An awesome beginning, when New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and even Washington D.C. Family Federation for World Peace and guests met for Easter Service on April 12th, 2009, the beginning of Lovin’Life Ministries at the Manhattan Center. Here is one account:

Upon entering the seventh floor of the Manhattan Center, we saw subtle, smoky rays of light emanating from the stage, surrounding the band and the silk screen pillars of light that together, created a fantasy illusion a structure on stage. “Is this a magical mystery tour?” I whispered to my husband. Twenty minutes before the service began, Rev. Henri Schauffler came over to us and began a conversation, (more than a nod), as we rekindled a relationship from over twenty years ago. We in turn, introduced ourselves to a couple sitting next to us who had driven all the way from southern New Jersey shore to attend the first Lovin’ Life Ministry service. Already, we felt a message. People matter. People care.

Now, it didn’t feel like some churches (solemn and still). Everything seemed internally moving....And there were no programs to read...“Where were the Easter flowers?” I whispered again. It was going to be a surprise....

Soon, David Hunter came out on the stage. “Are you ready?” His capacious voice boomed as though it had the capacity to inhale the entire atmosphere of the hall inside himself and then exhale it in one swift breath to every corner and space of the entire hall. “Let the Service see MEGA on page 4
Cultural offerings included children’s crafts. I am no different. I remember spending many days in preparation for the great event, making arts and crafts, decorating eggs with different dyes and crayons with my children. I remember my husband always putting on a rabbit-ear headband to get into the spirit. Before I sent him off to hide these special, precious eggs that the children would just be in the house, all around the property, into the bushes. Off they went. We would be waiting for their little squeals of delight when they discovered the eggs. We as parents would just be in the house, waiting for those baskets to come back. For the little kids, that was what Easter was all about.

But of course when we grow older, we understand the real significance of what Easter is. It’s really a day of resurrection. But the day of resurrection was preceded three days earlier by the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. That has got to be the most heart-breaking, most painful aspect of our human history, that week prior to the crucifixion when Jesus faced his trial and experienced his own disciples’ denial, especially Peter’s. Jesus actually foretold that Peter would deny him. And there was the heartbreak and pain that one of his disciples, Judas, sold him for a chunk of change. Can you imagine what the son of God must have been feeling at that time?

I want to share with you how my father feels when he thinks about Jesus and that sad moment. Nothing is more heartbreaking than to hear the words of Jesus Christ in his prayer at Gethsemane. I think a lot of the believers understand the prayer as a sign of weakness on Jesus’ part, especially when Jesus asked his Heavenly Father if this cup could pass. But Jesus was the Son of God. If Jesus came to die and he realized that this was his divine mission, then wouldn’t he have ushered in his death as a courageous son of God? But Jesus asked this question not out of weakness but because he realized he wouldn’t have any more time to fulfill what he had come to do. Even in the eleventh hour, even when the disciples that he took with him to pray at Gethsemane fell asleep, Jesus came back after the first prayer and asked them, “Can’t you just stay awake for an hour?” And he went back to pray. And then he came back and realized that they were heavy-lidded again. Then he prayed again, and when he came back the third time and saw that they were still sleeping, Jesus realized that the time had come and that he would be facing his physical death.

His crucifixion was an incredible tragedy for humankind. But of course we know that three days later, through the resurrection, Jesus had a spiritual victory. Jesus could stand in the position of a spiritual father. We also hear in the Bible about the emergence of the Holy Spirit, in the second chapter of Acts, where we see a true mother figure come into being. Together with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit became the spiritual true parent. For over 2,000 years they have worked hard to bring unbelievers into the realm of love and into the understanding of who Jesus Christ really was.

What about the physical victory that
Jesus longed so much to substantiate? That is why he uttered the prayer asking God if he could have a little bit more time. We know now that Jesus did not have time before he was crucified. Yes, there was great victory in the spiritual salvation, in the resurrection, but still quite a few works need to be done. Jesus knew that he came not to die but to fulfill God’s original purpose of creation. What is that original purpose of creation? It’s to create an ideal family. The Bible alludes to the fact that Christ would have to come again. For thousands of years, people have been waiting for the Second Coming of Christ. Then what happened? In 1920 a young Korean boy was born; when he turned 16 and knew to pray on Easter Sunday morning, Jesus appeared before him and asked him, “Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, ‘Please fulfill my mission, please fulfill God’s original purpose of creation, please build the ideal family. I am only a spiritual victor in that I am the spiritual true parent, but I need you to fulfill my mission and establish the physical true parents, substantiating God’s dream has of an ideal family.”

I know many of you in the audience might be around the age of 16. I ask you the question, if Jesus Christ appeared before you this morning and said, “Can you please fulfill my mission?” what kind of an answer would you give? Maybe you would think, “Well, I really want to drive a car.” I have a driver’s ed class to go to, and then I have to practice driving so that I can get that permit.” Or maybe someone of you would think, “I promised my friends I was going to spend some time with them at the mall. I’m really not sure, Jesus Christ, if this is for me. I don’t really see how going to the mall and saving the world have anything to do with each other.” Or maybe some of you might fall down and cry because you saw Jesus, you heard Jesus, you experienced Jesus.

From what I know, that experience of the 16-year-old boy whom I call my father was an incredibly profound one. It changed his life forever. From the moment that he said, unwilling at first, “Yes, I will try my best; I will fulfill your mission,” that poor boy has never, ever turned it away. Can stay awake longer than any one. Even many teenagers cannot outlast this man. Not only is he physically such an incredible specimen of a human being, but I have never seen anyone so obsessed with a singular dream and purpose, totally driven to make it into a reality.

Father has said over the years that what is most central in the universe is the parent-child relationship because that is why God created the universe. God wanted to experience what it would be like to be a parent, to be a mom and a dad. I know that regardless of what we might think when we’re young, “Oh, I never want to be blessed, I never want to be married. I’m going to be independent and do my own thing,” when the biological clock starts ticking, we start thinking about those little pink and blue things in the baby department. We start wanting a family; we start wanting to experience what it would be like to love something as yours. This was the desire out of which our universe was created, and this was the dream that God had in wanting to establish Adam and Eve as his first physical manifestation on earth, to carry on his lineage. But then we know what happened, right? Adam and Eve messed up. They made a mistake, and human history had to pay a great price before we could welcome the son of God, Jesus Christ.

I’ve often thought about why people had such a hard time understanding Jesus. Even the Bible speaks of Jesus as a self-proclaimed messiah. He was badly misunderstood. He was ques-tioned. The issue of illegitimacy surrounded him his whole life. When you read the Divine Principle, you realize that this misunderstanding should have been cleared up by John the Baptist. He was the Elijah returning to proclaim to the world that Jesus was the messiah. John the Baptist came from a prominent family. His father was Zechariah; his mother was Elizabeth. He was a second cousin to Jesus Christ because Elizabeth and Mary were cousins. The Bible refers to him as a very educated man, quite prominent and devout. But parts of the Bible refer to Jesus as having a very difficult childhood, a very hard life.

When you look at these two cousins, you have to wonder, how could John the Baptist say he didn’t know Jesus? They were cousins. How could he not know? If Heavenly Father blessed John the Baptist to be such a prominent figure, could it have been that maybe because of his own prominence and position, there was something in him that made him struggle about whether he should hand everything over to Jesus, to this second cousin with a question in his own heart, arrived him? I am sure that John the Baptist struggled with this issue. When we read the Bible, we know that ultimately because John the Baptist could not proclaim Jesus as the son of God, this sowed the seeds among the people and helped lead to his crucifixion. I think about how often my father has said to me that Christianity was prepared in the same way to receive the messiah and to proclaim him to the world, and how often he has said that had Christianity united with him, the world would already be a peaceful world. But we know that Christianity had a hard time uniting with my father, and we know that my father was most effective in the wilderness, build his own church, raise his own disciples, come to Amer-ica.

At first he was embraced because the message of true love is so beauti-ful. It’s undeniable; it’s what I call simple elegance. I remember in the 1970s my father was given the keys to every state of the United States, and people were joining our church, several hun-dred a week. The centers didn’t even begin.

Then what happened? People were killed. That is the way a man was exercising too much influence over young Americans. Then we saw a backlash, the persecution started, saw ourselves being labeled as Moonies, being belittled as weird, being catego-rized as cultish. How many times did I see the newspapers refer to Rev. Sun Myung Moon as the self-proclaimed messiah? Just as the Bible refers to Jesus as the self-proclaimed messiah.

I did not know English when I first came. In American culture, I was a chink, a Moonie. I remember one inci-dent at middle school. Sometimes girls can be really nasty to each other, much more nasty than boys. I remem-ber a group of four or five girls who followed me around in the hallways, saying, “Isn’t your father Reverend Moon? Aren’t you a Moonie? Aren’t you a cult? You’re a Moonie. Your father thinks he’s the messiah.” I turned around and said, “Do you even know what Moonie means?” In my language, in Korean, it means a design, ?? (Moo-neul) is like a design on some-thing. So you can call me Moonie as much as you want, but the way I’m understanding it is that you’re calling me a beautiful design of this school. And I have a design only on you, that one day you’re going to say it lovingly.”

When I talked to these girls, they were watching this whole thing. I was a chink, a Moonie. “I thought, “Okay, the only thing I can do is clap along, at least that way I can make it look like I’m actually watching this whole thing. He was what you would call the hot kid on the block, the jock that everyone wants to be with. Having gone out with every girl in the school, this guy found it intriguing that this Oriental girl was fighting back; I was making fun of them just as much as they were making fun of me. He came to my side and said, “Ladies, ladies, you are much more beautiful when you’re smiling.” Then he took my hand, and we walked down the hall together. I looked back and saw these not-so-nice girls with their jaws dropping, “Oh, my God, the jock is walking down the hall with a Moonie!” He said to me, “In Jin, let me apologize for their immature behavior. I’m so ashamed I belong to that group of girls.” And that was the warmest thing I ever said to her.

That’s why John the Baptist is. At that moment, he was my John the Baptist. If the real John the Baptist had not been crucified, and we would not be celebrating the spiritual resurrection of Jesus Christ. I’ve often wished that my father had a true John the...
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begin,” boomed Mr. Hunter. What a blast! I thought to myself.

“The music began with the internal, soul-searching spiritual, “Amazing Grace...how sweet the sound...that saved a wretch like me...”. This was like Christian church, after all, with a rock band flair and a new age technology.”

The song leaders sang from their hearts. One song performed was “Everlasting Love,” a song by Gloria Estefan. Heavens go astray Leaving hurt when they go I went away Just when you needed me so Filled with regret I came back begging you Forgive, Forget Where’s the love we once knew? Open up your eyes Then you’ll realize Here stand with my Everlasting Love.

