

Selected Activities Centering on Father and Mother Moon





New York Leaders Meeting









Belvedere Activities





God made the human body round and smooth, and now your mind must be round and big as well. Is your mind like a penny, flat and small, or like a big round ball? If you are like a ball, you can roll any time in any direction, going everywhere possible. The Unification Church is round enough to roll in any direction, so it means you are ready for any mission. Today you fund raise with peanuts, next with ginseng, next with industrial machines—anything is possible for you. Today you can witness, tomorrow fund raise. We are flexible, not rigid.

I am truly round because there is no experience I have not tasted. I go to the sea, to the mountains, work in the factories, on the docks, in the mines. In school I can teach, or discuss deeply with philosophers, or come to Belvedere and be a father.

Sun Myung Moon
January 21, 1979



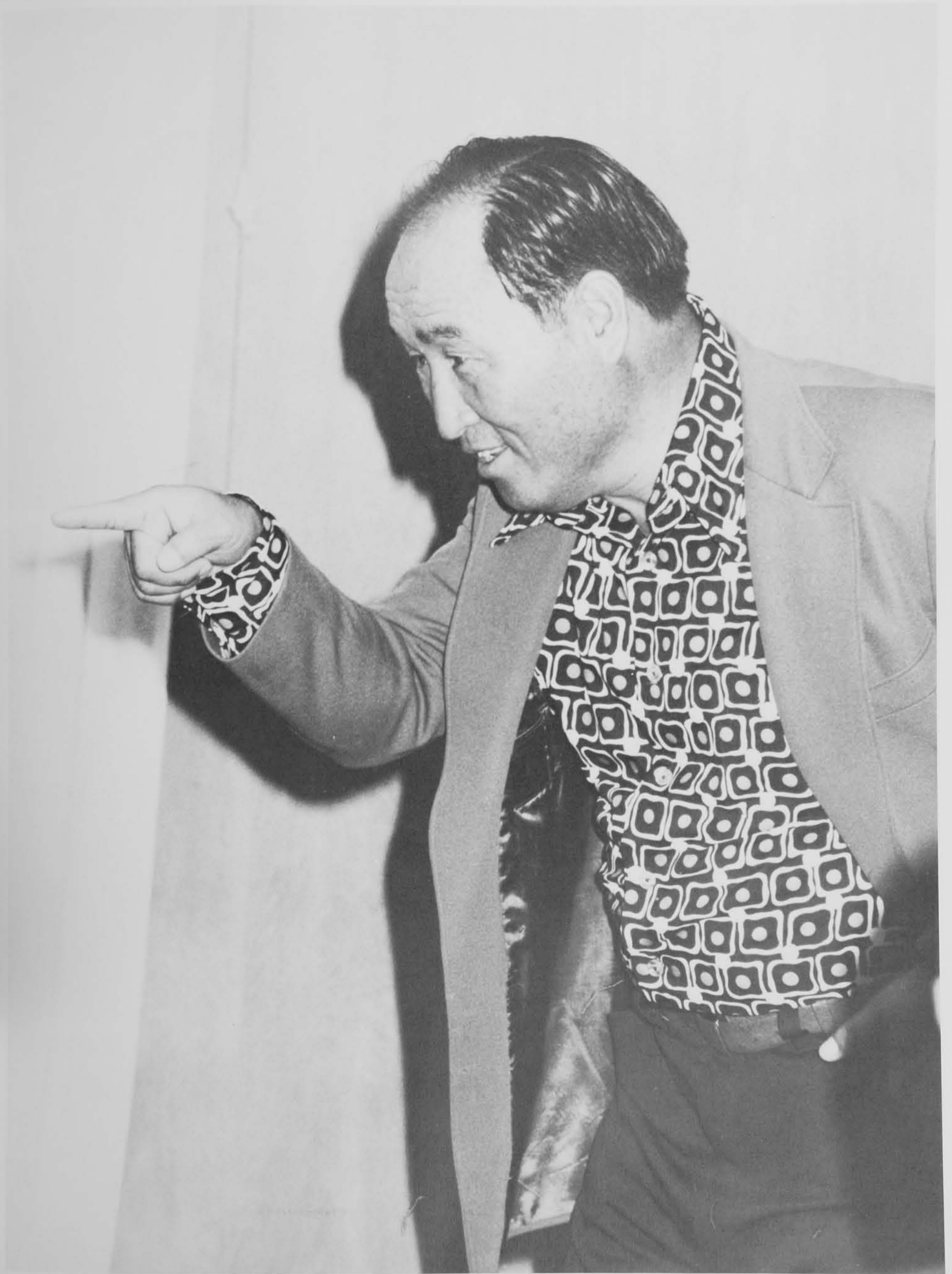
A great teacher always wants to make his disciples greater than himself. I want you to be greater than me. I love you as my sons and daughters, and a parent always wants his children to be greater than himself. I love you and want to make you greater than me.

Sun Myung Moon
December 23, 1979



God doesn't need money, power or knowledge because all these things belong to Him. The one thing God needs is love. God's desire is to go down the highway of love.

Sun Myung Moon
April 20, 1980











New ERA Luncheon

**East Garden
October 4, 1980 (Edited)**

Does God have everyone's love? Has He ever truly experienced the kind of love He wants to experience? Did He ever really have the experience of original love? You are theologians. What do you think? Has God ever been satisfied, has His need ever been met? My answer to that question is NO. The fall of man came about too quickly, before the ideal of creation could mature or bear any fruit in reality. And since the fall, God has never truly seen the original form of love here on earth, He has never seen it in action, He has never experienced it. To this day, God does not enjoy true love.

