including an area of 33 cities with in a radius of approximately 200 kms that this project is working on its first stage.

Project New Hope has the ambition of becoming, within 7 or 8 years an example of progress, beauty and happiness for the whole world and then to collaborate and encourage develop-



Construction at New Hope Farm

ment in all Latin America and the world. Project New Hope will act on ten fronts or focal areas that will be developed in different stages according to pre-established goals, that will depend on financial resources as well as the response of the people and the local authorities.

Ideology

The Bible tell us that Adam and Eve were kicked out of Paradise, losing contact with God their Father, and came to live a life of selfishness cen-

tered on Satan. Religion arose as a means to bring man and God together. God wants to dwell in man directly as he should have dwelt in Adam and Eve, if they hadn't separated from God.

In order for this to happen it is essential that man become a being of True Love. Now it is up to us to take up the original path of God's will so that everything can return to it's proper place and order.

As such, the first stage of this focal area of ideology could be summarized as calling for a change in the way man faces life and interacts with his fellow human beings; changing from satanic selfishness to unselfishness, centered on God.

This first stage will be carried out by an education which motivates man and shows him the advantages of changing his individualistic attitude of sacrificing others for his own sake, to a way of life in which, like God, he is serving and loving others, sacrificing the smaller purpose for the larger.

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ly Christian and animist south, non-Muslims are being killed and enslaved.

People of conscience throughout the world are growing increasingly concerned about such abuses as those cited above. At present, due to the awareness of violations of religious freedom worldwide, the United States House of Representatives is considering legislation, the Wolff-Specter bill, that would require the government of the United States to apply pressure and even impose economic sanctions on nations which practice religious discrimination and persecution.

The Philippines has shown great forethought, wisdom, and leadership in recognizing the importance of religious freedom.

The Blessing

The charges initially brought against the Unification Church early in 1996 were based on a profound and unfortunate misunderstanding of what we call the "Blessing" a beautiful ceremony that was held in January 1996 in the Philippine International convention Center. The Blessing ceremony is a religious rite unique to the ministry of the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, but consistent with the principles taught in all religions. The ceremony itself is now open to people of all faiths, and members of all faiths participate. Since the first Blessing in 1960, millions of people around the world, from all faith backgrounds, have participated in the Blessing. Although it is usually portrayed in the popular media as a wedding or marriage ceremony, the Blessing is far beyond that in its meaning. It is a rite which represents the dedication of a couple's marriage to God. The Blessing is not itself a marriage ceremony, but a spiritual dedication of a marriage. Although all religions have tried to create God-centered families, the strength of marriage as an institution is in fact declining today, God has commissioned the Reverend Moon to call couples of all faiths to a new ded-

ication, and to give this special Blessing to those who do. We all need this Blessing.

These marriage dedication ceremonies, which include both engaged couples and already married couples, have been celebrated in all parts of the world. Up until 1990, the Blessings were held as marriage dedication ceremonies for members of the Unification Church. Since 1992, however, with the establishment of the World Culture and Sports Festivals, the Blessing has undergone a process of globalization. By this I mean that the Blessing ceremonies have come to include all people of all faiths, and do not require membership in the Unification Church. In fact, the Blessing is now carried out not in the name of a specific church, but in the name of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPUI).

There have been three World Culture and Sports Festivals (WCSF)—in 1992, 1995, and 1997. WCSF is a global festival involving a wide range of cultural performances, athletic competitions, scholarly conferences, and inter-religious dialogue. At the center of these festivals is the Blessing ceremony, a time when people come together to dedicate their marriages to God. At WCSF III in Washington, D.C., this last November, 39.6 million couples, in an event linked by satellite to nations throughout the world, rededicated their marriage. This June, centered on New York, there will be a Blessing involving over 100 million couples. It would give me great pleasure to see many of you in attendance at this upcoming Blessing.

The Ministry of the Reverend Moon

It has been the Reverend Moon's sole mission in life to restore God's ideal of the family, which was lost at the time of the Fall of Adam and Eve. The greatest tragedy of human history has been the loss of God's ideal of true love, which is to dwell in the God-centered family. The Reverend Moon has always understood that the key to the creation of world peace lies in the establishment

of families centered on the true love of God. The Reverend Moon has worked tirelessly for this purpose, and he has taken his message to every corner of the globe. Every organization that he has founded—and they are too numerous to mention here—has as its central goal the establishment of world peace. Above all, the Blessing is the key to world peace, for it works to link the family, the center of love, life, and lineage, directly to God.

Increasingly people around the world recognize that family breakdown, and particularly sexual promiscuity, are undermining the stability of our communities and our societies—and consequently of our nations and the world. This problem is seen everywhere. As I travel around the world and meet with leaders in every country, I found a universal agreement that sexual immorality and family breakdown are leading the way to ruin. When the family unit begins to unravel, as it surely will whenever fornication, pornography, and "free sex" become commonplace, weakening of the social order will surely follow. The consequences are devastating. Social scientific evidence shows that family disorder leads to increased poverty, crime, poor performance in schools and the workplace, and greater psychological and emotional problems on all levels of society. Surely the children of divorce, abuse, and neglect are the greatest victims, and they are our future.

There is no more urgent task today than to educate our youth in the way of purity and true love. Our youth today must be taught and inspired by an alternative to the degrading sexual promiscuity that permeates most societies. Scientific studies now confirm what religious wisdom has known for centuries, that sexual license and self-indulgence lead to unhappiness. On the other hand, those who understand the sacred and holy purpose of marriage and sexuality within marriage, will come to know supreme joy and fulfillment.

In all nations we must begin to teach our children about the divine value and purpose of purity and true love. If we

fail to turn the tide of promiscuity and "free sex" we can only anticipate a future of widespread social disorder and suffering. Government alone can never solve this problem, for the root of the problem is deeper than law. It ties in the realm of conscience and spiritual consciousness. For this reason, the solution to the problem must come through religion. This is why Reverend Moon is so single-minded in promoting the ideal of God-centered families through the Blessing. He does not wish to promote his own church. On the contrary, he has devoted all his resources to support the education of people from all religious backgrounds and cultures.

It is my deepest hope that you can come to know the genuine heart and teaching of the Reverend Moon. If you do, I have no doubt that you will affirm the principles of his mission, and you will even encourage others to come to know him.

Appreciation of the Philippines

To those of you gathered here I wish to say, in behalf of the Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, from the bottom of my heart, thank you! The Philippines has proven to be a champion of the cause of religious freedom. Your decision is one which displays righteousness, fair-mindedness, and mature self-confidence. You will be a beacon to lead other nations on the right path in this troubled era. I wish to thank the great Filipino People especially your courageous President Ramos and Secretary Bello for supporting justice regarding our movement. They are truly among the most warm, gracious, generous and hospitable in the world. Many of you here worked very hard over the past two years on behalf of our cause. I am greatly and deeply grateful to each of you.

I also want to express my appreciation to God. I know that through the providential hand of God victory has been won. May God bless you, your families, and the great nation of the Philippines. ❖

True Parents Inaugurate Bridge at the New Hope Farm

by Christian Lepelletier and John Breyer—New Hope Farm, Jardim, Brazil

When we arrived at the New Hope Farm in Jardim on May 9 after a 14-hour trip from Sao Paulo by van, a lot of activity was going on at the new bridge connecting the project to the main road, over the Miranda river. Trucks were moving back and forth to level the dirt road to the bridge until late at night. In the morning members were finishing the preparation for the ceremony and hung the banner just in time before True Parents and their group arrived at 9:00 am.

Together with True Parents and Hyo Jin Nim came a small group including Rev. Kamiyama, Mr. Joo from the Washington Times, and Peter Kim by pri-

vate airplane to Campo Grande airport. There they changed to two small airplanes to fly to Jardim airport. One delegation of leaders went to their welcome at the airport, including Pres. Kim (NHF leader), Rev. Oyamada, Rev. H.T. Kim, Rev Koo Bae Pak (coming from Uruguay).

A group of local people were waiting at the entrance near the bridge; about 30 leaders and officials were present for the ceremony. True Parents arrived and walked directly to the ribbon to form a line with the main leaders and guests. Father prayed briefly and cut the ribbon, then he walked over and spread some holy salt and inspected the construction.

True Parents delegation then went by car to the main house and continued the ceremony by cutting the victory cake. True Parents and the main

leaders sat at the table to share breakfast in front of the farm house, in the nature with the parrots, the song of other birds, and the emus (like ostrich) passing by. They heard some reports from Mr. Ku Bae Pak, President Kim of New Hope Farm, and Rev. Oyamada.

Then, Father stood up and decided to take a walk to inspect the buildings together with the leaders and Hyo Ji Nim. He went from place to place to comment and give advise to Pres. Kim. In the main restaurant on 2nd floor Father sat down and ask Mr. Kamiyama and Mr. Kajimori to evaluate the buildings, then Father listened and spoke for a short time. After that he continued the walk back to the main



Father talks with members after Pledge Service at New Hope Farm

house were lunch was served. At 3 pm, True Parents and the accompanying group departed to Porto Murtinho on the Paraguay river to go fishing. ❖

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All the aspects and various projects developed at Fazenda New Hope have this spiritual and moral education as their ultimate goal.

Center of Advanced Research

In order to successfully form a progressive and happy society we need to find the technological and scientific means which are adequate to benefit everyone. We will therefore bring to the Project New Hope researchers and scientists of the highest level and we will build laboratories and first rate centers so that researchers can develop appropriate techniques in the fields of fish farming, agriculture, forestry, agro-industry and others. Our goal is to develop technology for use here and in other places with similar conditions which can compete with or surpass other advanced centers of production.

Basic Education

Brazil has close to 65 million illiterate or semi-literate people. Our schools require little from the students- only 20 hours a week of scholastic activities, whereas advanced nations have up to 70 or 72 hours a week. We will introduce a new educational system subdivided in various areas:

Formal Education for elementary, junior high and high school levels with a daily schedule and curriculum which are comparable with the most advanced education offered in the first world countries.

Supplementary Education for those who never received minimum sufficient education, so that in two or three years at most they can become self-sufficient

Technological Education so that our fellow citizens can work with machines, modern tools that can achieve the productivity and quality of the first world.

Education for Life with the goal of improving general culture and lifestyle, so that our people can deal confidently with the modern world without any gap of knowledge or understanding which might impede culture, social or technological development.

Exhibition Hall for High Technolo-

gy

Project New Hope will build a convention center of approximately 66,000 square meters with the purpose of displaying the most advanced technology of the world with the goal of fostering interest in practical models for study and analysis.

Just talking about or describing progress is not enough, it is necessary to test, "in loco" the concrete details of design that will help us develop our own technology.

Agricultural or Primary Industry

Extensive cattle ranching as it has been practiced, is quickly draining the natural resources of this region. By looking at satellite photos of the state of Mato Grosso do Sul, one can easily perceive the consequences of mindless clearing in the erosion of the soil and pollution of the rivers. Plants are the source of life for the ecosystem in swampy areas. Destroying the plants and trees in order to make pastures also destroys the flora and fauna, the sources of food for fish, birds and insects.

It is evident that we can learn something from the oriental way of life, especially in how they use the soil. Brazil has about 300 times more area of cultivable land than Korea, but where Korea feeds close to 45 million inhabitants with surplus, Brazil has close to 70 million people suffering from lack of food.

Project New Hope will encourage the replanting of all kinds of trees in this region, along with the raising of smaller animals, fish and birds, all kinds of foodstuffs and flowers, in harmony with the existing forests, in hopes of bringing financial benefits to everyone and incalculable gains in the aspects of the climate, air quality, fertilization of the soil and usefulness of the rivers.

A secondary industry, using raw materials from the primary industry, in the patterns of today's economy, needs a high level of production at low cost in order to be viable and competitive on the international level. Transportation of fresh native goods raises the price of the final product, takes time and means the fresh produce loses its quality. These items are essential to the market economy of the Twenty-first century. Therefore, we need agricultural production to be close to indus-

trialization in order to avoid as much as possible losses due to transportation.

Secondary industry based on fresh native goods needs an area of at least 20,000 cultivable hectares in order to be viable. However at this time we don't have any areas cultivating specific agricultural products to that proportion in our region.

Each city of these thirty three cities should choose one type of tree, one kind of fish, one kind of bird or animal, one kind of fruit, food stuff, or flower to produce in a massive concentrated way with cooperation from surrounding farmers, in order to make possible prosperity and development in their area.

We insist that this kind of production should be carried out in a cooperative scientific way, supported by high level technology, if not, we can't be competitive in the international market

The development of fish farming can bring profits within two or three years. Flowers or small animals in three or

four years, wood products take a little longer, so we could harvest fruits from other species, while we wait for the maturation of slower trees.

Civil Construction

All the infrastructure, i.e., airports, river ports and sea ports, transportation and warehouses, hotels and hospitality, as well as the development of energy and communications which are needed for this project to function well.

Hobby Industry

Each city should develop a leisure activity to attract tourists, both local and foreign, using appropriate means in line with the chosen species for production in item no. 5. for example, a fishing tournament of Jau in Porto Mortinho, a party for roasted Pintado in Aquiduaana, a festival of wild orchids in Dois Irmaos do Buriti, alligators roasted on a spit in Dourados, etc.

As these species will be raised in captivity, they could also be used for hunting as a possible hobby.

Integration with the World

This project aims at creating an environment of happiness, progress, wealth and beauty, not only for us, but for the whole human family.

This project has to give of itself for the sake of the world and help other people and cultures- not only sharing knowledge and technology, but also God's love. Therefore we will need to bring people who can receive the benefit of the education here and take this knowledge and the example of Project New Hope back to their native countries and begin similar projects there.

Micro-World

There are 185 countries represented in the United Nations. Our plan is to create within the Project New Hope area micro-regions with the culture, art and sports of each of these countries. Micro-Germany, micro-Hungary, micro-Italy, etc.

When we talk about Project Jardim, we are thinking about a great world-wide garden, like the garden of Eden God dreamed of when he blessed his beloved children with all the good and beautiful things he created for them.

