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REV. MOON SPEAKS AT UTS

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Father picked you all himself through your photographs. So, to see if he did a good job or not, Father is looking at you. Actually he should have picked you all when he saw you - in other words, through physical selection, not photo selection. Father originally thought about what a seminarian should be like: firm and strong willed seminarian! If some are physically weak they should exercise regularly to get a strong body; sometimes through football and horse-riding and other types of athletics. If your physical body is strong, then you'll have a good spiritual body too. The main category of selection is first of all, intellectual, good brain. Though two years of graduate work are required, Father believes - because of your intelligence - you don't need to take that long!

Those who have fundraising experience in our church, raise your hands. Everybody. Also, those who have witnessing experience...raise your hand. Father likes that kind of person... who has had experience in both areas. It is a dreadful, awful, wonderful thing for you to come here as a seminarian, while your brothers and sisters are raising funds for you at the moment - since you are representative of them. Father believes that because of your brightness and smartness - as Unification elite - you will finish your course even before the summer vacation. So, Father wants you to utilize your time during vacation for another thing; in order to get practical experience and on-the-job-training during vacations, Father wants you to be responsible for one state of the United States.

If you owe something to somebody, it's a shameful thing - you've got to return something, isn't that so? So, even as you study, as a good seminarian, you have to be independant. To be independant you need to return something owed to your brothers and sisters in the Unification Church. So you must be broadminded enough to earn the money yourself, since Father is feeding you and educating you and training you. You should earn that money during vacations and return it to the Seminary for expenses. This will be the new tradition. As senior seminarians, the first ones - if you do this as the first seminarians of Unification Theological Seminary, then our comprehensive University will follow the same tradition you set up.

You are fortunate to be enrolled at this time. Father plans to expand this program to bring our intelligent brothers and sisters of Unification Church from all over the world. If

we have 10,000 or 20,000 regular students in our Sun Myung Moon University - which will be realized very soon - it means that in every term we should have 2,000 enrollees and this will affect universities and colleges throughout the world. They will want to get in here, SMM University!

So we may launch the project through which we can earn money for a scholarship fund throughout the world. Your earned money will make this possible. For instance, in a few years, graduates from our University will go - maybe to India, one nation. Then these people - our fifty graduates - may influence the Indian government or the Indian social circle. Later, this kind of fundraising will be competitive and will bring better results on the world-wide level. This way a connection will be made. Not just with one nation, but all nations will be helped, and the economic systems will be influenced by our endeavor. This will be our University League. Some kind of federation of the University can be established on the world-wide level. Who will be the leaders of this world university federation? Father feels you are the ones! You are the first seminarians, scholars; you'll automatically go there - you'll be the leaders. This is the tradition. We need the tradition. I want you to be the practical leader, practical scholar.

A long time ago, Father said Christianity would fall away because of the lack of a financial foundation. Father knew that the present-day Christians cannot last at their own jobs unless their financial situation was guaranteed. Father is the first one - as a religious person - concerned about money, about economics. To build that kind of a Kingdom, body and mind should be gotten together; if one conflicts with the other then you are in trouble. Spirit and finance - material - must come together, then we can have a complete one. The leader in question should have both sides. If one or the other is lacking you are not perfect, you are not a total leader. So you'll gain much knowledge, and you should know how to apply it in a practical setting. You should learn how to live - based on your economic foundation - independently.

Also, a religious person should be responsible to lead the nation's government and officials and the politicians too. So, as a good leader, you should know what's going on in the world and have a proper observation of world affairs, so as to be able to give valuable comment and direction. If you plunge into the financial area (in a practical setting), you can gain this knowledge, and you don't necessarily have to be a high ranking economist or financial expert.

Not only in the economic area...you must know something of politics too. So you must lead, guide senators and congressmen - in this country and throughout the world.

With this in mind, contemplating the kind of people needed, he chose you. Father's plan is to find good, capable, and qualified state representatives and state leaders. So you will be participating in that program, to stimulate that program. And if you are able - when sent there (even if only temporarily, to gain working experience) - as a religious leader, knowing how to make money, knowing politics, you automatically become the spiritual governor right then and there! As a young leader, you should be able to influence not only the state but the world as well on all levels; intellectually, academically, politically, economically, and so on. So when you get there, or, if someone settles down in a particular state, we have a world-wide system and can participate with regard to information, international affairs, etc. There are a variety of purposes - you being here.