Then, they sang “My Sweet Lord,” a Beatles song by George Harrison with both Christian and Hindu motifs. My Sweet Lord I really want to see you Really want to be with you Really want to see you, Lord But it takes so long, my Lord.

These selected songs seemed ready-made for our first generation audience of parents and missionaries from our early church of the 1970’s. The music was accompanied by virtual images of the ocean, Easter flowers and the song lyrics.

Along with this wide-reaching embrace of electifying professional music ministry, the Easter message of Rev. In Jin Nim Moon captured my heart as well as the heart of my husband and our fourteen year old daughter who shared. “The thing I liked most about the Easter celebration was the music and Rev. In Jin Nim Moon’s speech. Her speech was funny, but, at the same time, inspiring.”

Hearing Rev. In Jin Nim Moon was like being part of a conversation with her. As the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, she spoke in a candid and forthright manner, appealing to my head and heart with explanations about how she reflects on her life, the contemporary world we live in and her relationship to her Father. Gifted in integrating levels of experience from her own family upbring ing to her present family of parenting her own five children, she related to second and third generation children as well as the parents and elders in her congregation who have known her parents’ ministry for many years. She recalled her Father’s dancing and how his grandchildren were awed that he could dance so vibrantly at age nine-teen-one. She mimicked his quick, dancing moves.

Her Easter Message recalled the sacrifice of Jesus, the tremendous beauty and loyalty of his suffering on the cross and the spiritual resurrection he accomplished. She explained the deep revelation of Rev. Moon’s Divine Principle that shows the true suffering of Jesus himself and God’s ultimate sorrow from the tragedy of Jesus’ crucifixion. Since God originally intended Adam and Eve as the heirs and co-creators with God of the pure lineage of human creation, God intended the original family to begin the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Due to Adam and Eve’s fall, Jesus was intended to restore and reestablish a real physical family and lineage that would usher in the Kingdom of Heaven in a pure earthly society. Without a physical family lineage from Jesus due to the crucifixion, God had to recreate a third Adam who could fulfill this physical family lineage.

Thus, as Rev. In Jin Nim Moon explained in thoughtful and deeply moving words, we can know that the deepest sorrow of Jesus on the cross, and God’s ultimate sorrow, was deeper than the anguish of his own ended life and mission as one man, but the fully grasped pain for the entire world and future world bereft of the Kingdom of Heaven that can only begin from a pure family of true parents free of sin that would endow a new family lineage on the earth. Rev. In Jin Moon further explained that the true purpose of her Father and Mother’s mission was to enable God to recreate this new family lineage representing the Third Adam and True Parents in God’s providence.

As the music and Easter message reached multi-levels of meaning, Rev. Jesse Edwards, of the Christian Pentecostal tradition, preached on the sacrifice of Jesus and the cross, the victory of his heartfelt unity with God and his resurrection. To me, the Lovin’Life Ministries illuminated a connection to the past, present and future through the music and the message.

Rev. In Jin Nim Moon is a new woman minister who is called to bring a new message and real relationship among peoples of diverse backgrounds. This experience of Lovin’Life Ministries reminded me of a photo of Rev. Moon holding his fishing rod up against the background of an expansive, blue sky. The rod is the symbol of truth and the sky is the symbol of God’s wide, embracing parental love for all.

Lovin’Life Ministries offered fellowship after the service with Rev. In Jin Nim Moon and her staff. An awesome beginning! Lovin’Life Ministries Rocks!
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Baptist, somebody who’s prominent in our society, somebody who runs maybe a megachurch. Maybe God would bless that person so that he or she could stand in the position of John the Baptist to share with the world, “Guys, the Second Coming has already come. It might not be in the shape or form you want it, but he’s here.” Maybe some people are waiting for a Jesus to return that looks like Ben [Ben Lorentzen, one of the performers]? Doesn’t he look like Jesus?

Maybe they weren’t expecting a robust, funny, engaging, and compelling man like my father. But my father came. And you know what? Despite all the persecution and the difficulties, he just kept on going, one step at a time. He had a huge dream, but he took things one step at a time. It was a glorious day in 1960 when the world could witness the Marriage of the Lamb. He found the True Mothers were deemed in holy matrimony and thus could substantiate the beginning of the dream that our Heavenly Parents wanted to realize in the body of Jesus. Jesus’ mission is still carried on today with this day with our True Parents.

True Parents didn’t come just to tell you, ‘Look how great we are. We are the first man and the first woman to stand before you as perfect- ed Adam and perfected Eve, and you guys cannot become great people yourselves.’ No. True Parents are saying, ‘Just as we have become True Parents, you can become true parents, too.’ We can graft onto this true olive branch and share in this lineage of our Heavenly Parent and in so doing become true parents.”

And so, brothers and sisters, this is an incredible time. Just as the egg symbolizes life and the potential of what it can be, the Easter Sunday morning symbolizes our life and the potential that we have in our hands to determine what kind of people we want to be. I’m hoping that as Americans, not only should we stand as loving couples, loving families, and loving children, but as proud and loving Americans we can share a little bit of our blessing with the rest of the world in service through mission work.

My father has built so many hospitals and schools all around the world, helping to teach people and nurture them so they can become great. How wonderful it would be if we could give a little bit of our- selves in the different categories that we happen to be really good at, that we can be passionate about, and in so doing, as representatives of this great country, go out into the world and share the good news. Jesus brought us the good news, but you know what? True Parents brought us the breaking news. It’s breaking news time, brothers and sisters. This breaking news is a message of hope, a message of love. It is an invitation to live our lives filled with gratitude and happiness, in celebration and appreciation of each other, not being the kind of religious people who judge but instead the kind of religious people who have an incredible capacity to love, who can raise up not only beautiful children but inspire our young people to become a generation worthy of the name Generation Peace.

Our children need not die at school. Just last week somebody came into a civic center and killed 15 people. Another person killed three police- men. We have numerous school shootings all around the country. Our children need not die just because they want a chance to study and get better. Our children need not be afraid of going to Palestine or Israel, walking the streets in fear of suicide bombers.

We as parents need to do our mission of creating and encouraging ideal and loving families, really showing our children how we can live in a multicultural, multi-religious society with respect and honor. We don’t want to just coexist with each other, like the bumper sticker that you see all over the place says. Instead of different reli- gions and cultures merely coexisting and putting up with each other, how incredible would it be if we could actu- ally love each other?

Yesterday I was watching the news about how the church is thriving because people are looking for meaning. When somebody like Madoff runs off with billions of dollars of his clients’ money and these people who were once the pillars of high society are standing out in the cold with nothing, I’m sure they must be looking for meaning in their lives.

Why hars? Because people want to feel connected to each other. They want to find some kind of communion together over a bottle. And why the movie theaters? People want relief, so they go to forget.

But I was thinking, maybe this severe eco- nomic crisis is a way God is helping all of us ask the very simple and very pro- found questions about the mean- ing of life. Maybe God wants us to go back to church. Maybe God wants us to come back home. And instead of just asking what is the meaning of life, maybe people will actu- ally realize that the answer is
I experience. I experience with love. The spirit fighting through the whole experience with love.

I, Jane Anderson, on her experience with deprogrammers and how she kept her daughter safe, said, "No, my parents wouldn't do anything. I'd be coming home for Easter. No need to worry." However, a proposition for the right fee. Any vulnerable parents who could be targeted were looking for someone to get into their minds and to think how they could save their daughter…she is in danger…if you don't want to ever see her again you can hire deprogrammers. I'm sure they could do that," a possibility, but highly improbable. I thought. But just to cover all bases, I stopped in at the local church center on my way home and told them if I did not hear from me in three days they could assume the worst. In the seventies it was becoming quite popular for parents to deprogram most any child from some undesirable group or cult—being 21 or older did not make any difference.

Originally the plan was for me to arrive sometime on Saturday afternoon. I decided to surprise them and arrive on Friday afternoon. About three o'clock in the afternoon, I pulled up in my borrowed church vehicle but didn't sense their nervousness. I found out later they had to rearrange their schedule to accommodate my early arrival. I also didn't notice the windows nailed shut in the bedroom as I took the little nap before supper. After a supposedly uneventful meal, I went down to the basement to get something when my luck changed big time. My father spoke first, "Honey, I'm sorry to do this to you, but I must." He, then with the help of my two brothers-in-law, tied my ankles with plastic straps as well as my wrists behind my back. I was carried to the garage and squeezed in between the two guys in the back seat of the car as my dad drove two hours to the Twin Cities.

It was a very tense ride for me—I don't remember much of it—we were all in an ordeal never experienced before. People never do the dirty work if they can help it—they don't want to be caught in a crime—"being a homegrown terrorist" was our label when we arrived—I couldn't tell where we were. The street light was shining through our window as we were playing in the street. I began to scream as they opened the car door, but my screams were drowned out by the kids making their own noise. It turned out they were planted there, kids of the chief deprogrammer, to distract anyone from hearing my screams—and to make it more useless, a gag was placed into my mouth as I was carried into a new basement. Here I would stay for about a week. I was placed on a twin size mattress on the floor in a recreation type room that had its own door. Since it was late, I was allowed to sleep—a sleep that I don't recall, but I guess now must have been pretty difficult. The room was totally dark. Others who later learned were "employed" by, I will call Judy, the head deprogrammer, slept around me especially in front of the door. I was always escorted to the bathroom and was never alone even while peeing. Shanggu was diluted so I wouldn't drink it and cause an inconvenient trip to the hospital. The first 24 hours were fairly bearable—no heavy faith de-bunking. Easter Sunday came and I was presented with a huge plate of ham and all the trimmings. They wondered why I picked at it—any bite made me quite nauseous. At some point the real reason for my confinement began. The interrogation phase. From the minute I woke up to the minute I was allowed to sleep, I was bombarded with ridicule and abased with degrading remarks. Anything I said was used against me in some way or another. If I said nothing, I was called a zombie without brain controls. I did feel left out etc. It was me against three to five about 16 hours a day. When one deprogramper gotmad, another one would take their place. At some point my family's pastor was allowed in the room to watch. He put in his few cents from time to time. Another person not known to me was also allowed to watch for a few days. Later I learned she was working for the main newspaper in the city. Everything that came out of mouth that seemed outrageous or seems to support their image of a brainwashed zombie was jotted down; must have made great reading material for inquiring minds.

