

8TH UTS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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THE GRADUATING CLASS, THEIR PARENTS, RELATIVES, FRIENDS,
UTS PROFESSORS, ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

ORIGINALLY I HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND THE 8TH UTS GRADUATION CEREMONY TAKING PLACE TODAY TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU 38 GRADUATES IN PERSON. HOWEVER, SINCE THE PREVAILING AND ENORMOUS IMPACT OF MY TESTIMONY IN THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL HEARING, I HAVE TO BE MORE CAUTIOUS IN MY PUBLIC APPEARANCES LIKE THIS ONE SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL MANY EVIL PLOTTERS TRYING TO HARM ME IN ANY CHANCE THEY CAN GET. FOR THIS REASON I AM UNABLE TO COME TO CONGRATULATE YOU IN PERSON; I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND,

THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOUR PRESIDENT, DAVID S.C. KIM, IS AN INCAPABLE LEADER IN PERSUADING MYSELF AND MOTHER TO ATTEND. (SOMETIMES YOUR PRESIDENT IS ONE OF THE MOST PERSISTENT AND AGGRESSIVE PERSUADERS IN OUR MOVEMENT, I CAN TELL YOU THAT!) IT IS MY DECISION NOT TO COME IN PERSON; I ASK YOU NOT TO BLAME MR. KIM, HOWEVER HE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING MY "COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE" TO CONVEY TO YOU ON MY BEHALF TODAY,

I HAD ONE QUESTION THAT I RAISED TO PRES. KIM A FEW DAYS AGO, AND THAT IS: "WHY IS THIS 8TH UTS GRADUATING CLASS SO FEW IN NUMBER?" THERE ARE ONLY 38; IT'S THE SMALLEST GRADUATING CLASS IN SEVEN YEARS. OUT OF THE ORIGINAL 55 ENROLLEES, PRES. KIM EXPLAINED, SOME WERE DEPROGRAMMED, OTHERS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES WENT TO OUTSIDE COLLEGES TO MAKE UP THE REQUIRED EQUIVALENT TO THE AMERICAN BACHELOR DEGREE, SOME VOLUNTEERED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL EVANGELICAL TEAM

HOPING TO COME BACK TO THE SEMINARY IN LATER YEARS, AND SO FORTH, SO THAT WE LOST APPROXIMATELY A DOZEN AND A HALF STUDENTS, BUT THIS SMALL NUMBER OF GRADUATES THIS YEAR DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS A SIGN OF LESS ACTIVITY OR LACK OF PROGRESS AT UTS, QUITE THE CONTRARY I HOPE THE SEMINARY WILL EXPAND.

UPON SPEAKING TO YOU AT THIS JOYFUL AND MEANINGFUL OCCASION, I'D LIKE TO REFER TO THE RECENT UNITED STATES SENATE HEARING ON JUNE 26TH. I WOULD LIKE TO POSE THE QUESTION, "WHAT DOES THIS CONGRSSIONAL HEARING SIGNIFY IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE AND DISPENSATIONAL TIMETABLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF HUMANKIND AND THE WORLD?"

SINCE ARRIVING IN THIS COUNTRY IN 1972, I HAVE GONE THROUGH 12 YEARS OF SUFFERING AND UNBEARABLE PERSECUTION, REGARDLESS OF MY RECENT COURT TRIAL IN WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONVICTED ME WITH A JAIL SENTENCE, GOD HAS MIRACUOUSLY UTILIZED ONE PERSON'S SUFFERING AND HARDSHIP: THERE HAS DEVELOPED A NEW SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS AWAKENING THROUGHOUT THE USA. A NEW UNITY HAS EMERGED AMONG RELIGIOUS LEADERS FROM DENOMINATIONS WHICH IN THE PAST HAD DIFFERED; A UNITY BASED ON THE ISSUE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND FREEDOM. THESE FORMER RELIGIOUS RIVALS HAVE NOW BECOME FRIENDS WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A MUTUAL AND COMMON GOAL: THE RIGHT OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. FURTHERMORE, THIS NEW RELIGIOUS ATMOSPHERE OF UNITY OF CHRISTIANITY CAN EASILY BRING ABOUT THE HARMONY AND COOPERATION OF ALL MAJOR RELIGIONS ON THE FOUNDATION OF COMMON VALUES AND GOALS AMONG THEM,