We need to influence this nation of America first. You have to study hard, academically. But don't forget the practicality of your learning - what you should learn....For two years you must qualify yourself. We will train you to be a qualified state level leader capable of influencing governors, senators, congressmen, and scholars in that state. You know that Father established, a long time ago, Public Relations teams in Capitol Hill and the United Nations...these teams are working very hard. Why did he do this? In the future, your work will be connected to the practical field. This is why Father is preparing now. The time will come when we will be united toward one goal. So Father will build a strong foundation out of you and the other teams, on the national as well as on the international levels. If, ordinarily, you aspire to become senatorial or congressional candidates, you may spend twenty years getting ~~to~~ ^{no} a place. When you come with Father, it takes only a short period. If Father sends five Unification Church elite members and hard workers, and five hundred others go there, Father can pick one guy and one girl - to be elected - right there! By that time he will be more than a multimillionaire. Don't worry about the money...the problem is whether you are qualified or not.

You don't know this, but Father is already preparing - in fact almost begun - the international bank. Isn't that wonderful? It isn't announced yet, but it's on the way! If we have our own bank, we buy the Empire State Building! Some rumors have spread that in the future the Unification Church will have the 123rd floor of the Empire State Building. It isn't a rumor anymore - it's coming into realization now! So, Father feels that this bank will have fifty state branch banks. In every state we have our own bank. Extending into the international level, it would be very easy then - at one word from Father - to have an international network (through interconnection) of various

programs and projects.

Keeping all this in mind, your thoughts should be clear. Keep in the faith, the Unification Faith. During the two years Father feels you should have a variety of programs, besides your studies. Father may give you training on ships or in boating or on the ocean. You may be called in for this sometime. He is going to buy a boat in every state. Of course, if there is no ocean or river there, we cannot do that. So your vacations will be utilized for the total purpose with regard to what Father is setting up right now. Do you understand clearly? He wants you to be a leader of versatility; talent in many areas. When you study, don't think about yourself. Don't stress what "I" am. Become Unification man. If you are just "I", "I", "I" then you cannot learn. If you are small minded, narrow minded, then you should change and think like Father Moon - then you can learn many things. No narrow mindedness.

Father trained himself even in the lowest echelons of the laboring class. When he went into the rural area, he was able to survive there as well. Even when he participates in athletics, the top athletes cannot compete with him. Why? Because he speaks the language of the people at their level. Father has a higher, diplomatic level of interaction and he fulfills all of his purpose there. If he sets up the purpose, he will do it! Without first influencing the state level leaders how can you hope to influence leaders on the world-wide level? Father has met all these distinguished congressmen and senators already, two years ago. When he met them, he evaluated them, as to how long they could continue. When a national crisis comes, will they run away? Are they qualified? Even if a world-wide crisis comes and affects the people, Father felt there was no qualification in the American nation to meet that and do something about it. Father felt none of them is really ready. This is why Father called you - for this heavenly mission. So, you should be the leaders who can influence American high level politics.

Those of the overseas family, European and Japanese brothers and sisters, other than Americans, raise your hands. How many? 10 Japanese brothers. Father plans to send those of the overseas families abroad - these seminarians will be assigned in the future to their own countries, as well as in the capacity of world-wide itinerary workers. All of them will work now for the American family doing American work, after which they will return to other countries, and once there, will make an international connection with your work in America. All American seminarians should be responsible for one overseas family,

for their education. You must make the money and provide support in the form of scholarship. Why should American family, as members, do this? This is to make a good spiritual and physical connection between America and the particular country they are from. Then those who graduate from the seminary and the university will owe something to your nation when they go back to their own countries. Thus they will be able to work for your nation too. This is why the American family should adopt this system.

This means that later, even though we do not have enough money to run the big university, our alumni will go all over the world and the money will come to support the mother-university they attended, through alumni associations. This will set up a very good spiritual foundation for America. Four years of support in this manner for an overseas family - to come here and go back with an education - would be a good example and tradition for Americans to set, to bring the whole world into one. When you develop this method, you can expand the scholarships into greater and greater numbers, and draw more and more people. This would include even outside members and they too can come to this nation. Then all the brightest people, select geniuses, all will come to our University. Upon their return, they'll automatically become the leaders throughout the world.

