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 Duk Hwe speech. The plane landed and the VIP 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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Universal Ballet Tours the United States
by Anne Inoone—Seoul & Sunny Charla Asch—Los Angeles

It was 7:00 a.m. in Seoul. The sleepy dancers, most of whom stayed until the night previous, 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 Chung”. Each production sets, scenery, props, costumes, traveled in its own truck which would not be unloaded until it was time for the 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 contain-

Los Angeles

Terrence "True" 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 still

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INTERNSHIPS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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 D.C. to engage in private 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 for achieving religious freedom throughout the globe in the 21st century.

The conference began on Friday evening with a reception. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as guests relaxed and exchanged greetings. Some had traveled from 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. Don Peifferman, ICRF Executive Director, acted as the

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2 May 1998

TRANSLATION BY REV. PETER KIM

Unofficial Notes

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

Satan took the number four, so within 4 years, the providence should be completed. By 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. Oriental men 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, excepting many horizontal lines. The true center is not a center of knowledge or power or wealth. The center is invisible. We cannot see love, life, lineage and consciousness horizontally from right to left. Their center is where vertical and horizontal meet. The four corners are one at the center. Love, life, lineage and consciousness are vertical. The key point of our consciousness 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 shin, one mind, one life, 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 flat line, a man becomes one with God, if chae. If chae means one body, oneness, but it includes oneness with God. It follows God. The vertical axis is the universe. Everything turns around this axis. We are the vertical part of the universe. We are to go back to God. That way, we can claim God’s mind. This is why we even desire something greater than our own mind. We desire love partners to be greater than ourselves, whether we recognize it or not.

An ancient saying was there is a greater power than God to do the same for the sake of the creation, all creation, which God created the principle by which it 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 their children, he will join in and enjoy it. The same with God joining in with Adam and Eve enjoying the earth. He wants his love partner to be greater than others, whether we recognize it or not.

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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. It is connected with the central line. It represents the universe.

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 insist on its possessions, it is not good. This is one world under God. The only owner is God. But the American creed 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 advo- cate 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 line. Do you have the right of possession? Not on the basis of your citizenship or that concept is owned by Satan. Why did Father come to this richest nation and spend his money for the sake of this nation? To save America. I will invest forever. America does not have ownership. When we live in the hori- zontal world, we may find ourselves on the top, but we have to seek the low- est position. God created angels as ser- vants, but they claimed ownership. We have to eliminate this satanic power from the individual to the cosmic level. The fallen world is Satan’s concept. We have to escape it and deny it.

So Rev. Moon reaches the world level but returns to the level of servant of servants. If he has nothing to invest, he creates something to invest. If you offer absolute giving on all the levels, then whatever is created belongs to you. Therefore the foundation belongs to Father. You forgot it, but when you look back, it is there and you see it. No one else can claim ownership of it. Satan has nothing to do with it. To get to that field, you have to go lower than Rev. Moon does, digging a tunnel. Since Father proclaimed the 300 million coup- les blessing, he is running away from this secular world. Once it is accom- plished, it doesn’t matter, everything will belong to God and True Parents. Father 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.

The secret is that the seed is clean and perfect. As a seed, if you want to fulfill the seed, you must be pure in dirt, like wearing dirty clothes. Fer- tile land is always smelly from the fer- tilizer you put in it, it’s 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 Hud- son 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 seri- ous. A fish, after all, can bite anytime. Then when it strikes, it is so exciting. I await the future, when the big fish will take. What excitement, jumping! This is the top of the universe. Everything rests on our spiritual and physi- cal. Father has been waiting 40 years as if it were one day. And if he wants, no one wants to stay with Rev. Moon for this reason. But now they all want to be with him, because he is returning with the whole world. They have no other way to express their appreciation of that. Rev. Moon is saving the family worldwide. So the Amer- ican people will be saved. Once Rev. Moon realizes that only he can save their children by working for happiness 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 con- clude what happened during that peri- od. 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 of running 48 states in 40 days to give speech- es. They have no other dangerous area, filled with alligators. Father has been waiting 48 years. The fallen world is Satan’s concept. We have to escape it and deny it. Did Father accomplish this by enjoy- ing his life? No; he followed the diffi- cult 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 moun- tain, they searched in the highest moun- tain or the deepest valley, the extremes. If you want to find Father in South America, you go to the most possible, most dangerous area, filled with alligators. Father will go and challenge the boa constrictor. I don’t know where Father goes forward.