THUS A NEW SPIRITUAL AND NATIONAL REVIVAL IS BEING CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE SENATE HEARING, DEFINITELY FURTHERING THE UNITY OF PRESENTLY SCATTERED CHRISTIANITY. THIS TREND, IF CONTINUED, CAN REVIVE THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN FOUNDING FATHER'S SPIRIT OF THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN

HERITAGE OF THIS COUNTRY. THIS IS ONE OF THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH I WAS CALLED BY GOD TO COME TO AMERICA.

THIS NEW HOPE FOR THE WORLD IS TAKING PLACE AT THIS PROVIDENTIAL TIME IN THE MIDST OF SHARP DIVISION OF TWO CONFLICTING AND WARRING IDEOLOGICAL CAMPS, DEMOCRACY AND THE FREE WORLD VERSUS COMMUNISM. THESE 2 OPPOSING WORLDS HAVE NO SOLUTION TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEM, AND THE MORE SERIOUS THREAT OF A GLOBAL CONFRONTATION IS BECOMING A CRISIS. SO THIS NEW SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS TREND, IGNITED BY THE UNIFICATION MOVEMENT, IS BECOMING THE NEW HOPE FOR THE WORLD IN THE MIDDLE OF TOTAL DESPAIR AND HOPELESSNESS.

WHAT IS YOUR FUTURE MISSION AS NEW UTS GRADUATES? AS I HAVE JUST EXPLAINED, A PROVIDENTIAL GLOBAL TURNING POINT IN HISTORY IS TAKING PLACE AND A NEW DIRECTION FOR THE WORLD HAS JUST BEGUN. AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THIS NEW DIRECTION MUST BE DEVELOPED AND EXPANDED, FOLLOWING THE FORMULA AND EXAMPLES I HAVE TAUGHT YOU. YOUR MISSION IS TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND STAND FIRM TO BECOME VICTORS IN THE FRONT-LINE BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.

YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED ENOUGH ACADEMIC AND INTELLECTUAL TRAINING AND YOU HAVE PRACTICED UNIFICATION TRADITION FOR 2 OR 3 YEARS AT THE SEMINARY. THUS YOU SHOULD THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND YOUR FOUNDER'S THOUGHT, THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF OUR MOVEMENT, AND YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW TO IMPLEMENT THESE WHEN YOU GO OUT. YOU ALSO ARE WELL-EQUIPPED WITH EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF ACADEMIC AND RELIGIOUS ECUMENISM, AS LEARNED FROM VARIOUS CONFERENCES, FROM THEOLOGIANs,

PHILOSOPHERS, SOCIAL SCIENTISTS, AND OTHER SCHOLARS AS WELL AS MINISTERS FROM DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS, AND THE LEADERS OF OTHER MAJOR RELIGIONS IN THE WORLD,

IN EVERY WAY, BY NOW, YOU SHOULD BE READY TO GO OUT INTO THE FIELD AS THE ELITE OF THE UNIFICATION MOVEMENT TO FULFILL GOD'S WILL AND THE FOUNDER'S DESIRE AND WISH OF UNITY OF WORLD RELIGIONS: TO TEACH AND BRING ABOUT A WORKABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF DEMOCRACY AND COMMUNISM, BASED ON UNIFICATION THOUGHT AND BELIEF. YOU MUST BE FRONT-LINE LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOD'S WILL TO BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH IN YOUR LIFETIME; NOT TO LEAVE THIS TASK TO THE NEXT GENERATION,

IN THIS CRITICAL TURNING-POINT IN HISTORY WHICH FAVORS GOD'S PROVIDENCE, THERE ARE SEVERAL TOTAL COMMITMENTS YOU SHOULD MAKE IN YOUR MISSIONS:

