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Dear graduates, professors, parents, ladies and gentlemen:

Today the Unification Theological Seminary celebrates the graduation of its ninth class. I convey my warm congratulations to all the graduates. These students have completed their course work within the prescribed period of time, and are now ready to start a new life. In their hearts they are hoping that the knowledge and experience obtained in this seminary will help them to work for God and humanity throughout the world. At the same time, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the professors of this seminary, for the excellence of the teaching and guidance they have provided to these students.

The year 1985 marks the tenth year since the Unification Theological Seminary was inaugurated. This adds additional significance to the graduation of the ninth class. When this school opened ten years ago, the financial and human resources available to the Unification Church for the work of spreading God's will in the United States and throughout the world were extremely limited. In spite of that situation, however, I decided to go ahead with the project of opening this seminary. I selected

a few members, who had been active leaders in their own missions, and asked them to enroll in the first class of this school.

My desire has always been that the theological curriculum of this school should not be dependent only on doctrine and ritual. I have also endeavored for this campus to be a place where the students can develop deep personal faith and authentic spiritual communication with the spirit of God. This campus should always be a lively place. This seminary must not be a place producing ministers leading secluded lives; rather, it must be a place producing creative men and women who will endeavor to rebuild this world and save humankind according to God's will for restoration, confronting the reality of this world that is full of unrighteousness and evil.

It is not through books that God wishes to relate to you. The living God longs for the opportunity to walk with you on this campus and to dwell in your hearts, and you can have that experience through mature faith expressed in your daily lives.

God, who created the universe, endowed each individual with the power to achieve God's purpose for the creation. God then harvests with love the results of your efforts. In a special way, God created man and woman as God's children, the eternal objects of heart and love. And yet, people have not been able to form a parent-child relationship with God, on the vertical level. As a result, they have not been able to live as brothers and sisters on the horizontal level. God, therefore, has come to deplore the

heartlessness of racial discrimination, conflicts among people, and prejudice among religions and religious denominations. The seminary that proposes to educate leaders for the realization of God's ideal for the creation must certainly place itself beyond racial discrimination, religious prejudice, and denominational strife. This is God's will, and it is also the will of your Founder.

God's loving concern is not restricted to this earth; it also embraces the spirit world. The physical and the spirit worlds are to communicate with each other in harmonious unity through the mediation of perfected men and women. Since the Human Fall, however, people have lacked knowledge of the spirit world. As a result, communication between the two worlds is blocked, and God's purpose for the creation is yet to be fulfilled.

Fully aware of such matters, I started on the path for the accomplishment of God's will--but not just to become the leader of a religious denomination. As the name "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity" indicates, I started on my spiritual journey with a principle that can unite all Christianity and even all religions. When I started on this path, I had an absolute conviction that God's ideal for the creation can be realized on earth. In order to achieve that goal, I cannot pause in my journey on this destined path, no matter how difficult the conditions of indemnity I may have to endure or how dreadful the ordeals I may have to undergo.

My dear, loving graduates, please bear in mind that this message is coming to you from Danbury. In my busy schedule of daily activities, I take no time to complain about or to attack the prejudice and unrighteousness behind my case. I pray and work for America and for the world. My only desire is that God's providence may be accomplished through my hardships, and that these hardships may stimulate and awaken all conscientious people, both in America and throughout the world.

As you may already know, the International Religious Foundation, which includes New ERA, the annual conferences on God, the Youth Seminar on World Religions, the Assembly of World Religions, among other activities, has a budget of several million dollars. Such activities were initiated for the achievement of world peace through the harmonious unity among religions. In addition, the yearly budget for medical aid and other relief, administered by the International Relief Friendship Foundation, amounts to several million dollars all by itself. Likewise, the budget for the activities of the International Cultural Foundation--such as the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, the Professors World Peace Academy, Paragon House Publishers, and the Washington Institute for Values in Public Policy--is also several million dollars. The same is true of the seminars sponsored by CAUSA, whereby thousands of members of the clergy from all denominations are being educated on Godism as a means to prevent the infiltration of communism into God-chosen American Christianity. CAUSA, also, has a budget of several million dollars. Over ninety percent of the entire Unification

Church budget, which is supported by its world-wide membership, is used to set America right with the Will of God. Those Americans who have come to realize that I am innocent and who are trying to actualize the teachings of their Christian faith are coming to my support in greater and greater numbers. They now see clearly that neither I nor the Unification movement had any intention of evading a small amount of taxes over a three-year period, as charged. It is a bit late for such phenomenon to be happening now; nevertheless, the groundswell that we now experience is a fortunate thing for America and for the free world.