What is religion, then? What are all those religions which have come and gone in history, and what are all these religions that are still with us today? There are so many fights among these religions. What is their purpose of existence? All of the world's religions are part of God's endeavor in history to find one true man and one true woman who would emerge out of them. Religion is like a field which true men and women come out of. That is the goal.

Then what is the concept of messiah? No nun, no saint, no soul here on earth has ever truly received the original love of God. So not only has God not experienced true love, but also man has never experienced the true love of God before passing away into spirit world. The original ideal of love that God wants to see flourish among men, among families, between husbands and wives, between parents and children, has never come to exist in reality. Also, true love has never existed on the level of the society, the nation and the world. Originally, love should grow through all of those levels and continue to blossom in the spirit world. That original concept of creation has never been realized. From the point of view of God who created all things, earth is a desolation, a desert full of incredibly tasteless life forms.

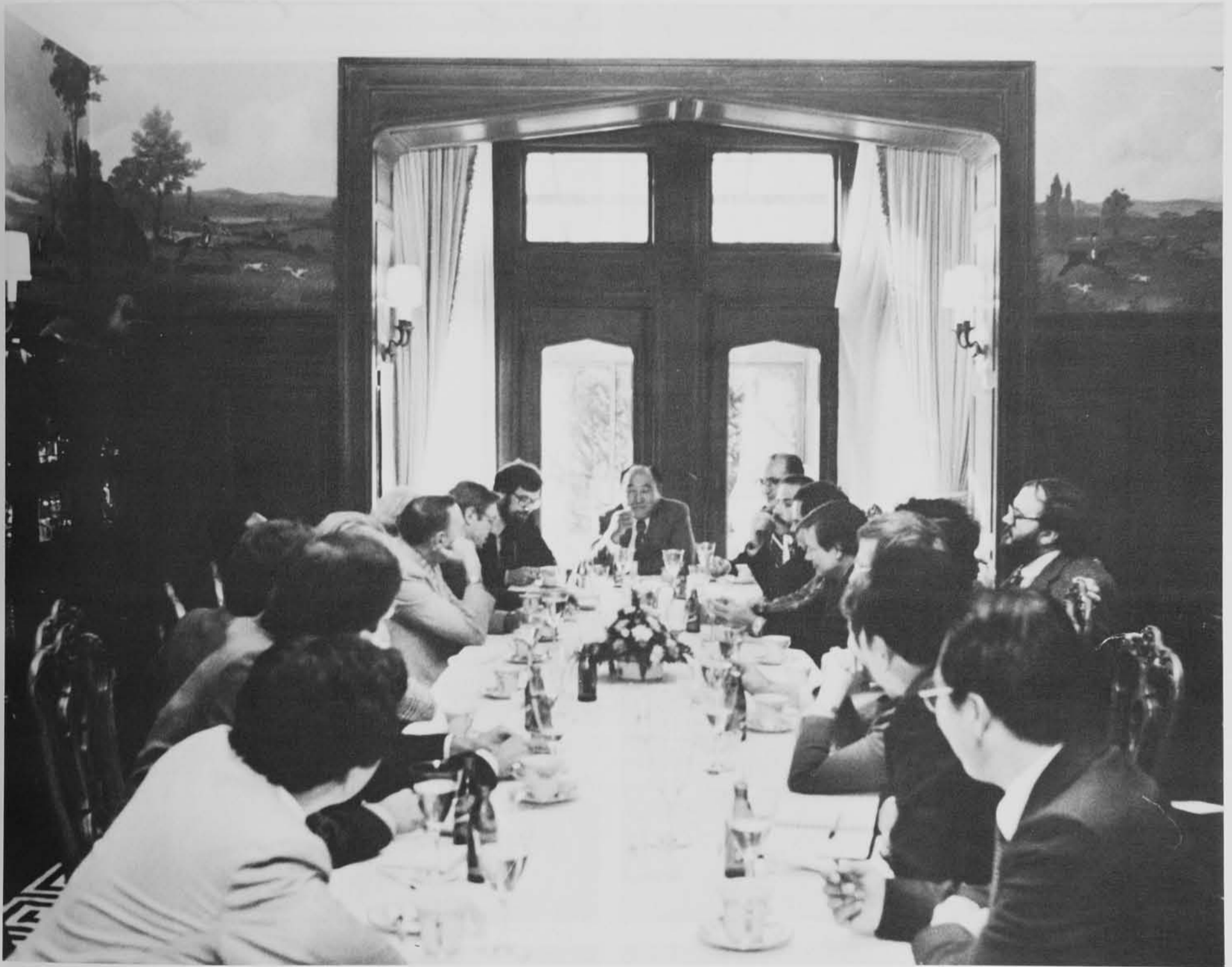
Why did God create man? What is the purpose of the creation of all things? God created man to receive and enjoy the love of God, to be the object that can respond to the love of God. But that man whom God created has never seen true love, never truly experienced love, never truly touched the love of God. In the course of salvation history, why is God so dependent upon men? Why cannot God Almighty finish with them all in one stroke? Because in order to gain the complete and perfect love that He wanted from the beginning, God needs the partnership of man. He cannot do it Himself. Therefore, if God disregards man, no perfection of love will be achieved. There is no way God can achieve His goal without man. That was the plan from the beginning. If that plan had been fulfilled the world would have been entirely different.

