
Perspectives on the World

I have heard that over forty percent of the entire population of the world is under "red" domination. It is a shocking statistic. Communism has spread like literal wildfire and its flames are licking, then consuming so many nations in the wake. Unfortunately, a great many people who are devout believers in God and Christ are suffering under the oppressive weight of that system, for the ideology fiercely suppresses the policy of religious freedom.

Many people behind the Iron Curtain have a deep connection to God and Jesus, and those people cry out in the silent cell of their imprisoned hearts, even if their lips cannot voice the words of their faith. The resounding echoes must be heard by some, because underground Christian movements have gained a great deal of strength. We tend to forget about these people, but the spirit world is constantly reminded of the reticence and anguish forced upon those individuals. They are waiting for a revolution of spirit and are waiting to be touched by the heart of God. They await a change in their lives and, in their nations. For the most part, those people are much more spiritually prepared than many of the people who have been afforded the privilege of hearing the Principle, but unfortunately the words of solace offered by this truth do not reach their ears. Their longing for God is real, yet they are often put into concentration camps because of their beliefs. Within them is alive such a yearning, such a longing for God and salvation. Several authors have brought us knowledge of how many of our Christian brothers and sisters are tortured for Christ.

Unificationists are concerned with the spread of an ideology and are distressed by the appalling socio-economic conditions worldwide. Somebody has to take care of those third world problems. Societies around the globe are burdened with economic problems; someone must claim responsibility and offer assistance. Ideologies such as Marxism emerge out of such a need. But realistically, have the governments born from such a vision mitigated or escalated the problems?

This is the time when a man of God must step forward and introduce a new and fresh perspective. Our Father has done just that. His counterproposal, Godism, is given breath through the CAUSA organization. And for the sake of mankind, we feel it has to sweep this world, like proverbial wildfire. It has to open the eyes of the multitudes in this world who still cling to Marxism. Godism has the goal to awaken the hearts and spirits of people worldwide; this ailing world definitely needs such an injection of hope.

We Unificationists desire to restore the entire world, not just ourselves. That naturally requires us to become involved with the salvation of human-

ity. And it also naturally compels us to dedicate ourselves to cleansing the spiritually dirty environment. The work of restoration necessitates a walk into hell. But we must put on a heavy coat of armor to prepare ourselves. If we stay in the lower spiritual realms too long, we ourselves will no doubt become affected by the evil and corruption that surrounds us. This world is still an ugly place. Whenever we descend to hell, we need to take a "spiritual shower" and wash off the dirt once we ascend again. That is what the restorative work of witnessing entails. By our own free will, we go down to hell in our desire to lead people out.

This world has such a mixture of people. It is the melting pot of cultures and religions and languages. But the real "melting" so necessary in restoring this world is not easily accomplished. So many people who live side by side have bottled up their emotions, yet they appear as though they are on top of the world, that they know it all and have it all. But if someone were to dare insert a tiny pin in the balloon of the world they have built for themselves, it would deflate easily. They become comfortable in that world and resist change, resist moving to another. Even without realizing it, a great many people live in hell. They refuse to believe this world *is* hell but if all people opened their eyes, the true identity of this world should be no surprise; we can see this is not the world that God originally intended. But we can also recognize that it has great potential to be cleansed and made into Heaven. It is up to us. We have to overcome the fear of getting dirty as we disinfect it and make it spotless. God has an unlimited supply of rags we can use. They are what He has used to dry His tears since His children left Him.

When you bring the Principle to a person, he may sense that to follow it would involve making a serious commitment. He might conclude that it would take total obedience, total sacrifice, and total love for God. The person may feel, "Boy, I don't belong here. I don't even *want* to belong here. I would have to give up my personal dreams and my future plans. But I am too much of an individualist to live according to any structure; I want my freedom. Why should the world be united into one family? What a crazy idea. I'd rather build my own little kingdom." That kind of thought has been perpetuated throughout the years, and because such a belief lives within the minds and hearts of many people, the Messiah has found it hard to gain widespread acceptance. Satan has such a hold on both the environment and the people of this world. For thousands of years Satan has successfully stuck spiritual needles into the hearts of people and stitched them to his by using invisible thread. And whenever a person tried to use a pair of scissors to rip through the seam Satan had sewn, he was again jabbed with

another needle. With a certain vehemence Satan then even used many spools of thread to reestablish the connection. Sometimes Satan goes so far as to sew a spiritual pocket on top of people, simply because he does not want them to escape from his territory.