There are two new web sites of the Brazil Unification Movement: New Hope Farm Project: www.new-hope-farm.com.br and the Family Fed. World Peace (Brazil): www.familias.org.br ❖



four years, wood products take a little longer, so we could harvest fruits from other species, while we wait for the maturation of slower trees.

Imagine thirty three towns, each with a production of one fish and one animal- 5,000 ponds producing Pacu, together with wild ducks. Wouldn't this attract fishermen and hunters from the whole world? Especially those who appreciate food that hasn't been contaminated with toxic chemicals.

Secondary Industry

The process of production was already described in item no. 5 Oil from Capivara, leather from Pacu, flour from Piruputanga, oil from Peroba, etc., etc. we can't forget that everything should be produced with high level technolo-

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by Kathryn Goman—Clifton, NJ

Everything You Always Wanted

The most wonderful thing had happened to me, I was to assist Father in the matching of candidates for Blessing 97. At the same time, the most terrible thing had happened to me; I was in charge. If there were any problems (and there always are), they were ultimately my responsibility. Thank God I was too busy doing what needed to be done. If I ever stopped to think about what I was doing, I wanted to run and hide. In those moments when I did think about it, I could only put my faith in God.

I was concerned that I did not speak Korean. How can I be in charge of something like this? Father speaks Korean. The continental leaders speak Korean. The church elders present speak Korean. If there are problems, they will all be speaking Korean. How can I know what the problem is, so I can solve it? I remembered learning from one Korean that there is a sixth sense necessary to speak Korean. I prayed long and hard that somehow I would be able to use my spiritual senses to tap into this sixth sense and understand. Low and behold, it worked! On every occasion, somehow I knew what was being said. Always my intuition as to the content of the conversation was accurate.

The Matching

True Parents came and began. It was slow at first, then Father began to work so fast that whole armloads would be brought out of the room to check. Looking in the room, the sight was amazing.

A group of about a dozen people were gathered around Father. He would step sideways, and they would step sideways. Whatever the length of his step, so would be the length of theirs. It was like watching a ballet minutely choreographed.

Father would pick up a sister's photo and then look for the brother's photo to match them together. Sometimes this would go quickly. Sometimes the leaders would make a suggestion; sometimes Father would agree with the suggestion, sometimes not. Father seemed to be training them for some point in the future when they would be making matches. For now, though, all matches were made by Father. Every once in a while, Rev. Kwak would ask the staff at the computers, "How many couples?" On the average, Father

matched over 2000 couples in a day.

One time I was assembling a box for the matched photos to be put into. I was bent over getting the parts of the box out. I began to stand up and turn with the box, which would have caused it to arc relatively high in the air. All of a sudden, I heard a clicking noise. I stopped to see where the noise was, and found Mother walking by. She had made the noise. Had she not done so, I would have hit her with the box. I was so grateful that she had known exactly the right thing to do that would avoid a totally embarrassing moment for me.

In general, though we were there to assist them, True Parents looked after us. They made sure we had food. Halloween had recently been celebrated, so there was plenty of treats for everyone—in addition to the splendid Korean food prepared by the East Garden kitchen sisters. Some evenings the Korean leaders would retire to Father's apartment to watch the Asian Cup soccer games—especially exciting when the Korean team beat the Japanese team.

Second Generation Matching

The second generation matching was even more special than the first generation. The staff members in the matching room were replaced by second generation staff, under the direction of Kim Young Jin, director of the International Second Generation Office. Only certain designated leaders were allowed into the matching room. Some parents hovered outside and in the Pink Room, wondering and waiting for news. In general, the procedure was identical. This time, the photos were not arranged by continent. All photos were mixed together, and displayed only by birthdate. Of course, brothers and sisters were separated. Results were revealed a day later, after the continental lists were printed and distributed.

One point of interest to myself was that there were quite a number of second generation candidates with physical problems ranging from Down Syndrome to much less serious problems. Later I had the opportunity to ask Rev. Kwak whether any of them were matched, and indeed many were—though I don't

know the exact number count. Having a chronically ill child myself and knowing others much worse, I have always wondered what would happen when they became old enough for the blessing. Now I have a much better idea.

Basic Process

Matching applicants submit applications, photos and HIV test results to their leaders—along with a donation. The leader must sign the form, vouching for the member. This is then sent to the national leader who also signs the form. Some leaders then input the data from the form into a computer program designed for this, then forwarding the data on disk with the above-specified information to the International Blessing Office. Those leaders who cannot input the data (for whatever reason) send the specified information to the International Blessing Office.

At the International Blessing Office, the multitude of applications are processed in preparation for the matching. This means that those who are sent with a disk are imported into the database, those who do not come with a disk are typed into the database. Obviously, those who come with a disk are added to the database much quicker than the others—a much preferable way to do things when dealing with thousands of applications.

Once in the database, the computer performs several checks, immediately reporting errors to the operator for decisions. These checks are: (1) compare the individual with those of previous blessings to make sure someone is not being reblessed without the proper authorization; (2) compare the individual with those of previous matchings (related to this particular blessing) to make sure they have the proper authorization; (3) check for duplicate individuals in the database; and (4) check that all pertinent data is present.

When all this is completed, labels with bar codes and pertinent date are printed to apply to each of the photos of that individual. The photos are then kept together by continent, until notification is received to prepare for the matching itself.

The Matching Room

The matching room is setup with large easels in long rows. Each easel had room for 3 rows. The rows we created at East Garden could hold 200 photos. We had about 8 rows in the room, and thus the potential for 1600 photos to be on display at one time.

In preparation for Father and Mother's arrival, the continental leaders organize the photos. Brothers and sisters would be separated. The brothers' photos would be organized by education—college graduate, some college, high school graduate (no college), primary education, no education—and then by age within the education. The sisters' photos would be organized in the same manner.

Korea being the Adam nation, and Japan the Eve nation—they would display their brothers' photos on the boards first. If there was space, the Asian continent would also put up the photos. The brothers' photos would be the only

ones put on the boards in the order previously stated. As board space would clear, each continent would be given the go-ahead to put up their brothers' photos. When the brothers' photos were put on the boards, the sisters' photos would be piled on the floor (in the appropriate order).

Those of you who were matched in a room full of people may remember that the room was organized in a similar manner. Brothers and sisters on opposite sides of the room. Those with college degrees in one location in the room, with some other educational divisions. Badges on each person and special markings for health problems or special situations that need to be considered.

The photo organization is identical, except that it usually doesn't get as jumbled up as the people would. After all, everyone wants to sit with their best friend. Photos don't usually wander off.

Though my description seems clear and simple and is in theory, in practice it is not. The leaders struggle with what to do when their are more brothers than sisters or vice versa, how to get someone with health problems the "right" match.

The Moment Arrives

Finally, the moment arrives. Father and Mother come into the room. Together they walk through viewing the displayed photos. A group of staff—consisting of continental leaders, church elders, and other International Blessing Office staff—follow them around ... waiting for the first matching to take place. One individual from the particular continent will hold the stack of sisters' photos. Father and Mother chat between themselves, making comments on the photos and talking with the leaders. The leaders sometimes offer comments on the individuals' photos at which TPs are looking.

The matching begins. Father makes the first matching, as he lays the first sister's photo on top of a brothers' photo. The staff members pick up the group and staple the photos together. The couple is then handed to another staff member who checks to make sure that there are no problems with the matching—i.e. both individuals are sickle cell carriers, or some other incompatibility. When a group of photos are gathered (the size depends upon how fast Father is working), the pile is brought outside the room to another group of staff.

This group again checks for incompatibility. Guidelines for incompatibility include: both being sickle cell carriers, both being reblessing situations, the wife's height being much greater than the husband, the wife's age being much greater than the husband, Rh incompatibility, thalassemia carriers. Individuals who have children are generally matched with individuals who have children. Those who were married before are usually matched with those who were married before. Any problems are sent back into the room and brought to the continental leaders' attention. Standards of what is incompatible varies according to the culture of the individual. The leaders may question Father about a particular case.



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After this check, the couple is then passed to an individual who stamps a unique number on the photos. The stamps are designed such that they will stamp the same number four times before changing to the next number. This is necessary as there are four photos to be stamped (2 from the husband and 2 from the wife).

The couple is then handed to a computer operator who inputs the stamped number and scans the bar codes on the label. The computer again checks and compares the data, looking for the same types of incompatibility mentioned previously, along with checking to make sure that a person has not already been matched or is somehow otherwise not authorized to be matched. When it clears this check, they are now recorded as a couple and the photos are set aside.

Later, when Father has finished, the staff gathers and begins to separate the photos. They are divided so that the standing photo of the brother is stapled to the portrait photo of the sister, and vice versa. The photos are then sorted by continent, according to the portrait photo, and eventually by nation (though usually later). When the photos are sent to the candidates, the sister will receive the standing photo of her potential spouse, and he her standing photo.

At this point in time, they decide whether to accept Father's matching. If one chooses to refuse, the other's photo may go back into the room. The photo of the one who refuses is withheld from any further matchings—except in certain special situations, such as one of the above incompatibilities having been missed in the checking process. Any matching cancellations are entered into the database so that all data will be ready for the next matching.

The Preparation

I had the most wonderful staff, recruited from various locations. Russell Lockmiller was my technical assistant and general jack of all trades. He and I had begun gathering the information on what was needed in August 1996 from the Korean Computer Center under the direction of Mr. Shin Young Ho. With his guidance, we were able to put together the computers needed for this task. He and members of his staff, Kazuyoshi Hayashi and Tomohisa Hirano, came from Korea to install the special software for the database.

We discovered during the course of their stay in New York, that the most universal language in the world is "computer." We had no need of translators as long as we talked in computer terminology. This was important, as they spoke no English and we spoke no Korean. Still...we got the job done and understood each other quite well.

I recruited Taru Graef Rasmus from Korea, a valuable resource as she had worked on the 1995 matching preparation and speaks fluent Korean and English, along with her native Finnish. I honestly believe she thinks in Kore-

an. I also recruited Julian Gray from Rev. Kwak's international staff in Korea. This was quite a coup, as he also speaks fluent Korean and is well known by the national leaders.

I and my staff spent weeks preparing photos for the matching, verifying



the data. Often the information was incomplete. We would have to check on medical information. Sometimes medical information was missing and a photo would show a deformity of arm or leg, thus necessitating further communication with the national leader to verify cause and the extent of the problem. Always having to hold out the completion of that individual's application until clear information was received.

Just a few days before the matching, nations began sending and bringing photos and applications that had made no attempt previously. One nation showing up with more than 800 to be processed in just a few days. Mr. Shin came with his staff members—Mr. Hayashi and 2 others—to man the computers for the matching. At every opportunity, we put anyone to work who dropped by the office—even my 13 and 14 year old children were drafted at times. My son, Rilaw, became quite an expert at putting the labels on the photos. He was even given the responsibility of teaching other recruits how to do it correctly.

All of a sudden, we received a phone call from East Garden. The leaders' conference was breaking up and setup for the matching would begin immediately. We scrambled to do the final steps necessary in the database, and do the last minute packing and loading the vehicles. My son, who was helping out that day, was put in the van with the equipment with instructions to the driver (who lived in New Jersey) to take him home when the opportunity came about. I am certain that Rilaw made the trip back and forth between NY and East Garden several times, along with

helping load and unload boxes at both ends. Eventually, that night the driver was released and could go home—taking my son to our home.

Thus the evening of the setup for the second matching began. Paul Fontaine had done a wonderful job of creating

Each night when Father was finished, it was clear that he was totally exhausted. He gave his all to create the best matches possible for these candidates. He looked after each and every one of us on the staff—seeing that we had whatever was needed.

One night I had not had dinner and was working to setup. Someone had left East Garden to get something for me to eat, but had not returned yet. In the meantime, I was getting crankier and

crankier. I began to argue with my central figure—getting more and more "Cained-out." Just as I finished rolling my eyes at something said, I turned and realized that Father was standing there. I instantly knew that Father had seen everything.

What did Father do? He turned to the kitchen sister there and instructed her to get food for everyone. I then also knew that not only had he seen, but he also knew that my attitude was due to a lack of food—something I am not always cognizant of—and had taken care of the problem.

We had two matching sessions at East Garden, and then went to Washington DC for any last minute matchings there. I had been blessed with the return of Mr. Hayashi and two other members of the Korean Computer Center staff, Mr. Joo In Ho and Miss Sin Min Jung. They were an indispensable addition to our staff and great fun to work with.

While in Washington, leaders would drop by our office and ask, "Will there be another matching?" I could only respond, "Ask me that on November 29th at 11 am." We had to be ready for Father's call at any time. We were and he did. The result being the 59 couples matched in person on the night before the blessing. They received holy wine in a tent just prior to entering the stadium.

When we assembled on the field of RFK Stadium, it was such a moving experience. Taru and I would spot a person whose photo we had worked with, commenting, "Look there's the 3-D [insert name]." It was an amazing experience to have had a hand in the matching of so many couples.

It was not an easy task, but we rose to it and fulfilled it. All problems were overcome. God worked constantly to guide us in so many ways. I am grateful to Rev. Kwak for having the confidence that I could handle the task. His support, internally and externally, is so much appreciated. The daily support from Shunichiro Yoshida was even more important to the success of my responsibilities. More importantly, I thank those who worked with me on this task. I wish them all the best on their life of faith. ❖

the easels for the photos, and was setting them up. The continental leaders were pouring over their photos, working at resolving any last minute problems, and dealing with last minute changes. The Korean Blessed Family Department had brought a beautiful banner, as we had requested, to hang in the room. As time went on we resolved all the problems and the room began to take shape. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak asked for counts as to how many brothers' and sisters' photos were ready for the matching.

Meetings were held to make sure everyone understood the process. Many of the continental leaders had been so for the matchings in 1995, but everyone needed a refresher course. As the evening and preparations wore on, those who completed their organization began to relax on the sofas in the Pink Room—causing it to be nicknamed "The Open Mouth Room."

Finally, everything was set up and ready to go. It was very late in the evening (or early in the morning, depending upon your point of view). We were all able to go home, knowing that upon our return the next morning Father would begin the matching.