What is the purpose of the messiah? He is coming as a model of love sent by God to show individual men, families, societies, nations and the world the true form of love in action. That is why he has to come physically on earth, to show love in action here. We read in the Bible that in the eleventh hour of the crucifixion Jesus shouted out, "Eli, Eli..." ("Oh my God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?") Then he said, "It is finished." Today, Christianity simply interprets this to mean that the mission of Jesus Christ as Messiah is fully completed. For 2,000 years we have looked



at that particular phrase in this way. Christians have not known that this phrase of Jesus' has limited value and meaning. In the total concept, there is so much work that Jesus came to do which was left undone at the Cross and which has still not been done to this day. There are so many prophecies about the second coming of the Lord. If the fulfillment was so complete 2,000 years ago, there should be no reason for him to come again. Then why is he coming? The mission of the messiah 2,000 years ago and the mission of the messiah who comes today has not changed. The messiah still comes for the same purpose. It has to be pursued again, only this time to the ultimate fulfillment.

Theologians who study the Bible and the Will of God must be pursuing an ultimate goal. Otherwise, all their effort will be in vain. We are not competing to see who knows more about the Bible. This is not the place to show off our



knowledge. Rather, our purpose as theologians is to find the love of God and to understand the true will of God so that we can then lead others to achieve this same goal.

What is Rev. Moon all about? Those of you who are meeting me for the first time can see that I'm not so handsome, just a normal man. But why have I become so controversial in our world today? Because I'm hitting right between the eyes. I'm not fooling around, or beating around the bush. I am striking at the heart, at the central power of the universe. Therefore both sides—God's camp and Satan's camp—are declaring an emergency situation. This is an emergency for both camps. Unification Church is not only talking about, but also doing the things that threaten the very existence of Satan. So obviously it is an emergency for Satan and he has to mobilize. This is the reason that all of Satan's forces are attacking, knowing that Rev. Moon—representing the indi-

vidual, family, clan, tribe, national and worldwide levels—is coming to strike them down at the very heart. One mistake, and Satan will collapse. His very existence is at stake. This is the focal point of the struggle.

Meanwhile, God's side is also in an emergency situation, because for the first time in history, the ultimate purpose of creation can be realized. God's entire camp is mobilized and jubilant over such happenings. But the satanic forces are coming against God's side and trying to knock them down before their own time is up. That clash with Rev. Moon and Unification Church at the center came in 1976. This was like a clash between God and Satan, and it was a victory for God. Therefore the satanic forces are mobilizing every ounce of their power, including secular and governmental power. After 1976, Unification Church was plunged into a situation of being persecuted and oppressed by the governments of all





the free world nations. We have missionaries in over 127 countries, and they serve as lightning rods, taking upon themselves all the persecution and difficulties in their respective nations.

Probably in the history of religions, no other religious movement has attained such a worldwide scope in the founder's own lifetime, nor has any other religion received so much persecution on the world level. I don't think you can find any parallel to that in all of history. I have engaged in a lonely battle with heavy odds against me. By any objective standard, my chances were extremely slim. Yet we can find an analogy to this in biblical history, in the story of David and Goliath. Goliath seemed so formidable—almost like a Superman—but David fought him in the name of God and won. Today, I too am fighting in the name of God and for the sake of the true love of God. I am fighting for God's love to exist and flourish, and I am declaring war in the name of the love of God.

I am not just speaking to you about some theory today. I am speaking about a principle that has been working throughout history, ever since God created man. The spiritual world is a reality, it definitely exists. When I traveled there, I saw spiritual law in operation: Those people who gave more love, who lived unselfishly, who practiced loving their fellow man, their country and the world, are the ones who are occupying high positions in the spiritual world. Unfortunately, there are not too many renowned scholars in the hierarchy of the spiritual world. But after this session, scholars will be accepted in those regions as well. And when you go there, you will find that what I am saying is very true. Someday we will all get there. We will have an assembly upstairs and we will see the reality of what I am telling you now. This is not just an opinion or a theory.

Now I want you to become an authority on the love of God. That is your goal today. We must pledge ourselves to move toward that goal, toward the world of the true love of God. Whether you are Presbyterian or Methodist or Jewish or Catholic, it doesn't make any difference. Ultimately, we



have to be united centering upon the realm where the true love of God prevails. That is the goal of your research in New ERA. The New Ecumenical Research Association is plunging ahead towards that goal. A revolutionary new theology has to be developed out of New ERA. I understand that most scholars are very stubborn. When you get together you all stick to your viewpoints and never yield even one inch. But let us all here yield to this one goal: the world of the true love of God. Once you get there, you won't give a damn about your own viewpoints. I want you to become, not only scholars speaking about knowledge, but scholarly men who experience the love of God and speak about that experience. Anything that goes against the love of God will inevitably decline. God's love is like the sunrise. So think towards that goal, and direct your work towards it as well. Actually, anything that goes against this goal is heretical. That, and only that, is true heresy.