Satan uses many objects of love to divert man's attention from God—boyfriends or girlfriends, televisions, vehicles of all types, sports; the list is unending. And he has impressed upon people that these objects also adore them. He continually reinforces that to enjoy these things is much more important than coming close to and enjoying a relationship with God. Therefore, so many people have begun to regard these things as "god," and rely upon them to fill the void in their hearts. People are so far away from the real One; they have lost their way home. And even if they stumble upon the right road, they see the thorns and brambles they would have to contend with if they were to walk it. The return to God is an arduous struggle for each and every person, even the most pious and righteous. Satan has made this world so tempting, always luring our weak flesh to submit to his enticement and gimmicks.

Yesterday I stood on the street and for nearly an hour I simply watched people go by. It occurred to me that it is now just as it was in Noah's time—people everywhere are eating, drinking, and "making merry," satisfied enough in their activities not to search for anything better. People get married, they go shopping, they play sports, they get entertained when and how they want, and virtually do whatever they want—almost playing at life. This world is made up of many hives; we bees just flit in and out. Everyone is buzzing back and forth, busy yet quite self-centered, doing whatever possible to make enough honey to survive. But many of the faces and vibrations are of dead people, and their drone actually becomes deafening to the spiritual ear.

It can sicken the stomach to look at what Satan has done to defame the ideal that God originally intended. This world is really hell—police cars scream and peel around the corner to catch someone speeding, passers-by walk next to and sometimes even *over* a drunk lying on the sidewalk, parents hit children, children hit parents—comprised of so many immoral and wicked things. It is such a crazy world! In the name of freedom, there are people who deliberately make their hair green and orange; there are those who shave off the hair on their heads but then grow beards which reach down to their breastbone. Thousands of people desire to be "different," but so many of them wear tight leather pants and the stylish one earring. Different? Freedom? No, we are not really different. I believe in our non-conformity we actually conform a great deal. No, we are not really free. We are—this world is—chained to Satan.

Many "different" people tout their individualism, yet who among them thinks about God? Is it possible to approach any of them and ask, "Do you ever think about God?" Is that the *unthinkable*? What might happen if we were to do that? What reaction would we get? "Bug off!!" Maybe. Maybe not. Maybe somewhere inside them, the love and longing they have been searching to express and tap into would make them break down, would make them respond in tears, even making their "vvarpaint" run down their faces. So many thousands of people run around, buzz around, lost and afraid. This world is a pretty traumatic place for them. They are lonely and longing for love. They don't know how to get it. They don't know where to find it. They don't know who God is, or even *if* He is. Many of them—both the young and the old, the successful and the unsuccessful—commit suicide because they can no longer handle living in this unloving and cold world. Lack of love is the basic cause for many deaths and sicknesses. Deprivation of love is the greatest sin. And this world is filled with sin, and far too devoid of love.

It is up to us to submerge it in love—that is the only thing that will take away the pain and root out the sin. And the Eternal One gives each of us a huge hypodermic needle; once we find our own harmony with Him, He allows us to extract the medicine of compassionate love from His reservoir. Then after we fill that needle with the right amount of medicine, He asks us to inject it into this diseased world.

God has to be introduced into human society all over again. Governments are generally run according to a constitution, but those constitutions must be based upon the law of God, rather than conform to Satan's ways. Once heavenly laws become the norm, nations *will* be centered upon the will of God. As families center upon God, the society will certainly become God-centered and will come forth with laws, regulations, and behavior patterns in accordance with laws that are truly just and divine. And that is when the presence of God will be felt throughout the nations of the world.

Every person has a unique character and talent, but to be an individualist is self-centered. God has created each of us to live for others—spouse, children, parents, friends, neighbors. But in today's world we can witness how most people simply live revolving around their own life and perhaps the lives of a precious few others. The whole world is disintegrating, but it cannot exist simply by fulfilling the needs of individualists. And individualists themselves cannot exist simply satisfying their own needs. For that

reason, I feel individualism is satanic. However, don't misunderstand my observation. I also know that God endowed each of us with His unique characteristics. Each one of us is different from all other people; each of us is one of a kind. While we *are* meant to be unique, we are not meant to be individualistic and shirk our responsibility toward other people and even the world.