I tried to tell them things that I thought they wanted to hear. For a couple days I thought it was working—they weren't so hard on me. Then at some point there was a moment of silence…they stared at me and commented in a slow and commanding voice… "Sweetie, we believe you as much as we believe in the Easter bunny." And, "You are so stupid your eyes don't work." Your brain was devastated. What do they want me to say? How much more can I take?…my father was running out of days…At some point after this new affirmation of not believing me, I remember running for the window and trying to escape. Judy, who was on the plump side, was in my way. With my right foot I kicked her in the gut as hard as I could and out of my mouth came the best expletive curse word I could muster, not one to ever swear in my whole life: "Boy, you're FAT!" But for some reason my parents didn't hear this. I was forced to do things I didn't have the time now to explain how I met the faith, but it was pretty miraculous, at least to me and because of that "one of a kind experience I would have to undergo a whole lot of torture to make me recant or give up my beliefs—beliefs that I feel have been with me since I took my first breath out of the womb. I had found my home. I had a profound conversion experience, but try to explain that to my parents…not so easy.

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After a week of little sleep, little appetite and no defense, I didn't have a whole lot of energy for rejoicing. But that was to be expected…They knew I was actually just beginning the real deprogramming! But at least I was finally permitted out of the basement—even if it was to start stage three: The Rehab Stage. This is where I joined all the other "saved" folk and together we learned each day how duped we all had been. One guy was from the Hari Krishma Hindu based faith, one was from a fundamental Christian Bible Study group with a charismatic leader, and I was from another new and strange Oriental based group. After daily group sessions where I had to think up some good reasons for attacking the cult I was saved from or naming faults of the cult leader, I was given more privileges. I was taken to bars, parks, movies, bingo, waterskiing, river rafting, and golf. I was forced to do things I didn't necessarily liked to do, but it was my therapy so that was that.

I was well equipped with "booby traps" for anyone thinking of taking a hike. Wind chimes at every step. Wind chimes at every stage. Wind chimes at every stage. No one had ever seen me so well equipped. I was forced to do things I didn't like and go out of my way. They weren't so hard on me. Then at some point a great one like hearing me, I remember running for the window and trying to escape. Judy, who was on the plump side, was in my way. With my right foot I kicked her in the gut as hard as I could and out of my mouth came the best expletive curse word I could muster, not one to ever swear in my whole life: "Boy, you're FAT!" But for some reason my parents didn't hear this. I was forced to do things I didn't have the time now to explain how I met the faith, but it was pretty miraculous, at least to me and because of that "one of a kind experience I would have to undergo a whole lot of torture to make me recant or give up my beliefs—beliefs that I feel have been with me since I took my first breath out of the womb. I had found my home. I had a profound conversion experience, but try to explain that to my parents…not so easy.

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These were deprogrammers who like vultures were looking for vulnerable parents who could be propositioned for the right fee. Any parent would want their child safe, no matter what their age. Trusting them and the media over me, I was now on the "snatch" list. I made it quite easy for them as to their surprise I called and said I'd be coming home for Easter. No need for a complicated kidnapping as I was going to walk right into it. However, knowing about other members who got "kidnapped" I knew the possibility existed for me too, but another voice said, "No, my parents wouldn't do that,"...
every gesture and word I made. Probably, the biggest test was yet to come. By this time four weeks had lapsed and I was beginning to wear out my welcome. I guess they didn’t expect me to stay there forever. So, the next phase was for me to make a public speech against my cult and tell how wonderful it was to be out and free. If one publically renounces one’s beliefs, I assume it would be harder to go back. But, I thought to myself, “Oh, no. Not that!” I could never renounce my beliefs—they are who I am… I would have to deny myself. May I be a zombie to some, but I’m no hypocrite. My heart had never left my religion and to feel it in a public place was too much— I was definitely not a good actress either. But as I had told God, if I ever got kidnapped, I would never leave until I had substantial proof or witnesses to bring deprogrammers into a court of law and put this insane practice to an end once and for all. When they told me I was going to speak at a school nine miles from my home, I had to rethink the plan. If there were a few people in the audience that I knew, I could always use them as witnesses if I planned something like a getaway. I told myself, “If they want me to talk, OK, I’ll talk.” Just give me a mike and I will talk plenty, but it won’t be what they want me to necessarily say. I knew I couldn’t do this alone. I needed help to escape after my talk. So, I told Judy I’d like to call someone from my high school class who should come and hear me speak. She agreed, I decided to make the call while everyone was eating and not paying too much attention to my conversation. Luckily, the phone had a long cord and I sort of danced around gleefully talking to my girlfriend telling her about the time and place etc and that I’d love for her to come. Except I wasn’t actually speaking to a girlfriend. I was speaking to my church’s center director. As I danced over to the basement stairs I hastily said in a whisper, “George, please be there, I need you to help me escape!”

began to form my speech in my mind. It wasn’t hard. I just wanted to speak from my heart and give the folks a side that was hopefully believable. I hoped not to come off as a crazy person, but someone who cared enough for them and who thought they deserved to hear the truth. We got to the school, it was quite a crowd. I guess the whole town wanted to hear what I had to say. In just a few months I had gathered the three of us. Just like I thought, I did know many people in the audience, I asked to be last. George wasn’t there yet so the last high schooler had the better chance of getting their time before I spoke. But when it came to my turn, he was still late, I thought. “Well, here goes, George or no George. This was something I had to do, help or no help.” In a nutshell, my talk consisted of three main points. The first was to praise the audience for offering me a great community to grow up; one with many churches and believing people. This was a loving community, a feeling where all of mankind could be in harmony with one another. In college I met people from many different cultures and laughed for a way to unite them all. It was then that I met a new religion. (At this point George entered the back of the room and my speech takes a new turn—later the deprogrammers believed that when I saw him, I was instantly brainwashed again and snapped back to my zombie state! I never bothered to show them my whole speech and how it had been written out in its entirety while driving to the school long before I started to speak.)

I began explaining what deprogramming was really like. I stated that if this was fraud, then I didn’t want anything to do with God or religion. I went into detail of the step by step humiliation that was bestowed on me for last few weeks and thankfully, no one stopped me. I concluded with the feeling that as an American I have the right to the assembly, the right to free speech and most importantly, the right to believe in any religion I so choose... and with that I thanked them and said, “And now I wish to do just that! God Bless America!”

Upon my conclusion, I raced for the back of the room to get to George who thankfully came up to me to be greeted by another speaker. My happiness was short lived. George and his helper were soon chased out of town by the sheriff and I was caught leaving the building by two people. One took my right hand and held it up against the outside wall of the school and the other took by left arm and it soon appeared and felt that I was looking like someone on an invisibility cross. The other person was kept inside so few saw what was going on. A relative came up to me and asked me how Satan comes like a wonder. “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” This was now my own public crucifixion and I too was again all alone. George was long gone. It was just me and I actually began to wonder, “Where are you God?—have you forsaken me too?”

It was soon apparent that all I had worked to do, to come to this relative phase of freedom was now gone. I would soon be back in the basement. This time certain people took it upon themselves to “save” me. Even my parents didn’t know where I was going. My new abductors must have understood that they were apart of a crime and had to hide me quickly. The deprogrammers couldn’t trust my father anymore—he being a righteous soul could blow the whistle on them all—this wasn’t what the deprogrammers had bargained for at the start of the evening!

I was whisked away in a car and taken to my childhood second home. This neighbor and his wife had been like second parents to me growing up—their kids and my sisters and I played together all the time. Sunday school together, swimming lessons, and tons of sleepovers. I was grateful for a familiar place even though I was highly frightened of what was to come next. Yet, there was a feeling too that I was no longer alone— maybe the Holy Spirit was with me. It was a comforting feeling. I felt some assurance that all would eventually work out. I was no longer on the defense; the deprogrammers now were and I had done that with my little talk and attempted escape. Maybe I didn’t fail after all! I sensed they were scared more than me—this was a great feeling. I guessed tail and horns were starting to show so to speak.

I didn’t know it at the time, but George had the insight to go straight to the county attorney and tell him what had happened at the school. The county attorney was obligated to do his job and investigate. He began asking people what happened and most importantly, “Where is she?” Produce the body, but nobody knew because nobody saw who took me away.

The deprogrammers started a phone system. No one answered the phone unless it rang once…hung up for a few seconds and then rang again. Then they could be assured that the caller was not just making a prank call. They called my step-mother. I was rather amused that I had started such a commotion. At least at this house, I was able to tell people to go with my “mom.” (Since my biological mother died when I was young, this lady was like a second mom to me.) I was rather amused that I had started such a commotion. At least at this house, I was able to tell people to go with my “mom.” (Since my biological mother died when I was young, this lady was like a second mom to me.) I was rather amused that I had started such a commotion. At least at this house, I was able to tell people to go with my “mom.” (Since my biological mother died when I was young, this lady was like a second mom to me.) I was rather amused that I had started such a commotion. At least at this house, I was able to tell people to go with my “mom.” (Since my biological mother died when I was young, this lady was like a second mom to me.) I was rather amused that I had started such a commotion. At least at this house, I was able to tell people to go with my “mom.” (Since my biological mother died when I was young, this lady was like a second mom to me.) I was rather amused that I had started such a commotion. At least at this house, I was able to tell people to go with my “mom.” (Since my biological mother died when I was young, this lady was like a second mom to me.) I was rather amused that I had started such a commotion. At least at this house, I was able to tell people to go with my “mom.” (Since my biological mother died when I was young, this lady was like a second mom to me.)
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was, "No, she is not here. Look around

Not really lying, all he needed to say

should I say, he asked, "Is she here?

the office that morning must have

in town. Joe, who happened to be at

instead of looking for me at the house

must be at the Nelson warehouse

county attorney, he assumed that I

attorney, Ed, as fast as they could. In

or whoever answered to let them know

By overhearing certain things in the

I knew, because I helped witness to

deprogrammed sometime earlier. The

definitely no where near a phone! I

really watched, every second and

in their basement. I was back to being

to another county. And, yes, I was put

think up a new plan: where do we take

Soon, I was in a car again. I guess

Well, they took me,

blindfolded, for about an hour’s drive

to another county. and, yes, I was put

in their basement. I was back to being

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of the state.

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that if I pulled the bed away and sat

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I knew exactly where I was. The

deprogrammers were digging

themselves and a whole bunch of

day by day. If I free, I could have them

all arrested—at least two families and

counting! Boy, were they nervous. For

me, I wasn’t feeling too bad.

By this time I was back to

reading over and over the same old

articles. By now, I should have had

them all memorized. The basement was

musty and the rug smelled of dog

urine. I really wanted to sleep on the

door because the couch was the kind

with very thin cushions that slanted

backwards. My back was

killing me, but it was better than

lying on the stinky rug.

Luckily, I didn’t stay at

this house very long because

either the law was closing in

or the family was getting too

nervous and didn’t want me

there anymore. So, back in the

car we went, blindfolded as well.