When Father came to the US, he cov- ered 48 states in 40 days to give speech- es. At the same time he established 62 holy grounds, more than half of the 120 in the world. This was because of Chris- tianity. Now America is the elder son na- way.
Little Angels Perform in North Korea

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The provisional schedule is:

July 27 - 29: Harimann 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

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 expect 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.

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 announcement 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 a 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 composed 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.

The group's youth art troupe received a warm welcome, raising hopes for improved ties between the two hostile 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 communitarian feelings. "Schoolchildren in the city gave them bouquets and flowers, hardly repressing their joy at the emotion-al meeting with the fellow schoolboys and girls from South Korea," said the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

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May 1998

Unification News

Rev. Joong-Hyun Pak

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

A hundred years were sacrificed in Rome. The Messiah marches on the Roman Empire. Four hundred years, True Parents worked to overthrow the Roman Empire. In Germany, Switzerland, and England and Christianity, the foundation of the Church was inherited. The Messiah comes on the worldwide, cosmic level. True Parents have become the son (daughter) of England and America because of Jesus Christ. True Parents want to fulfill the mission and dream of Christ. Adam’s destiny and responsibilities have been to become the elder son, taking the lead in the King of kings. That is Adam’s role 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 family of God and foundation of 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 RFR Stadium event in November 1997, members came from all over the United States, north, south, east and west to Washington, DC to work for RFR Stadium Blessing. Also, 120 Japanese sisters came directly from Japan to work for this event. All these visiting members slept in church, stayed in members’ homes, bunked wherever they could and humbly ate simple food. Some went out in the rain or sunshine to accomplish the mission, to fill RFR Stadium, regardless of the weather.

American Brothers and Sisters! Centered on the RFR Stadium Blessing, you all overcame all obstacles and阻力, and at that time, 2,000 American Christian minister couples received the Blessing. A second wave of Blessing is expected to be the role model for the others, to bear the burden with joy for the world. In the Philadelphia mission, two factions give us difficulties; just accepting the responsibility for the others, to bear the burden with joy. The Elder Son nation? This nation is responsible for the others, to bear the burden with joy, yet, we should not make excuses, saying, for example, that we do not agree with our Abel figures. That does not excise 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 knew it was to be much warmer in Korea, yet returned it and remained faithful to the work at hand.

As we try to live a life of faith, fulfilling these many historical events and missions, two factions give us difficulties; just accepting the responsibility for the others, to bear the burden with joy. The Elder Son nation? 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—this, the most important thing. In a family, that is the eldest son; the eldest son is the ruler of the family. This is a family’s first family. In the family, the eldest son is to take care of the parents as well. How does this position apply to an Elder Son nation? This position is resonsible for the others, to bear the burden with joy. In the US, we have to represent the other nations so that all citizens of the world can live lives of purity and desire to see the Second Advent. 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.

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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 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 acknowledgments 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 from 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 that Tadin, and Rev. Abdoulaye Wone. Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Togo; 7. Capt. Kenneth Bitson, The Salvation Army; 8. Mr. Jun Ryung 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. Mitchell 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 for their outreach, Daisuke White and Diane Dixon for financial management, Sybil Wone for decorations and flowers, Dan Garand for banquets, Michelle, Roddy Portelance, Mr. Nishikawa, Adam Smalcuga, and Dimitri Tadin for VIP driving and care, security brothers, and Franco Famularo, Robert Duffy, Roddy Portelance, Alla Willits, and Robert Tailleur for their efforts in mobilizing guests from long distances.

The special thanks to the Morafai 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 was away in Japan, Rev. Mitchell Dixon coordinated the overall effort.

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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 acknowledgments 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 from 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 that Tadin, and Rev. Abdoulaye Wone. Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Togo; 7. Capt. Kenneth Bitson, The Salvation Army; 8. Mr. Jun Ryung Suh, President, Korean Canadian Association.

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M o h a m m e d from the Nation of Islam attend ed 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 Los Angeles community under Rev. In Hoi Lee is certainly very inno-

vation; we offered as True Parents a video for our 25th 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 Moth-er was entertained by several people includ-

ing Sister Suretta from the Nation of Islam.