My dear, loving graduates, you are graduating in a providential year that will not be forgotten. As you rejoin the ranks of those who are practicing the teachings of the Unification Principle, you will be starting as leaders who will take responsibility for God's providence of restoration--not simply as graduates of a denominational seminary.

The realization of the human ideal, which can occur only through the process of restoration, should not be limited to the individual level, but should rather be expanded to the family, society, nation, world, and universe. At each stage the process of indemnity must be carried out. The path of indemnity is not traversed either through theoretical thinking or through meditation; in this path one should confront hardships in daily life, and overcome them.

I sincerely hope you will base your daily life on faith itself, by placing God first in your life and by always attending Him. That is how you will become God's children, those who can inherit God's tradition, going the principled way. I also hope you will become disciples of love and heart, ready to walk with conviction on any path, even the path of pioneering, never for a moment disregarding the heart of God, who wishes to accomplish His will through you.

In conclusion, again our sincere congratulations from myself and Mother. Be bold and strong and have a great success. Thank you very much.

FATHER SPEAKS AT UTS

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How long has it been since Father has been here? (2 years) Yet ten years have passed since Father opened the Seminary. That was the day, thinking back to May 1, 1975, that Father sent out missionaries overseas and then the next month he started the Seminary. It seems like only yesterday.

You should understand right away that without the theological education you receive here how difficult it would be for our movement to proceed. Especially in this country of America with Christianity so divided; if Christianity goes in the right direction (unity) then this nation will go in the right direction. That is the very reason that Father came to this country; for this special providence - he did not come here for any personal reasons. It was very important then for Father to found a school to propagate the knowledge of developing Christianity.

Why do so many religions in the world have their eyes on this country? America is an individualistic nation now, but it was originally created through the will of God. The will of God is eternal and "one" therefore the destiny of the world is to return to one religious and cultural tradition and bring all the factions of the world into unity. But how to do that is the major question.

To determine this direction we have to be totally familiar with the will of God. The will of God is not only for today or just contemporary it has been in continuation throughout all of history. But at no time in the past has anyone or any religion come to the conclusions of the Principle. There are numerous examples in the Bible: Moses for instance did not know the ultimate will of God but was nevertheless obedient. It was the same with Abraham. Since then many prophets and religious leaders have come out with many different conclusions and ideas of "God's goal."

Another biblical example was when Israel was divided into north and south; even though they were fighting with each other they still did not understand the underlying purpose of the fighting. The conclusion is that we need to determine the true will of God. Simply stated, no one in the 4000 years before Christ could understand the true will of God. They had to wait until the coming of the Messiah, and the Messiah was to teach the people exactly the will of God.

In Jesus' time all the Old Testament years had come together in a covenant focusing on Jesus. Then Jesus tried so hard for 3 years to show the people where God's will was, but he ran out of time and was not able to teach everything. So once again we must be aware that throughout the last 2000 years since the crucifixion of Jesus, the relationship between man and God has not improved and only ambiguity is left. It becomes very clear that the expansion or prolongation of Jesus' mission has continued until these times. This is the story of spiritual indemnity and restoration as you already know.