Conclusion

All total Father matched more than 6200 couples for the blessing at RFK Stadium, including 59 couples done at the last minute in his suite in Washington, DC. Some truly beautiful matches were made. Among the 59 couples, Father matched a Japanese sister with an American black brother. This was the only black/Japanese matching—an impossible thing to do by photo. It could only have been done in person.

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By the late afternoon of the second day, the stage was ready. Lighting was adjusted, backdrops were hung, props and set pieces were properly stored off-stage so they could be quickly moved into place as the performance progressed. In the wardrobe rooms, costumes were hung, steamed and put on racks for the dancers. Dressing rooms were assigned.

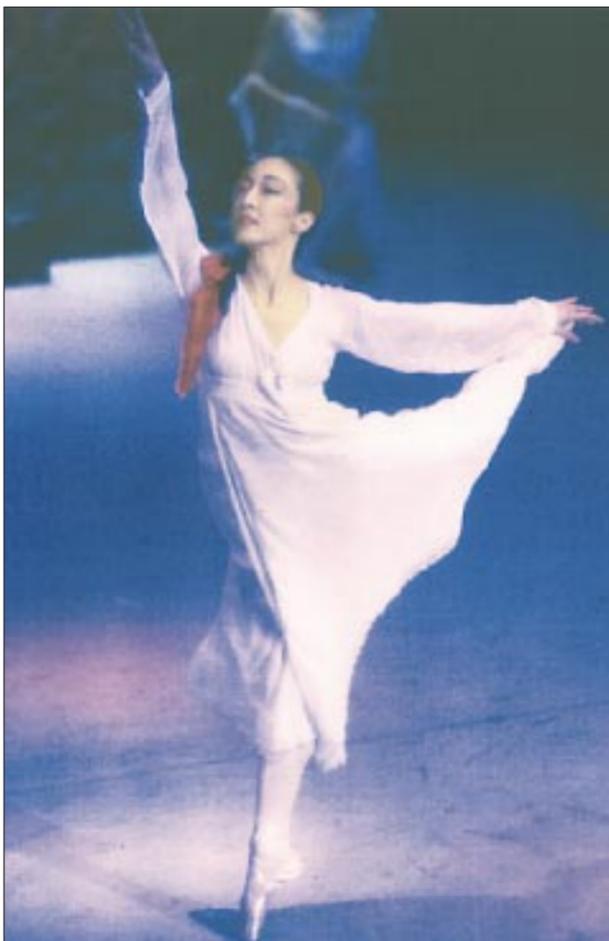
Production Coordinator, Anne Inoue, and General Manager, San-Yong Nam, set up the first of many "offices" that they would arrange on this tour. Sometimes they used a room in the theater, often it was a corner of hotel room, sometimes it was their places on the bus or airplane. With portable telephones and laptop computers they managed the day-to-day needs of the company and sponsors, including casting changes, media interviews, travel schedule changes, VIP tickets, sales of the company's souvenir program books and video tapes and the thousand and one details of taking a major ballet company on tour. When the company is on tour, their offices never close.

Now it was time for the dancers. They had the morning free to rest, get used to their new surroundings in the hotel, shop for whatever last minute "essential" they might have forgotten to bring from home and spend some time doing their own stretching exercises in their hotel rooms. They could also check the ballet's notice board in the hotel for last minute schedule changes.

The dancers assembled for their first class of the tour. Class is a structured workout that is designed to warm and prepare the body for the actual rehearsal and performance work of the ballet.

After class there was a stage rehearsal of "Swan Lake" which lasted until early evening. The dancers worked with the Ballet Master and Mistresses, Daniel Job, Galina Kekisheva and Mi-Na Kim, who taught class and conducted rehearsals throughout the tour. The ballet staff refreshed the dancers memories and kept watchful eyes on them to assure that steps, staging and spacing were absolutely correct at all times.

Class was a daily occurrence unless travel took up the entire day. Rehearsals were held virtually every day for some, if not all, of the dancers. Constant cast changes as principals and soloists alternated in the various roles within each ballet required frequent rehearsals to keep everyone



in top performing condition. Occasional illness and injuries placed some dancers on the side-lines for various lengths of time and their places had to be covered by other dancers — more rehearsals. Occasionally the stage itself presented problems. In Victoria, BC, the stage was quite small for the size of the Universal Ballet. In this situation there was simply not enough space for all of the swans in their big tutus to fit on stage at the same time. Cuts had to be made to reduce the number of swans at this particular performance and so an extra rehearsal was neces-

sary. At the next performance the normal complement of swans could be used, but another rehearsal was needed to help the dancers re-adjust to the original spacing that was set when the company rehearsed in Korea.

The first performance in Los Angeles was a performance for students which, in fact, doubled as a full stage dress rehearsal for the company. Students from throughout Los Angeles arrived by bus for an 11:00 a.m. performance of Act I of "Swan Lake". As the students took their seats in the audience, the dancers had a last practice of a particular step or pose and the technical staff made last minute checks of the lighting.

When the student audience was seated, the house lights dimmed and the moment had come when the magic of ballet would bring together the work of dancers, designers, technicians all to the music of the great Tchaikovsky.

One hour later the curtain came down as the students, many of whom had never seen classical ballet before, applauded and cheered. It was a wonderful moment for them and for the company.

As the students left the theater, a few brave ones could be seen making attempts at some of the steps they had just seen on stage. The spark had been lit! Someday maybe one of these stu-

dents would become a dancer; maybe many would enjoy attending ballet performances throughout their lives.

Meanwhile, Bruce Steivel, Artistic Director of the company hurried backstage to give the dancers a few last-minute "notes" (corrections) so that the evening's full performance would be perfect.

Opening night is always special. There was great excitement in the air. Dignitaries from the Korean Consulate as well as the Korean and American business and social communities arrived. Officials and members from the Unification Church, who had worked so hard to ensure the success of this engagement, joined with ballet aficionados who, having learned about the company from feature stories in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register and other local newspapers, wanted to be present at the North American premiere of the newest member of the international dance community. It was an auspicious moment.

The Universal Ballet's first "Swan Lake" in the United States proved to be a great success. The audience showed its appreciation and acceptance by giving prima ballerina Julia Moon, her partner, Dragos Mihalcea and the entire company a standing ovation. The audience cheered and applauded. Huge bouquets of colorful flowers were brought

on stage to Ms. Moon who led Artistic Director, Bruce Steivel, onto the stage to join the company's curtain calls. What an exciting moment! The months and months of planning, work, and worry had been well worth the efforts of everyone involved.

When the applause finally ended and the audience left the theater, the stage crew began to work. The production of "Swan Lake" (sets, backdrops, props, costumes) had to be loaded into its truck so it could begin the long drive to Spokane, Washington. The head electrician would

fly ahead to the Spokane to begin work with the theater staff there in anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the company.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles the work went forward as "Shim Chung" (The Blindman's Daughter), the signature piece for the Universal Ballet, was readied for its opening the next evening. While the stage crew worked on stage and the wardrobe staff in their rooms backstage, the dancers had class and rehearsals for various segments of "Shim Chung". Saturday evening's performance would be led by Sun-Hee Park as the devoted heroine, Shim Chung. This was followed by a Sunday matinee performance with Ms. Moon as Shim Chung.

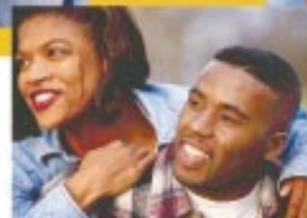
"Shim Chung" is a folk tale that is certainly well-known to the Korean audience members but, as it

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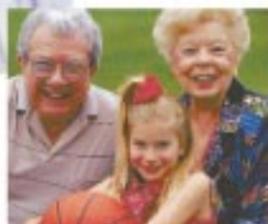
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turned out, American audiences also fell in love with the story and joined the Koreans in cheering at the very touching moment when the father, now reunited with Shim Chung, regains his sight.

The company was thrilled by the audience's acceptance of their work and felt they had surely begun the tour on a successful note. The Los Angeles Times praised the company as "...an amazing achievement" and the Oxford Review (NPR) said, "A rare evening of dance poetry, human emotion and brilliant color — simply sensational."

Pasadena House and Dr. Bo-Hi Pak hosted a lovely garden supper party for the company following this performance. After dinner, Dr. Pak addressed the company and reminded them of the importance of the tour and of the impressions they would be making on the American people. He told them that everyone had worked hard to bring about this tour and now it was up to them to dance their best and be successful for the company and for the arts in Korea.

As the dancers returned to their hotel to pack for the next day's travel to Spokane, the stage crew worked late into the night to pack the "Shim Chung" production into its truck which would be driven to its next destination.

The following morning it was time to travel. The company checked out of their hotel and boarded the bus to the airport for the trip to Spokane. Despite the distance, when the company arrived there was class and, of course, rehearsal.

In Spokane the presentation was "Swan Lake" and, as in Los Angeles, young dancers from local ballet schools were recruited to act as "supers" (super-numeraries), taking part in the lavish scenes of the Prince Siegfried's court. In each "Swan Lake" city local dancers would be chosen to act as supers and they too had to have rehearsal. What a thrill it was for these aspiring ballerinas to be a part of the professional world of ballet.

In Spokane, the Swan Queen, "Odette", and her evil counterpart "Odile" were portrayed by Sun-Hee Park. Her part-

ner, Jae-Hong Park offered strength as a partner not only in dance but in dramatic interpretation. The Spokesman-Review declared the Universal Ballet's "Swan Lake", "... was a performance event of a lifetime, one by which all other performances will be measured."

Next stop on the tour was the beautiful Canadian city of Victoria. Again the ballet was "Swan Lake" but this time the Odette/Odile was Enrica Guana from Italy. She has been a member of the Universal Ballet since 1990. Her partner, Jae-Won Hwang, won gold and silver medals in Korea's most prestigious dance competitions prior to joining the company.

March 20 was another travel day. Instead of going to Riverside, California as originally scheduled, the company returned to Los Angeles for an encore performance BY POPULAR DEMAND of "Swan Lake". How exciting this was! The dual role of Odette/Odile was danced by the willowy Yena Kang who was partnered by Jun-Kyu Lee, one of the foremost male dancers in Korea.

The next tour stop was St. George, Utah for another "Swan Lake" followed by a day of class and rehearsal in Las Vegas, Nevada, where the Nevada Dance Theater, also directed by

Mr. Steivel, graciously made its studios available to the company.

March 26th was a big travel day for the company. Leaving Las Vegas at 2:00 a.m. the company flew to Memphis. At 8:45 a.m. another plane took them to Houston, Texas, where they boarded busses for the 3 hour trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana. Now the company could get its first look at the southern part of the United State and compare it with the Pacific Northwest (Spokane/Victoria) and contrast that with the enormity of Los Angeles. One dancer said they were all surprised to see that the cities, streets and houses they saw as they traveled looked exactly like those shown in the movies. By



now the company realized that America was very big. That impression remained and by the end of the tour the dancers said they felt they had visited 12 countries and not just 12 cities. They realized how very small Korea was by comparison.

Americans got high marks from the Korean dancers who noticed Americans were very polite in their driving habits and followed the laws. They were also impressed by the police. They reported that they felt safe in America. They witnessed an accident and a robbery and saw how quickly and efficiently the police responded to these emergencies. They also said Americans were kind and friendly. Other hotel guests would greet them; people on the street smiled. One dancer needed a doctor. He later came to see her perform and offered his services, without charge, to the company.

In Lake Charles and Shreveport, Louisiana, the company again offered "Swan Lake". These performances were sponsored by the local Ballet Societies whose members made their ballet studios available to the company. They brought dancer-friendly food to the theaters. They drove various members of the company's management staff to a variety of errands. They did everything possible to really make the company feel welcome. It was that famous southern hospitality — dancer style — and it was great!

After the Shreveport performance there was another day of class and rehearsal. Then two very long (10 hour) days of bus travel to reach Raleigh, North Carolina with an overnight stop in Birmingham, Alabama.

These long bus trips gave the dancers a bit of a chance to rest although

the sitting for long periods of time is hard on their bodies. They could admire the beautiful scenery of the southeast, sleep, read, sew ribbons on toe shoes and of course knit. Knitting was a favorite tour occupation of some of the dancers. Leg warmers and dance sweaters seemed to be among the favorite creations.

The dancers also had opportunities in hotels, restaurants and stores to practice speaking English. As with most people who are new to a language, the Koreans felt that everyone spoke so fast.

Food provided a bit of a challenge to the dancers who found American food very different from Korean. They were constantly on the hunt for Korean restaurants but in the meantime learned about pizza, McDonald's and, in New York City, the many deli-style markets with endless varieties of hot and cold prepared foods that could be purchased for picnic-style meals in the theater or hotel.

In Raleigh, North Carolina, the company performed with the North Carolina Symphony. The Symphony, who had presented ballet companies in other seasons, reported that they usually presented a company for only one night, but they chose to offer the Universal Ballet for two nights of "Swan Lake" and nearly sold out both performances. Ms. Moon and Mr. Mihalcea and Ms. Guana and

Mr. Hwang danced the principal roles in these performances.

It was exciting for the company to perform with a United States orchestra. It must have been equally challenging for the orchestra to work with a Korean ballet company and its Korean conductor, Seung-Han Choi, but then music and ballet are truly international languages that transcend borders and cultures.

The Center for the Arts at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia was the next stop on the tour. This venue was chosen because of its proximity to the Washington, D.C. area. Here the Unification Church joined as co-sponsors and assisted with marketing and ticket sales and served as hosts to the company. For the first time on the tour the company was joined by its own orchestra, the Prime Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Choi. Ms. Moon danced the heroine in "Shim Chung" while

Ms. Park and Ms. Kang danced the Odette/Odile role in performances of "Swan Lake".

Again, the press was responsive. The Washington Post declared, "Universal Ballet: An Envious Resource" and stated, "...this company has been for its home town -Seoul- a resource that many an American or European city might envy."