1) YOU SHOULD FOLLOW CLOSELY YOUR FOUNDER'S LIFE AND FAITH AND HIS DISPENSATIONAL COURSE UP UNTIL NOW; HE HAS SACRIFICED HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY FOR THE SAKE OF HIGHER GOALS, FROM THE LEVEL OF THE TRIBE TO THE NATION AND THE WORLD. AS YOUR UNIFICATION TEACHING SHOWS, JACOB'S COURSE WAS FOR MOSES TO FOLLOW; MOSES' COURSE WAS FOR JESUS TO FOLLOW; AND JESUS' COURSE IS FOR THE LORD OF THE SECOND ADVENT TO FOLLOW. OUR FOUNDER'S COURSE IS FOR ALL OF YOU TO FOLLOW, THUS FULFILLING GOD'S DISPENSATION,

2) YOUR SECOND COMMITMENT SHOULD BE TO EDUCATE OTHERS AS YOUR SUCCESSORS, AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, THUS ESTABLISHING A NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SYSTEM. A NEW TRADITION MUST BE BORN THROUGH THIS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, PRODUCING LEADERS IN OUR MOVEMENT ON A CONTINUAL BASIS,

3) THIRDLY, YOUR NEW COMMITMENT MUST INCLUDE "PRACTICAL" ACTION HAND-IN-HAND WITH YOUR IDEALS, THEORIES, AND DREAMS. MANY SCHOLARS OFTEN ARGUE THAT THEY CANNOT FIND ACTION BUT ONLY TALK ABOUT UTOPIAN IDEAS. YOUR THEORIES MUST BE PROVEN TO BE TRUE AND VALID IN ACTION AND PRACTICE; A BLUEPRINT OF A FAMOUS ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN IS NOT ENOUGH; A BUILDER MUST BUILD AND ACT FOLLOWING THE BLUEPRINT. THUS A FAMOUS ARCHITECTURAL WORK WILL BECOME REALITY ONLY WHEN DESIGN AND THEORY, AND BUILDING AND ACTION GO TOGETHER.

THE IDEAL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS TAUGHT IN THE UNIFICATION MOVEMENT AND I WANT YOU TO BE THE ACTUAL BUILDERS. EVEN IN YOUR SMALL PORTION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE OVERALL KINGDOM-BUILDING, YOU MUST BECOME LEADERS IN PRACTICE - BE DOERS - DON'T BE SPECTATORS. THIS WAY YOU'LL BE GOOD EXAMPLES AND MODELS FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW.

AT THIS POINT SOME OF YOU MAY FEEL LIKE IT IS TOO TOUGH A JOB TO ACCOMPLISH OR FEEL ISOLATED IN YOUR MISSIONS, HOWEVER, ALL OF US GATHERED HERE TODAY WILL BE JOINING IN THE TASK TO BUILD THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH: YOUR PARENTS, RELATIVES, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF, ALUMNI, REMAINING STUDENTS, AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS - THEY ARE ALL HERE TOGETHER TODAY - NOT ONLY TO OFFER CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, BUT THEY WILL TOTALLY SUPPORT AND FULLY WANT TO COOPERATE WITH YOUR FUTURE MISSION OF BUILDING THE IDEAL KINGDOM IN YOUR LIFETIME.

YOU GRADUATES WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS ALL THE WAY. WE PRAY THAT GOD'S LOVE, HIS HEART, AND DIVINE GUIDANCE WILL BE UPON YOU IN THE FRONT-LINE BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL IN ORDER TO RESTORE HUMANKIND AND THE WORLD BACK TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FUTURE AND I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW MISSIONS. THANK YOU.

FATHER'S TALK TO SEMINARY CANDIDATES THAT CAME TO

EAST GARDEN - JULY 12, 1984

(Father) From now on our Church is going to need more leaders - many in fact in many different areas. There is one thing that there is in common in the universe and that is the need for "thought, ideology, ideas, the foundation of all thinking." I want to train you this way and if Father needs someone in another field he can just interchange you from one area to the other. Father wants sometime a special or independent department in spiritual discipline and educational thought - a department which deals with the thought needed in educating people of many different backgrounds.

In today's world money plays a common role in the standard of value, but in reality it is "thought" that is the basis of everything. Take one among you for instance, Bob Spitz, his speciality is in the newspaper, but he needs more education in "thought" in order to function in his own speciality much better. Between the body and the mind, "speciality is the body" and "education is the mind." To make a simple analogy the physical body is the object and the mind is the subject. This is a common basic point that brings creativity in life; even though Bob Spitz may change jobs many times in the future, his basic ideology and thought will be well-organized and oriented.