Look deeply at the world of today. It is so far away from God. It is so unloving, so satanic. The world is in chaos and full of strife. Some people point the finger of blame at one generation or another, but actually *all* generations are living diametrically opposed to God's ideal. The sad part is, I don't know whether as a whole, mankind is willing to change. Are we *able* to change? Yes, I believe so, yet most of us can hardly imagine what the world would be like if everybody became good. But even so, Unificationists want to join with other people in giving it a try and making it work!

History is progressing day by day, and as it rolls along, accumulates conditions which will move the world either closer toward God's side or farther afield. Leaders have to make correct decisions or disaster will result.

The Middle East is smoldering in the ashes of unprecedented crisis. It seems to be a kind of testing ground—testing weapons, testing patience, testing the right brand of diplomacy, all of which test the soul of mankind. Are the conditions we find there foreshadowing what might happen in the future? Is the Middle East now enduring the kind of pain that the rest of the world must bear years from now? Is this a taste of things to come, or can this kind of fire be extinguished before it spreads to kill all humanity? News reporters and journalists from the Middle East file frequent reports of suicide missions and terrorist activities which are carried out in the name of Allah. The volunteers die for the tenets of their faith, believing that their sacrifice will earn them a glorious title in heaven.

An examination of history would reveal that the Japanese died for their Emperor Hirohito, and the Germans died for their Hitler. At some time, people from virtually every nation marched into battle with conviction and the song of victory on their lips. Unfortunately, too often Satan swindled them, and ultimately too many people died for *his* cause, not God's. What are we willing to do today?—For God? To uphold the name of True Parents and the Principle? For the good of our nation? Any person who can offer his life for his nation or his faith is indeed a great individual. But what are we willing to do for the benefit of the world? This world is still so far from God's ideal. The conniver, Satan, has seen to that. But at this time of the final battle, what are we willing to do? What are we *going* to do? What are

we prompted to surrender of our own for the sake of this world? Do we know the melody and lyrics to the song of victory that can be sung once Satan is no longer ruler of this world, but instead God once again holds His rightful title? Be assured that Father is familiar with that tune, and in fact, he hopes to teach it to us soon.

God has blessed America profusely and had good reason for doing so. He wanted this foundation to serve as a springboard for ushering the Messiah's return to the rest of the world. In His vision, the world can most quickly be restored if America reaches beyond her own borders and stretches out her hand in an act of friendship and service. All her assets, finances, know-how, and even the moral fiber from which she was built, could be distributed throughout the world. All the underdeveloped nations could learn how to provide for themselves, or would at least be helped by a sister nation. A chain reaction of friendship would then start and the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand would happen on a much grander scale.

Even though those people who escaped the tyranny of religious persecution in Europe and desired to flee to freedom may have founded the United States with zeal and a burning love for God, Satan ran interference. Through the years he coerced even the most righteous Americans to listen to him; on the whole, America became much more concerned with the activities going on within her own borders than those occurring in distant lands.

Now people the world over still cry "Yankee, go home!" Many nations and governments don't trust her. I feel one reason why is that she has not invested her heart often enough. She was given a literal "heart of gold" through the abundance of material blessings bestowed by God, but that wealth is often misused. In the eyes of God, this is a real failure. God did not bless that nation exclusively to benefit her citizens. He blessed that nation for the good of the entire world. But the disappointing thing is that she does not recognize it clearly enough.

Judgment would result if Father allowed himself to express any anger toward America, or for that matter any other nation in the world. Yet there are several reasons he wants to stall that inevitability. He loves the American people, and all the peoples of the world, despite the fact that the majority neither understand God's will nor His position. He also knows that despite her shortcomings and failings, America is the only nation that can implement the plan able to bring salvation to the entire world. It took

God over two hundred years and some of the most intelligent and knowledgeable people throughout the world to bring America to the point she is today. She is advanced in so many fields, and has the vast majority of all essentials needed to create the physical Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Father knows that if America falls to communism, it may take hundreds of years to build up such a foundation again. And he is faced with the reality that that kind of prolongation of history may make it next to impossible to achieve God's true ideal. Satan is still on the warpath. And he is ruthless.

Father keeps loving America and tries to postpone the judgment for that nation even though her government was behind his imprisonment. He keeps investing in her—through such organizations as CARP (the Collegiate Association for Research of Principles) and CAUSA, and founding such publications as *The Washington Times*. He wants neither America nor the world to be lost to Satan.