This time, they drove me not too

far away but out in the country.

I remember stopping, someone

getting out opening a gate, driving

a ways more, stopping

opening another gate until we

finally made it to this old

abandoned farmhouse. There

was some furniture, but limited

and I don’t think there was any

running water or electricity. All

I remember was the bed was an

old feather tic and it wasn’t

helping my back any—I was

starting to feel sick. Besides,

the birds that were flying around

inside the house were making

too much noise for me to sleep.

When would this ever end?

It turned out to be a

temporary place while calls were

being made on where to put me.

My dad still didn’t know where I

was. About three in the morning,

I was awakened from a sleep that

took a long time in coming. I

was thankful to get out of that

deadly bed! Blindfolded again, I

seemed to be in the car forever.

This time I was in

another county in the southern part

of the state.

This was a family whose

husband had deprogrammed his wife

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Somehow, I asked God,

“What would You have me do?

What is Your will for me?

I sought an answer in

the Bible. I randomly

opened the book and I

knew I received my

answer. I had

automatically opened to

Matthew 5: 43-38. Reading it

I knew God had never

left me; He was trying to

teach me something very

important…it would be my

key to unlock the door to

freedom.”

43 You have heard that it is said,

“Love your neighbor and hate your

enemy.” 44 But I say to you,

Love your enemies and pray for those

who persecute you, 45 so that you

may be sons of your Father who is in

heaven. For he makes his sun rise on

the evil and on the unjust, and sends

rain on the just and on the unjust. 46

For if you love those who love you,

what reward do you have? Do not even

the tax collectors do the same? 47 And

if you greet only your brothers, [1]

what more are you doing than others?

Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 You therefore must be perfect, as

your heavenly Father is perfect.

Love my enemies…be perfect in

my love? Could I do it? And how

would I do it?

I began by serving Judy. I

voluntarily cooked, cleaned and
dusted. I even baked her an apple pie.

Soon she was very nice to me.

She took me out for coffee. She talked;

I listened. She told me many things.

Things like how she felt when her

husband had left her and married an

ex-marital affair. But then I

began to see a different person, one

whom I could love and have

compassion for. I now understood the
I called my dad to let him know I was OK. I told him to let me live my life and I prayed things would be better between us in the future. And it was. But that is another special gift from Heavenly Father...how I met my husband. Together we gave my dad four beautiful grandchildren...but that is and space; true freedom is knowing who we are and what our relationship is towards God and to others. We are our brother’s keeper. We are God’s hands and feet on this earth to do His will of loving others as He has loved us. Jesus commanded us to be perfect in our love. We should not pick and choose; we love all equally. The reason for why she was doing what she was doing. My heart began to change. I was forgiving her for everything. Miracles began to happen, small but real. While cleaning the kitchen table one day, I picked up the ash tray. Stuck to the under side of it was a postage stamp. I used it to secretly get a letter out to my brothers and sisters in my faith to let them know I was ok and not to worry—I would be back soon. It was a trick to mail it, but God gave me a means to do that too. Judy asked me if I would mind taking her kids over to the mall and I could use her car! Wow, how easy it would be to just drive away. But, it could be another test...I respected her enough to return her car. Maybe I could gain another liberty and sure enough it happened. I asked her if I could look for a job. She liked the idea very much. My idea was to walk to the nearest bus stop and get on as quick as I could. I walked about three blocks from the house and sat down at a bench to wait for the bus. It was in front of small group of shops. While I was sitting there, a bus didn’t come but instead it was Judy in her car. I thought, “Oh my gosh, she’ll catch me sitting here, at a bus stop...here I go again, back to the basement!” But no, I quickly told her I was deciding on what store to go to next and had to sit down to think. She bought it and suggested the get into Sears with her filling out an application so she could watch me do it. I told her I would apply at a few more places and that I would see her later on. I hid out in Sears for an hour paranoid that I would run into her again. When I felt confident I could make it, I ran to the far side of the mall and waited for another bus. With the three dollars I had won at a recent Bingo they took me to, I got on the bus and ran to the back where I could stare out the back window looking for Judy to start following me at any moment. The paranoia was intense. I shouldn’t have been afraid, but I was. I guess my post traumatic stress syndrome was starting. I started to relax as I went mile after mile. I got downtown and went into the largest skyscraper I could. I phoned the church and was dismayed, but smiled, “This number has been disconnected!” I knew George must have let the phone bill lapse for one reason or another...I phoned NYC and got someone at the national headquarters. Within an hour I was on a plane. Lineage, and Faith

“When you love you should love unconditionally all the way without strings attached. I needed to forgive unconditionally as well....We look too quickly for revenge. That is what evil loves...it gains its power through revenge. Satan can continually accuse God, “See, your children follow me, not Your son.”

I did not originally pursue any. I was later contacted by the ACLU to try and bring charges. Looking back, I wish I hadn’t agreed with them. Out of the four counties only one agreed to hold a grand jury hearing. The folks on the grand jury sided with my father. I felt betrayed a little by the system. But that was another lesson. When you love you should love unconditionally all the way without strings attached. I needed to forgive unconditionally as well.

As citizens of the planet we are all corrupt one way or another. ‘Who ever has no sin, cast the first stone.’ Wouldn’t it be wonderful if the world’s people could repent all at the same time. Then when that was all over, we could have one great big group HUG! Question: What did you learn from your experience?

Love is the key to all doors-total freedom. Keeping resentment and hatred inside one’s heart closes doors-no freedom. Freedom is not being free necessarily within time.
Sermons of Life, Love

"Don’t Doubt in the Dark, What God has Spoken to You in the Light"

"If you want to be a loving person, do you think God will just 'abra-kada-bra' make you a loving person? No way? If God is trying to make you a loving person, do you think He will put people around you who are easy to love? No way? It doesn’t require much maturity to love people who are easy to get along with. To help you grow, God will put you in the exact opposite circumstance, where you have to make a choice, and practice loving. Then your character will mature.”

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The title of our Message today is 'Don’t Doubt in the Dark, what God has spoken to You in the Light.” Our Bible read-
ing comes from Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 5 verses 13 through 26. Here are those verses in the Contemporary English Version translation.

Galatians 5:13-26

My friends, you were chosen to be free. So don’t use your freedom as an excuse to do anything you want. Use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love. All that the Law says can be summed up in the command to love others as much as you love your- self. But if you keep attacking each other like wild animals, you had better watch out or you will destroy yourselves.

If you are guided by the Spirit, you won’t obey your selfish desires. The Spirit and your desires are enemies of each other. They are always fighting each other and keeping you from doing what you feel you should. But if you obey the Spirit, the Law of Moses has no control over you.

People’s desires make them give in to immoral ways, filthy thoughts, and shameful deeds. They worship idols, practice witchcraft, hate others, and are hard to get along with. People become jealous, angry, and selfish. They not only argue and cause trouble, but they are envious. They get drunk, carry on at wild parties, and do other evil things as well. I told you before, and I am telling you again: No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God’s kingdom.

God’s Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways. And because we belong to Christ Jesus, we have killed our selfish feelings and desires. God’s Spirit has given us life, and so we should follow the Spirit.

One of the last verses is particularly important. 25:24, "If you grew up with the King James Version, this is how that verse reads.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance (self-control); against such there is no law.

It has been said that most people forget 90 to 95% of what they hear after 72 hours. That means by Wednesday, you’ll have forgotten most of what we talk about today. I hope you’ll at least remember the sermon title, because it is an important instruction: “Don’t doubt in the Dark, what God has spoken to you in the Light.”

...what God has spoken to you in the Light.” Has God spoken to you? I have neighbors and relatives who don’t believe there is a God. There are others who believe that God created everything, but they cannot imagine that this Creator can personally relate to them, care about them, wants them to be happy, and wants the best for them.

I was in Las Vegas last month for an International Leadership Conference, and one participant from our district told me he was an atheist. I’ll call him Steve, though that is not his name. Steve does not believe in God. He certainly does not believe that there is a God who can speak to him.

But while he was in Vegas he had a curious experience. When Steve arrived at our hotel, he saw three teenage girls get out of a car. They were high heel shoes, bright colored hot-pants, fishnet stockings, tops that exposed their tummies, and lots of make-up. They were teenage prostitutes.

Steve has two daughters himself, and when he saw these girls he actually started sobbing. Right there in his taxi, he broke down in tears. He surprised himself by how upset he was. Steve shared this experience with me, and challenged me saying, “How can you say there is a God? If there was a God, he wouldn’t let these young girls’ lives be ruined this way.”

I said to him, “Steve, your reaction, proves to me that there IS a God. You could have hustled for the girls, or judged them in disgust, or your reaction, proves to me that there IS a God.”

I said to him, “Steve, your reaction, proves to me that there IS a God. You could have hustled for the girls, or judged them in disgust, or simply ignored them. Instead you felt the heart of a concerned father. Don’t you find it amazing that you cried for kids whom you had never met before? Where did that emotion come from? It didn’t just come out of the thin air.’’

There has to be a source of our personality and our emotions. Not only did God create our physical bodies, but he is also the source of our personality and emotions. That means that God is a Being of Personality and Emotion. That’s why we refer to God as Heavenly Father. He is a real Being who suffers when any of his children are abused. Through Steve’s emotions, God was speaking to him. Steve was experiencing the heart of God when he shed tears for those three girls.

I don’t think I convinced him that God exists, but I did get him to wonder about his own emotional reaction, and where those powerful feelings came from.

The founder of our church, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, has established a special mission in Las Vegas. Right now there is a saying that, “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.” This means that people go to Vegas to do all sorts of things. Things they would rather the folks back home not know about. So, their naughty secret ‘stays in Vegas’. Rev. Moon wants to change the whole environment there. He wants Las Vegas to become known worldwide as a good place for families.

To make that change Rev Moon is promoting Absolute Sexual Morality. Fundamentally, this means that people remain sexually pure until they are married, and when married, they only have sex with their spouse. But Absolute Sexual Morality is a lot more than not having sex with the wrong partner. It is a lot more than “no spare keys” to your sexual organ. It also means that you direct all your sexual desire and feelings toward your spouse. No seductive thoughts and behavior for anyone else.

I am very concerned about young men who are involved in pornography. Easy access on the internet has made pornography a big problem. Pornography addiction makes it really difficult to establish a loving and sexually fulfilling relationship in a marriage. One of the leaders in our youth movement, CAPR, said that she found that the older teenage boys with the strongest addictions to pornography started looking at pornography when they were 8 and nine years old.