Every time in the Church that you may change your job or mission you will have a chance to train yourself or grow spiritually, but this is the inferior way. The superior way is to go to the Seminary and be trained in the basic principled thought and education. The primary function of Unification Church members is to ultimately educate people. You are too precious to just be involved in finances, newspapers, campaigning, etc. without the basic foundation of "thought."

Take a look at the spirit world; it is involved in only thought. There is there one person who is teaching everyone else about thought; everyone goes to that person to ask their advice, etc. This exists in reality in the spiritual world. Today in the secular world there is no such thing as a consistent standard. The result in the society is just unbalanced and not coordinated.

So the experienced and older members of our Church must assume this responsibility in the future; not just in the United States but worldwide. Then people who are trained in this position of spiritual education and of thought must be the ones to teach mankind how to live.

To have a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) position in the outside (for instance, like Janet Merkley) is very important, but what is more important is what basic thoughts dominate your work. Principled thought is very enduring even more than any financial or intransient occupation. By going to the Seminary your thought will be more in the framework of what it will be like in the spiritual world - nontemporal and everlasting.

What we need in our society in the future is this enduring and eternal "thought" which is the central part of "being." Once we leave our physical bodies the training we have had in wisdom, ideology or thought is what we have left. Take this one sister for instance she may be an expert in her field (CPA) but without training in (Unification) thought and wider knowledge in spiritual areas she can never be subject in her field. But if her expertise has both thought and technology then she can have a more perfect give and take action.

In outside jobs or physical missions in the Church you can keep yourselves constantly busy, and be highly skilled and highly admired, but Satan takes the spirit out. So this is what Satan has done to man, and what Father is trying to restore and put back; the foundation of spiritual and principled thought. You are going to need this kind of guidance in your lives, consistent with a broader principle. The more ideal way of course would be to stick to one job, the longer the better, but there needs first to be the spiritual discipline and thought. Just working day after day, for the sake of "bread-winning" makes no sense at all.

Take one of your fingers on your hand for instance, it's alive, it moves, it has blood circulating in it, but unless it is connected to a nervous system that also runs through your finger then your finger does not have any ideal or purpose or goal. You should have both. So this is the principled view of what a society should be like - just external action and "jobs" and busy occupations make no sense without an internal belief, ideal, ideology, philosophy or thought.

Father has in mind the people who have been in the Church the longest; these older members should be in that position of having received the foundation of philosophy and thought, not just the young members and newcomers. Father doesn't want you wondering always what you are going to do no matter what department in the Church you are assigned to. He wants you to be trained and educated so that you can express our ideology and other philosophies and thought in many different ways. Do you understand what Father is trying to say?

Now that we are creating an ideal world you must first strengthen your thought and your spiritual life and be able to educate others. So have you come to realize now that going to the Seminary is best?

If you say to someone that my job is the most important thing, what will you do when you go to the spirit world? There should be a balance; a balance between the training and education of the spiritual side of your life and work as well as the training in skills for the body. This is man's basic desire, to exist eternally - so the ultimately purpose of our lives is what we should strive to work for. If you increase your expertise in "thought" and your spiritual life, even if you go to a secular position or mission you can still work toward and establish your ultimate purpose in life. So the unity and balance between "thought" and physical skills is the "marriage of life;" just like subject and object, and man and woman, and the ultimate purpose of marriage is ideal love.

Today the American society completely lacks this "marriage of life" or balance between internal philosophy and external skills. Interestingly enough, when we observe the communist societies this balance between ideology and work; they have the right "form" but the content is wrong. A typical example is where you can see that evil takes a step ahead of goodness and sets up the pseudo-form or pattern. Eventually a total principled world and life will come into existence, but the communist world (Satan) is trying to execute the false pattern first.

Because the spiritual or principled way is the original or ideal law, then in the "free world" nobody has to force or threaten people to follow it. In the creation every existing thing would like to follow original law; it is a universal law. So the original mind or heart of every individual would like, without being told, to live this universal way that is expected by God. It's only after you understand this philosophy and thought do you understand your original purpose of life and you can eventually better teach others. If you can continue living these basic principles then in the spiritual world this will become your only foundation. If you have a rich spiritual life on earth then it will be the same

and continue in the spirit world.