Then in the closing moments of the evening post celebration program; Father and Mother 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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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 ABCCD community action agency, Rev. Thomas Julisburger, director of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Rev. Dr. Kook of the Creative Word Power Ministry, Rev. Jacob Daudt of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, NJ, Dr. zal Veper, deputy mayor of West Orange, NJ. and Mr. Nicholas Pastor, former police chief of New Haven, CT.

Over 200 UB students, mostly Unificationists, 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 Ceasay, 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 in 1991, 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 spiritually 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 someplace” 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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crime for the conference. After dinner, Dr. Joseph Paige, the former President of Shaw Divinity School greeted the participants with welcoming remarks. Dr. Paige encouraged participants to explore the issues and engage in healthy dialogue. Following Dr. Paige's address, the conference was 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 establish the absolute right of religious freedom, not merely to accept toler-

tance on the part of the state.

The Openening Plenary Session attracted par-


ticipants 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 citizens freely follow and express the dictates of their conscience in pursuing their religious truth. His remarks were followed by a profound discussion of the need for "deep dialogue" between people of different religions and cultural views by Dr. Leonard Swidler, the founder of the Journal of Ecumeni-
cal Studies. The keynote speaker for the plenary session was Nobel La-


ure President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica. Dr. Arias discussed the relationship between religious freedom and other human rights and examined some of the serious prob-

lems facing the world today.

Following the opening plenary ses-


tion, a panel addressed the conference on the "Present State of Religious Free-
dom." Dr. Charles Brunner from the University of Austria noted the trend in a number of Western Euro-


cpean countries discriminating against smaller religious groups labeled "sects," and giving to control religious activity so that it does not conflict with government policy. People are free to participate in government recognized religions while unauthorized religious groups are harassed and, in some cases imprisoned. A third theme which aroused considerable con-
cern 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 Ger-


mian and French speaking countries of Western Europe, but has also emerged in certain Latin American countries - espe-
cially Venezuela - and 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 broke up into three committees for a more focused look at specific religious freedom issues and cases. In each com-
mitee, 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 com-
mitee 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 pre-
sented. The presenters came from a
to the issue of religious freedom.

One of the highlights of the confer-
ence was an open forum on Saturday evening. Members of a number of faiths gave testimony of religious freedom which their members were fac-
ing in various parts of the world. Indi-
viduals representing the Catholics, Mormons, the Seventh Day Adventists, Scientologists, Presbyterian Church and the Unification Church, and others shared first hand testimony with the gathered del-
eguates.

On Sunday, Rev. Punter from Antigua led an ecumenical worship service. Those gathered sang traditional Amer-

ican hymns. Rev. Punter read from the Bible and shared a brief homily on the unity of believers. He noted that while many of us experi-
ence harassment or discrimination for our belief, we should be vigilant to maintain and pre-
serve this liberty. We should also remem-
ber this time for, and do what we can to assist those who are suffering because they are being imprisoned, tor-
tured, or killed because of their faith. The congre-
gation watched a video on the suffer-
ings of persecuted groups and Rev. Punter led the wor-
shipers in a mov-
ingle prayer for those who are suffering extreme persecu-
tion.

After a final ses-
tion of the individ-
ual committees, del-
egates regathered for the closing ple-
nary session. A rapporteur for each committee provided a summary of each committee's presentations and dis-
cussions 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 par-
ticipants with an opportunity to con-
tinue their discussions. Addresses, phone numbers, and email were exchanged as participants hoped to maintain contact with new found friends. As the meal ended, groups spilled over into the hotel lobby. For hosts, dele-

gates 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 free-
dom throughout the world. It has also laid the groundwork for a united net-
work of concerned champions for reli-
gious freedom who will be present in the con-
ference, participants expressed their gratitude to ICRF as well as their desire to work together to continue the cause.

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A VICTORY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

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

Gather to celebrate religious freedom—a truly great moment not only in the history of the Philippines, but also for the world. The decision 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 significant expression of the Philippine’s respect for the principle of religious freedom.

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. 

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 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 illustrious,

May 1998

Philippine Unification Church Hosts Victory Celebration

by Lloyd & Donna Rowe—Manila, Philippines

April 25th, the Philippine Unification Church celebrated a Victory for Religious Freedom—the recent clear-cutting of its name when the Philippine Government declared that there was no basis for the charges levied against the church as a result of its Blessing activities.