Of course, at that age boys don’t have strong sexual feelings. But as they get older, hormones kick in, and if they masturbate looking at pictures, that delicious feeling becomes powerfully imprinted in their minds. Hormones bond them to that first sexual experience. They “fall in love” with sex. They need to repeat the same kind of experience in order to feel sexually satisfied. This makes it really difficult to be sexually fulfilled with a wife. Several of the marriages of our Second Generation have ended in
The sermon title today is “Don’t Doubt in the Dark, what God has spoken to you in the Light.” God speaks to us in many ways. He can speak to us through our feelings as he did with Steve. Or he can give us intimations to go stand in a particular spot in a ballroom. Or he can give us powerful insights that help guide our lives. Some people hear God through an almost audible voice. God also speaks through other people. God can speak through the most unlikely people. One time I was leading a fundraising team in Connecticut, and I couldn’t decide on the next area to go to. We were in a little town, and I pulled the van off the road and sat there trying to figure out our next area. I couldn’t decide and I was becoming paralyzed by indecision. Out of the corner of my eye, I caught sight of some movement outside my window. There was a drunk looking in at me. He had dirt and leaves all around unsteadily. His eyes were not focused. Carefully, I cracked my window to see what he wanted. I was shocked by what this drunk said to me. He shurped, “Just make a decision.” Has God ever yelled at you through a drunk? I hope that God will speak to you today. In the Bible, it is recorded that God spoke to a prophet through a donkey. Hopefully, he can use me to speak to you today.

Two weeks ago, our second son, Daniel, called home from Australia. He is on the Oceania Leadership Team (OLT). He was calling to say he was flying to Fiji the next day. He would be leading a team for the next forty days. In a couple of emails he mentioned that he was having experiences with the heart of God. So, I asked him how God had spoken to him.

He shared how he was the team assistant for the past forty days. The team was fundraising, but his team mates were bad about getting out of the van to go fundraising. They would reach out to donors and spend a lot of time getting out. Daniel was trying to get them ready before reaching the drop off point. One day he thought he had everyone ready, but they were worse than ever. He got so angry with the team. He was not concerned about the team, but were focused only on themselves. Later on that day, Daniel was down in prayer with God. Daniel realized that his being upset toward his team was a tiny taste of how God might feel towards his rebellious children. But more profoundly, Daniel realized that he himself had caused God to suffer. So, Daniel was more focused on himself and his own schedule. Daniel repented deeply with tears. And in his tears, he even found a more parental attitude toward his teammates.

Our movement has a number valuable program for our young people. Programs like STF, OLT, and Jr. STF give our sons and daughters opportunities to put the Divine Principle into action. We are not called to just believe, but we are to mature our character. And that takes time, making good choices and practice.

I am really grateful to the OLT experience my son is having. I have longer conversation with your child. I hope all of our youth can participate in programs like OLT and STF.

And parents, it is not enough to just come to church on Sunday. All of that is needed to mature. Your spiritual maturity is not automatic. It takes intention, making good choices, and practice.

Our Bible reading today lists the qualities of spiritual maturity and good character. If you are in God’s Spirit we are to be loving, joyful, kind, patient, peaceful, self-controlled, and faithful. So, how does God produce these fruits of the Spirit in us? If you want to be a loving person, do you think God will just “abra-kada-bra” make you a loving person? No way? If God is trying to make you a loving person, do you think He will put people around you who are easy to love? No way? It doesn’t require much maturity to love people who are easy to get along with. To help you grow, God will put you in the exact opposite circumstance, where you have to make a choice, and practice loving. Then your character will mature.

Heavenly Father has each of us a character education course. And this explains one aspect of the “Dark” mentioned in the title of our sermon. If God is maturing the quality of joyfulness in you, you might be thrown into the darkness of chaos. Or if God is maturing the quality of peacefulness in you, you might be thrown into the darkness of sorrow.

Some kids think that if they don’t do all the way there won’t be any problem. But making out stains those same bonding hormones. And again, we fall in love with “sex,” but with your spouse.

The Hebrew tribes. Goliath. And in the end, David was prepared David to face the giant. He had prepared David to face the giant. He had been afraid and ran away. But again, he took the risk, and got an even bigger victory. But then David had some failures. He probably lost some sheep. But he did not focus on his failures. He kept his victories foremost in his mind.

Have you ever bought a car and then the next day notice how many other cars are the same color as yours? The number of cars with the color of yours did not change overall. You were just aware of the new color, and began seeing more cars of the same color.

Our mind is a powerful tool. We tend to find what we are looking for. When I was on MFT, I had a great time. Of course I faced rejection and physically it was hard work. But I focused on the joy I experienced with the new people going, and of course, the next sale always came.

My brother in our district came to me and said he was having trouble finding a job. He mentioned that he had been everywhere, and of course, the next sale always came.

I am sure that David had some failures. He probably lost some sheep. But he did not focus on his failures. He kept his victories foremost in his mind.

As we spoke, I was reminded of a story I heard about True Father and one of the church businesses in Korea. The manager wanted to fire one of the older employees. But Father said the employee could not be fired. The manager said the old man was not producing and paying him was a waste of money. Then True Father explained that the old man was bringing God’s blessing to the company.

And this brings us to our conclusion. As God’s sons and daughters, YOU are bringing God’s blessing your tribe, to your neighbors, and to your workplace. Have confidence in bringing his Blessing to others through you. Build confidence by remembering your victories, and finally never forget “Don’t doubt in the Dark, what God has spoken to you in the Light.”
Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you: that you love one another as I have loved you," thereby fulfilling the law, thereby fulfilling the fundamental need found in the other person and yourself. The need of all human beings is to know that we are liked, loved, and appreciated. Love one another.

We, as human beings, have many needs in life. We humans have fundamental needs that have to be met in order for us to survive. We have these very basic needs of air, water, food, and shelter. But I would like to suggest to you this morning that we have another fundamental need: the need to experience love. God’s love, the need to receive love and the need to give love. The need is for the quality of love. God’s love. We all have a need to experience genuine love; that is, to receive love, and to give it. And love is always in that sequence: to first receive love and then to give. You can’t give what you first haven’t received. This need to experience love, to receive and give love, is as necessary as water, air, food and shelter. You can’t survive as a human being without water, air, food and shelter. Likewise, as human beings cannot survive nor reach our full potential unless we experience love, to give and receive love. O yes, you can survive on a lot less and still be human. You can survive having a minimum amount of your minimum physiological needs met. You can meet your minimum social needs, your minimum self needs, your minimum work needs. You can survive on the minimum but you will never reach your full potential as a human being unless you experience love, God’s love, receiving and giving love.

Let me explain. For an example: if you have an apple tree at your house and all it does is produce beautiful apple blossoms, is that tree fulfilling its full potential? Of course not. The apple blossoms smell good, but is the tree meeting its full potential? No. Second example: let’s say that you have a tomato plant and that this beautiful tomato plant grows bushier and bushier, thicker and thicker, leafier and leafier, greener and greener, and this plant grows to be the bushiest, leafiest, greenest plant that you have ever seen, but it doesn’t produce any tomatoes. Would you say that this particular tomato plant was fulfilling its full potential? Of course not. How about a meadowlark? Let’s say that you see a meadowlark fly and do all kinds of acrobatic tricks in the air and fly the highest that a bird can fly, but the meadowlark never sings. Would the meadowlark be realizing its full potential? Of course not. Just as the meadowlark was designed by God to sing the sweetest songs and just as the apple tree was designed by God to produce big red tomatoes, so you and I have also been designed by God to love. To experience love and give love. That is the God’s given design. That is the way that God made us. We are made in the image of God; we are like God; and we have been designed to love. And it is only then that we reach our full potential as human beings. Only when we experience love, giving and receiving love, do we become fully human. I mean, a tomato plant with out tomatoes? How ridiculous. An apple tree without apples? How ridiculous. A meadowlark without singing? How ridiculous. A human being without love, divine love, experiencing love, receiving and giving love? How ridiculous. You can settle for less in your life, but your life won’t be very good nor very fulfilling. You can settle like apple trees with only blossoms and not apples, a tomato plant with only leaves and not tomatoes, or a meadowlark who only flies and never sings. God has made you to love, and only in loving, experiencing love, receiving and giving love, that you find your true self, your true potential and true humanity. Well, what is this love? Well, love is not easy to define. I mean, can you capture the waves of an ocean in a fishing net? No. Can you capture a beautiful butterfly by dissecting its wings and beauty? No. Can you capture love by writing a poem about it? Shakespeare wrote one hundred and fifty sonnets trying to capture love, and after one hundred and fifty sonnets later, he could not define it. There are some things in life that are so mysterious and so big that you cannot capture them even in words, and that is the way love is. Love is so big. Love is so mysterious that you cannot capture it in words, and when you see it, you know it. I see it all around me every day of the week. I see it in the grief of a father, there at the bedside of his dead daughter whom he loved for sixty five years, and you could literally see the love inside him and between them. I see love all the time. I saw love in Francois Takanaka as she spoke with a refugee family at church last Sunday. I see love in Garrun Abrahams as he invests himself in the youth ministry. I often see him give up his personal time for one of his kids. I see it all the time. I still cannot define it nor have any of the poets of life, but I know when I see it. That is the way love is: fleeting, mysterious, incomprehensible, elusive, when you try to define it, but love is a reality, a fact of life, a way of life.

To experience love, to receive and to give love, is to have God’s love inside of you. Where you say, I will forgive you no matter what. I will love you no matter what. I will forgive you no matter what. I will be gentle with you no matter what. I will be with you no matter what.

God always accepts people just the way they are, but he never leaves people just the way they are, because he loves them. God always makes us better. God never leaves us on our own. God is always making us better. Or to put it another way, God sees beneath the soil to the seeds of human possibility. Or God sees inside the seeds to the possibility of love that we can become.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, the Roman Catholic theologian once wrote: "Sometimes after the mastery of the winds and the tides; after the mastery of the sea and the laws of gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And when we harness the energies of love, for the second time in human history, we shall discover fire." ... What if we harnessed atomic fusion? Wow! But what if we harnessed the energies of love? The world would then be transformed.

This quality of love that I am talking about is not some impossible ideal. It is not some form of idealistic behavior that is confined to Disneyland, fantasy land and fairy land. I see it in the lives of people in our Unification Community. Now, I hate to admit it, but I have to admit it that I do not see any ideal families today. I see no ideal husbands, no ideal wives, no ideal children, no ideal pastors. I see no ideal anyone. Well, maybe if we follow InJin Nims definition of ideal – I DEAL with my wife. I DEAL with my husband. I DEAL with my family.

What I see here today is a bunch of real people with real struggles with real problems. In this real congregation, I see real loved lived out. I know it when I see it. I see this quality of love in so many of you and this quality of love says: I will love you no matter what, I will forgive you no matter what, I will take care of you no matter what. My life is yours. I see that again and again in this congregation. This love is based on a commitment to God to build a Blessed Central Family and a community and this is an inspiration and hope for God.