From the standpoint of what I have said today, reflect about yourselves for a moment and try to re-evaluate your work. Ask yourselves, "How much have I been working for the true fulfillment of the love of God? Has my work been only an intellectual game, playing with knowledge and words? And what is my position? Can I say that I am truly a child of God? How much am I a son or daughter of God?" You should re-evaluate yourselves on this point especially, and put yourselves in a new position relative to God. You know yourselves very well. Nobody can deceive you, least of all, yourselves.

I myself practice this credo. I am a child in the sight of God. My relation to Him is very humble, very frank and open.



I repent before Him and go through a self-analysis which reveals all my shortcomings. This is so rewarding to me. In this respect, I have never been alone. Even though many people see me as a lonely man, I am not lonely. I have the deep happiness of actively pursuing the greater love of God every day. With each new day I see greater fulfillment.

Here in America, there is one core problem. It is not the lack of people, nor resources, nor knowledge, nor theologians, nor philosophers, but the lack of an understanding of true love. This is the core problem of America. We are initiating a search for that true love, we are beginning research in that direction and we are pioneering that new road.

The principle is really simple and quite provocative. No one has expressed it in this way until now. But I know this principle clearly, and I am living it. I'm only sorry that it's so hard to express these things through the medium of language. It is really agonizing for me. But having heard this message, the next time you become really exhausted in your work or in your research, think about what I have said to you today. Think of me in that moment of exhaustion. For one thing is very sure. In that very moment I will not have stopped, I will still be going strong, I will be in action. Think that you can join with me in our common goal, that you can get into the action, too. Then I am sure you will receive the energy you need. This kind of effort is needed in your schools, your homes, by your society. It is absolutely constructive. I want you to succeed in making New ERA a great pioneer venture, bringing in a new era upon the earth. Thank you very much.

AMEN.









The Professors Christmas Dinner with Father and Mother Moon



The Unification Seminary is unique among seminaries because the faculty comes from all denominations—Greek Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Islamic, and soon a Buddhist.

Hundreds of professors have come to visit Barrytown, and they can't imagine how a seminary can survive if it employs scholars from different backgrounds. A Methodist seminary has only Methodist scholars, and Catholics have only Catholics, and so forth. But the Unification Seminary has teachers of all religions. Many observers feel I must be either completely stupid or else a genius.

Sun Myung Moon
January 21, 1979









Dr. Josef Hausner: Address in East Garden, Hannukah 5737, December 1976

Reverend Moon, Mrs. Moon
Col. Pak, Mr. and Mrs. Salonen,
Mr. and Mrs. David Kim,
Mrs. Therese Stewart,
Dr. Ang and Mr. Warder
Colleagues of the Seminary Family,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great honor to me and a great sublime joy, and I am therefore grateful to you, Father, for having given me the opportunity to light together with you these symbolic candles of Hannukah, in this House of Blessing.

I am calling you Father—because you deserve this divinely inspired title, and this I learn from the biblical narrative regarding the life and personality of Abraham—our Father, our spiritual Father.

God said to Abraham: “Thy name shall not be Abram anymore. Thy name shall be Abraham, because you are to become the Father of a multitude of Nations, and all will bless their children to be offsprings and spiritual descendants of Abraham.”

Why did Abraham, who was childless, deserve to be called a “Father of a multitude of Nations”? There is apparently a contradiction here between the statement and the fact. And yet, if we study the sources in depth, we will be able to remove this contradiction.

According to our tradition, Abraham was blessed with all the earthly material benedictions, given to man if he fulfills the Will of God. And so, being affluent, Abraham was fulfilling the main task and mission of his life—by searching for people and teaching them the principle of the One God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, the Father of all Men, His children. Abraham brought them first under the “Wings of the Shekhinah”—the Presence of the Divine Glory—and later into his own house, adopting them as his own children.

But Abraham became not only their spiritual Father. The man who is regarded as having been the embodiment of Justice and Love, did not hesitate to call his children to the struggle—when the freedom of human life was at stake and endangered. Abraham mobilized the “318 youngsters—disciples—born in his house” (educated by him) in order to pursue the invader and to liberate those who were taken into captivity.

Abraham, who was the personification of divine blessings, of faith, the true teacher of the divine principle of One God, was at the same time, and not less important—a courageous freedom fighter.

I dare to say that these marks in Abraham’s character are unified in your personality—and that you therefore deserve to be called Father, and please Reverend Moon, give me the permission to call you Father, to use this title when addressing you. You deserve this title because you are bringing the principles of truth to thousands of children of Our Heavenly Father from among many Nations.

The spirit of Abraham, and Abraham’s courage, was later embodied in the generation of the Maccabean fighters for freedom. Hannukah is the Festival of Light, the symbol of Victory of the forces of Light over the forces of evil and darkness. In every generation this struggle must be fought again. It was imposed upon our people 2250 years ago, and it is our common destiny, the destiny of mankind—to struggle again. Let us become worthy and courageous today, as the Maccabeans were in their time, the time of their struggle.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES by Father