While in the Washington, D.C. area company members visited the Smithsonian Museum, and the National Gallery. They also visited the Capitol and had their photos taken in front of the White House. They rehearsed at the renowned Kirov Academy and went to the famed Mall. The later provided the only disappointment as the dancers thought they were going to a wonderful place to shop but, alas, it was another important historic site. Oh well, there was always New York for shopping.

As the days passed, the excitement of performing in New York grew. Final-

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Youths from Los Angeles and surrounding counties were chosen for significant walk-on roles in the Los Angeles performances of Swan Lake and Blind Man's Daughter.

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ly the big day arrived and on Sunday, April 12th, the company traveled to New York City.

As usual, classes and rehearsals occupied the dancers while the stage technicians were preparing the stage for opening night.

"Shim Chung" opened the New York engagement with performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 14-16th. The leading roles were danced by Ms. Moon and Ms. Park. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the company offered performances of "Swan Lake". All four ballerinas (Misses Moon, Park, Guana and Kang) and their respective partners shared the performances of "Swan Lake".

Reverend Moon and his family attended performances of "Swan Lake" and "Shim Chung". Members of the Unification Church came from as far away as Boston. Leaders from the diplomatic community as well as Korean and American business and professional leaders came to the performances of the Universal Ballet at New York's historic City Center.

New York is a city that is synonymous with energy. Even the air seems to be infused with it and it is contagious in the best sense. Everything moves faster. People seem to catch the unique spirit that is New York - the Big Apple! New York is an easy city. Everything is so compact. This gives the illusion of extra time as one can always cram in a moment to do an extra something. The dancers welcomed this. They seemed to have extra moments to sleep because the theater was an easy distance from the hotel; extra moments to shop on the way to class or rehearsal. The dancers also welcomed the Korean food that was generously provided to them by the Korean wives of the New York Church.

While the company worked hard to show their very best to the New York audiences, plans were being made for a European tour and for the next tour of the United States. Meanwhile, everyone waited breathlessly for the reviews from the New York critics. In the hierarchy of the world community of reviewers, they stand at the top. Whatever they say about an artist is read with eager interest by the artistic community as well as by the public.

New York Times said of Julia Moon, "In the title role of 'Shim Chung', she has a genuine star presence, using her natural lyricism and perfect arabesque to evoke the delicate purity of the heroine." Newsday declared, "... its dancers showed they can hold their own on the international stage... the Universal Ballet is making its first American tour in impressive style."

Of "Swan Lake", Clive Barnes, writing for the New York Post said, "...the young company was able to leave an unequivocally excellent impression..." and Anna Kisselgoff writing for the New York Times praised the company for its "... astounding precision and attention to detail". The Times continued, "The discipline of the corps, especially in the 'white' or lakeside scenes of 'Swan Lake' can put even internationally ranked companies to shame."



When the curtain came down on the final performance in New York the dancers were tired but happy. For the Universal Ballet, New York and, in fact, the entire tour signaled the fulfillment of a dream that was envisioned years earlier when the company was founded. What a wonderful feeling to know that the dream became reality and that the goal had been successfully achieved.

The next thrill for the company was an invitation to dinner at the home of True Parents. After the Sunday matinee, three busses transported the dancers, staff and orchestra to East Garden. As we entered the grounds a gentle mist was in the air. It was dusk and all was serene. We were greeted by East Garden staff who passed out slippers for everyone and we entered the banquet hall. After finding our places the dinner began with a few words of welcome followed by the saying of grace. After dinner, various members of the company were invited to sing for the assembled throng. Ms. Moon, and Eun Hee Smith sang as did the Artistic Director Elect, Oleg Vinogradov. Mr. Steivel joined in a moment of folk-type dance with Dr. Pak. True Mother and True Father each took a turn at the microphone to the delight the audience with their renditions of Korean songs. Members of the East Garden staff, dressed in traditional Korean costume, performed musical numbers on traditional instruments. Young-Keun Kim, Concertmaster of the Prime Philharmonic Orchestra, played three violin selections including Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumblebee".

After the entertainment concluded, True Father, addressed the audience and reminded the company that there is always a "war" going on between the mind and the body. To be a true artist, one had to find a way to achieve harmony between these two aspects.

At the conclusion of his remarks, farewell gifts were given to each company member and the company boarded the busses for the return trip to New

York City. Everyone agreed that it was a very special conclusion to a wonderful New York engagement.

The following day, Monday, April 20th was an unusual day for everyone on the tour. There were no classes, no rehearsals, no performances. It was a day to relax, sleep late, shop, see the sights and enjoy New York as a tourist. The dancers scattered in every direction for fun and adventure. New York really did look like it does in the movies!!!

However fun on tour doesn't last too long and the following morning, after a breakfast hosted by Dr. Pak, the



dancers were back on the bus for another long ride. This time the destination was Norfolk, Virginia. Meanwhile, the Prime Philharmonic Orchestra headed to the airport for their return flight to Korea. They too could be immensely proud of the outstanding contribution they had made to the tour's success.

In Norfolk, the company was honored to be part of the Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival where it performed "Swan Lake" with the Virginia Symphony under the direction of Wes Kenney. The Festival is in its second year and featured outstanding artists and attractions offering perfor-

mances of music, theater and dance. In addition to performances by the Universal Ballet, the Festival presented violinists Itzhak Perlman and Cho-Liang Lin, pianist Andre-Michel Schub, the Orion String Quartet, the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, popular stars Gladys Knight and Betty Buckley, a special lecture by Harry Belafonte, and performances of "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "A Chorus Line".

Festival audiences loved the ballet giving them standing ovations. The Festival organizers were happy that tickets for both performances

sold well and felt the Universal Ballet had been a good choice for inclusion in the Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival.

The company had one more stop on the tour, Las Vegas, but circumstances forced the cancellation of this engagement so the company had its second free day in fifty days of touring. What better place to be than Las Vegas, one of the entertainment capitals of the world with its theme hotels, gambling casinos, shops, restaurants and a non-stop devotion to fun! Everyone had a great time — and some got lucky with the slot machines and poker tables.

Finally, the last day in the United States, April 29, had arrived. The company had a short flight from Las Vegas to Los Angeles and after gathering up the luggage and changing terminals there was one final opportunity to enjoy American fast food. It was time to board the Northwest Airlines plane for the flight back to Korea.

What a glorious tour it had been. The company learned about the United States and the American people whom all agreed were friendly and open. The dancers enjoyed responsive audiences who understood and appreciated the art of ballet. They were thrilled to receive many standing ovations. Best of all the Universal Ballet went

from a company that was unknown in the United States to one that was known, appreciated and respected. No longer was the Universal Ballet solely a Korean company. It was an international one. This was the tour where the Universal Ballet grew up. It is hoped that the success in the United States will be regarded as success not only for the Universal Ballet but for the arts in Korea and, of course, the Universal Ballet looks forward to many tours of the United States in the coming years. ❖

by Fritz Piepenburg—Lima, Peru

Three Tales From Peru

Peru is a spiritual country. It is the land where the very popular book "The Prophecies of Celestine" unfolds its intriguing story. - Every 12 years, mystics and new age followers from around the world gather near Cusco, in the holy valley of the Incas for conducting the Kumbha Mela, a rite of purification and union with the basic elements of this world: earth, fire, water and air. Many spiritually open people believe that places like Cusco, Machu Pichu and Nasca are focal points for the earth's electro-magnetic spheres and therefore harbor special healing powers.

We too, members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification have frequent encounters with people and groups with a high degree of spiritual perceptiveness. Spirituality must not be confused with religiosity, much less with religious bigotry. While religiosity, or leading a religious life, may be very much confined to the doctrines and teachings of that particular religion, genuine spirituality transcends religious barriers.

Fortunately the message of the Family Federation is not about a particular religious teaching, but deals with family values. Its main objective is the establishment of sound and public-minded families, regardless of race, culture or religion. Thus we always explain that the blessing ceremony is not for the sake of any particular religion, but for the sake of the family. By participating in the world wide campaign "Brindis de Honor a la Unidad Familiar" (a toast in honor of family unity), couples and families show solidarity with millions of like-minded families around the world and promise to establish exemplary families, thus actively contributing towards the betterment of society.

Tale one: Blessing in the Amazon Rain Forest

Two of our brothers went pioneering in the tropical rain forest of Peru, moving along the Amazon river and visiting communities by boat. They determined to return back to Lima only after fulfilling a goal of 10,000 families blessed. After working hard for several days, without obtaining extraordinary results, they finally arrived at a town called Requena. As the church bell was ringing in the late afternoon, they also joined the people attending the Catholic mass.

One brother was struck by the similarity of the Catholic father with the Hindu religious leader, who attended the Nov. 29 blessing event in Washington. This Catholic father had the same white beard and even the tone of his voice was similar. He felt this was a hint from spirit world to work with this father.

The next day a series of events unfolded which felt like a dream to these brothers. First they met a local journalist who listened carefully to what they had to say about the family and felt deeply inspired. The journalist introduced them to the mayor of the town, who was equally inspired about their message and sincerity. When the brothers explained about the blessing campaign by way of the brindis, the mayor said the only man capable to assemble a large number of people in a short time was the Catholic father. Thus all of them went to the Catholic father who told them that he had never before heard of the Family Federation, but supported fully its objective of establishing healthy and Godly families. Thus, during the following two days, the father gathered more than 6000 families, who all listened to the speech of our brothers and received the blessing.

The brothers were also invited to speak on local radio and give their full message to all the people of the town. Because of the smooth cooperation among the press, the political and the religious authorities, our brothers could reach out to the entire city population and give them the blessing within a couple of days.

Tale two: Why the Good Friday was a Really Good Friday

One of our Japanese sisters became friends with a highly spiritual group of artists, who every year on Good Friday plays the "Via Crucis", the Way of the Cross. A couple of days earlier they played the baptism of Jesus, in a real scene at the Rimac river. On Good Friday, these artists, fully dressed in long robes, were each playing a distinct personality according to the Biblical story. In front of the church they staged the trial of Jesus, all very realistic, very touching and with a profound sense of spirituality. They then embarked upon a 15 km walk, with Jesus car-

rying the cross, until finally climbing up to the top of Mount San Cristobal, which takes about one hour. There on the top, watched by thousands of spectators, Jesus was tied to the cross and left hanging there until he spoke his final words.

What did we have to do with these artists? When they came to the seat of our Federation, we discovered that we had a lot in common, both of us being the instruments of God and doing His work. Thus we determined to cooperate. Along the 5 km road and especially on the mountain we were to prepare some refreshments for the artists and those accompanying them. And how thirsty they were! We positioned ourselves halfway up the mountain, where we blessed many families who were moving in an seemingly endless stream up the mountain. When Jesus and all the other players arrived, they stopped the whole train and we could serve some lukewarm and thin orange juice, which was gratefully accepted by the sweating actors with their hot, red faces.

On that day, before the arrival of the artists and after, we could bless some 2700 families on this mountain. As one brother said while driving home late at night: "Jesus must be happy today. Maybe he is dancing in the spirit world!"

Tale three: The Blessing of 5000 Israelites

For years we have been dreaming of giving the blessing to a religious group of people, called Los Israelitas, the Israelites. This religious denomination, founded by the Peruvian Ezequiel Ataucusi Gamonal some 40 years ago, has attracted some 3 million followers all over Peru, even spreading to neighboring countries. They advocate a highly spiritual mixture of the Old and New Testament. From the Old Testament they borrowed the long hair and beard, and the beautiful long dresses they

wear. Women also wear long dresses and cover their hair with a long shawl. From the New Testament they obtained their strong faith in Jesus, the Bible (which actually is the Catholic Bible) and, what is most important, a clear understanding of a monogamous and permanent husband- wife relationship (which, if one reads the Bible carefully, seems to be rather the exception than the rule during the Old Testament age). On this last point, our two organizations could find a powerful common base for cooperating and supporting each other.

The Israelites invited us as their guests of honor during the last day of their Eastern celebrations. We were led up in full honors, flanked by clapping and cheering women in their long colorful dresses until reaching their sanctuary, which consists of a huge 7-armed candelabra and a large incense burner, which covered the entire crowd of faithful with the sweet scent of sandalwood. Men and women were strictly divided - men to the right and women to the left. Most of them were fasting that day, as one could easily tell from their strained faces, especially during the late afternoon hours.

Along with other dignitaries, we were invited to give our message in front of all the people assembled, and we used this opportunity to introduce the Family Federation and the Blessing campaign. We invited everybody to participate in the "brindis", renewing their marriage vows and strengthening their family ties. Then, when evening came and thousands lined up to receive their meal for breaking the fast, each one also received a cup of juice containing the Holy Wine. In that way, an estimated 5000 families of the Israelites attending the important final day of Easter received the blessing, including the founder and grand master Ezequiel himself. ❖

True Parents in Uruguay

by Dirk Anthonis—Montivideo, Uruguay

On Saturday May 16, at 2:45 PM, True Parents, accompanied by Hyo Jin Nim, a few Korean leaders and Mr. Kamiyama, landed in Montevideo, Uruguay, following their visit to Brazil. Under police escort, they were driven to downtown Montevideo, where a group of about 150 members were awaiting them. There was a small welcoming party, a cake was cut and Father commented he was happy to be back in Uruguay. To the Japanese missionary sisters he commented: "You have been here for quite a while now; you are beginning to look like Latin American people. Your husbands will be surprised the next time they see you."

After pledge on Sunday morning, Father asked Rev. Yeong Og Yu (Korean national messiah) to read the entire book now published in Korean based on Dr. Sang Hun Lee's testimony and teachings from spirit world. Before the reading began, Father made some brief comments that were translated in Spanish by Alejandro De Souza. What follows is the gist of Father's comments as best as I could interpret them:

"We are living in the era of the accom-

plishment of the 360 million couple Blessing and the elimination of the false blood lineage of Satan. We are now entering in a 3-year period of transition in the spiritual world and physical world. All of the barriers must be eliminated.