After four years of hard work in this country, Father feels that only Americans are able to fulfill this kind of thing - no other country is ready. So Father has already set the goal: one member to earn \$12,000 a month! This is revolutionary, financially and economically, right? Revolutionary! This is not just talking, it's being realized right now. One person made \$10,000! You have to make a strong condition - you are representatives, a representative of 200 million Americans.

Also, another thing: you have to have a good influence on the trainees - the 100-day trainees and the 40-day trainees who are adjacent to you. Sometimes when you have a chance to, be a good older brother or sister to them. You must be a good model. Why? There are 450 people. Out of the 450, you are the only ones in the seminary and as such, to have a special privilege. You are not paying anything, so don't discourage your 100-day trainee brothers and sisters - they might misunderstand. You are taking my position. You must be very humble and nice, a good big brother and sister.

Also, you will find five - one of them, Dr. Kim, is of our family, so four - new professors. You will meet them. Father picked these people. Why did Father put them here? You have to learn something from them, the knowledge they have acquired over twenty and thirty years through research and scientific method....that's why I brought them for you. Because they have an influence on many areas, including the Council of Churches and other established churches. In Catholicism and other religions, they are very high ranking professors. Soon 24, 120 professors will be coming - we are already screening them for this, David Kim is screening now; also our Dean, okay? Chief administrator too; we are all screening now. We are not staying with just four professors. If they come out with a connection with our Unification movement and Rev. Moon then they will say something to the world. Then later, all the big and well-know professors, bright people, men and women throughout the United States and the world, will come to the professors and say, "We want to get in, we want to get in!" You are all lucky people. Maybe even our professors will be left behind through competition. They know we are recruiting more professors. Renowned scholars, great theologians, Bible scholars. all will desire to be enrolled, to be hired. Father will give a little more money all the time they stay here. The International One World Crusade will take them all over the world so that they may have academic research symposiums and seminars for all kinds of knowledge-hungry people, and in this way they may like to distinguish themselves. It seems as if this seminary is a small institution, but when you look at it this way, from the viewpoint of Father's plan, there is an international forum right here...we are creating international relationships - this is the battlefield right here!

Also, Nobel Prize winners will be associated with our hearts, with Father. We'll invite all these professors; maybe there will be trouble in the neighborhood with hotels, etc. Then Father might give them boats, or encourage them to go fishing or something like that, you know; in that case you'll be assigned as assistants, helpers, young men and women, and they'll be delighted to have this. All the Nobel Prize winners will come! Most of them are close to the end of their lives; they're getting old, and looking at you they may think, "Yes, that's wonderful, maybe this person would make a good son-in-law, or daughter-in-law..." something like that. So the chances are good, who knows...? World renowned Nobel laureates from all over will come to Barrytown; and when I look at you people Father selected very nice, very clear but very handsome, beautiful faces.

You two stand up, both of you, in front. You take better care of your health and eat more, more meat; and good exercise, okay? What's the problem? Stomach problem or what? Kidney problem? Too much hard work fundraising? Tell him...! Why are you so

skinny? Father can't understand, you can see why, right? Japanese sister is originally born small, so that's why they are pretty healthy that way. I've learned from TV that taller persons are better than shorter...okay? Father wants you to be a little taller. So you have to develop your physical fitness. So Karate - we've got to have a dean to develop extra-curricular activities. So practise Karate, Chungo-sol or Right Way martial arts, invented by our group. Father has already supported this way - we have a school in Japan - so this kind of thing will be taught. This way you'll have a strong body, good strength! Then when Father looks at it, he's a strong Father too! He wants you to be a strong man and woman, physically. To be a pioneer, you have to have both, okay? Sometimes you will push yourself. In this case you need to maintain your physical body well. He wants you to build your body. The problem is how well are you -50 seminarians, Unification seminarians - going to set up the traditional honor. We'd like to have a football team so that sometimes we can compete with any surrounding college or university in this area. Though at first you may be outnumbered or beaten, we've got to be strong. So please start with great hope, will you? Instead of nice dreams, be broadminded, and with a new start right here in this school, start with this concept from the beginning!