The program, attended by 300 people, included testimonies, 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’s national & 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 noted that the mail order bride law (by conducting international marriages).

Gen. Honestio Bunanglalag, President of the Ideal Community Foundation, gave a moving testimony of how he had confronted the powers that be as the government and its conspicuous arms cracked down on the movement. He talked of the easy slander and discrediting of his name and reputation and of his front-line brave fight to blunt the government’s bladegonning of the church.

Interfaith among the speakers was professional entertainment provided by two Filipino singers. Highlighting the program was the announcement of a new day of blessing coming toward the Philippines.

By rev. Byung Wooh Kim, Continental Director of the Unification Movement of Asia, for her two-year fight to bring a sigh of relief 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 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.

Successful religious leaders of the Philippines have been blocked for two years by the pending charges.

Also present was Neil Albert Salonga, 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 constitution.

The church is not simply a victory for the Unification Church. It is a victory for religious freedom. The history of Christianity is itself illustrious: its founder, Jesus, was crucified: its earliest disciples and missionaries, Peter and Paul, were imprisoned and killed, and for centuries its devotees 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 been decimated and devastating persecution. This was true throughout the Soviet empire, and it was true by 1989 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 reforms.

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 in 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 religions. 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 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 Russia 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 Holy Qur’an, minority religions suffer greatly. In places such as Pakistan and Egypt, Christians and other minorities 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-
The Blessing is not itself a marriage or marriage ceremony, the Blessing is far beyond that in its meaning. It is a religious rite unique to the ministry of the Reverend Moon. Its purpose of purity and true love. If we do not understand it, we will come to know supreme joy and fulfillment for our lives. If we understand it, we will come to know the true love of God. The Blessing 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 when ever 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. Social scientific evidence shows that 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 cannot solve this problem, for the root of the problem is deeper that law. It ties in with our individual priorities.

As such, the first stage of this focal area of ideology could be summed up in one word: Religion. He does not want to change the way man faces life and interacts with his fellow human beings; changing from satanic selfishness to selfishness, centered on God.

This first stage will be carried out by an education which motivates man and shows him the advantages of chang- ing. I do have no doubt that you will silence others for his own sake, to a way of life in which, like God, he is living and loving others, sacrificing the greater purpose for the larger.

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 movement of ideology. The focal area of ideology 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 the most warm, gracious, generous and hospitable in the world. Many of you here work hard over the past two years on behalf of our cause. I am greatly and deeply grateful to each of you personally.

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 family and the great nation of the Philippines.
NEW HOPE from page 10

All the aspects and various projects described in this 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 techniques which are 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 of 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: primary, 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 anyone who decides to go on his way with the modern world without any gap of knowledge or understanding which might impede culture, social and technological development.

Exhibition Hall for High Technolo-

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

When we arrived at the New Hope Farm in Brazil on May 9 after a 14-hours 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. True Parents and their group arrived at 9:00 am.

Together with True Parents and Hye Jin Nam came a small group including Rev. Kamyauma, Mr. Joe from the Washington Times, and Peter Kim by private airplane to Campo Grande air-

to form a line with the main lead-

ters so that researchers can develop
techniques in the fields of

A group of local people were wait-
ing at the entrance near the bridge;

plug in the field with the main lead-

ers and guests. Father prayed briefly

cut the ribbon, then he walked over

and spread some holy salt and

True Parents delegation then went

by car to the main house and contin-

ued 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 with the pets, 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 Hye Jin Nam. He went from place to place to give advice to Pres. Kim. In the main restaurant on 2nd Floor we saw everyone sat down and ask Mr. Kamuya-

ma and Mr. Rajjimmon to evaluate the buildings, then Father listened and spoke for a short time. After that he continued the walk back to the main

tion in order to avoid as much

as possible losses due to transporta-

tion.

Secondary industry based on fresh

natural goods needs an area of at least

20,000 cultivable hectares in order to

produce in a massive concentrated way with cooperation from surround-

ing farmers, in order to make possible prosperity and development in their

areas.

We insist that this kind of produc-

tion should be carried out in a coop-

erative scientific way, supported by high level technology, if not, we can’t be competitive in the international mar-

ketc.