"The reality of the spiritual world must be clarified. For that reason Dr. Sang Hun Lee gave us a very important message. While on earth, Dr. Lee had many questions about the spiritual world. When he went there, he asked God if he could visit some of the Providential figures in history and God said 'yes'. The book that was published based on Dr. Lee's testimony should be translated in Spanish quickly. All of the materialistic ideologies that deny God have been clearly proven wrong through these revelations from spirit world. It is necessary that the content of these revelations be known to the world. Other religions do not possess this knowledge. Dr. Lee is the first to reveal it. Those who deny this knowledge about the spiritual world will suffer. With a solid faith we must welcome Dr. Lee's testimony and teaching and bring this to the religious world.

"This year we have established the see URUGUAY on page 20



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FFWPU Blessing Activities in Brazil

by Christian Lepelletier—Brazil

The "Movement for True Family Values" is making progress under the direction of Rev. Oyamada. Recently the members started to concentrate on distributing the Holy Wine first, and then informing the people by giving them a leaflet introducing the Family Association for Unification and World Peace (the name under which the FFWPU is officially registered in Brazil), as well as explaining the four pledges of the Blessed Couples. People also receive an invitation to participate in the June 13 Blessing Ceremony at the Palmeira Hall in Sao Paulo, including a coupon response.

The June 13 event will be broadcast simultaneously with 11 others events around the world for the World Culture and Sport Festival, Blessing 98. The Palmeira Hall in Sao Paulo has 5000 seat capacity. We are planning to bring the people there in 50 buses. The ticket to the event includes lunch and a raffle price.

Besides the teams distributing Holy Wine directly, two evangelical pastors are working for a "National Campaign for a Blessed Brazil" with a network of Evangelical churches. They are offering a more traditional ceremony for couples gathered among their congregations, where they fill out registration forms and share the Holy Wine cup. These pastors reported already 183 000 couples pre-blessed in the churches of the Nordeste region of Brazil.

Now the total number of couples who received the Holy Wine in Brazil since last December is about 350 000.

We are pleased to announce the opening of the homepage of the Family Federation of Brazil in Portuguese language. Most of the work has been done by our brother Eduardo who is living in Rio. The site is still under construction. We are looking for more translators to contribute speeches in Portuguese language.

National Campaign

The "National Campaign for a Blessed

Brazil" is spreading quickly through the Evangelical Churches of Brazil.

This campaign was started two months ago by two pastors, who were originally working in one of the main Evangelical denominations of Brazil. They attended several seminars of the "Inter Religious Federation for World Peace," one year ago.

The IRFWP sponsored 10 three-day seminars for the Christian Ministers, 1500 of them from all other Brazil were invited and listened to the "True Family Movement" lectures in 1996 and 1997 at the Guaruja resort in Sao Paulo State. These two pastors were part of the Blessing Ceremony last November and received the Holy Blessing with their spouses in the Sao Paulo Temple. They felt inspired to launch a "National Campaign for a Blessed Brazil" to contribute for the worldwide campaign to give the Blessing to 360 millions couples.

The two pastors contacted Evangelical Church leaders and asked them to cooperate to spread to the local ministers the teaching of the "Family Val-

ues" and the "Blessing" to their assembly, including the importance of the fidelity to God and to the couple. Starting in the states of Pernambuco (Recife region) and Rio de Janeiro they will spread the movement in the 27 states of Brazil.

The Evangelical Churches have the tradition to commemorate the "Last Supper" ritual once a month during the Sunday Service, where they pass around small cups of wine to the congregation. The local pastor receives a sample of the special Holy Wine called the "Israel Wine", he will then multiply it and invite all the participants to renew their commitment to the "Family Values".

Today a report came in that 1281 local church congregations received the Holy Wine. Including the numbers of some other events, the total is over 4 551 000 persons, resulting from the work of this two pastors. Now the total number of Blessed people, including the mobilization of the members of the FFWPU in Brazil, is over 4,890,400 people. ❖



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Freedom of Expression: An Absolute Right?

ed fools but because they recognized that speech is often pernicious. The classical liberals who opposed censorship did not claim that all speech was equally worthwhile, but they did insist that a central authority could not be trusted to sort the good from the bad."

Concerning the notion that freedom of expression is, or should be, an absolute right protected by the Constitution, James Vargason, district attorney of Cayuga County, NY, provides this perspective: "There are some who would have us believe that to restrict the dissemination of patently offensive materials infringes certain Constitutional rights, thereby threatening all forms of personal expression. Such an argument ignores the reality that many forms of personal expression are routinely restrained without Constitutional infringement." He adds: "You cannot walk into a crowded movie theater and yell 'fire' unless there actually is a fire. Moreover, consider the ongoing debate in America about smoking. Tobacco is a legal substance for adults, but advertising it is severely restricted, clearly infringing upon personal expression."

Mr. Vargason insists that the societal harm caused by pornography and obscenity justify legal restrictions on effort to produce, distribute and view pornography and obscenity; he declares, "Recently I prosecuted a 16-year-old young man for sexually abusing a five-year-old girl. While he was baby-sitting her, he found the little girl's parents' triple-X rated movies. He watched one, became aroused and proceeded to sexually molest the little girl. I have also prosecuted grandfathers who have molested their own grandchildren while watching pornographic materials." Pornography, he insists, "is not a victimless form of entertainment, and anyone who thinks otherwise is mistaken."

Like District Attorney Vargason, retired FBI agent William Kelly, an

expert on organized crime's involvement in pornography, says people who affirm an absolute right to pornography and obscenity should consider the societal harm caused by such degrading kinds of materials. Mr. Kelly says evidence supports the contention that a connection exists between the widespread availability and popularity of pornography and the nationwide epidemic of sex crimes and violence. Consider:

* The Los Angeles Police Department points out that in the more than 40 child sex abuse cases it investigated between Oct. 1976 and March 1977, pornographic photos were found in every case.

* Twenty-nine of 36 serial murderers researched by the FBI confessed that pornography influenced their thinking and conduct.

* Adult and child pornography is used by pedophiles to seduce children into sexual activity; in one case, a six-year-old girl testified that her father used pornography to entice her into sex.

* Law enforcement people across the United States have found in thousands of cases that most child molesters either collected or produced child pornography.

Pornography reduces sex to a plaything, human beings to mere bodies and human bodies to sex machines; it denigrates the sacredness of sex, marriage, family and human life and transforms sex from a sacred union of life and love to a tool of masturbatory and voyeuristic gratification.

Even those who contend that pornography is harmless must at least tacitly acknowledge the power and influence of words and ideas; otherwise, they never would attend school, go to the library, or write letters, articles, books, advertising copy, and TV and movie scripts.

Certainly if what we read, hear and see affects our thinking, and thinking influences behavior, then pornography indeed can and does have a damaging impact on thinking and conduct. ❖

Recently, nine Florida high school students were suspended and later arrested and charged with a felony for publishing on campus a pamphlet which included drawings depicting a rape, a head with a bloody fork protruding from it and the school's black principal impaled on a dart board. The state's attorney office in Miami had the students arrested for allegedly violating a 1945 criminal libel law prohibiting anonymous publication of material that "tends to expose any individual or religious group to hatred, contempt, ridicule or obloquy" and Florida's "hate crime" law, which proscribes offenses motivated by hatred toward a racial, ethnic or religious group.

The state's attorney in Miami eventually dropped the charges; even so, she and school officials defended the arrests, noting that the student pamphlet contained language and drawings of "an outrageous and highly offensive nature."

Writing in the March 6, 1998 Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville, Miss., Jacob Sullum, a senior editor at Reason magazine, a libertarian publication, sharply rebuked school officials and the local prosecutor and strongly suggested that the First Amendment right to freedom of expression is an absolute right. Mr. Sullum observed: "Americans to often forget that freedom of expression was a controversial notion for most of human history not because our ancestors were benight-

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

THE ORIGIN OF CONFLICT AND SUFFERING

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A number of ancient Jewish and early Christian writings agree with the Divine Principle interpretation of the Fall. Several Jewish thinkers claim that Satan thought, "I will kill Adam and take Eve to wife." Another rabbit explained that Satan intended to rule the earth with Eve as his spouse.

Professor F.R. Tennant of Cambridge University, who did an exhaustive study of the Fall, notes that legends "concerning the monstrous intercourse of Adam and Eve with demons, and especially of Eve with the serpent, or Satan, were widespread" in ancient sources.

However well-documented this explanation of the Fall is, can one seriously believe that an angel could have sexual intercourse with a human being?

Biblical

To throw light on the question, let us examine the beliefs of the Hebrews and Christians recorded in the Bible. Both the Old and New Testaments take it for granted that spiritual beings can and do lust after mortal women. One key passage is a short account to be found in the sixth chapter of Genesis; in it, "sons of God," traditionally understood as angels, descended from heaven and successfully "took to wife" certain fair women (Gen 6:1-2).

We might dismiss this story as primitive myth if it did not reappear in two different parts of the New Testament. In the Epistle of Jude (6-7) and in II Peter (2:4), the story is revived and given the authority of Christian scripture. Obviously, for the Christians, it was assumed that spirits and human beings could and did have sexual relations with each other.

There are other times in the Bible when angels had direct contact with people or things in the physical world. For example, an angel wrestled with Jacob so vigorously that he dislocated the patriarch's thigh joint (Gen 32:25).

When two angels visited Lot at Sodom to warn him of the coming destruction of the city, he invited them into his home and they had a meal there.

When Mary saw an angel near the tomb of Jesus, she thought he was the y see that angels gardener (John 20:15).

From this we can readily see that angels not only possess powers of sensual perception similar to humans, but

also possess a form which can on occasion be perceived.

Nor is there a lack of evidence of this phenomenon on what we might call the satanic side. Satanists have long maintained that in their mystic rites one could experience sexual union with their master or his supernatural associates. During the Middle Ages down to the seventeenth century and even today, they have confessed as much to clerical and secular authorities, not as

of fear, made her turn to Adam for comfort and help.

To Adam

Loathing her previous act, Eve was willing to do anything to regain her former sense of well-being. Recognizing that God had intended Adam to be her rightful mate, she erroneously thought that by having a sexual union with him, she might rectify her prior error. Acting on this idea, she tempted Adam to

physical Fall of Adam and Eve. Since God created man in both spirit and flesh and Eve had already fallen spiritually, from the moment of their physical union, their Fall became complete.

What She Might Have Done

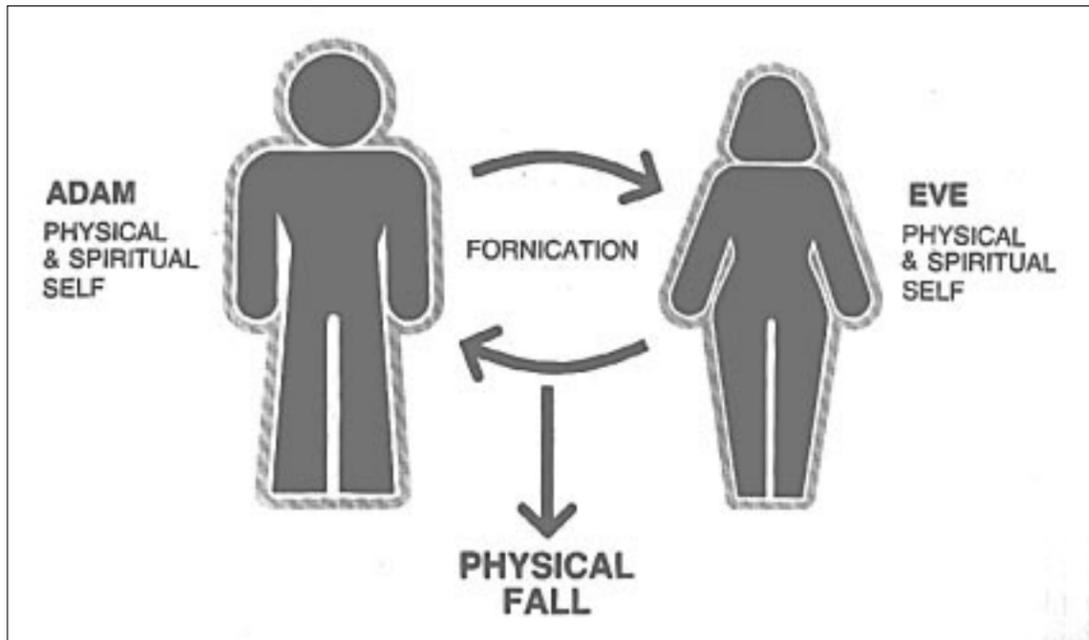
Rather than tempting Adam as she had been tempted, Eve should have confessed her mistake to him and begged him to intercede for her with God. Through Adam, God could have restored Eve. When Eve led Adam to have a sexual relationship with her and he consented, they only repeated Eve's first mistake. Now they both were cut off from God and without hope. There was no one to intercede with God on their behalf.

Sunk in their shame and guilt, Genesis records that God Himself ultimately had come looking for them, calling "Where are you?" They were lost, spiritually and physically.

If our first ancestors had not eaten the fruit of god and evil, they would have established an ideal family by producing children of goodness. Eve's love would have been a good fruit and she would have been likened to a Tree of Goodness. But before she could achieve perfection, Eve fell and led Adam to fall, thus giving rise to a family lacking God's love and stained with a satanic heritage. Therefore, the fallen Eve was likened to an evil tree and her love to an evil fruit.

Immediately prior t the Fall, Eve was thus in a position to become either a tree of goodness or a tree of evil. For this reason she was symbolized by the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The fruit of the tree, which was her love, could have been either good or evil.

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an admission of guilt, but as their belief and experience.

Of course, a spiritual sexual experience is not within the realm of the ordinary person's experience. Nevertheless, it is a fact of existence, even in the twentieth century.

The Fall Complete

How was the Fall of Lucifer and Eve extended to Adam? Love unites two beings, bringing a reciprocal influence. Having united with the archangel, Eve received two elements from him. First, she experienced fear. The archangel knew in his heart that in uniting with Eve he would violate a clear principle of God, yet the power of his love for Eve led him to do so. In rebelling against the Almighty God, he became frightened. When the unprincipled union between Lucifer and Eve took place, his fear was extended to her and became a part of her. She came to feel the same fear Lucifer did.