So what were all those years for? It is a very serious question for Christianity - when is the time to come when God's will is fulfilled? If God's will had been done earlier in history would there ever have been the necessity of a country called America? (No) It is true; also there never would have been any "communism." As we are learning, the purpose of religion is not for believers to be led by public opinion, but for religion to lead it. When we look at our own world as it is now, shouldn't Christianity be leading the public? Your answer to that is not quite clear. Is Christianity the main goal of God, or is it an "alternate goal"? What do you think? Are our brothers and sisters and neighbors being called "Christians" for a secondary or a primary reason? We must develop and expect the re-awareness of the true purpose of all of human history.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen then only one "country" could have been started and the problems and complications of today would not exist. Adam and Eve would have been the deciding point where God's will would have started in substance. When we speak about the will of God then there also must have been a "will" of Adam and Eve and a "will" of the Archangel (Lucifer) - four different wills. But if Adam and Eve had not fallen, in this foursome, it would have been only God's will which the other 3 entities would have followed. What Adam and Eve would have followed then would have been the exact same will of God. Do you think that this is a mistaken concept? (No)

Then where is the "ideal" Adam and Eve that God originally had in mind? They turned out to be a "different" Adam and Eve that God had in mind. If Adam and Eve had not fallen which direction would God's will have gone? As Adam and Eve grew older they would have matured and merged into "one," then would there have been unity in their wills? (Yes) And then God Himself has to come into that unity before "God's will" can be entirely fulfilled. In this way we can understand the direction of God's will: it would have gone from God to unity between Adam and Eve (parents), to their family to the race and to the society and to the world.

The flow of God's will then should go from God to Adam and Eve to the family, race, country, and all these should become "one," all their "wills" in the same direction. This example also applies to this contemporary age. Based upon that kind of unity, God's will truly becomes "one" and that kind of unity includes God. What is the central point of that unity? True love - without the central point of true love playing a major role in the total unity it is not God's will.

So from the point of view of God's will, Adam and Eve were actually to have been "God externally." God would have been the internal Parents and God's will would have flowed outward through Adam and Eve; then the children of Adam and Eve would be God's "direct lineage," i.e., they would be "born of God." As we can see with our own children - they always resemble their parents. This is what blood lineage is - everything is connected to and comes from the "root."

So this was God's will - this was what should have happened. But the result of the fall of man has been the existence of a satanic lineage. All of this is a description of the whole mess of human history. Don't

you think that this is an amazing insight? Not Christianity nor any other religion has known or understood this crucial point! No one before now has discovered nor proclaimed this truth - that this is it - that this is the will of God!

After the time of Adam and Eve there came a day when there was a covenant, first with Abraham and then with Moses. This was so crucial and important in an attempt to reverse the ultimate crime of the fall. With the providence of Moses there was "manna, the rod, the altar (in the tabernacle)." What did these things signify? The one Messiah to come. Take a look at the "holy place" and the "most holy place" in the Ark of the Covenant, they were analogous to "mind and body." Anyone then who invaded these "most holy places" would be committing the most serious crime.

Also in Genesis in the Bible Adam and Eve were symbolized by two trees, the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, according to the providential explanation. Why in these "Old Testament" situations was there so much emphasis on and symbolism around Adam and Eve? Because they were so precious to God and they had been invaded by evil (Satan), and God wanted to train humanity's mind to the value and importance of restoring "Adam and Eve."

Before Adam and Eve fell why was this symbol of the "most holy place" so important? Now we can at last clarify that the "most holy place" is where God Himself would dwell. In other words, the "most holy place" is in pure Adam and Eve. Where in mankind could God dwell? (In His heart? In His mind?) Where the mind and body would attain complete and perfect unity; there God would dwell. We can observe and see that our own mind and body are not always in unity. (laughter) Then when do our mind and body come into unity? In true love - through true love.

In human growth at first it is the spirit that remains spiritually high, then as the body ages the body will try to catch up. It is only then that "Adam" grows up or matures and when his mind and body will come into unity. We are not usually aware of this but our mind and body are instinctively always thrusting toward this unity. If they had not fallen then Adam and Eve would have matured and thus would have been ready for "Holy Matrimony." Then in God's dual nature, His masculinity would have been interested in Adam and His feminine nature in Eve - when they would have come together in pure love after the Holy Blessing then perfect unity would have taken place!

In that kind of perfect unity both Adam and Eve would have had instant realization that they each existed for the other and for God, and that God also existed for them! Even though God Himself had planned it to be that way for the highest happiness of Adam and Eve, now also God would experience His own meaning for life itself, and you must know that this "one moment" is the full purpose of creation! Had this actual moment been realized on this earth then all of human history would have been so different.