Do you know the length of longest sermon that was ever preached? The Guinness Book of World Records keeps records of everything, including for the length of the longest sermon ever preached. How long was that sermon? Six hours and 31 minutes, by a Unification preacher. But there is another world record. What was the shortest sermon ever preached? It was by Rev. John Albrecht, an Episcopalian priest, from Lake Orion, Michigan, and he spoke the shortest sermon ever given on record. He uttered one word, Love and sat down. That was it. No more. Some people questioned that it was the best sermon he ever gave. What would happen if you personally discovered another power of the wind and the waves or the sun and the seas, but you harnessed the power of love in your life. You, for a second time, would discover fire.

Suggested Reading: The Inner Voice of Love: A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom by: Henri J. M. Nouwen

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by Heung Jin in Moon

The Unification News

This is from an address given on April 11, 1979, at Chyung Church, Seoul, Korea.


You know we always start with something just a little, a little interesting. I heard this wonderful little story. There was a story about a mom and she was reflecting on her two little boys. She said that, “Years ago when my two little boys were very small, they were taught how to say their blessings before eating their meal. One night I was very busy scurrying around the kitchen, so I told them, ‘Hey! Boys, say your prayers before the meal without me standing right next to you, to watch them as they both squeezed their eyes tightly, and folded their hands and began to pray.

The elder one, the 4 year old, finished very quickly, but the 3 year old kept on praying and praying. After about another minute or two passed, the 3 year old lifted his head, looked at his plate and was very angry. He said, ‘Hey! God did not take away my broccoli!’ (Laughter) Now you know what he prayed for, right?

Brothers and sisters, today I want to talk to you about making victorious teams.

You know in order to live the blessed life, we have to learn how to make our lives victorious for God. In order to do that, we have to realize that life is not a solo activity, it is a team effort. There is no one, no company, no sports team, no religion that succeeds just because of one person. It is a team effort!

Great teams have a purpose. They have a strong sense of direction and each member has a strong sense of responsibility to pull his or her own weight for the team. Poor teams have weak purpose, weak sense of direction, and each member wants personal glory over the team.

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side of the church, and I remember Rook Jin Hyung coming up to me one day. It was in America. He came up to me, and tried to talk to me, trying to sense whether or not I was open to the view and to saying, “Yes we can! Yes we can liberate the members from irresponsible leadership! Yes we can liberate many from the idea that the True Children can’t work together! Yes we can liberate and grow the church, we can liberate True Parents, show success, show that our movement can become successful while they (True Parents) are here. Yes, we can do that!” And he wanted to sense me out, whether or not our hearts were united. And there were so many who said it was impossible. “There’s no way we can move the outside world. It’s impossible!” They are like giants in our view, they are huge out there. We are like grasshoppers. There’s no way we’re going to be able to inspire them and move them, no way we’ll move them and make them understand the role of True Parents.”

But we continued to work together, and just like Joshua and Caleb, we continue to believe that we will get into the promised land. We believe that we will be able to move the outside world; we believe that Unificationism will be victorious while True Parents are here. If you believe it, let’s give it up for God and True Parents. (Loud applause)

See, God is preparing us for our golden age, the age of liberation and complete release. That’s the age that True Parents opened for us, and that is our golden age. It’s an age that True Parents started by liberating the heart of God because they realized that they, that is, a lonely God. He was high and mighty but He was totally alone. By revealing His divinity which is true love, a love that is selfless and can never have a co-worker, like ransom, He gave us that chance to inherit that true love and become equals to God, become his partners in love, that can reciprocate love with Him.

And now as True Parents’ children we have a responsibility in the age of liberation, to do what they did for God, and that is, to liberate True Parents. How do we do that? Do we do that by making our movement truly, truly successful? We do that by having their tradition recognized, we do that by all the efforts and all the blood, sweat and tears that our first generation shed up til now.

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Building a Culture of Peace on International Women's Day

by Nancy Bulow and Susan Fefferman

Women as Peacemakers - Building a Culture of Peace was the vision of the 5th Annual International Women's Day commemoration on Capitol Hill, March 12th sponsored by the Women for Peace initiative of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP, USA). Peace X Peace, a woman-led NGO, joined as co-sponsor supporting this year's theme of "Creating Partnerships for Peace.

The banquet room at the Rayburn House Office Building was overflowing with a diverse assembly of women and men, many colorfully garbed in their country's traditional dress, all with the hope of learning about and contributing to the work of global peace building.

Over 40 countries and 23 embassies were represented, making it a truly international celebration of the day set aside each year to acknowledge the accomplishments of women worldwide. The United Nations officially recognized International Women's Day in 1975, stating: "When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development."

Alexa Fish Ward, President of WFWP, USA, Dr. Patricia Morris, Executive Director of Peace X Peace, and Gail Paine, UPF-USA, Secretary General for the DC Metro area, each welcomed the guests and described their organizations' goals and accomplishments. A video was shown highlighting the service projects of UPF young volunteers held during the Global Peace Festivals in the USA, Kenya, Mongolia, and Paraguay. Tomiko Duggan, UPF Director of Public Affairs, was attending the IWD Colloquium in Liberia and could not be in attendance. Two beautiful operatic pieces offered by Yoshimi Kadota, "Cherry Blossom Lane" (in Japanese) and "Eternal Life" (from the words of Saint Francis of Assisi) inspired the audience. Patricia Smith Melton, founder of Peace X Peace, and author and photographer of 60 Years, 60 Voices: Israeli and Palestinian Women began the main part of the program by engaging the audience through sharing her insights from having traveled extensively meeting women who voiced a common concern about the challenges of raising their children, often in war torn areas. She emphasized that "peace is not just a cessation of violence," but the building of a culture where the unleashing of the human potential and genius is the first priority.

H.E. Houda Ezra Nono, Ambassador of Bahrain to the United States, the second keynote speaker, introduced the audience to the uniquely peaceful gulf nation of Bahrain, where Christians, Jews and Muslims have lived side by side for generations respecting one another's traditions. The ambassador described the open culture and the emerging status of women who share many of the same freedoms as men. Pat Morris, also known as the calypso singer 'Pepper Pat', set the stage for the more interactive part of the program by offering a heartfelt rendition of “From A Distance.” Her voice was a thread of warmth and hope amongst the guests moving the participants toward realizing that we are all one human family.

The Water of Peace ceremony brought eight women brilliantly dressed in their native attire, each representing the cultures and continents of the world. One by one they poured a glass of water into a common vessel signifying the unity of life and the common desire of women to work together for peace. The blowing of the conch shell in the Hindu tradition of “Blessing the Blossom Lane” (in Japanese) and "Eternal Water" offered by Yoshimi Kadota, "Cherry Blossom Lane." The theme song of “Let there be peace on earth” faded softly as the evening closed with a truly successful event honoring International Women's Day 2009.
by UPF-Switzerland

Friday, April 03, 2009, Geneva, Switzerland - When nine religious leaders, role-played by youth delegates representing their faiths, reported the results of their fact-finding missions to the Middle East and South Asia on “Preventing Mediation and Peacebuilding” in a simulation of a United Nations Intergovernmental Council, the full room of more than 250 government and UN representatives, religious leaders, experts, and civil society leaders listened intensely.

“This is what should be happening at the Durban Review,” said one ambassador, referring to the upcoming review of the 2001 UN Conference against Racism. The review will be held at the UN in Geneva this summer in an effort to salvage the difficult negotiations and unwillingness to compromise that tarnished its beginnings.

That sentiment was to be echoed again in the closing speech of Hon. Rémy Pagani, the mayor-elect of the city of Geneva, who encouraged the participants and especially the youth to continue their course. “Geneva today stands as a haven for peace and intercultural harmony,” he said.

“But we had a long and painful history of religious war and intolerance that had to be won first.”

The conference, co-sponsored by the Mission of Indonesia, the Geneva Intercultural and Intercultural Alliance (GIIA), the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) International, was held at the United Nations in Geneva on April 3, 2009. There was a striking combination of both youth and elders as well as religion and government that harmonized remarkably well.

The Opening Session, “Forging a Global Leadership Alliance Committed to Ethics and Action,” was chaired by Heiner Handschin, Secretary General of UPF in Europe Region 2 and GIIA Vice President. Speakers included Mr. Werner Schleifer, Senior Executive Coordinator of the Conference of NGOs (CONGO), and Conference Chair Ambassador Malikarn Wibisono, former President of the UN Human Rights Council and President of GIIA.

Also on the panel were Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of UPF International; Hon. Anton Rop, former President of Parliament of Kenya; Peter Boekaerts of Van Blockland, former Minister of Housing of the Netherlands; and Amb. Laura Thompson Charon of Costa Rica.

Session two, “Towards an Intercultural Council: Accelerating the Process,” was facilitated by Mr. Mark Brunn, Secretary General of UPF in Europe Region 1 and included very prominent voices from the Geneva interfaith community: Rev. Dr. William McComish, Dean Emeritus of the Geneva Cathedral; Chief Rabbi Itzhak Danon of the Israeli Community in Geneva; Dr. Hafid Ouardiri, representative for the Muslim community in Geneva for 28 years; and Dr. Arun Pabari, Coordinator for the World Sathya Sai in Geneva.

Each brought a strong message, based upon personal experiences, that there is no going back to narrow and exclusive paths. Each expressed his appreciation for being invited into this initiative that calls for religion to strengthen the United Nations as well as the aspect of leadership training for their youth that carries such a serious and hopeful mandate.

Other speakers included the Ambassador of Belgium, Babacar Carlos Mbaye, and the Ambassador of Kenya, H.E. Richard Owade, who delivered a message from Mme Ida Betty Odinga, President of the League of Women Voters in Kenya and wife of the Prime Minister, who was unable to attend as scheduled.

The session’s final speakers, Min. Jesus Domingo of the Philippines Mission to the UN and Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary General of UPF International, both presented very practical outlines of the work done in the UN, as well as research into the needs for and practical functioning of the proposed UN Intergovernmental Council.

The third session, “The Intergovernmental Youth Council: Special Session on Prevention, Mediation and Peacebuilding,” was chaired by Carolyn Handschin, Deputy Director of the Women’s Federation for World Peace International and GIIA Coordinator for the youth. Minister Jesus Domingo served as acting President in the absence of the President Ambassador Wibisono.

It was the fifth such event in five months in which youth role-played the proposed high-level United Nations Intergovernmental Council in formal sessions as representatives of their religions. In most cases, these youth, aged 18-24, were selected by the religious leaders themselves to play the role of delegates to this hypothetical council.