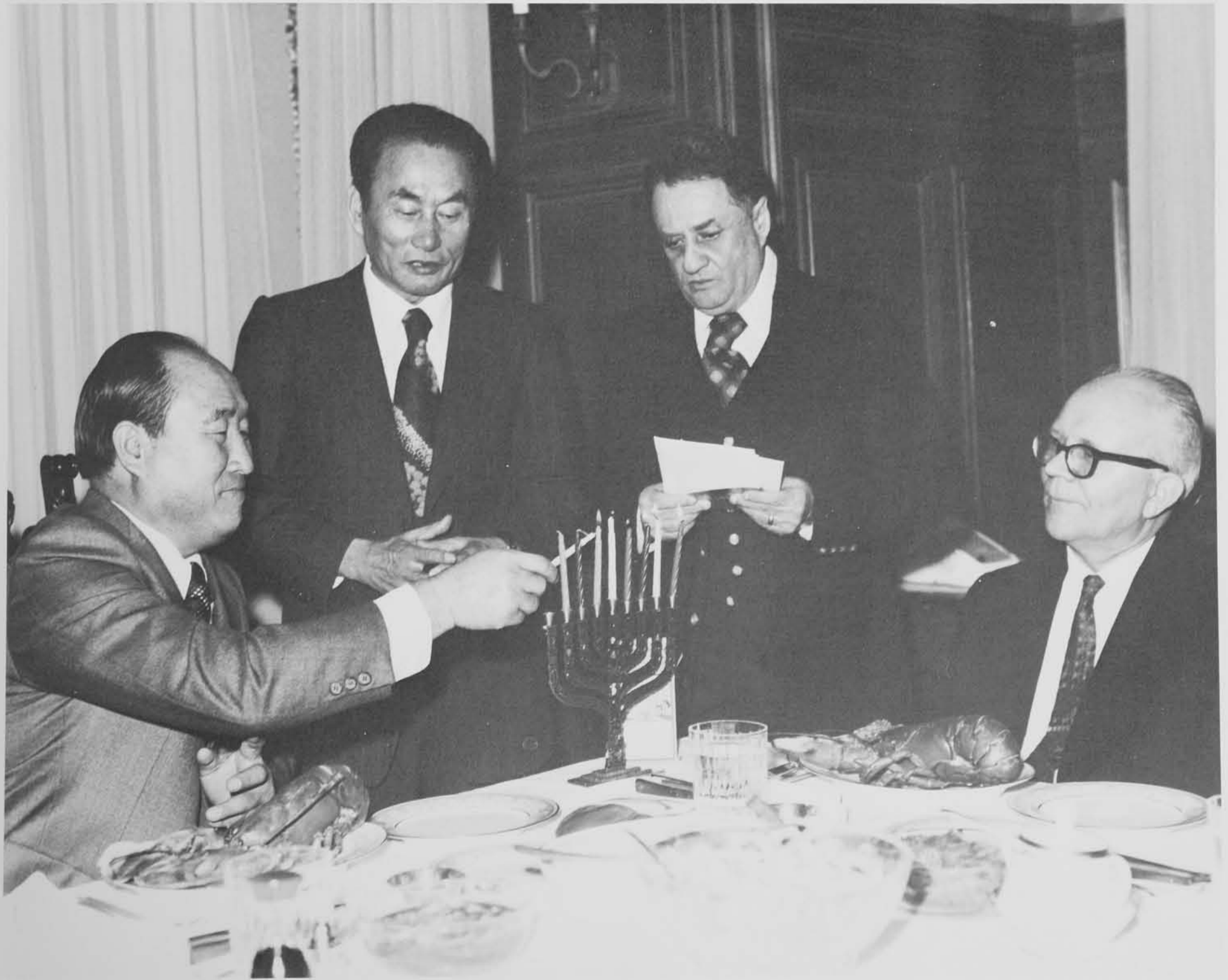
Blessed Art Thou, Oh Lord . . .

We thank You, Oh Lord, Our God, for the miracles and the mighty and saving deeds and the victories you gave to our ancestors, ages ago, at this time of the year.

In the days of Matthatias the son of Jokhanan, the Hasmonean High Priest and his sons, when arrogant and wicked rulers rose against Thy people, trying to make them forget Thy Torah and transgress against Thy Divine Principles, You, Oh, Lord, stood up for them, passed judgment and avenged the wrongs done to them. You delivered the strong and powerful into the hands of the weak and meek, the many into the hands of few, the wicked into the hands of the pious, and the proud into the hands of those who were humble and studied Thy Torah. Thy Name became great and was sanctified in the world, and You brought deliverance to Your people.

We celebrate these days when Your children returned to cleanse, to purify thy Temple. They made the Holy Place pure and brought light into it. They dedicated these eight days of Hannukah—to give thanks and praise to Your Great Name.