Our home is the world. Its population is our family. We want to bring God into the center of humanity. But to do so we must look objectively at the reality of the world situation. At this time we Unificationists still find ourselves in the middle of an emergency situation. There are certain evils in this world which have to be dealt with before it is too late. For example, we have to work on eradicating communism. And we must escalate caring for our nation and the world through programs of service and relief work. The journey we must make to eliminate the problems faced by the world starts by taking a first step. Perhaps what we have done thus far could be viewed only as a tiny measure, but nevertheless it *is* a beginning.

God is asking Unificationists to become the catalysts to protect all humanity. What good is it if all blessed families have children and live in beautiful homes but the communists take over? How can a blessed family freely live heavenly tradition under communist rule? The steps we make at this time may be little more than preventive action, but they are in the right direction. Before we can live in peace and under God's divine law, we must herald His appearance. This news must reach all lands of the free world, but furthermore we must also subjugate communism and proclaim to the entire communist world that there is a God. We must tell her citizens that all men are meant to relate to God as His children, and that there is but one family of man.

In my opinion, the world economy is absolutely out of balance and at this time is kept alive only through artificial means. What would happen

if another oil crisis or similar calamity occurred? As it is now, the whole of human society is suffering under the greed of man and nations.

Things are boiling everywhere. But we cannot just look at the effect; we must examine the cause. The threat of nuclear disaster looms over the heads of us all. From a secular viewpoint, it seems like a completely hopeless situation. We must look through the eyes of God and realize that this is the culmination point in history, the juncture for both God and Satan. The world is their battleground, and history, the record of their many battles. This is the time when the world must come to realize that the satanic world must be destroyed, but like the phoenix, the godly world must arise from those ashes and live on in immortality.

If we are able to see the events and developments in history and even natural disasters in light of the indemnity that is paid through them, we will be able to recognize the workings of God on one side and the workings of Satan on the other. And it will become clear that Satan is declining as the ruler of this world, and that it is only a matter of time before God begins His rightful reign.

Have you ever thought about how beautiful nuclear energy is? It is a bit hard to consider its magic because today mankind is faced with the possibility that it will be used in a wrong and destructive way. But actually it is an amazing discovery—one of the truly remarkable secrets of nature. It would be tremendous if nuclear energy and power were used for the benefit of human society. But used in a satanic way, the destruction it would cause would be truly devastating.

God created us and He wants to assume His rightful responsibility to provide us with food and shelter. But to do this, He needs to work through His physical representative. Therefore, God has relegated to Father the task of providing every one of His children, food, shelter, and the means to survive—whether they live in Uganda, Chile, Indonesia, Iran, or any other nation in this world.

Before we can teach the Principle to people who are starving, we must make sure they have enough to eat. The Messiah must provide mankind with God's values through the precepts of religion. But he also has to physically take care of God's children. We believe that salvation for all mankind is within reach. Therefore, at all costs he must work to make sure that people survive. Once they are able to listen, they can then make the decision to come to God. But first they must have food.

Decadence has become so visible in many corners of today's world.

What is behind it? Why is there such prevalence of apathy and degradation? Why do people have such rebellious attitudes? We have been influenced by spiritual poison—Satan's words and deeds. And that poison still floating around in our systems must be irrigated. The Last Days are definitely here; something *must* happen to eradicate these evils.

History is shaped by individuals and nations. Sometimes God is successful in working through those individuals or nations. But then sometimes victories are claimed by Satan. However, no matter how many pitfalls and snares Satan puts in the pathway, somehow one individual *has* to bring God's ideal and initially this must be transplanted into the spiritual soil of at least one nation. When that happens, many other things will fall into place. Other nations will look to the new Jerusalem and will want to live in the same splendor. Every nation feels that same desperation to be filled up with something it lacks. That quality is the love of God. And He also hungers to bestow it upon every person in every country. He has since history began; He wonders whether now will be the time.

When sin came into the world and humanity and creation were cut off from God, He was filled with great sorrow. Even today. His heart contains such a burden. Therefore, His greatest longing is to find Adam. If a person listened patiently and with open ears, he could hear God calling throughout the halls of history, "Adam? Adam, My son! Where are you?"

We rarely hear the latest news from the Soviet Union. She keeps secret her most recent technological and scientific discoveries. But in a country like America, everything is written in the newspapers. In some libraries a person can find the formula to build a nuclear bomb. Books explain it in full detail, complete with diagrams! Even advertisements give information about any new development in the field of electronics. The lack of security in such a nation is so vast that top-secret information is easily stolen and then sold for great sums of money. Patriotism is no longer considered the admirable virtue it once was, and instead being rich is looked upon as enviable and desirable. Even government or military officials find it easy to sell their souls to make money by betraying their country to the enemy. But something of this dimension could never happen in a dictatorship. If someone gets caught, he is considered a traitor and would definitely be killed for treason!