If that perfect unity had taken place at that time, Adam and Eve would have had both God's love and power. Instead, fallen mankind has been seeking and searching for God and God's will and truth, but they were

not looking for this one point - the point where love connects, or the organs in the body that are the external "central point" in true love. So for this reason human beings must take the most responsibility for guarding the organs of their body, to be the place of true love. If a woman has a large bosom is that for herself? No, it is for the husband and the child. Women have large hips to safely deliver their babies. Your whole body is for the sake of your spouse. And these things do not belong only to the other, but they also belong to God Himself. Just as God does not exist for nor belong only to Himself, but God belongs to and exists for "ideal" Adam and Eve and all of ideal mankind.

The greatest thing that Rev. Moon will accomplish is in bringing God and man back together - this is the entire foundation of the spiritual revolution to come. We may have this truth but we have to fulfill that truth in principle and reality. To know where America now stands will help us to understand the critical situation we are in. As it is today God is nearly on the verge of punishing this nation - what can save it?

Which is first, love or life? (Love) Why? All of us are born from love - we live for the sake of love - and we die to go back to God's love. So if you ask, "What is the purpose of life? The answer is so simple: we live for the sake of love. Where there is love the shadow of death does not matter. This is the yardstick and formula for measuring the value of life; by that we can look around and see that everything else is false. Until you have attained true love you cannot violate the holiest place of your body. What takes place in re-creation with "restored Adam and Eve" initially will take place with their children and their children's offspring, etc.

So originally when the family was formed then the clan would have followed, but we are going backwards. Most people in the world, students and scholars, tend to study and understand the external world and society, but to understand ourselves is the most logical place to start. What have you found out about yourself? The truth is that, "You are the center of the whole universe because you are an object of God!" Say "Hallelujah!" (Hallelujah!)

"So the confusion that exists today exists for me so I can work it out in the Unification Church." Do you understand then what it's all about? Father didn't have to come to this country several years ago, but this country was dwindling morally and will surely perish if Rev. Moon did not come to this part of the Western world. For what purpose did Father come? To teach and to make a base for God to fulfill and restore this center point of unity, i.e., to restore God's will. It was approximately 20 years ago that Father went all around America, through 40 states, symbolically breaking the ground and making "Holy Grounds." First of all Father had to prepare the external environment and then look to the task of restoring the people.

Father has given all his life and his mind and his heart for whom? For you - for you young people. You are the Unification Church "high quality" members. This CAUSA Seminar that you are participating in is most important - for the CAUSA Seminars I have given everything. The contents of these seminars expresses Father's entire purpose - and this is God's purpose.

There is only one time in history for saving this country and that time is now. I want you to learn and study well and then to use your knowledgeable and strong personality and character to correct the troubles of this nation. This country needs future leaders to establish that kind of standard. Father alone cannot do it - you must do it - and find a way to put the Divine Principle into ordinary language. You should be able to translate it from the original language. Those who are determined to learn Korean by 1990, raise your hands. (Everyone raises their hands). Someday when the world is "one" we will not be needing many kinds of languages, only one.

America is lacking in those kinds of leaders who are morally and spiritually qualified to be "subjects." But first good "subjects" must become good "objects." We can ask the question to ourselves, "Have I really matured?" As you know we have been trying to go straightforward to that goal. When Adam and Eve were first growing up they should have attained the ideal maturity. Our ideal is to strive to forge and develop that maturity. Once you attain that goal you are "free." If Adam and Eve had matured in the beginning there would never have been any borderlines in the world, like in America, France, or Germany, etc. And wherever Adam and Eve would have gone then God would go also. If Adam and Eve had completely matured then why would they have had to pray or beseech God? He would simply know already. Adam and Eve would have worn the "eye-glasses of love" - all they had to do was to love and to give.

So now we know as "children of True Parents" that we must learn as much as possible of the true tradition - the way of doing things just like True Parents. As soon as Father speaks or gives a direction we should put his words into real and true action. We have to strive during our lifetimes to live up to Father's tradition and standard. If we don't do at least that, then we are not really following True Parent's tradition.