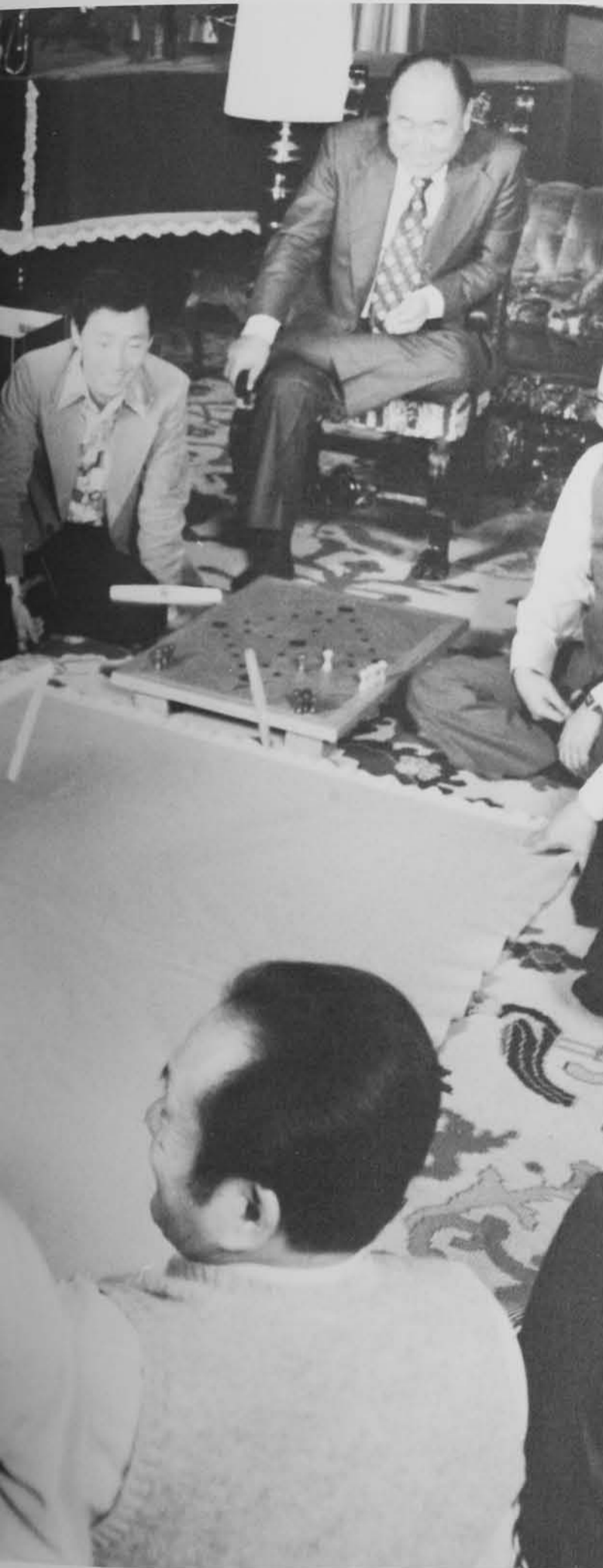
It is my prayer and hope that the Light emanating from this Blessed House, illuminate the hearts and minds of people everywhere, and that all may see and recognize and become aware of the dangers presented by the forces of evil and darkness of our days. That all may unite in order to overcome again the forces of evil and darkness. Oh Lord, bless our Homeland, and let’s pray that America, this blessed land of God, awake before it is too late—and act courageously to unite the world against the demon of evil of our days. The Victory will be Ours—as in the Days of the Maccabeans.