The democratic world is wide open. Spies don't even have to go under cover and sometimes don't even need to mask their intentions. They slip through certain borders with ease. Thousands of communist spies work everywhere in the Free World. Although this may reflect the bad side of

democracy, if the screws were tightened a bit, many people would protest this apparent deprivation of human rights. In some democratic countries, criminals who are condemned to the electric chair might succeed in stalling their executions for a few years, but even if that happens, people are *still* wary that the prisoner should be put to death. I see this as a tactic of Satan. This ploy is actually flown on the banner labeled "human rights," but until the execution, the taxpayer is forced to continue paying for the criminal's keep in jail. Is *that* human rights? In a dictatorship, a person is either shot, or gets away with many kinds of deception. It seems to me that democracies live in somewhat of a gray zone—not completely sure of what is right and what is wrong. Yet to me, neither system reflects God's ideal.

Fifty percent of the battle is finding your enemy. The Soviet Union clearly knows who her enemy is. She knows all the intricate details about America and the freedoms afforded those who live there. But the Soviets also know how weak America's younger generation is. They know that a great percentage of the U.S. Armed Forces is addicted to drugs. The Soviets calculate all the various statistics and evaluate everything through computers they either bought in America or had smuggled out. In no time they figure out what they need to know, and then they take action.

The Free World versus the communist world. Who keeps tabs on who, and what kind of "tabs" are kept? The situation of the world is erratic; its dilemma is *that* bad!

The quality of life in today's society is declining rapidly. We all know about the violence, drug addiction, crime, incest, pornography, and the other unpleasant byproducts of Satan's handiwork, but we may feel almost powerless in waging war against them. The youth of today are dissatisfied and frustrated; they look for something to take away this pain. But I feel that the time is coming soon when many young people will conclude their search, and through the Principle they will discover answers to the questions they have had about the meaninglessness of life. Compared to the questions asked five or ten years ago, those asked by the young people of today are much less provocative and much more probing in nature. People are becoming more interested in solutions rather than in merely asking questions.

Nobody can stop the world from turning. No one can stop different peoples from progressing. Will the white race recede and the black advance? Perhaps. This kind of revolution and evolution is quite normal—that is how the world turns. Out of necessity therefore we should try to adjust

ourselves to the current situation and proceed from there. The world continues to spin and the spotlight will no doubt soon shine and glorify a different side of the world for a number of years.

Unificationists are lucky. We are exposed to many different cultures—East and West blend together within our movement. When mankind eventually melts into one worldwide family, a person's nationality will make much less difference, whereas now nations still take up arms against other nations. In its turmoil, the world seems to be breaking apart. Someone has to glue it back together. Father comes to do that, but asks our help. He dispenses to each of us some of that powerful glue—love; God has assured him that is what will bind us as one. No matter what our background, our heritage, or our native tongue, what will matter in the end is only the capacity of our love reservoir.

Within the last forty years humanity has moved into different stages, often without realizing it. Being absorbed into new realities is often a gradual process. The world was so different forty years ago. Yet the world has been spinning quite rapidly in recent years. Perhaps in the next four years or so, big changes will happen once again. We may not have to wait a whole generation; we may all experience a new world within our physical lifetimes.

There is an acceleration in all facets of technology, religion, politics, science, and other fields. Things seem to be moving forward at the same time, even if they do not grow at the same rate. Think about what a great impact the Industrial Revolution had upon civilization—not just in Europe, but even in the Third World. And realize that it all began with a spinning wheel. Yet today, the computer is having marked influence on humanity within America, Africa, the Soviet Union, and beyond. The whole structure of human society is changing because of it.

Years ago life was so simple. Movies were a weekly treat. Everybody met at the movie theater; it was *the* social event. People even dressed for the occasion. They were excited about meeting their friends. But today people tend to sit at home and watch television or rent videos; they don't meet each other so much anymore. They don't delight in the art of conversation as much. They see opera and movies and Broadway shows on their television screens, sometimes via satellite dish. But this "advance" has cut people off from each other. There is so little give and take now. And people live much more in the boundaries of their own little worlds.