In Jesus' time, if all of Israel had loved and followed Jesus then what would have happened? Did Jesus have "true love" - did he have a personal foundation of love? No - he did not live long enough to even get near being able to establish the "ideal" world on this earth. How bleak and miserable Jesus must have felt on the cross - he knew the will of God - yet he had not even had a chance to make any beginning in his personal foundation of true love (take a bride). Knowing that, of course, Jesus had to proclaim he would come again. When Jesus comes again he must again appear or come with a specific religion and to a specific nation. But since his resurrection Jesus has only been able to help Christians and saints spiritually and has extended his hope of the Second Coming for 2000 years.

So this has been the course and path of Christianity for these last 2000 years. It has become very clear why Jesus must come again in the flesh to accomplish God's will. All this began with the crime of the Archangel (Lucifer) and all of Christianity has been restoring what the Archangel has done. The time is now when all Christians must again engraft to the "one who is to come." We must have a clear idea that Father, as the "one to come," has to indemnify and inherit every foundation in the past that was made. So "he will come" and "he will bring unity" between the spiritual world and the earth and this will be the foundation for uniting the mind and body of all human beings!

When Jesus died on the cross all the former O.T. foundations were lost, but when Father finally accomplished the entire indemnity through the trial and tribulation of Danbury Prison then "everything was restored."

Do you remember the story of Elijah in the Old Testament when he defended the God of Israel against the evil of Baal worshipers? ("And behold there came a voice to him, and said, 'What are you doing here Elijah?' He said, 'I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.' And the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus'... 'Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.' II Kings 19:13-18) The same situation existed at the time of Jesus, and the same situation exists again today. If John the Baptist had gone a different way he could have gotten 7,000 disciples for Jesus. But on the cross Jesus was in complete despair; the people of Israel had rejected him; all his disciples had run away; John the Baptist was beheaded; how could he now have 7,000 followers? In the situation today Father had to make arrangements for the preparation of 7,000 clergy before he came out of prison on August 20.

Now it is CAUSA that must bring 7,000 clergymen in the next 4 months. So you must study the lectures and methodology of CAUSA. Is it very clear now about God's will? (Yes!) Now you must study and strive to fulfill that goal. We must take a tremendous pride and responsibility for the "first and last times in history." Now we have the direct lineage from Father's position and in your lifetime you can work to bring or engraft all of Christianity into that position. Do you recall that Father has asked you to do this and you have answered many times that you will? Do you now pledge that you will? (Yes!) Now, this is the time, in the next 4 months that we must accomplish our mobilization goals. Then Father will heir everything to you.

The plan is simple: 7,000 clergy or more will be educated by CAUSA, throughout 750 cities. If each of these 7,000 clergymen would influence just 10 other ministers then we would reach the ideal goal. After passing through our "40 years of wilderness" in this Unification movement, now we must know clearly the right direction to go. So if each of the 7,000 ministers, that will respond to the CAUSA tapes and lectures, will teach 10 people - throughout our 750 new mobilization centers - and if each center educates 100 ministers during the next 4 months, then we can easily reach 70,000! (clapping).

During this next 4 months each Center or City Leaders has to have the goal of educating 100 ministers by CAUSA. The society in this country is being permeated with "godless Communism and secular humanism." This is the "sign of Satan's apex," but a "good Moonie" will never be swallowed up by that - they will be courageous and brave enough to correct the spreading evil. Educating ministers (through the CAUSA lectures) is the only way we will save this country. The worst threat to this country is the present day practice of "free sex, immoral actions, and Godless schools." But because of the Moonies the world will someday say, "Yankee, welcome again!" (clapping).

Father is especially counting on this Unification Theological Seminary - it was established for this very purpose, this is why Father founded this school, to train leaders that will stand up like lions and challenge the evil in this world. So to you students this is your "Heaven-given" chance! "The trade winds are blowing - now is the time!" How many will say to Father that you will do it? Raise your hands! (All hands are raised). In the next 3 years the goal is to accomplish the number 70,000! (Three "monseis" of victory for Heaven).

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