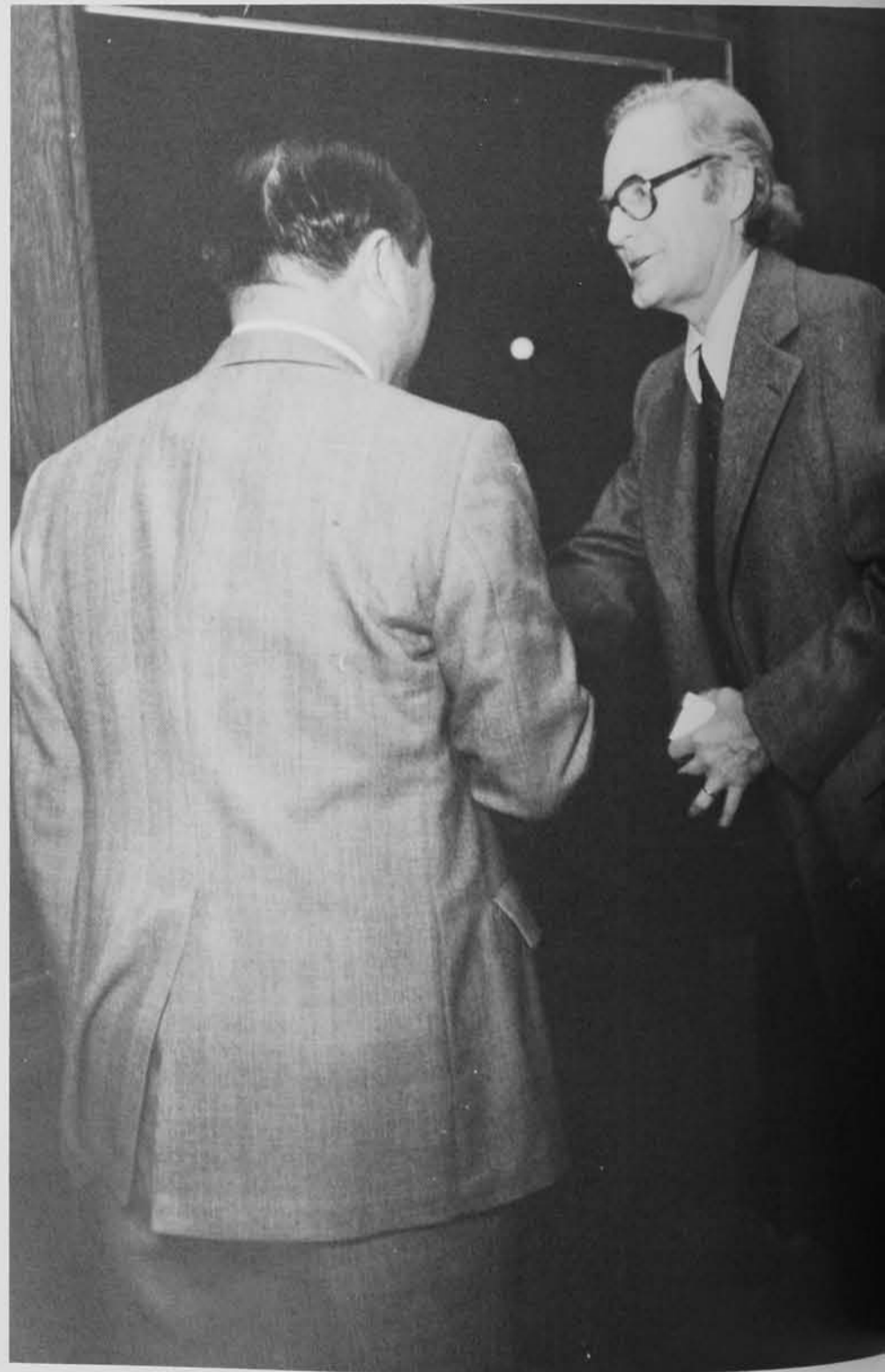








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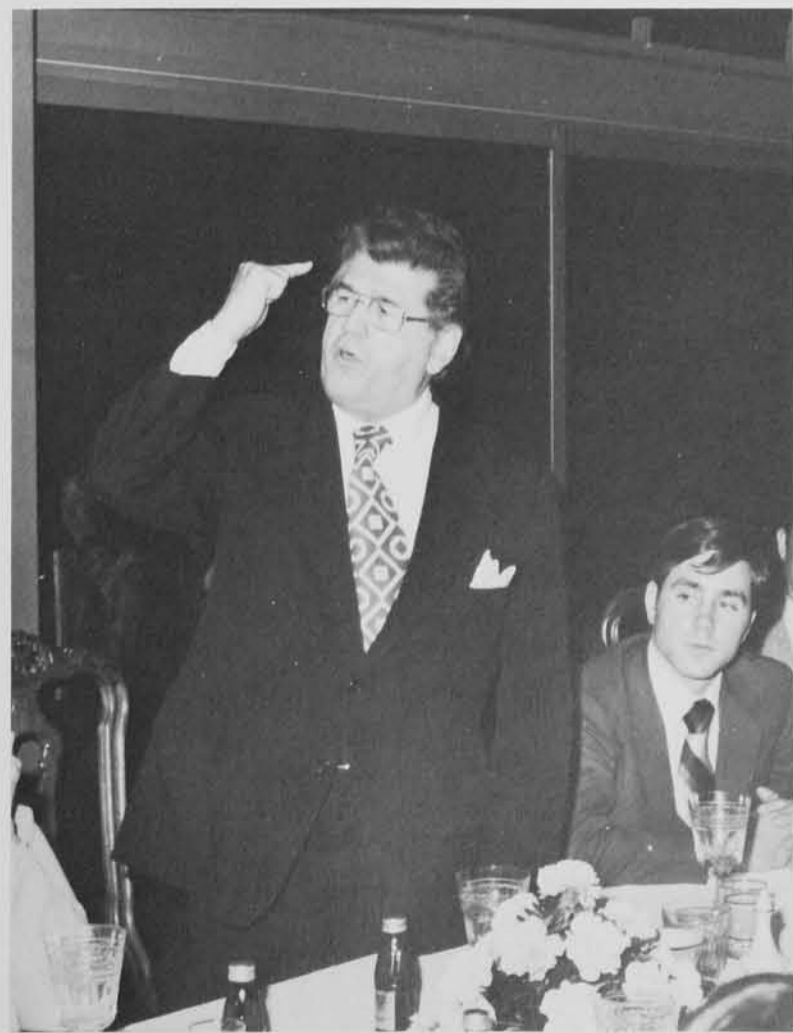
The great religious leader always follows this pattern. He will give up everything, but hold on to his vision for the future, knowing it will eventually be fulfilled.

Sun Myung Moon
June 29, 1980



Argentinian Leaders Visit East Garden





Father Fishing Tour of New York





Morning Garden, Gloucester



Mass.



The fishing port towns in America are declining because young people don't want to fish, so the citizens are anxious to see their towns revived. They know there is a good future in the oceans. I told our leaders to go talk to the city fathers in the towns I have picked and tell them why we are there and what we will do with our own money and center activities. When they know we are committed to making the fishing business prosper once more, then there will be some support groups which want to train our ocean-going crews.

Sun Myung Moon
October 5, 1980













Why are we, as religious people, catching the living things of the sea? Whatever we catch from the sea becomes a sacrifice on the altar. We offer our catch to God and ask God to forgive mankind. Whatever we do is a sacrifice on the altar. Jesus told Simon Peter he would make Peter a fisher of men. Peter had been a catcher of fish, but Jesus was going to make him a catcher who could bring men to God. We go to sea and catch real fish as the representation of God's kingdom and offer them on God's altar. If God wants us to stop fishing then He must save the rest of the world first. We are doing it for the salvation of the world.