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 lit-

tle 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 ani-

mal: 5,000 ponds producing Pacu, together with wild ducks. Wouldn’t this attract fisherman and hunters from the whole world? Especially those who appreciate food that hasn’t been con-


taminated with toxic chemicals.

Secondary Industry

The process of production was already
described in item no. 3 Oil from Capit-

vara, leather from Pacu, Flour from Pripuntungai, oil from Peroha, etc., ev-
n, we can’t forget that everything should be produced with high level technolo-

gy (described in Item no. 2) for an inter-
national market with the aim to bring

benefit and prosperity to all.

Civil Construction

All the infrastructure, i.e., airports, river ports and sea ports, transporta-

tion and warehouses, hotels and hospi-

tality, 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 produc-
tion in item no. 5. For example, a fishing tournament of Jau in Porto Murtinho, a party for roasted Pintado in Aquidauana, a festival of wild orchids in Dois Irmãos do Buriti, alligators roasted on a spit in Donadores, etc.

As these species will be raised in cap-

tivity, they could also be used for hunt-

ing 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 itself for the sake of the world and help other people and cultures not only sharing knowledge and technology, but also culture and knowledge to bring people who can receive the ben-

efit of the education here and take this knowledge and the example of the Project New Hope back to their native coun-

tries and begin similar projects there.

Micro-World

There are 185 countries represent-

ed 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 coun-

dries. Micro-Germany, micro-Hungary, micro-Holland, 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

The very thing that had happened to me. I was to assemble the photo 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), then there was no one else I could turn to. So I was forced to do everything myself. I was always at my wits end. I even had nightmares. I was living with two different people. The 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 included a database and the continental lists were printed and distributed.

It was like watching a ballet minutely choreographed. It 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 disagree 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 assigned 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 them. They made sure we had food. Father had recently been Celebrated, so there was plenty of treats for everyone—in addition to the splendid Korean food prepared by the Korean 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.

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 included a database and 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 characteristics that made them stand out from their peers. There were thousands of applications.

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The matching room is setup with large cases in long rows. Each case 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 organized the brothers and sisters to 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. The continental leaders 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 be limited, only the brother and sisters’ photos would be put on the go-ahead to put up their brothers’ photos. When the brothers’ photos were up, it would be obvious who their brothers were (the photos would be 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 see who their best friend is. Photos don’t usually wander off.

From the description, it seems clear and simple and is in theory, in practice it is not. The leaders struggle with these situations and will either assign photos to brothers and sisters or vice versa, to get someone with health problems the best possible situation.

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 match; it is the moment that sister’s photo on top of a brother’s photo. The staff members pick up the photos, and the couple is formed. 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 to another group of staff.

Sister’s again checks for incompatibility. Guidelines for incompatibility include: both being sickle cell carriers, both carrying reblessing situations, the wife’s height being much greater than the husband’s, 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 have children are usually matched with those who were married before. Any problems are sent back into the room and brought to continental leaders’ attention. Standards of what is incompatible varies according to the standards of the particular leader. May I ask Father about a particular case.
to Know About the Matching

After this check, the couple is then passed to an individual who stamps a universal number to the photo. 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 handled 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 otherwise not authorized to be matched. When it clears this check, they are now ready. A couple and the photos are set aside.

Later, when Father has finished, and all the photos have been separated, 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

The most helpful staff, recruited from various locations, Russell Lockmiller was my technical assistant and generated jack of all trades. He and I had begun the gathering of information on what was needed in August 1996 from the Korean Computer Center under the direction of Mr. Shim Young Ho. With his guidance, we were able to get the labels on the 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. Shim 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 help whenever the opportunity came about. I am certain that Rilaw made it 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 had to leave and go home—taking my son to our home.

Thus the evening of the setup for the second matching. Paul Fontane had done a wonderful job of creating 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 Roak 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 progressed reasons were 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 matchings 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.

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 so much prepared that we had more “Cained” in our way of food—something I am not always cognizant of—and had taken care of the problem.

To this task.  I wish them all the best on this task. I wish them all the best on this task.
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 Hone, and General Manager, Sun 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 souvenirs, 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 Mistemoses, Daniel Job, Gali- na Kekisheva and Mi-Na Nam, 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 accurately 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 performance condition. Occasional illness and injuries placed some dancers on the sidelines 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 an extra rehearsal was necessary. 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 dancers.