Taking on its first substantive “mission,” this session of the “UN Intergovernmental Council” received reports of “task forces” that had been mandated in the session in September. These groups were comprised of representatives of religions of South Asia and the Middle East to go on hypothetical “fact-finding missions” and then report back to the Council about the evidences of religious and interreligious cooperation or lack of it—in the conflict prevention, mediation, and peacebuilding.

A “Resolution on Peacebuilding and Human Rights” was adopted by consensus in which all the Intergovernmental Council delegates pledged to recognize and reinforce the sacred value in each other’s beliefs and traditions and to work together, focusing on our common beliefs and values for our common goal of universal peace.

In Geneva in September 2009, a simulation of a hypothetical “United Nations Intergovernmental Council” was inaugurated with delegates from Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islam, Jewish, Sikh, and Unificationist faiths in order to demonstrate the important role that religion and cultural diversity could play in solving problematic issues of global concern, in general and specifically, if given a platform within the United Nations.

Similar Youth Councils were since inaugurated in London, Bergamo, Vienna, and New York with the long-term mandate to assist local governments and institutions in reconciling—or preferably preventing—the misunderstandings that lead to enmity by drawing on the best that religion has to contribute to peace. An “Interfaith Declaration on Peace and Human Rights” was drafted and serves as founding document. Other regional councils have likewise adopted declarations and report annually to the Geneva Intergovernmental Council.

The closing session was conducted by Ambassador Malikarn Wibisono, who formally adopted the reports and resolution. Mayor-elect Pagani added his own remarks of appreciation and encouragement for the youth and the initiative.

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The Global Peace Tour in the Eternal City

by Giuseppe Calì

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ednesday, April 01, 2009, Rome, Italy - The Global Peace Tour event in Italy took place in a conference hall at the national parliament, with support and participation from a number of senators and deputies from the national assembly and local political leaders from Rome and other cities, some of whom had travelled through the night in order to attend.

Prominent religious leaders included a representative from the Rome Mosque, the largest mosque in Europe, several Protestant churches and Buddhist, Sikh and Hindu communities. A famous priest and theologian from the Catholic church also attended the conference and gave a wonderful speech on the importance of love in peace building.

Another inspiring speech was given by a Senator Alberta Soliani, who spoke about human rights and her effort to support the people of Burma. Although she is a politician, it was interesting to see how skillfully she also gave spiritual insights to the audience as well.

The event, UPF’s first in Rome, attracted about 200 significant leaders, filling up the hall. Among them we were able to appoint 23 as new Ambassadors for Peace. UPF Italy would like to thank all of them, and also to note with appreciation the international support from Lord King, a Patron of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) - UK, warmly welcomed a conference to the Houses of Parliament that contained two sections, the perception of faith groups and the analysis of the economic crisis by activist organisations.

Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, the International Co-Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation, reading from a prepared text, emphasised that there are many policies we need to follow to stabilise our economy or care for our environment but these will be best built upon the bedrock of loving families. He called for a Global Service Corps of youth that could heal divisions while working to fulfil the Millennium Development Goals.

Imam Umer Ahmed Ilyasi, the Secretary General for the All India Imams and Mosques organisation, who represents 500,000 Imams in India, spoke on the failures of the G20 agreements. Speaking as a representative of the largest democracy in the world, I do not see economic stability within one family of humankind under God.

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UPF-UK New Vision Amid the Economic Crisis

Thursday, April 02, 2009, London, United Kingdom - Standing room only, in the House of Parliament’s largest committee room, this conference, New Vision Amid the Economic Crisis, contrasted the moral and spiritual values promoted by civil society and faith-based groups with the approach of the G20 Nations Summit held at the same time in another part of London. In the lead up to the G20, UPF had issued a Statement emphasising the need for ethical change:

If there is to be lasting change, the G-20 must acknowledge that the current financial crisis did not happen by accident, and it was by no means inevitable. The root cause of the problem has as much to do with moral, indeed spiritual failure, as governmental or financial mismanagement. For this reason, improved fiscal, economic and trade policies alone are not enough. The attitudes and behaviour of people, institutions and even entire nations must change.

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International Secretary General of UPF, Dr. Thomas Walsh, presented an overview of UPF’s activities. He emphasised the role of character education rooted in the experience of a loving family to build a stable economy within one family of humankind under God.
the organization which aims to implement the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and is located in the Vienna International Centre, Vienna. He expressed his satisfaction about President Obama’s recent call “to rid the world of nuclear weapons”.

Mrs. Lilly Gundacker from the Women’s different religions to live together, than to build the houses.

The final session concluded with a speech by H.E. Kairat Abdakhmanov, the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the OSCE in Vienna. He spoke about the determination of his country to become a member of the democratic world and about their perspective on the chairmanship of OSCE in 2010. He explained that more than 20 different national embassies will represent his country. In the new capital Astana “The Palace of Peace and Reconciliation” was built in the form of a pyramid, where a “Congress of leaders of world and traditional reli- gions” is held every three years, the next being in July 2009 under the theme “The Role of Religious Leaders in Building A Peaceful World in Conditions of Globalisation”.

The Global Peace Festivals The second part of the conference dedicated to Global Peace and Global Peace Festivals (GPF) was chaired by Mrs. Zena Eggough, a distinguished member of the wider Vienna UN community, active with the UN Women’s guild. She welcomed Dr. Yong Cheol Song, Chairman of UN Women, who had already visited 15 European countries on this Global Peace Tour, coming from Romania after successful conferences in Paris, Rome, London and Geneva.

His speech highlighted the overall theme of the GPF which is “One Family under God”. “The main purpose of the Global Peace Tour and the Global Peace Festi- valu’s task is to promote a platform of interfaith cooperation, strengthening the family, and a culture of service for the sake of renewing our communities and nations.” As a native Korean he brought the spir- itual energy of a person born in the Far East to the sober Viennese people.

He also challenged the United Nations “which should be helping the world to live together as one, but has adopted an entire securitarian worldview, including the spiritual dimension of human experience. It has focused on the principle of nation- al sovereignty as its guiding value, but with little consideration of a God or the teachings of our world’s great religions. I say ‘One Family under God’ because the family is the cornerstone of peace. Regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality and religion; we are all members of fam- ilies.”

As a European counterpart, Dr. Leo Gobbi from the European Peace Blog, Social Forum, spoke about “From a Global Crisis to Global Peace - The Self Empowe- ring Society” and showed the congress a poster which he saw a few weeks ago in Belém, Brazil, where two bare-foot boys speak about the global crisis, saying that 2/3rd of the world’s population actually lives in permanent crisis.

The Mongolian Ambassador to Austria and the International Organisations in Vienna, Dr. Jargalsaikhan Enkhsaikhan, spoke about the situation of Mongolia. While his country experienced political division last year, the GPF brought new energy to its people at home and to Mon- golians abroad when they saw the excite- ment of foreign Mongolians people there on the internet and television.

The final speaker, representing the United Nations, was designated as the coordinator for the GPF in Austria last year. He gave a dynamic speech on the vision of young people. “Vienna should become a ‘City of Peace’ and together with the support of the UN, we the young people of Vienna, can make a unique GPF here”. He called upon the city to support this project and conclud- ed with a declaration put together by a group of young activists of UPF, who have been repeatedly invited to address the GPF in several universities in the city of Vien- nasa.

The GPF theme song “Where Peace Begins” sung by the Austrian Peace Choir together with the young Korean soloist Yoon Ja Jong, concluded the conference, which was followed by a buffet dinner reception in the restaurant of the Vien- na International Center.

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nomic growth reaching to the grassroots level. Imam Iyasi said he will launch Faith in the 21st Century for interfaith action to solve common problems, later this year.

Frank Kentor, the Secretary for Church and Society for the United Reform Church and also one of the Joint Issues Team for the Baptist, Methodist and the United Reform Churches in the UK, had invested much thought and effort in coordi- nation with the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. He said faith has significant roles for faith communities during this crisis. Firstly, a Prophetic role to present God’s view as we witness the world’s financial crash. Secondly, a Pastoral role to care for those who are suffering due to lack of money and jobs, to help them find partnerships with civil society. And Bhautik, the General Secretary of the Hindu Council UK, stated that there is nothing wrong with money itself but with business ethics. We need a 3-tier regulation system to prevent abuses.

Civil society groups, such as Nick Dear- man, the President of Jubilee Debt Cam- paign, saw this crisis as an opportunity to rethink our economic system rather than going back to business as usual after the crisis is over. There is a $3 trillion debt owed by the poorest parts of the world rather than the richest parts of the world. For every $1 we give in aid, poor nations pay £3 in debt payments.

Ruth Tanner, the Campaign and Pol- icy Officer for War on Want, saw the cri- sis as a result of the failure an econom- ic system that has left 2.2 billion people in poverty including 1.4 billion who live in extreme poverty. She added, What inspires me is how people on the ground are standing up to the system and the power of War on Want are forming up unions for the workers to campaign for a living wage.

Moen Yaseen, the founding member of Global Vision 2000, said he the he root of the problem is not money, but it is truth vs falsehood. We re living in an age of global deceit. There needs to be a moral and cultural shift in our global economy as a global casino economy where the house always wins. He added that we need to clean out this city as Jesus cleaned out the Temple. Richard Dowdren, the Director of the War on Want, saw this crisis as a rich continent full of poor people because of bad governance. He said he sees the crisis as not complilect in this, although the prime responsibility lies in Africa.

The presence of corruption and culture from Africa goes into British tax havens and then into the city of London. The city is com- pelled to evade tax and then finds a way to use money and corruption money. A nation’s health budget stolen as corruption money kills more people than does terror money put together, but the city has failed to address corruption money.

Jonathan Fryer, the Chair of the Lib- eral International Group, who is currently standing for election as an MEP said that he wanted to see a genuine new world order rather than a reshuffling of a pack of cards shuffling by the winners of the election.

Developing the G7 to G8 and G20 is a good thing in itself, but if we are just reshuffling the pack 172 nations are still left on the sidelines. We need to work together with common moral principles and values. We need to fight for your MP but blog, tweet and make sure your voices are heard.

Inspired by our faith, armed with the experience of so many civil society groups from around the world, we need to be beac- kers for Peace and Partner organisa- tions the consensus seemed to be that this was the first step on this crucial and a crucial step towards one family of human- ity under God.
by Pastor Mike Yakawich 6-12-09

This sermon was given to the Mor-tana church on Easter Sunday.

Happy Easter Day! Happy Resurrection Day of Lord Jesus. St. John 20:19-23: “Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the discipels were assembled for fear of the Jews came Jesus and stood in the midst and said unto them Peace be unto you. And when he had so said he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the discipels glad when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again Peace be unto you as my Father has sent me even so send you. And when he had said this he breathed in them and said unto them receive you the Holy Spirit. Whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted unto and who so ever sins you retain, they are retained.”