This is the first endeavor in Father's life to set up an educational institution, the first project. To have selected you from the field for the seminary, at a time like this, is really damaging our work in the United States, sort of blood-shedding; so, instead of gaining, this is a consuming battle. Father has dared to begin this - eventually it had to come - so even under the circumstances, he has selected you to begin. Many critics may question this decision, as to why Father picked out in this crucial time of the Unification movement in America. Why do it? You owe so much to our movement in America! Keeping this in mind, along with your mission and future direction, you have to stick to it, you have to fulfill it! This is Father's desire for you; to direct yourself in this way and set up the Heavenly Tradition in the Seminary. That's why he wants to tell you this.

From this school life you should build all things in a Heavenly way. It may cause some problems when you raise some deep question and your professors may not answer it - that's a factor you must keep in mind. So you must respect them highly, but offer them the chance to come to you to learn from the movement. Very soon you and your professors will become good friends. They are not our members, keep that in mind! They're not our members yet - maybe half-half! So be careful. You should treat them as your teachers. In the Oriental way, teachers are like half-parents,

so you must respect them though you may have arguments. In American schools you are very uncourteous and in some schools, very, very rude to the teachers...we're not going to do this. Respect your teacher. Now, the Council of Churches, including many established churches of Christianity are looking - what in the world is going on, what kind of relationship exists between the Unification seminarians and the professors; they are all watching, waiting to see what kind of results come from this! You've got to have a good relationship. Raise them, respect them, even if they do not become our members. David Kim personally is not going to convert them, no! Even though they are here, it's enough for now that you go out and talk about Rev. Moon; so don't try to convert them. In this way, not only 10, or 15, but hundreds of scholars, theologians, and established churches will be influenced by your professors' one statement, one remark. That's what we're looking for, do you understand?

Similarly, if there is some kind of unseen barrier between us and the established churches, and somehow this barrier collapses, then all the young people from these churches will come, your brothers and sisters right there! Then there will be no problem with Communism, and it won't be difficult to influence the entire world. The Kingdom of God on earth will begin right there. You will be on the outside - exterior - and you can encourage them and influence them too. So do not attack them in a rude way. Respect them very deeply, let them fall in love with you! This is my word.

to You have to realize that the professors are not widely known, excepting perhaps in their own fields - so they all have their own special areas, okay. They put it together and we can have an international symposium! A Christian Revival meeting - maybe David Kim will go there too, along with you. Father is looking ~~at that~~, that kind of future. Look for what happens, right here. Keep in mind all these things. Be nice to your professors - I already instructed Therese to have our tradition. Just as you respect our elders, you must be nice to our professors. Let them know you are a different breed of people, Rev. Moon's children are different. Let them say this. You have to show them. Then they will evaluate, and even 10 or 15 people by comparison (from their own church) would not be able to compete with one of the Moon's children. Let them talk about that. We won't say anything - let them make the propoganda! If the professors are wonderful persons centering on God's will, it's a wonderful and best education by any standards in the world, though they (professors) are different from our wonderful seminarians. So let us build this Unification Theological Seminary into the best and most powerful institution in the world!

If things are going well according to our schedule, suddenly, the State University might be influenced by us. Very easily then we can move you, and our young people can influence the State government right there! The state has evaluated all the information we have offered and has found nothing wrong. Only this slander from the devil - time will solve that problem. The State feels Rev. Moon's institution is more than the best, there's absolutely nothing wrong. They are amazed how such a miraculous thing could be done in such a short period of time!

So you will be -temporarily- representatives to the fifty states, going there to install some kind of monument, representing the State. Beautiful seminarians, men and women - he wants you to be that. Will you do that?

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UNIFICATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Inaugural Convocation Address
by
Sun Myung Moon

Honorable Mayor of Red Hook, distinguished guests, respected seminary faculty and students, ladies and gentlemen:

It is my utmost pleasure to extend my warmest welcome to all of you present this morning at the Inaugural Convocation of our Unification Theological Seminary.

I deeply appreciate your coming here. I feel honored, especially because to my knowledge the attendants here are, without exception, those who have been greatly concerned about the Unification Church. We have recently had the close attention of the American society drawn to us, and the unreserved encouragement and support from many of you justified and strengthened our work.