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

Meanwhile, Bruce Steivel, Artistic Director of the company hurried back-stage 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, Dragons Mihae 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 evening! The months and months of planning, work, anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the 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 evening! The months and months of planning, work, anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the 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 evening! The months and months of planning, work, anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the 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 evening! The months and months of planning, work, anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the 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 evening! The months and months of planning, work, anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the 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 evening! The months and months of planning, work, anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the 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 evening! The months and months of planning, work, anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the 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 evening! The months and months of planning, work, anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the 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 evening! The months and months of planning, work, anticipation of the arrival of the truck and the rest of the company
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As the dancers returned to their hotel to pack for the next day's travel to Spokane. Despite their hotel and boarded the bus to the airport for the trip to Spokane. The next day the company was joined by a day of class and rehearsal in Las Vegas, Nevada, where the Nevada Dance Theater, also directed by Mr. Stevel, graciously made its studios available to the company.

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. Stevel, graciously made its studios available to the company.

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, Moon and Mr. Mihaski and Ms. Guana and Mrs. Hwang danced the principal roles in these performances.

It was exciting for the company to perform with a musical 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.

Ballet performances were among the favorite creations. The dancers also had opportunities to see that the cities, streets and houses they saw as they traveled looked exactly like those shown in the movies. By 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 coarse kilt. Rehearsing was a favorite tour occupation of some of the dancers. Leg warmers and dance shoes seemed to be among the favorite creations.

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For tourists, a visit to the Kirov Academy and going to see the renowned Kirov Gallery. They also visited the Capitol Building, 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 an especially enjoyable opportunity 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.
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ly the big day arrived and on April 12th, the company traveled to New York City.

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

"Shim Chung" opened the New York engagement with performances on Tues
day, 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". Fourballerinas (Misses Moon, Park, Guana and Kim) and the respec
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The next thrill for the company was

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nity to enjoy American fast food. It was time to board the Northwest Air
lines plane for the flight back to Korea.

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bers on traditional instru
ments. Young-Reum Kim, Concert
master of the Prime Philharmonic Orches
tra, played three violin selections including Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bum
believe”. 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 har
mony between these two aspects.

At the conclusion of his remarks, family gifts were given to each com
pany member and the company board
ed the busses for the return trip to New
York City. Everyone agreed that it was a very special conclusion to a wonder
ful 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 direc
tion 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
Peru is a spiritual country. It is the land where the very popular book "The Apotheosis of Celestine" unfolds its intriguing story. Nearly 150 years, mysteries and new age followers from around the world gather near Cusco, in the holy valley of the Incas for conducting the Kum-bha 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 Picchu 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 perceptions. Spirituality may be less with religious bigotry. While religiosity or leading a religious life, may be very much confined to the doctrine teachings and practices 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 "Brindis de Honor a la Unidad Familiar" 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 actievely contributing towards the betterment of society.

Tale one: Blessing in the Amazon Rain Forest

"We have Sisters!" says a sign in white and blue color that stands in a jointed street in the suburbs of Lima. From this sign, one can sense the atmosphere of spirituality that exists in Peru. It is a land where the spirit, the heart and the body are united. It is a land where people are dedicated to their vocation, to their work, to their family and to their community. It is a land where people are dedicated to their mission, to their goal, to their purpose and to their destiny. It is a land where people are dedicated to their faith, to their hope, to their love and to their faithfulness.

Two of our brothers went pioneering in the tropical rain forest of Peru, moving with a group of about 150 people. There they were to participate in the blessing campaign in a small village called Requena. As the church bell was ringing in the tropical rain forest of Peru, the brothers were moved to return back to Lima only after fulfilling a goal of 10.000 families blessed. After working hard for several days, they finally arrived at a town called Requena. As the church bell was ringing, they were moved to return back to Lima only after fulfilling a goal of 10.000 families blessed.

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 a large part of the 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 Rite of Jesus crucifixion on the hill of Jesus, in the town of Lima. On Good Friday, these artists, fully dressed in long robes, were carrying olive branches in their hands, wearing white crosses on their hands, and singing the psalms as part of a national celebration. From the Old Testament they obtained the Palm Sunday, and from the New Testament they obtained the Kumbha Mela, a rite of cleansing and purification. From this, they concluded that the Good Friday was a Really Good Friday.