While technology has its drawbacks, it does have its good points, too. Very soon many people might have miniature television sets on their wrist-watches. People won't have to rush home to watch the news. They will be

able to sit in a car, or relax on the beach and watch the news or any television program—all at the touch of a button. Formerly, a horse and its rider took days or even weeks to arrive at the desired destination. But today we have telephones in cars and shortwave radios; we can be in contact with or at least listen to Tokyo or Moscow within a matter of seconds. It only takes pushing a small button to "beam" us there.

This is all good and well, but are we totally giving up on communicating face-to-face? The song goes, "Love Makes the World Go 'Round," but love is hard to send through shortwave radios or televisions.

I believe that through the fall of man some changes which were not God's original intentions, occurred in man's relationship to man, as well as man's relationship to creation. For instance through genetic experimentation, animals and plants can grow larger than normal, even twenty times their normal size. I don't believe it is according to God's plan that the laws of nature go out of control due to man's interference. Since man has taken control of nature in an unprincipled way, I assume that quite a few things have already taken place, and more will happen in the future.

Yet I feel such things as earthquakes *are* only normal. God must have had a reason for creating different terrains and climates, and even when a volcano or earthquake erupts, there must be both a scientific and a spiritual reason why.

So many things in nature exist as a balance for other things. God created many different entities to benefit humanity—the trees and leaves, for instance, provide oxygen for us to breathe. I understand that a great part of all the oxygen in the world is supplied by the trees in the Amazon jungle. But people are cutting down those trees by the thousands. If that continues, the oxygen supply for this world *will* diminish. Many things disturb the normal order of nature. But what will happen if too many things are thrown out of balance? The fumes of the cars on the highways already cause trees to cough and sputter, and even die. God made this world for our benefit, but sometimes man takes the reins and tries to rule; the man-made problems that result often cause an imbalance not in accordance with God's plan.

Tragedies do claim the lives of many thousands of people each year. But I think other tragedies are the result of a collective thing. For example, if colonial nations would have fulfilled their responsibilities in taking care of their colonies, and established a similar standard there as was enjoyed by their own peoples, there would not be so much poverty in the world today.

Yet it was poverty that forced the Indian people to spread out and live on a land which is almost lower than sea level. It is a fertile land, but affords its inhabitants virtually no protection. People are forced to harvest that land just to survive and they have no place to escape. Whether they live or die, they just take their chance and settle there. Every six years or so a typhoon comes and wipes out homes and at the same time washes away life. But if everything had been planned and organized, the people would either not have decided to live there or they would have been shown how to protect themselves by constructing their houses on pilings. If those people had the knowledge, the money, and the education, they would have even built their villages and towns on stilts. Unfortunately, the bigger nations who *should* take responsibility for other nations, too often don't. People went to live on islands because they felt such fertile land gave them a much better chance to survive. In spite of the cyclones or typhoons that they knew could come, they still took the risk. On an island off the coast of India thousands of people died as a result of one cyclone. Yet once such a tragedy is over, people continue to live there. It has become home, and they may feel they have no other place to go. They take the chance that their lives will be spared again. They want to eat; they know they can harvest that land twice a year because it is so fertile and rich, yet they resign themselves to live under the constant threat of tidal waves, hurricanes, tornadoes, and the like. They live with the fear and the insecurity that everything they own and work for may be rolled away in a matter of minutes.

I believe that this would not happen in a more God-centered society. Education is most important. People must be taught how to behave, what to do, where to live, and how to protect themselves. Today's world is host to tremendous technological development. Technology is very advanced in some nations. Detection systems can even warn people of upcoming calamities in order that they can evacuate their homes before a hurricane comes.

The whole of humanity is the body of God. People living everywhere in the world must be considered and protected. Aid must be brought to every corner of the earth. As well, all societies must have the consciousness to care for the whole human family. God's responsibility covers ninety-five percent of the problem—He must provide us with the food and shelter and protection. But man also has his five percent responsibility: we must use these gifts well. Father comes as the representative of God, and following his pattern, we have to make this world truly whole.

If you understand the macro, you will be able to grasp the micro. If you understand the world, you will also appreciate her peoples. And if you

understand the people, then in turn you will also comprehend the world. Unless you have a universal or worldwide vision and feel compassion for the whole world, you will find it hard to properly serve an individual. Unless you are able to totally sacrifice yourself and everything you have for one single purpose, you will find it hard to love the world. And unless you are a patriot, you cannot be a child of God. How can you love this world if you cannot even love your fatherland?