Also, when Eve at the forbidden fruit, her eyes were opened as the Serpent had predicted. At that moment Eve understood that Lucifer was never intended to be her mate but that God had created her for Adam. Deep regret and repentance came to her. This realization, in conjunction with her sense

behave as her husband.

Heretofore, Adam and Eve had lived together in a brother and sister relationship. It had been intended that they would grow in this way to perfection and then receive the blessing of marriage from God. In the state of mature love with God, they would be in the proper position to have a Godly love with each other. Any union with each other before reaching this stage was in violation of God's design.

Nevertheless, Adam responded to Eve's advances and two united sexually. This union between Adam and the spiritually fallen Eve constituted the

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tradition of Hoon Dok Hae in Korea, Japan and America. In this way, important conditions were laid. We now have a foundation of 3.6 billion blessed couples in spirit world. As a result of the conditions established, America was blessed as the elder son nation. Father is now connecting this victory to Uruguay [Father later explained, according to Alejandro, that Uruguay is in the position of the second son or younger son nation]. Father is building a highway to the Kingdom of Heaven. The gap between the physical and spiritual worlds is being bridged. The victory of the 3.6 billion Blessing in spirit world indicates that the progress there is more rapid than in the physical world. We must connect this victory to the physical world. That is why True Parents came to Pantanal [an Amazon region of Brazil], which is a zone that is still well-preserved in its original state and not so much

polluted.

"We can begin a new life based on the knowledge of the spiritual world as revealed by Dr. Lee. We must not have doubts about what Dr. Lee revealed. Our blessed members are in the highest realm of the spiritual world. We must put our life here on earth in order so that our life in the spiritual world will not be adversely affected.

"This 3-year period of transition is so important and serious because never in the past did we have this kind of knowledge about the spiritual world. We must unite mind and body and show our absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to God through the unity with our spouse. It is very difficult for God to forgive us if we do not believe in the reality of the spiritual world as revealed by Dr. Lee.

"True Parents are very hopeful. The world is very close to accepting the basic teachings of Unificationism." ❖

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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

by Sandra Lowen

The Grandmother

Grandmother Oak," as Mrs. Se Hyun Oak is known, met Father in Pyongyang, and became one of his very first followers. She served Father for the rest of her life.

Mrs. Oak met Father on November 11, 1946—before he went South to Pusan, before he went to Hung Nam prison. She had been a very religious woman. She and her husband held important positions in their church. Her eldest son had gone to fight in World War II, and she prayed for him every day. Even after the war, she continued her daily prayers.

One day, she received a revelation that she should meet a certain special man and that she should go to the mountains to pray for more direction. Mrs. Oak was a good Korean housewife. There was washing, cooking, cleaning, mending, shopping—so much to do.

"After I get these things done," she vowed, "then I will go." But the jobs never came to an end. Day after day, she put off going to the mountains.

Then, one day she knew she could wait no longer. She just left her work and went. She prayed a long time on a mountain, and the spiritual world soon told her where to meet this certain special man.

She followed the directions given her, and she found the little room in Pyongyang where he stayed. He welcomed her, served her tea, and immediately began teaching her things about the Bible. His message was so powerful that she knew in her heart she wanted to work with him. He became her Son sengnim (Honorable Teacher). It was, of course, True Father.

She still had her work at home, however; so the only way she could spend time with him was to sneak away. Then, when she was with him, she would forget about time, and the hours flew by. Even days went by sometimes. When she returned to her family, they would be very angry.

At first, she wouldn't tell them where she had been, but when they later found

out about Father, they told her she shouldn't go back. They thought she should be content with her own church and her household chores. Therefore, she was not able to visit Father for long periods of time. But she missed him terribly.

Father missed her, too. He worried about her and longed to talk with her. Once, he resolved to go to her house, to see if he could catch even a glimpse of her. He stood outside her house and watched the balcony where she hung out the family wash. He knew that she was a good housewife, and would have to do the laundry soon. Although the day was passing, he was so hopeful of seeing her that he waited and waited.

Finally, she came out, not knowing Father was there. He saw only her back; still this was enough for Father to know that she was all right, and so he returned home.

A few days later, Mrs. Oak was preparing food for her family. As she reached out to place wood on the fire, she heard a spiritual voice say, "Why are you here? Your Messiah and Lord is suffering. Do you think I called you just to make rice for your family?"

At that moment, her hand began to shake. She couldn't stop. When her family found her shaking, they became frightened. What was the matter with her? They tried to help her, but nothing worked.

Then, she told them, "I heard God's voice telling me to go to Moon Son sengnim and help him with his work. And then I started shaking."

Her family was very upset. They still didn't like this Mr. Moon. But what could they do? She couldn't just be left there in the middle of the floor, shaking. They held a family meeting.

"She must not be allowed to go with this Mr. Moon!"

"Yes, but if she doesn't, she could die here!"

"Don't be silly! I never heard of any-

one dying from shaking!"

"Me either. But this is a spiritual thing. She isn't just sick."

"You're right. Who knows what could happen?"

"I say we send her to Mr. Moon."

Finally the decision was made to let her go. Immediately, Mrs. Oak stopped shaking and ran off to get ready. She was going to be with her Master at last!

Times were not always so happy for the little group in Pyongyang. In 1948, Father was cruelly betrayed. Many spiritual people came to Father, especially women who had received information from spirit world.

One day, a lady came who said, "I am a very spiritual person, and my mother is, too. We were told spiritually to come here. Will someone please tell us all about this group?"

The members told her many things. The next morning, very early, the communist police arrived. That lady was a spy, who had gone straight to the authorities and told them terrible untrue things about Father.

When Grandmother Oak came early the next morning, she found Father, Won Pil Kim and two ladies being taken away. Then Mrs. Oak was also placed under arrest and questioned; but her family hired a lawyer and paid for her release.

When Father was sent to Hung Nam prison, Mrs. Oak traveled the long distance several times to visit him. He was there so long, almost all his followers in Pyongyang lost faith in him. They thought he would never return. Yet, whenever Father asked Mrs. Oak, "How is everyone?" she would always answer, "They're fine." She couldn't bear to give him bad news, especially when she saw how he was suffering.

He wore such miserable clothing, and became so thin! She always brought rice meal and clothing for him, even though she knew he just gave it away.

Sometimes, he would be moved to another location, and she couldn't easily find him. Just before the Korean War began, she could receive no word of him at all for awhile. Sometimes, she and Won Pil Kim journeyed to the work sites, and he was nowhere to be found. They would ask the prisoners about him and they wouldn't know where he was. Then the spiritual world would tell them that he was still alive.

Later—during the time Father, Won Pil Kim and Mr. Pak were making their long journey from Pyongyang to Pusan on foot—Grandmother Oak went to Pusan with her family. She lost touch with Father.

Grandmother Oak had been in Pusan a few months just working and caring for her family. She had no idea where Father was. Then one day a young man appeared at her door. It was Won Pil Kim.

"Son sengnim sent me to find you," he said simply. Those were the most welcome words she had ever heard. Her heart soared. He had been looking for her for quite awhile, and had learned where she lived from a Christian minister nearby.

"Tell me," she said excitedly, "what kind of clothes does he have on?"

"He's wearing old green pants, a ragged jacket, and rubber shoes—the same things he always wears. Why?"

Mrs. Oak shook her head. "Those are the same clothes he wore in North Korea. First, I will make him a new set of clothes; then, I will visit him." And she did.

From that point on, she went to the mountain to be with Father as often as she could. She helped with his cooking and cleaning, so he could have more time for spiritual work.

Many times, she climbed the hill to the little shack. Later, when they set up a tent beside the shack so more people could gather to pray, she was often there. When there were people to take care of, she was there. When there was something urgent to pray for, she was there.

Father loved her so very much—his dear Oak Halmonie (grandmother). ❖

by Nancy Hanna—Panama City, Panama

FFWP Activities in Panama

We have found an excellent follow-up program for members of the FFWP. This is a wonderful course for married women to improve their marriages called Fascinating Womanhood.

Any blessed sister who speaks English or Spanish (materials are available in at least these two languages) can teach the course after studying the book. We teach the course at our HQ one evening a week for 8 weeks. The course can begin with any session, since the content of each session is fairly independent.)

Our FFWP women members are enthusiastic about the course and many have invited friends relatives to the course who have subsequently joined FFWP and attended FFWP workshops.

The course is valuable for three reasons. First, we offer the course as a social service "to strengthen the Panamanian family" and the content of the course is of such high quality it is a valuable social service and shows people that we are people truly serious about creating loving marriages.

Second, women become accustomed to going to our center and because they are so positive about the course they begin attending other FFWP activities.

Finally, all our UC blessed sisters have completed the course. They serve as hostesses and report that the course has greatly helped their marriages as well.

This is no quick fix, pop psychology course. The author is a deeply religious and successful wife and mother of 8 children. The content teaches the art of loving and understanding your husband and how to enjoy being a wife, mother and homemaker by living for others. Her material is convincing, engaging and badly needed. I myself have benefited from the book for twenty years.

In Panama, we would like to offer other courses to practically help strengthen families eventually having a "Family Institute" where people can study to create good marriages and families. I am planning to develop another course based on material from Steven

Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective Individuals and the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families and our own True Family Values book.

These are the best course materials I have come across, but I would be very interested in suggestions for other books on the family and marriage.

One leader recommended a Christian

book called "Marriage Savers" which teaches how non-professionals can give simple marriage counseling to help save troubled marriages..

Information about how to order the Fascinating Womanhood book and workbook is at the Fascinating Womanhood website, <http://www.andelin-2000.com>

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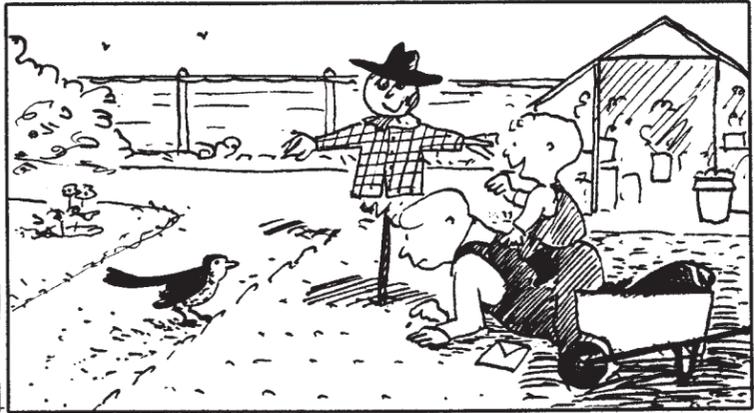
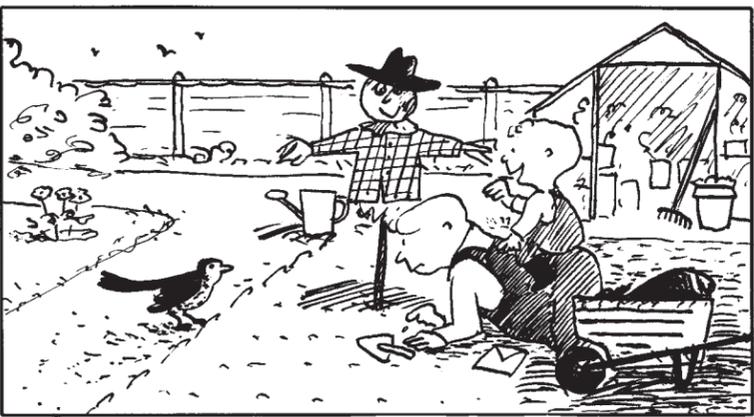
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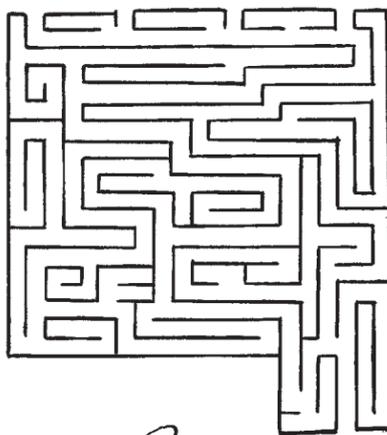
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by Françoise



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Mike the Flower Man

This appeared in the May issue of the Montana Tavern Times. Can you guess who it might be?

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"A loving father and attentive husband, Mike and his wife have five children ranging in age from two to eight years old. Yet despite his family obligations, Mike still finds time to aid troubled and needy people on the Southside of Billings.

And, when he walks through our doors with his bucket of flowers, he brings a bit of cheer into everyone's lives. He always flashes a bright smile and sports an ebullient manner, even when the fellows try to hammer down his prices.

When he leaves, the women are all smiles as they each have a flower to remind them of this special person.

Mike's workdays are not subject to any union guidelines as he is glimpsed going about his duties at all hours, seven days a week.

The Flower Man's efforts were especially appreciated at the recent Carbon/Stillwater Tavern Association Dinner. In addition to brightening up the occasion by his sheer force of personality, Mike provided all the corsages and centerpieces for the event and then treated all the assembled guests to a glass of wine.

Mike brings a sparkle to many eyes and contentment to the heart. All the people he touches are gratified to know the world is still inhabited by special people like Mike.

"Keep up the good work!"

Did you guess? It's Michael Yakawich, Montana State Family Church leader!❖



**PAUL
CARLSON**

FIELD OF DREAMS

In this article we'll continue our discussion about Religion and Science. The UTS recently published *Reflections on Unificationism*, with an entire section devoted to this subject. Check it out!

The Principle states that traditional beliefs cannot satisfy today's rational minds, and that the prophesied New Truth must address this concern. It also implies that, for science itself to be fulfilled, scientific theories must include the spiritual world. Much has been done about the former, and as to the latter, more progress has been made than most people realize.

There are at least two ways to learn about the spiritual world. A gifted few know it by direct experience. Others attempt to understand it through careful research.

Many accounts have been published. All have common threads, yet vary widely in the details. Unfortunately for our purposes, virtually all of them lack precision.

History

Let's begin our quest with a brief review of the history of Physics.

Isaac Newton wrote of a precise, "clockwork" universe. To the regret of every High School student since, he invented calculus to describe the motion of the planets. Beholding the grand order of creation, he reaffirmed his faith in God.