"This year we have established the blessing campaign "Brindis de Honor a la Unidad Familiar" uncovering its splendor to the world. It is necessary that the content of these revelations be known to the entire world, as the religions and the religions do not possess this knowledge. Dr. Lee is the first to come forward to voice this knowledge. Those who deny this knowledge must be punished with a strong word of ref
er. With a solid faith we must welcome Dr. Lee's testimony and teaching and bring this to the whole world."
**FFWPU Blessing Activities in Brazil**

**by Christian Lepelletier—Brazil**

The Movement for True Family Values is spreading under the direction of Rev. Osayama. Recently the members decided 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 underneath which the FFWPU is officially registered in Brazil), as well as explaining the four pledges of the Blessed Couples who 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 television station which also has a 5000 seat capacity. We are planning to bring the people there in 50 buses. The ticket event includes lunch and a raffle price.

**Freedom of Expression: An Absolute Right?**

Recently, nine Florida high school students have been arrested, convicted and then 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 hatred in 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 arrest, 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 bloodied fools but because they recognized that speech is often pernicious. The clothing manufacturers who opposed copyright did not claim that all speech was equally worthwhile, but they did assert that they had the right not to 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, New Mexico Attorney General Vargason observed that he would not have the right to say that any personal expression or obscenity should consider the societal harm caused by such degrading kind of words. Mr. Kelly says evidence supports the contention the connection exists between the widespread availability and popularity of pornography and the nationwide epidemic of sex crimes and violence. Concerning the notion that freedom of expression is an absolute right, Mr. Vargason insists that the sociopolitical right to freedom of expression and obscenity justly be defined by constitutional rights, or otherwise, they would never be able to take a national campaign for a Blessed Brazil.”

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A number of ancient Jewish and early Christian writers 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 rabbi explained that Satan intended to rule the earth with Eve as his spouse.

R.T. 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, one can 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 Old Testament as 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 story that appeared 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 6:1-4).

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 (2:2), 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 warded with Jacob so vigorously that he dislocated the patriarch’s thigh joint (Gen 32:25). Jacob so vigorously that he dislocated the patriarch’s thigh joint (Gen 32:25). In the Epistle of Jude (6-7) and in II Peter (2:2), 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.

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 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 relationship with him, she might rectify her prior error. Acting on this idea, she tempted Adam to the 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. What was done was for an angel to have a sexual relationship with her and he consented, they only repeated the Fall. 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 3:24 states 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 forbidden fruit, 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 the 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 Fall of Adam and Eve constituted the spiritual 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.

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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 Alejandrino, that Uruguay is in the position of the second 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. 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 Unification-ism.”

Next Month • Part Seven

The Power of Love
Then, one day she knew she could wait no longer. She just left her work and went. She was a very religious woman, and the spiritual world soon told her where to meet this certain man. She followed the directions given her, and she found the little room in Pyungyang where he was. She served her tea, and immediately began teaching her things about the Bible. Her message was so powerful that she knew in her heart she wanted to work with him. He became her Son sengnim (Honorabl 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 when there were people to take care of, and she had to work to provide for them. She always brought rice, and she found Father, Won Pil Kim, was still alive. Just as he had promised, Father asked Mrs. Oak, “How is everyone?” She couldn’t bear to give him bad news, so she lied and said simply. Those were the most wonderful words he had ever heard. Her heart soared. He had been looking for her for quite a while, and had learned where she lived from a Christian minister nearby.

“I say we send her to Mr. Moon.”

“Me either. But this is a spiritual thing. 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 if she was there, and they wouldn’t know where he was. Then the spiritual world would tell them that he was still alive.

Lately—during the time Father, Won Pil Kim and Mr. Pak were making their long journey from Pyungyang to Pusan on foot—Grandmother Oak went with Father to 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 just returned. It was still this man appeared to her. It was Won Pil Kim.

“Son sengnim sent me to find you,” he said simply. Those were the most well-known 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, “what kind of clothes does he have on?”

“She’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 was wearing. First, I will make him a new set of clothes; then, I will visit him.”