Most people living in the lands of plenty don't suffer physically. Not many people living there die of hunger and thirst. But when people already have everything, they figure that they can also have God gratis. In the Free World we see religious literature everywhere we turn. Through the miracle of television and radio, preachers visit our homes and espouse their doctrines. Since in a sense we are saturated with the idea of God day and night, what should we long for? Consider not having a Bible or religious literature. Think what it would be like not having a television set or radio through which you could observe a religious service. Consider how you would feel if police stood in front of a church building and recorded your name when you entered. In many countries that image is not just in novels, but is reality. The impact and anxiety of it generates real fears. But on the other hand, it also has the power to bring real tears and cause people to feel a great longing for God. That is something we citizens of the Free World have a hard time relating to.

Under Hitler's regime, anyone on his way into church passed several plainclothes policemen. Police officers sat inside church buildings and wrote down the names of all those attending the service. As a result, attendance dwindled, and churches emptied. Not because the people were evil. Not because the people didn't believe. They were neither evil nor faithless. They were simply filled with fear that they might have to pay a tremendous price for attending a religious service, and they didn't want to undergo that suffering. As soon as the war was over, people filed back into the cathedrals and chapels. Then the churches were jam-packed, full of people hungry for the word of God.

Many top-level Americans know that Father has invested his energy and poured out his heart to resurrect the youth living in that country. Even though he began tremendously important projects throughout America bringing scholars, theologians, and other professionals to a new level of understanding of values, as well as the "bows" of uniting science and reli-

gion, it seems the government still wants to persecute him. They represent the stiffnecked people of Jesus' time; they simply don't understand. Yet God is desperate that America take care of the rest of the world. But what ammunition should she use? Nuclear weapons? Hardly. To bring life to this starving and suffering world, America has to carry the torch of God's love to the far and hidden corners. To do this, her people cannot only be worried about personal salvation or living well. If they are not concerned with *world* salvation—in both the physical and spiritual sense—just where will this world be ten years from now? If all people live in a narrow, self-centered and individualistic frame of mind, disaster is just about unavoidable. Where are the righteous people who will prevent that from happening?

We Unificationists are trying to answer the call of God and we must stand in for all of humanity, for the peoples throughout every continent. The time is now, the situation crucial.

What is the Messiah trying to do? His tasks are varied and his responsibilities awesome. He urges us to offer our lives for the betterment of mankind and the advancement of countless nations. That is why he sent missionaries and representatives to over one hundred-twenty nations worldwide. Those people have become his arms and legs as they work to establish schools, relief programs, medical clinics, and the like. They have become his voice, proclaiming that all mankind—every race and each nationality—is equal. When those people are successful, the population in many countries will come to understand the significance of this time in history. They will better comprehend what the Messiah is trying to do. They will perceive that as followers of True Parents, Unificationists want to care for mankind in a physical way, as well as elevate people in heart and bring them to God.

We have been away from God for such a long time. Coming back to Him and acquainting ourselves with His way of thinking and feeling seems quite strange. We are in the habit of dealing with the satanic world. We call it the "normal" world, but it was formed by the ideals which Satan stole from God.

This physical world is tangible and very real—it is no illusion, no dream. All of us need dreams to keep us alive and propel us through our difficult times. But we cannot dream our lives away. We will still have to work even after the Kingdom of Heaven has been established on earth. We

will be happy and joyful, but we will also need to accept responsibility and engage in forms of healthy competition. Did you envision that in God's Kingdom on earth you would float through the streets with wings on, or that angels would serve you breakfast in bed every morning? I'm afraid that happens only in fairytales.

Satan has worked on the human mind and many people imagine such fantasies. But those ideas seem far too outlandish and therefore many individuals completely negate the idea that the Kingdom of Heaven can ever be built. Satan has degraded mankind to such a degree that we can no longer see things clearly, certainly not as God views them. Most people in the Free World do not understand the vision and the goal of communism. Some people are too selfish to care about their nation; the word "patriotism" is lost and indeed *scoffed* at. Yet when the time comes that we need to express fierce loyalty for our fatherland, what will happen? Will we all die because everyone is still laughing at the concept of flag waving and being patriotic?

We must feel God's urgency, and we must push ourselves. The Bible predicts that when the Lord comes there will be wars and rumors of war. It talks about earthquakes and many kinds of natural disasters. It also points out that there will be negotiations, and people will talk and talk about peace, but there will be none. And then the end will come. Let us make sure that it *is* the end, not of the world, but of evil!