As the founder of the Seminary, I want to assure you that we will do our very best to repay your friendship and good will toward us. May our mutual relationship be a lasting one in the divine will of God!

In history there have been philosophies and religious doctrines working in the backgrounds of politics, economics, the arts and religion. Nevertheless, the reality is that they are all stalemated, resulting in confusion and chaos, without having brought about the realization of their promised ideal worlds.—

Faced with this stalemate, people are turning in every direction in search of someone to take up the gauntlet for all people and pioneer a new way for humanity, straightening and guiding their direction towards a clear and achievable goal.

The people cry in unison, "Something is desperately wrong!" We have tried every possible way to diagnose and cure the sickness in society. We have finally concluded that the cause of the sickness is an internal disease and not external. By having emphasized the external elements, we have lost the intrinsic and central element of our existence. We are left without hope.

What is the intrinsic and central element which man lost? If we go back to the very beginning, we can readily understand that the greatest cause of the sickness is that man lost God, who is the very source of his life. With the loss of God, man lost sight of the absolute value and the focal point of life.

Rediscovery of God, establishment of the father-son relationship between God and man and the resurrection of divine love that we as the sons and daughters to God our Father invite back into our hearts - these should be made human conditions toward ultimate peace and happiness. We can turn nowhere but to religion for the great revolution of human consciousness.

Let me daringly say that Unification Theology will surely accomplish the task. Only human wisdom centered on God alone would enable one to make the right decision and enthusiastically participate in this great cause.

Distinguished and capable professors of high caliber will be with us teaching the 50 hand-picked students who are well prepared with burning enthusiasm. It is by these people that the Seminary will be initiated. In other words, I am not the founder of the Unification Theological Seminary after all, but rather the founders are these students who are here before us. The Seminary is not a place or building; it is these people who are equipped with the spirit and ideal given by God through Unification Theology.

We must change our direction from the established theologies which are deprived of life and spirit and turn to a new theology with a dynamic vitality and life style in which God would directly participate. By our learning it thoroughly and having the logos incarnated in ourselves we will surely be able to build great personalities, making it possible to best use the acquired ideas and knowledge in accordance with God's will. You certainly shall not only be able to practice what you have learned but, also make it a part of your daily lives.

Armed, upon graduation, with a capacity for creative leadership, these students, I am sure, will be able to usher in a new world of a higher dimension after removing society's vicious social vices.

Any educational institute of graduate level is, in itself, a miniature society in an embryonic state and is being nurtured like a baby in its mother's womb. Therefore, until future days when you will begin your life in society, you must invest all your energy and time in studying and training yourself to be capable master builders of the ideal world in conformity with God's will. Brilliant deeds and results accumulated with our blood, sweat and tears will provide excellent answers to the numerous skeptics who question us now.

More than in any other educational institute, to teach and study in one where men and women are produced who will contribute in establishing an ideal world under God is surely what would please God and make man happy. This is a sacred task well worthy of a hard struggle.

Therefore, I sincerely hope that the professors and students of the Unification Theological Seminary would, as the name implies, be united into harmonious oneness so that the whole institute will have sound growth as a living organism, thus securely establishing a solid foundation and a shining tradition in the Principle to be inherited by future generations of students.

Unification Theology is God's ideology, God's philosophy and God's doctrine; and the Unification Theological Seminary will be the very arena where you will practice the knowledge and ideal you acquire here. Consequently,

you are going to build a miniature Kingdom of God right here in our Seminary according to God's providential blueprint.

We will establish a new world of unified culture with the Orient and Occident integrated, thus transcending national boundaries, racial discrimination and the generation gap, thus enabling the realization of the earthly Kingdom of God where one world and one human family will at last be the reality.

With this great mission of vast importance ahead, it is natural that we anticipate in the future countless difficulties and hardships. However, your strong faith and conquering spirit will more than overcome all of them, finally reaping the victory you are entitled to.

In this sense I strongly believe that the Inaugural Convocation of the Unification Theological Seminary today is the laying of the cornerstone of the earthly Kingdom of God.

I am most humbly grateful to God.

May God abundantly bless you, the Seminary, its Faculty and students!

~~Thank you!~~