Centuries later, Einstein formulated the Theory of Relativity, with its curved space-time. Rejecting some troubling implications, he asked, "Does God play dice with the universe?"

Next, Heisenberg published his Uncertainty Principle. The idea of complete precision went out the window! Reality turns out to be "fuzzy," and often unpredictable.

Atomic particles have been made to "tunnel," appearing beyond fixed barriers without ever having passed through them.

Mind-bending thought experiments such as "Schroediger's Cat" were posited; this involves a quantum state in which the unlucky cat gets to be both alive and dead, at the same time!

All subatomic particles, and energy itself, are known to be manifestations of "fields"; patterns which underlie all existence, and are shaped by the laws of universe. These "fields and vectors" can only be described using the difficult, higher mathematics of "complex numbers."

If the reader thinks this is too strange, it gets worse. The now-classic "two slot experiment" directly involves the *observer*. In its simplest form, just watching the experiment -or not- causes it to have a totally different result! This is

called a "quantum superposition wave-form collapse," which occurs as potentials sort themselves into reality.

In light of these astonishing findings, the idea of a nearby, yet unseen spiritual world appears a lot more plausible. Sooner or later, theories will be formulated to explain it clearly. (Keep in mind that the line, "My breakthrough ideas were rejected by that old-foggy establishment," has been used to introduce all sorts of quackery.)

Analysis

As commonly described, the spiritual world is different in several ways.

No unbeatable "gravity field" anchors its inhabitants in place. As in dreams, one can easily take flight!

No "transmission" (of energy or information) problems interfere with the movement or creation of objects. Spirit people can obtain any item they desire, and fast!

No "lightspeed barrier" prevents them from crossing its vastness in an instant.

No "entropy" decays that world's beauty or hampers its smooth functioning. (At least in the "higher realms"; apparently, the lower you go the worse off the inhabitants are.) In fact, its "patterns" are so stable that spirit people are immortal.

There are two main schools of thought about what makes the World Beyond so different. They are only simple kernels of greater ideas to come.

The first and most popular states that the spirit world has a "higher frequency." Perhaps in a literal, linear sense. All energy, such as light's constituent photons, has distinct wavelengths.

Thus, seeing that world becomes a simple matter of "paying attention," and attuning our senses. Technologically, there may be ways of "stepping down" its frequencies, and viewing it with a constructed device.

The second school involves four-spatial-dimensionality; the arcane, geometric world of tesseracts and hyperspheres. To illustrate 0-4 dimensions, think: point, line, square, cube, tesseract. (Give it five or even more dimensions, to include time and the "expanding universe.")

Placing the spirit world at a dimensional remove would explain its closeness to -and yet, unbridgeable distance from- the physical realm. Also, its invisibility to ordinary means of detection. The only connection is through our minds and, perhaps, elements of our living bodies.

Hell cannot simply be "beneath" Heaven. Presumably, Heavenly lakes have fish on their bottoms, not demons! Deeper Hell is said to be totally dark; no

Heaven shines in its skies. Not to mention the multiple layers in between. Earthly "up and down" are not enough to explain this multiplicity of vast, complete realms.

There are various, and individually varying, "sizes" of spirits. The human body has trillions of cells, and (according to Daemonim) it can be "covered" by thousands of spirits. Such spirits can even inhabit our tiny, individual cells! They can also "expand" upon leaving the body.

How can this be? A four-dimensional being will alter in size as it moves, for it only intersects with our three-dee world along one section of its "body." This is similar to a three-dee object crossing a two-dee plane. The area of its intersection changes as it moves through, and a watching two-dee being would not be able to "see" the entire object.

This four-dee concept is well-illustrated in two books, *Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions* by Edwin A. Abbott, and its sequel, *Sphereland: A Fantasy About Curved Spaces and an Expanding Universe* by Dionys Burger.

C. S. Lewis wrote of Heaven being very much "larger" than Hell, and of spirits "expanding" as they were conveyed upwards from one realm to the next.

Thus, angels might well be personal "conductors" between the spiritual levels. Hence the difficulty of ordinary spirits "returning to Earth" without a specific role and/or mission. Once returned (or never having left), they would be "in the Earth plane," a hair's-breadth away from us, if only for a while.

Mind

There are four major "forces" in nature, gravity being the most familiar. Physics has now reduced these to invariant laws and a matrix of "fields." These fields are invisible to us mortals, and except to a handful of geniuses, almost inconceivable.

Common human experience posits a fifth, "spiritual" force. (This author once received an impressive dose of it,

whatever it is, at Chung Pyung Lake.)

Such experiences are no longer "merely" subjective, as doctors are now learning that prayer *does* speed healing. It works even when the supplicants and patients are totally separated, within a clinical "double blind" experiment!

On another front, scientists are seeking a Theory of Consciousness. Roger Penrose, in his book *Shadows of the Mind*, shows that no computer could ever duplicate the feats of the brain. This devastates the mechanistic concepts of most biologists and programmers.

C. S. Lewis, in his *Miracles*, logically shows that the mind must be "supernatural," in and of itself.

Conclusion

Clearly, the "focus" of the mind shifts upon death (or during an out-of-body experience). Perhaps our consciousness is a "nexus" of spiritual energy, just as our bodies are patterns of physical matter. The human mind reaches into, and shifts between, both worlds.

Artificial connections to the spirit world will be difficult to construct. There are people who have been charged with the attempt.

Our own Richard Lewis points out that the "New Physics" does *not* uphold Eastern beliefs, as Fritjof Capra and others have insisted. In fact, Physics upholds monotheism in general, and the Principle in particular.

Spiritual energies are *under conscious control*. Not just spirit beings themselves, but every part of that world, at all times. It's almost like some popularly-depicted "cartoon country." Which, considering the seat of "imagination" itself, might not be a coincidence.

Spiritual "fields" are very much alive! They are more fluid than dreams, for we can directly shape them to our will, down to the smallest detail. Thus, the spirit world is extremely difficult to "pin down" scientifically. On any given day, its components might not *want* to be experimental subjects!

Within that world, God, Satan, angels, spirits and providential figures interact and "make deals," and the Principle is their only law. That law is even more binding than human laws. It reflects directly upon our own morality, and the results of our upholding it—or not.

Some have posited that there is no "spiritual speed limit"; that the next world is infinitely fast. However, infinite velocity is the functional equivalent of omnipresence, for one would intersect with the entirety of the Cosmos before stopping anywhere. Also, reaching an infinite velocity requires infinite energy, which equals omnipotence.

A spirit could traverse billions of light years in the blink of an eye without even approaching such infinite limits. God stands above all realms; He alone is omnipresent and omnipotent.

Rumor has it that Dr. Sang Hun Lee is now revealing more from "the other side," and with great precision. Details are eagerly awaited! ❖

Second Generation Summer Schedule

- ▶ National Workshop for ages 15 - 18 (July 11th to July 25th) at Camp Sunrise
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Ever wondered what your children think about God? Last month in Seattle, Washington, an essay competition took place where middle and high school Second Generation wrote about their relationships with God. So many great essays were submitted that the judges ended up choosing two first places!

Josh Morrison, 11 years old, is currently in fifth grade and enjoys doing art, collecting legos and playing basketball. Amaris Morrison is 13 years old and is attending seventh grade. She enjoys singing, ballet, art and acting. This is Josh's entry—Joni Choi

by Josh Morrison—Seattle, WA

Heavenly Father isn't my Master or Lord, he's my friend. When I talk to him I don't say stuff like "I will obey you and do what you want me to do," because if I was God, that wouldn't be too comforting to me. So I say something like "Hi, how are you doing? Anything I can help you out with?" When I talk to him, I talk to him in my mind, because I know he's in my heart. And when I end talking with him, I don't act like I'm reading a script, but I say what's on my mind. I might say, "See you later," or "Bye, I have to go now." I talk to him the same way I talk to a friend, because he is my friend. God isn't always serious with me, he likes to have fun too. The better relationship I have with him the easier it is to talk to him. He's really helped me a lot.

In the beginning it wasn't so easy. I wasn't sure if God was there. I wasn't sure if I could talk to him. My mom said you could talk to him at any time. I thought that you had to pray to him, but I didn't know you could talk to him. Every night I would talk to him in my mind. At one point I was not sure who I was talking to. I was worried that I might talk to some spirit and not to

THE SECOND GENERATION

My Friend, Heavenly Father

God, so I made a password when I was talking to God. The password was "zigzag." Then I talked to him a lot and now we have developed a good relationship, and it's easy to find him anytime. I know if I look in my heart I can always find him, and that only God can be in my heart.

Another way that God speaks to me is he helps me make decisions. When I'm playing basketball he guides me around the court. Anyone can talk to him, whether or not they've been good, and he'll answer. Any time I talk to him, I think he's always waiting to be talked to, and he wants to talk to anyone, because he's always lonely in your heart. If you are not happy, he's not happy. When you're lonely, he's lonely, because he is in your heart. If you talk to him, it's better for you and it's better for God. At least, that is the way I think.

Like any parent, God wants you to know him and to know how much he loves you. Like when a parent raises a child, he doesn't want to rule his child's life and command him to become a duplicate of himself. A dad wants to make a difference in his son's life by loving and caring for him, and giving him all the advice and knowledge that he can. Parents dedicate their lives to their children and that is what God wants to do. Like any parent, I think God's goal is to raise me so that when I look back at my life, I think about how much effort he put into my life, how much he loves me and cared for me.

One time when God really helped

me I was on the way back from a camping trip last summer and I got left by mistake far away from home. My dad stopped the car to visit the restroom and then he took a quick swim in a lake. Darrick and I were asleep in the back of the car, and I woke up while my dad was swimming and I went into the bathroom. He came back to the car and thought he saw both of us asleep and took off to drive the four hours back home. I came out of the restroom and the car was gone! I looked everywhere and they were nowhere. I was alone. I sat down and cried and cried.

I asked God, why did this happen to me? And what should I do? I looked in my mind for God to give me the answer. He told me to call home, but I did not know how, and I did not have a quarter. Eventually I went to find someone and asked for a quarter. I went to the phone and tried to remember all my parents had taught me about calling long distance. I tried all the numbers I knew but the recording said I needed \$2.40. I tried to make a collect call but it didn't work. I gave up and tried to go to sleep on the grass, hoping when I woke up all would be better. God put me through a hard time, but then he helped me out. I woke

up and decided I would try one more time to call, and I prayed for my dad to notice I was gone. I remembered 425 and then it worked. I got through to my mom when she was just walking out the door of our house. It took me a while to explain to her what had happened, but a wave of relief came over me just to talk to her. She asked me where I was and I had no idea.

Then God sent some people to help me. A van pulled up right where I was and a man talked to my mom and told her where I was. The man's whole family stayed with me and helped me, bought me a coke, and then my mom had the police come and pick me up. Just as I was leaving in a patrol car, my dad and Darrick came back to pick me up. For me this experience helped me to learn the difference between looking in my head and my heart. God gave me a test to see if I could handle this situation. When I listened to my heart, God was there and helped me through.

Now that I've developed a relationship with God, it has made my life a lot more special. Having a friend like God is wonderful because he's always there for you, loving you. Even when I'm by myself I know I'm never alone, because God is always in my heart. ❖

IN MEMORIAM

Amb. Sayed Qassem Reshtia

We received the news from Geneva, Switzerland that Ambassador Sayed Qassem Reshtia passed into the spiritual world March 26. Amb. and Mrs. Reshtia were blessed in 1997 by Rev. and Mrs. Joong Hyun Pak in Geneva. Mrs. Reshtia said she is so grateful that they could receive the Blessing while they were both on the Earth.

Sayed Qassem Reshtia, born in Kabul, Afghanistan in 1913, served as Ambassador to the countries of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Egypt, Japan and the Philippines. He spent 60 years in service to his country as historian, writer, journalist and respected elder statesman. He actively participated in the establishment of social and humanitarian institutions. He was active in government where he held many high positions, including Cabinet member. He was a delegate to the United Nations for many years and received awards and decorations from Afghanistan, Egypt, Yugoslavia, Japan and the Ivory Coast.

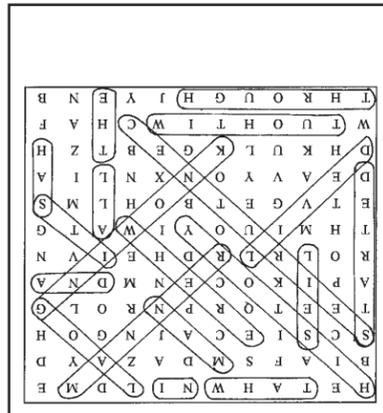
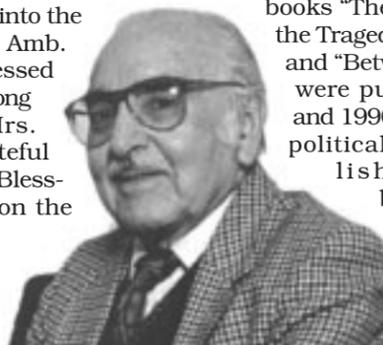
In 1979 Amb. Reshtia left Afghanistan, under enemy aggression, and received political asylum in Switzerland. There he authored novels, short stories, articles, political and historical research works. He was awarded an Honorary Cultural Doctorate in International Diplomacy by the World University Roundtable. His historical work "Afghanistan in the 19th Cen-

ture" was translated into many languages and received the Khoshhal Khan award, the highest Afghan literary prize. His most recent books "The Price of Liberty, the Tragedy of Afghanistan" and "Between Two Giants" were published in 1984 and 1990 respectively. His political memoirs, published last year,

became not only a best-seller overnight but also a historical reference book.

Ambassador Reshtia and Mrs. (Golalai Kabir Seraj) Reshtia appreciated the value of the Blessing. The Ambassador is remembered as a great and dedicated person. Without a doubt, he served his world well, and abundantly.