When Grandmother Oak came early the next morning, she found Father, Won Pil Kim and two ladies being taken away. The next day, Father 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 Pyungyang 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, but she did know how he was suffering.

She wore such miserable clothing, and became so thin! She always brought rice and meal and clothing for him, even though she knew he just gave it away.
This appeared in the May issue of the Montana Tavern Times. Can you guess who it might be?

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f he wasn't known as 'Mike the Flower Man,' he might instead be referred to as 'Mike the Mystery Man,' for his last name seems to be unknown.

'However, in a fast-paced world, Mike takes time to bring a little bit of happiness to all those he touches.

'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!
I n this article we’ll continue our discussion of Unified Sci- ence. 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 them all. 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 have once received an impressive dose of it, and 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. Aghast, he exclaimed, “God made the integers, all the rest is the work of man.”

As time turned to be “fuzzy,” and often unpredictable. Atomic particles have been made to totally “beneath” our conscious control. (At least in the “higher realms”; artificial “conductors” between the spiritual worlds are more fluid than dreams, for they can directly shape them to our will, and even inhabit our tiny, individual bodies! 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 creating a two-dee plane. The area of its intersection changes as it moves, and a watching two-dee being would not be able to “see” the entire object.

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about what makes the World Beyond so different. They are only simple ker- nels of greater ideas to come.

First and most popular states that the spirit world has a "higher fre- quency." Perhaps in a literal, linear sense. All energy, such as light’s con- sistent photons, has distinct wave- lengths.

Thus, seeing that world becomes a simple matter of "paying attention," and attuning our senses. Technologi- cally, there many ways of "stepping down" its frequencies, and viewing it with a constructed device. Earthly life involves four spa- tial-dimensionality; the arcane, geo- metric world of tesseracts and hyper- spheres. To illustrate 0-4 dimensions, think: point, line, square, cube, tess- eract—giving it four or even more dimen- sions, to include the time and the "expanding universe."

To place the spir- it world at a dimen- sional remove would explain its closeness to and yet, unbridgeable dis- tance from the physical world. Also, its invisibility to ordi- nary means of detec- tion. The only con- nection is through our minds, and, per- haps, elements of our living bodies. Hell cannot sim- ply be "beneath" Heaven. Presumably, Heavenly lakes have fish on their bottoms, not demons! Deep- est Hell is said to be totally dark; no

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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 person I was talking to. I was worried that I might talk to some spirit and not to the person I was talking to. I was worried that I might talk to some spirit and not to the person I was talking to. I was worried that I might talk to some spirit and not to the person I was talking to. I was worried that I might talk to some spirit and not to the person I was talking to.

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Amb. Sayed Qassem Reshtia was born in Kabul, Afghanistan and received political asylum in Switzerland after leaving his native country. He was a delegate to the United Nations and received political asylum in Switzerland after leaving his native country. He was a delegate to the United Nations and received political asylum in Switzerland after leaving his native country. He was a delegate to the United Nations and received political asylum in Switzerland after leaving his native country. He was a delegate to the United Nations and received political asylum in Switzerland after leaving his native country.

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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 core one 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 family, or God so loved me. This is a way of denying 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 our ultimate cause, 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 vision. They anguished to discover its meaning, 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 that 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 exist 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, wars, diseases 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—nevertheless 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 gave control over 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 secularistic attempt to undermine the sovereignty of nations. To them, the UN threatens the power of nations to determine their own polices and destiny.

I read that a forthcomming book by Dr. Hendricks at Dr. Hendricks is the co-author of Home Sweet Rome: Our Journey to Catholicism (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1993). The Hahns, 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 suppression, she was surprised to discover a persuasive, God-centered argument against birth control. In the interests of ecumenism, I share it.

First I would mention that one recent Sunday morning, during my church sermon, Rev. Moon looked at me and asked me if I used 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, that it 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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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.
For a new day has come.
For no more need they weep.
For a new day has come.

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.

When ‘the two become one’ in the covenant renewed, God uses it to give new life. To renew the marital covenant and use birth control to destroy the life-giving power of love through contraception is 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, I 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.

The question of God’s sovereignty applies not just to nations and the world. It begins with His sovereignty over my marriage and family. And this is why the Pope and Reverend Moon stand against birth control.

For True Love’s victory!

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 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 He 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!

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At True Peace in our hearts!
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