The predicament of this world is frightening. From a strictly secular viewpoint, the forces of destruction building up are stifling and uncomfortable. There is tremendous competition between the two superpowers, which makes all countries stand up and take notice. And each side is stockpiling one destructive weapon upon another. The evil "genie" has already been let out of its bottle. The question is, what is that genie going to do? There are so many weapons that could blow up this earth many times over, blowing this planet to "kingdom come" and disintegrating it. But that is precisely the target: the Kingdom of God, and truly it *must* come. When it does, both sides will lay down shield *and* sword. No more fear. No more panic. Peace and goodwill must calm the evil forces and stop them.

How can the satanic forces be neutralized? Will someone in the Soviet Union just flippantly push a button and cry, "There is no heaven. There is no hell. So what? What the heck?" If we think realistically about the world situation and the powder keg on which we live, we have no choice but to become that much more serious about our task. We have to work to mobilize the millions and billions of good spiritual beings to intervene so that such a thing does not happen. We have to pray. We have to fast. We have to act. The time is now—there is literally no time to lose.

How is it possible for someone to be a saint if he cannot be a patriot? One must precede the other. The love of fatherland—elements of the land, of that culture from which we are born—is embedded within each one of us. That is how we are connected to our native land. How is it possible to love God if you don't love your fatherland? If you are not ready to serve with your life, how can you defeat the enemy which defends itself as a matter of course? Communists willingly die for their cause. What about us? Unless we make up our minds that our lives really belong to God and His cause, and that we are even ready to surrender ourselves, we cannot even compete with the other side. All of them decided a long time ago that they would give their lives, and they have already proved it.

Even though numerous religious leaders are trying to emphasize the point that God created America to serve the world, to me, that nation is still overly concerned with domestic policy—tax cuts, spy scandals, and the like. As a whole America does not recognize her commission from God. Of course in certain times of need—for earthquake victims, to help the relatives of those killed in airline disasters—America *does* help out. Many times she is quite generous, but I believe that if she could sacrifice even more for the sake of the world, her future would be guaranteed. The Superpower, God, would then win and defeat that other one—Satan.

It is when man goes against the natural laws of the universe that he is sure to suffer. That is when disintegration occurs. Everything goes to pieces—marriage, family, even the entire moral fiber of the nation. Rome fell because she was totally demoralized. Homosexuality became rampant in that culture and people were generally out to satisfy themselves. How different is the situation in America? America today is reeling. Gay rights are demanded. Divorce is increasing at a phenomenal rate. She is stunned by the rise in the number of AIDS cases. The moral fiber of America has worn thin, and nearly worn *out*. Now so many people are afraid of walking down the street in the dark and even in broad daylight. With that kind of situation existing everywhere within her borders, how can she take care of the rest of the world? She may feel that she has a lot of mending to do in her own fabric before she can help repair the tapestry of the world. But what she does not seem to realize is that if she went out and repaired any tears she saw in the fabric of other nations, her own would be mended by them; that is a universal law.

Because we are so drawn to the physical world and have a much more difficult time to recognize anything spiritual, we often neglect seeing

anything from the vertical viewpoint. Nevertheless, it is impossible not to notice that something has moved throughout history. That force is God. And our God is looking for opportunities to jump in and turn the world around on its axis. The spirit world watches with Him and prepares for spiritual revolutions, even in iron curtain countries.

Father's prayers mobilize so many forces in the spirit world. At the same time he asks Unificationists to carry the workload and help this world. But if we have enough faith, we will see that this team is unmatched in its ability to accomplish great things in restoring this world back to God.

If you look at a world map and then color code in red those nations which have turned communist or are leftist-leaning, you will be shocked to see how desperately Satan is working all over the world—the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, China, Angola, the Congo, Vietnam, Cuba, and many others—your eyes may be blinded by the amount of red they see. But on the other hand, God and the Messiah are also planning strategy. On the surface it may look like Satan is winning, but actually he is in the process of losing the war.

God's victories are mostly "underground" and seem invisible. Yet if your spiritual eyes were opened, you would see the whole world consumed in flames. God has ignited it and it is now burning with spiritual righteousness and purity. These flames have not yet reached Satan's throne, but are lapping at the entrance of his palace. He has a lot of firefighters ready to snuff out the blaze, but if we are quick enough, we can beat them at their own games and start many more small fires, surrounding them and cutting them off from any water supply. If we connect to God, we will feel the urgency of this time and realize the importance of our mission. The world is in a dangerous state. What are we going to do about it?