If you have this basic foundation then no one has to say, "do this and do that or don't do that." But we don't have this kind of world yet. If you lived in a society if it comes to America that tells everyone what to do, is that good? (No). No! It is so tedious, monotonous and oppressing! When there is a situation that you have the right basic "thought" and you want to do something - that is freedom. Now do you understand Father's position and appreciate it better?

Father is thinking when he urges you to go to the Seminary about the more basic potential in you. If you really live a principled life then God is with you whether you invite him or not. You might say to Father, "Oh, Father, you have sent me to one department and I have become skilled and then you send me to another mission; always changing - then which is my main job?" But let Father ask you one question: "Wouldn't you like to have 'spiritual sovereignty' rather than a lot of other jobs or just skills?" (Yes). Then this is why Father is always seeking you out and lining up you college graduates to go to the Seminary.

Now for example take Bob Spitz, after working for many years in the newspaper he knows that something is missing that something is internally wrong. Even the "newspaper" needs a person as a staff member who has been trained and educated in spiritual and basic thought and philosophy; having people like this goes toward making a better newspaper. Even the "newspaper itself would say that it would want to be created or made by that kind of man." Do you think that the Empire State Building is proud that it was constructed by only skilled but not principled people? No - even that building wants to boast, "I belong to God!"

So by learning this thought we can better make and build God's kingdom. Then whatever you would do with that kind of principled foundation it can still be carried on to the spiritual world. So this is the reason why Father is sending the selected ones to the Seminary. In the future Father wants all of the departments of the Church to have a "spiritual guidance section" - a section that will be for the education and futhering of "thought" and philosophy.

So by going to the Seminary you can better learn and gain this principled thought and philosophy.- this is the same advice to the ordinary members as well as the Church leaders. In the future how are you going to educate your children? So you need this kind of education - don't you think that when you fulfill this kind of world here that it will continue in the spiritual world?

So to make up your mind you don't need any kind of judge or teacher; your conscience is your best guide - no one needs to tell you what's best. No one tells Father. It's a simple concept what Father has been telling you but it is the "essence of human life." This has taken only about 40 minutes to explain, but what Father is now saying will provide you with the right "spiritual posture" i.e. an education so that you can educate others. Do you understand? (Yes).

You might say, "Father, I have my Abel figure and I'm indispensable in this position," Father understands that, but not one trainee to go to the Seminary in this movement could be selected out of 10,000 competitors on the outside. In the future people are not going to be as lucky as you; they will have to be taught the thought and ideology even though they will never see Father.

So Father very much feels that America needs this "center of spirit," only the Unification Church can provide this unique education. Therefore Father is really making haste - America needs this "thought" - so this great country can

continue being "great." But without this ideology and basic foundation America will perish. Without this "thought" can America be abundant and healthy? No!. The "instant gratification" principle that now exists in this nation is simply connected to hell - the persistent "instant joy" is evil. You have to create a principled world - this country without a "soul" will perish!

Wherever you go, whether it be far or near, if you live the principled way of life then God is near you. Imagine if on a hot day like this you went up on top of a mountain and looked around you, if you become victors of "principled thought" and way of life, then to the whole creation you could say, "You waited for me didn't you?" And the creation would answer, "Yes!"

Whether Father goes to prison or not it doesn't matter if he has this "victory of thought." So is what Father doing with you members is it good? Yes - it's wonderful - it's great! This principle applies the same with everyone, high office workers or laborers. If you follow this way then the spiritual world will "thank you for your hard work."

So you can make up your mind now after hearing that this is why Father is sending you. You don't need advice from anyone else - all you need is the "Father/son (daughter)" relationship - everything else is Satan! (laughter). No matter how difficult physical ailments Father has had this "thought" has healed him - Father's life proves that, otherwise he would have passed away a long time ago. So maybe any of you who have a physical problem it can be cured by "Father's way." For the rest of you Father feels that it is best for you to go to the Seminary. You can't solve everything before you go - if you were to drive down to New York and you had an accident and were to die, for example, would you still have a spiritual problem? (laughter and clapping - "Thank you Father").

(notes taken by Shirley Stadelhofer)