Liselotte Perrottet, FFWPU, Geneva, Switzerland ❖



The words in the word list are hidden in the diagram of letters. Find them by reading forward, backward, up, down and diagonally, always in a straight line. Some of the letters in the diagram are used in more than one word and some are not used in any words. If two forms of the same word (RICH and RICHEST, for example) are in the word list, they will be found in different places in the diagram. When you locate a word in the diagram, draw a loop around it. Cross out the word you found in the word list.

This month's Topic:

Quotation from The Consummation of Human History

The quote is from "Divine Principle" page 99

"Man has lived through all the centuries without knowing in what manner history started and where its goal lies."

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The Sovereignty of God

The most popular New Testament passage is probably John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." There are several theological affirmations in this verse, and the one I want to address here is that God loved the world. It doesn't say "For God so loved my nation," or "For God so loved my race," or "For God so loved my family," or "For God so loved me."

It is a subtle perversion of true Christianity to preach a gospel that God so loved me, or God so loved my race, or God so loved my nation, if by saying this we deny that God loves equally other people, other races and other nations.

One World Under God

This is not to deny that God loves me and that Jesus died for me. But the verse tells us that God loves me in the context of His love for everyone else. This affirms our common humanity, that we are equal in the eyes of our loving Father. Thus Christianity tells us that the world is one family under God.

Every nation, therefore, should be able to see itself as one nation under God. But the ultimate cause for which God gave His only begotten son is not any particular nation over against other particular nations, but for the world. Hence, we are—or should be—one world under God. And one nation under God can only proclaim itself truthfully as "under God" if it is existing for the sake of one world under God.

The United States traces its spiritual roots back to the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay. Why? Why do we not acclaim the Spaniards who came to Florida, the French who came to New Orleans, the Russians who came to Alaska, or the Cavaliers who came to Virginia? The reason has to do with, as George Bush so eloquently put it, "the vision thing." The Puritans were possessed of a godly vision. This drove them here not to establish a nation. They came here, in their own words, to be a light unto the world. They came for the sake of the world.

They came, in other words, to establish a true Christian society. John Winthrop called their project to establish "a model of Christian charity." Back then, "charity" meant "love," as in Paul's 1 Corinthians 13, in which "faith, hope and charity" is now translated, "faith, hope and love." They came, in other words, to create a society founded upon Christian love. And the word, "model" is important. To be a model means that you intend to establish a standard which others can follow, from which others can benefit. Your sacrifice, therefore, is for the sake of others.

New England Spirit

The Puritans meant to create a model for England, Europe, all of Christendom and the entire world, of how a true Christian society should operate.

That is, they did not come for their own sakes, but for the sake of the world.

And what they expected was nothing less than the Kingdom of God to arrive in England. Those were heady days. But the dream derailed with Cromwell's military dictatorship, and disappeared with the restoration of the king. At that moment, the Puritans turned to God and in prayer concluded that perhaps God's plan all along was not for them to be a model for the world. Rather, His plan was that they build His kingdom in America.

This is bittersweet. On the one hand, it was a golden moment in the development of this nation. But on the other hand, it was a narrowing of vision. America no longer existed by definition for the sake of the world. The scale of the dream shrank as a competing claim arose, that of a new nation. Americans now existed for the sake of God's kingdom in America, not God's kingdom in the world. The era to establish a model for the

world turned into an era for the sake of God's work within our own borders. It was then that troubles began: fires, disease, wars with the Indians, doctrinal division, political factionalism. The Puritan divines referred to it as "God's controversy with New England." They anguished to discover its cause.

And so throughout our history we have had the tension between concern for the world and concern for ourselves. To put it into very broad strokes, this has expressed itself as expansionism and isolationism. For most of our history, the American attitude has been: "let us alone." But our inclusive spirit nonetheless expressed itself in our fundamental nation-building institutions.

We established into law the means by which literal foreign states could be incorporated into the Union. In the process, these states surrendered a portion of their sovereignty. The states to which I refer begin with New Hampshire, Virginia, South Carolina, the original thirteen colonies. And this growth continued all the way to the statehood of Alaska and Hawaii.

And then at crucial moments, most



importantly in the twentieth century wars against the central powers, the axis powers, and communism, America sacrificed herself, her sons and daughters, for the world.

And in an ongoing way, America has served the world. She has opened her gates to the downtrodden of the world, offering asylum from oppression, and economic opportunity. She has been the silent witness that democratic institutions, supported by religion-based education, morality, and faith in God, are the best way for humankind.

UN: Good News, Bad News

Today we see this historical tension between expansionism and isolationism manifested in obvious ways. Our zeal for one world under God, our intention to serve as a light for the world, took the form of the United Nations. But today the UN is rather controversial. The liberal left tends to support it, and the conservative right tends to oppose it. The opposition believes that the UN is anti-democratic and anti-Christian. They believe that the UN represents a major socialistic attempt to undermine the sovereignty of nations. To them, the UN threatens the power of nations to determine their own policies and destiny.

I read that a

forthcoming book by

evangelical leader Tim LaHaye offers the treatise that the Secretary General of the UN is the anti-Christ and his assistant is the Pope. Indeed, if the UN robs the nation of its ownership, it is the same as the nation robbing the citizen of ownership. Communism took us down that miserable road of ruin. The robbery of ownership is tyranny.

On the other hand, the UN represents the wonderful ideal of world peace. The left believes that the way to achieve this is through professional global management by well-chosen experts. Sounds good.

The root question is the role played by God. The American founders agreed that if a sparrow cannot fall to the earth without God's involvement, how can a nation arise without God's involvement? To what extent is God involved in the UN? Where is God's sovereignty? Through what religion does He speak? When it comes down to it, how deep is our faith in God's control of human affairs in general? What about our own lives? To what extent do we allow God deep authority over our lives?

God and My Marriage

One good place to examine this question of "God's authority over my life" is right in the marriage bed. Simply put, where does my human scale of love end, and where does God's divine love begin? Or, it may be better put, how can my human scale of love create a base for God's love to enter? I gained a very helpful insight upon this from an unexpected source, a book by a young couple that details their conversion from Protestant to Catholic faith.

Scott and Kimberly Hahn are the co-authors of *Home Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1993). The Hahns were a young Protestant couple, very active in their church. In his early years as a Christian, Scott tells us, he went out of his way to attack the Catholicism as the whore of Babylon. Then, in Kimberly's Christian ethics class at an evangelical seminary, the topic of birth control came up. She chose to research the Catholic position on the issue.

Expecting to find dogmatism and oppression, she was surprised to discover a persuasive, God-centered argument against birth control. In the interests of ecumenism, I share it. But more importantly, in the interests of true love between husband and wife, I share it.

First I would mention that one recent Sunday morning, during his Sunday sermon, Reverend Moon looked at me and asked me if I use birth control. What he literally said was, "when you love your wife, do you use control?" Now, that was a difficult question, because I usually lack control once the love-making sets in.

Then the interpreter clarified that his question was, "do you use birth control?" I answered, "No, of course not," but I said that with a mental reservation. I did use a form of birth control, the "rhythm method." That is, I tried to time relationships according to the fertile or infertile times of the month. But that, I realized after reading the Hahns, is not ideal, and here is where I was illuminated by Catholic teachings.

First, they explain that marriage is not a contract but a covenant. A contract is an exchange of goods and services, while a covenant involves "an exchange of persons." In marriage, I am giving myself, my whole being, and I am receiving my wife's self, her entire being. The Hahns learned that every covenant has an act whereby it is enacted and renewed, and the marital act,

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**A Paean to 7.8.97
Proclamation
"Realm of Cosmic
Sabbath for the
Parents of Heaven
and Earth"**

Let us sing and rejoice,
Let the bells all ring out.
Let us sing and rejoice
For the victory now won!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice
At True Parents' victory.
Let us sing and rejoice

For True Love's victory!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice
At the triumph of Good.
Let us sing and rejoice
For True Freedom has come!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice,
For a new day has come.
Let us sing and rejoice
This is the day of our God!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice
For our Heavenly Parents.
Let us sing and rejoice

For no more need they weep.
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice,
Heavenly Parents can rest.
Let us sing and rejoice
As True Lineage now grows!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice
For great joy fills the earth.
Let us sing and rejoice
At the dawn of True Man!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice
For mankind has True Hope.
Let us sing and rejoice

At the hope of True Life!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice
At creation's new song.
Let us sing and rejoice
For True Family's Love!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice
For True Peace now begins.
Let us sing and rejoice
At True Peace in our hearts!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice
and give praise to True
Parents.

Let us sing and rejoice
For great things they have
done!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice,
And give praise to our God,
Let us sing and rejoice,
For His Love has no end!
Hallelujah!

Let us sing and rejoice
And give honor to God.
Let us sing and rejoice,
His ideal now will come!
Hallelujah!

June Darby-Perrin

**SOVEREIGNTY
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the act of love, is the covenant act in marriage.

And the covenant renewed brings God's presence directly. "When the marriage covenant is renewed, God uses it to give new life. To renew the marital covenant and use birth control to destroy the potential for new life is tantamount to receiving the Eucharist and spitting it on the ground." That is to say, the

potential creative power of God is purposely destroyed.

"All the other covenants," they continue, "show God's love and transmit God's love, but it is only in the marital covenant that the love is so real and powerful that it communicates life. ... So when 'the two become one' in the covenant of marriage, the 'one' they become is so real that nine months later they might have to give it a name! The child embodies their covenant oneness."

"I began to see," writes Scott, "that every time Kimberly and I performed the marital act we were doing something sacred. And every time we thwarted the life-giving power of love through contraception, we were doing something profane."

"Scott and I," writes Kimberly, "were already committed to each other and to the Lord. The question was, Could God be trusted to plan the size of our family? The spacing of children? Would he know what we could handle financially, emotionally and spiritually? Did he have the resources to enable us to handle more children than we thought we could?"

"At root I knew what I was wrestling with—the very sovereignty of God."

To this, I would add a further reflection. If I believe that God is the source of love, including the love I feel for my wife, then should I not allow God to be the initiator of the relationship? I realized that I was counting the days, deciding from my human perspective when I could love or not love my wife. This truly was an artificial approach, I realized. It prevented the spirit from moving. And I recalled many occasions that had revealed to me that my wife was not "keeping track." So I decided to let God be God and let love be love. Mentally and spiritually, it has made a big difference.

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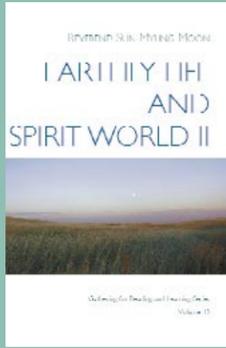
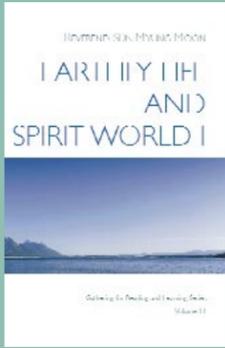
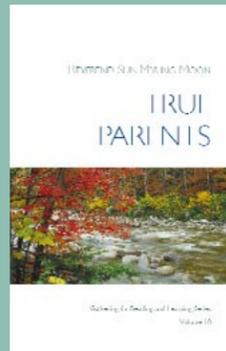
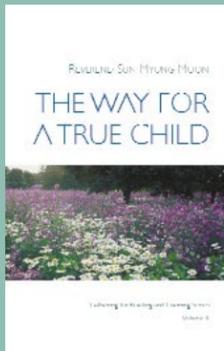
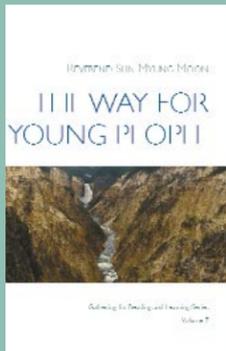
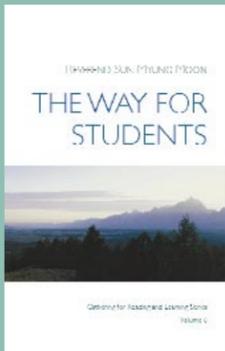
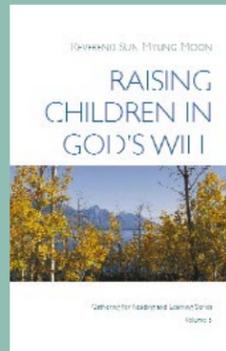
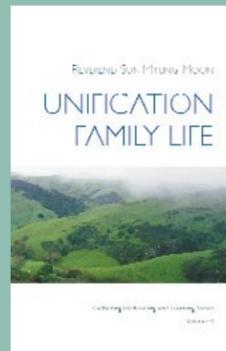
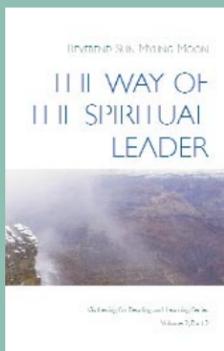
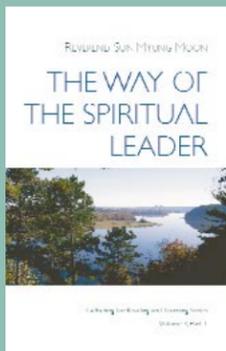
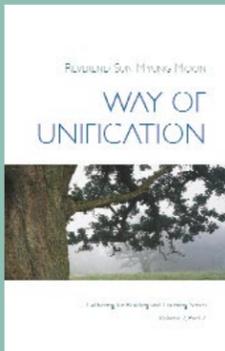
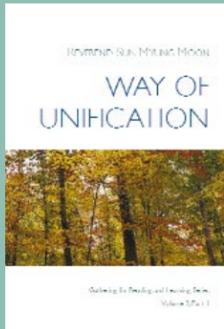
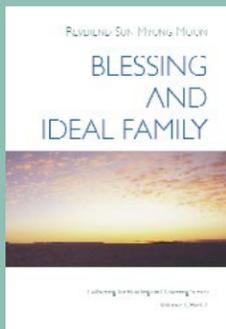
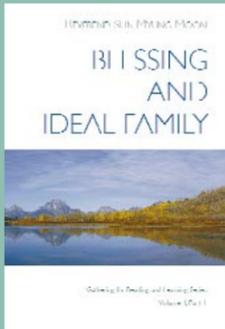
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