Sun Myung Moon
September 23, 1979





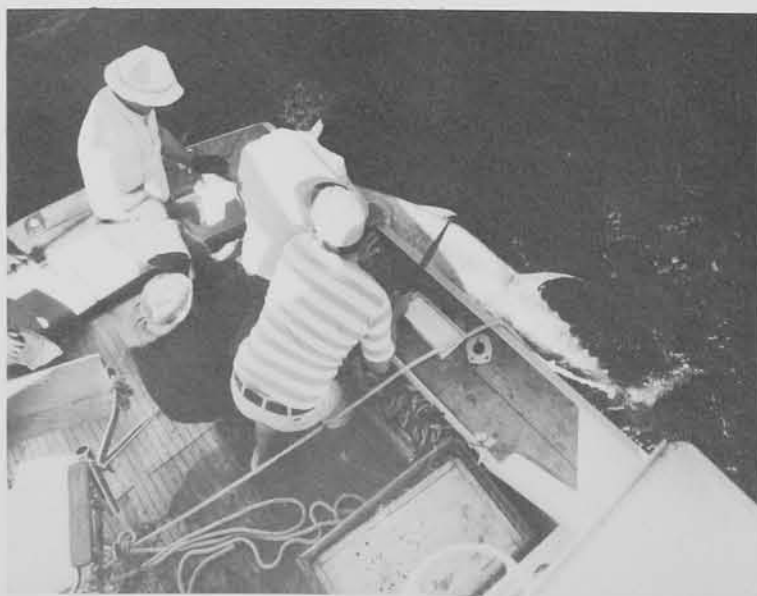
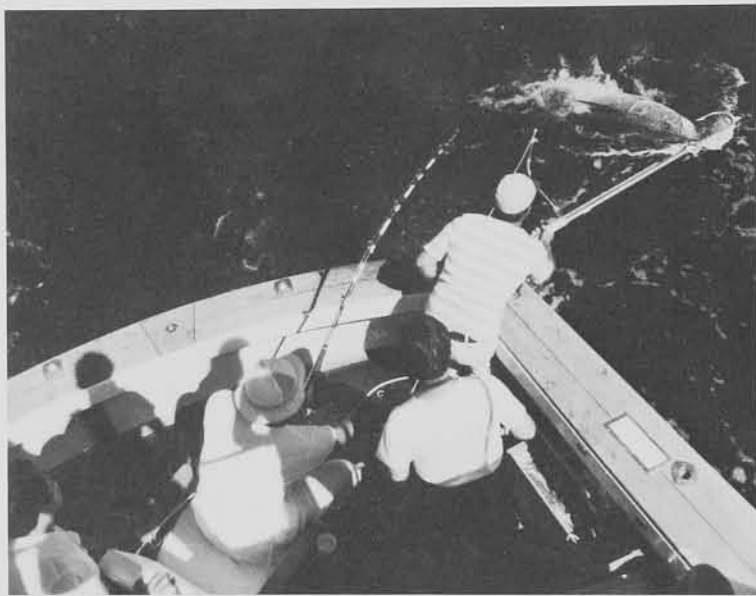
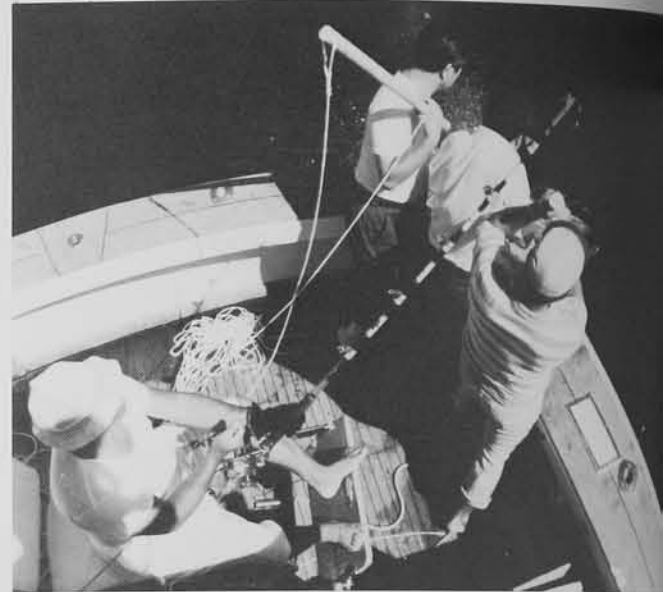
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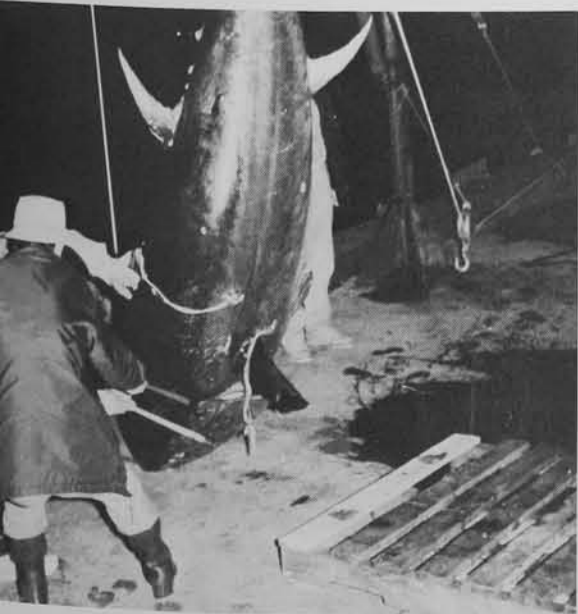






Giant Tunas!





A Record Breaking Catch



August 24, 1979 1070 pound tuna caught at Gloucester, Mass.



Father Fishing with Distinguished Guests from Overseas