The journey of our lives to resurrec-
tion is a fantastic journey, Jesus set the way for us. Jesus is our spiritual father. He is my spiritual Padre. He is my spir-

itual father who brought me to this church. His journey is our journey. Jesus did rise from the dead. He gave us hope and inspiration. Within the heart of my sermon, is this message of resurrection and renewal that we each are called to journey on in our life of faith. It is a jour-

ney of resurrection and new hope that may require a vast toll, a debt paid, as an offering for a new spirit, the Holy Spirit to fill our minds and our bod-

ies? Do we feel at times the pain and anguish of our fallen world and our own personal faults? Do we get stressed out? Do we feel at times repent and seek for-

tions and renewal of ourselves and our community. In this spirit, I will baptize our church and our membership with this Holy Water. I will bless these palms dipped in Holy Water, I baptize you in the name of the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, in the name of the Cosmic Parents, Par-
ents of Heaven and Earth and in our names. Receive this baptism, this cleans-
ing of your sins, this forgiveness of sins as I ask you to do to all others. I pray that we all may have a true heart of a father. Our journey as a people of parental heart, conjugal love, and sibling love we renew our relationship with Heavenly Father. May we seek ways to awaken our hearts to the calling of God. May we resurrect our love for each other. May this be a new Easter spirit of new hope, new joy, and new inspira-
tion for all of us. Let us be renewed, let us renew our family, our neighborhood, our city, our state, our nation and our world at this Easter Season.

Honor Your Ancestors … Preserve Memories … Build Your Family Legacy

- Are your family photos and records in a shoebox in the attic?
- Have you asked those questions you always meant to ask?
- Don’t leave it too late. Your family’s story deserves to be told.

What I can do for you:

- Help you organize and preserve what you already know.
- Find your “greats” and fill in missing branches of your family tree.
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If you’re interested please contact Annie Steinbronn (anniemoo7@comcast.net) or Brenna Iredale (ribiredale@comcast.net).

**Leadership Training:** July 2-4 ($50)

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**Middle School Workshop:** July 12-18 ($325)

COME and Be A Part of the Heart! We would love to see you there!

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**God Rocks! NYC**

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od Rocks had its opening night Friday, February 20th. The room was filled with people who enjoyed the live music and inspiring message. After beginning past its scheduled 7pm start, the program captivated its audience with music led by Kristof Heller, Diane Kung, Kristof, and the program’s director, Claire Munsell, treated the crowd to covers of some pop/rock songs. At its 43rd Street location in Manhattan, the lighting and the arrangement of the furniture created a feeling of being in a cross between a café and nightclub. Kenshu Aoki, CARP president, gave the program its very first message why college students need God. Drawing experiences from his past, Kenshu gave practical advice on the value of having God in one’s life. Following the night’s message, the audience was left to share with one another the importance of God in their lives. The band resumed playing to end the night’s program. Some of the audience members got caught up in the music, waving their hands in the air.

Many of the attendees left wanting more, asking if the program would be longer next time. The organizers of the God Rocks admit that there still needs to be improvements but with all the smiles in the room, God Rocks’ first night appeared to be a success.!
THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

There is nothing more precious than our children and nothing more important than the education and training of our children. We have been busy planning and getting ready for our 21 DAY 2009 Training. To see an overview of our 2009 workshop, go to http://www.truefamilyhealthtrainingacademy.com and click on the Summer 2006 menu item on the left. We have put together a short video that will give you a clear picture of the format, some of the sights and activities. There is also a great letter from Christine Froelich (a 21 Year Carp Leader and 8 years in STF as a Lecturer) that will give a good overview of our program.

The 21 Day workshop gives the youth a balance of spiritual growth and character development and is long enough to witness change and maturity. We have been training Teenagers for the last 12 years with 21-day programs.

This year our program will start on July 4th and end July 24th 2008. We will take 80 Participants this year. We will have our Program Starting in the US this year. We will start and meet at Camp KOHOE (Dieter Jesper's place) at 661 N. Park Road, Benton Harbor Michigan 49022-9769.

We will pick up everyone who arrives by air at the Detroit Metro International Airport on July 3rd. Please schedule flights to arrive around noon or early afternoon.

At the True Family Health Training Academy Inc, we teach your children to fundraise which adds spiritual muscle and develops confidence in their character. We will teach them Core Values that helps them understand how to use words wisely and work together. The Parent Child Relationship is key to a Healthy Family. Words are in reality an expression of one's heart. They are the means by which human beings initiate give and take. If they are used wisely, the power derived from such give and take, can give rise to the fulfillment of mankind's most precious dreams. Used foolishly, words possess the power to destroy hopes, and dreams, and a lifetime of accomplishments.

We want the youth to encourage, support, and love one another. We stress Teamwork.

We also teach business skills that can help lessen the financial burden of the parents.

We teach ways to apply the principle in everyday life. Besides putting spiritual muscle on your child, we put physical muscle on them with our training in swimming, running, kayaking, exercise circuit system, rock jumping, basketball, soccer, karaoke, and more. We sing together, play music together, do sports together, and develop together. All teenagers are encouraged to bring any musical instrument that they can carry (eg. guitar, viola, violin, flute, clarinet etc...)

If you are interested in having your children participate you need to notify Roddy Portelance by email truefamilyhealth@aol.com tel: (705) 523-1301 fax: (705) 523-0629 by May 15th, 2009

We can use all the volunteer help we can get. However, I will do my best to pay the help what I can. The cost per child is $400.00 each for the 21 days. We decided to make this price because we will be fundraising for some period, to offset the cost.

If you are interested please let me know ASAP.

We will soon purchase land and more equipment that we can operate all summer and create employment opportunities for our kids.

God bless everyone and let's have a great camp.

Roddy Portelance,
True Family Health Training Academy Inc.
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2009 Summer Internship at New Hope Farms

New Hope Farms, (located at 517 Neversink Drive in Port Jervis, New York) is accepting candidates for the 2009 summer internship/work-study program. This program is open to youth, ages 13 and up, who are families of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and their recommended contacts. Interns will perform farm work, learn to ride horses and act as counselors for the various camps and events held here at the farm. Room, board, instruction and materials are included.

Dates are from June 27, 2009 through August 2, 2009. The cost is $120.00 for the summer and enrollment is limited. For applications, contact New Hope Farms, c/o Lesa Ellanson, 845-856-6792, or email nhfarms@frontiernet.net.

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A Perfect Eternity

by Matthew Breland

Of all things, the greatest are Life, Love and Lineage;
Without love, life is heartless;
Without life, love is pointless;
but with Lineage comes the purpose of Love and Life
and that purpose is to grow forever.

Of all things, the greatest are Life, Love, and Lineage,
for from these three comes
A Perfect Eternity.
Teddy Verheven was sent as a lone missionary in 1965 from Los Angeles to Holland (his country of birth), by the leader of the Unified Family, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

This writing not only explains the purification and development of the inner self or human spirit (moral and intellectual), but also the unfolding of the innermost self or Divine Spirit, by awakening and feeding the growing soul with the Love and Truth of God.

For more detail, go to: “The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race” on AtlasBooks.com - “Category” Biblical Studies or Body, Mind, Spirit. See Summary and Testimony and click on “excerpt” for Foreward and 10 pages of Table of Contents.

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T is article is about the value of friendship. It’s good to have friends. It’s even better to have good friends, and that means being close friends with good people.

LEVELS

Do you have friends? Never forget, not everyone does. There have been cases of people who’ve died inside their apartments, who had automatic bill payments set up, who were not missed for weeks. In a few reported cases, somebody actually sat there dead, alone in front of the TV set, for several years! Surely there is no Unificationist in such a lonely situation, in this life or any other.

Most people have plenty of ‘casual friends’ who they might see at work or while shopping, but not at other times. This is a heck of a lot better than nothing.

Millions of people now have Facebook friends, with whom they chat online. However, most of these ‘friends’ have never actually met, and might not recognize each other if they passed on the sidewalk. On a brighter note, beyond its shallow and silly origins, many people have lifted Facebook (and its many competitors) into a serious tool for networking and activism.

Your author has noted that most Unificationists have easily three times the average number of Facebook friends, and better still, those online companions are usually decent people who share common values.

There are, as everyone knows, deep-er levels of friendship. On a silly note, one my oddball writer buddies proposed a little test: your spouse can also acquire this role, and this becomes one of the best things about a long-term marriage.

Unfortunately, once times a young person will get betrayed by a gossiping friend, and the resulting scars will hamper future deep friendships. Worse, a struggling person with little trust and a low self-image might then seek low-class friends, slackers and stoners who are very easy to impress.

Worse yet are supposed friends who’ll attempt to bring a person down. Kevin Thompson’s prison journal vividly describes a life in confinement with people who lie and cheat continually, and who cannot be trusted with any precious item or personal secret, even for one hour. If those sleazy types do gain any friends, it’s likely they will soon illustrate the Divine Principle’s Fourth Fallen Nature, and drag everyone into even deeper trouble.

Opposite this, my family recently attended the STF Family Workshop at beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. Gathered in the lecture hall were 400 amazing and resourceful people, many of them old and new friends, all of whom I’d confidently trust with my life.

VALUES

Friendship has multiple benefits. Humans are social creatures. In a physical sense, our primate relatives hang around in close-knit jungle tribes, and flourish through cooperation. Despite the Fall of Man, ancient humans formed tribes then nations, and advanced together on many levels. Even if we do better medically, emotionally, and also spiritual-ly, in the company of good friends. In general, friendly people do better financially as well.

Women make closer friends more easily, while men must strive to overcome their innate pride and reticence. Men, please do that! Make the effort, even though you could meet people who betray your confidence; or aren’t mature enough to understand, much less help you much. It’s still worth it!

At the BAPC we have a Men’s Fellowship, an informal group which meets every month. The guys can enjoy snacks and ban-ter—and will frankly discuss every-thing from their job situations to their challenging marriages. Listening with out judgment, and advising based upon one’s own knowledge and experience.

Friends are especially valuable in times of struggle, and of loss. I’ve par-ticipated in Internet fund drives, to quickly help friends and colleagues who’ve encountered terrible misfor-tune. Even if each participant only pitches in five dollars, homes can be saved, and medical bills paid off often in less than a week. (Of course you’ll want to verify the authenticity of such efforts.)

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CONCLUSION

In the coming Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, beginning with the substan-tial realm of Chur II, the citizens will uphold a higher standard of life. True friends will be easier to find, and worthy of our mutual trust.

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