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by Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

Proclamation of True Parents and the Completed Testament Age

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AN announcement entitled "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" appeared yesterday in the *Chung Ang Daily News*. The same announcement also appeared this morning in the *Segye Ilbo* and the *Seoul Daily News*. In America, Father gave direction for the simultaneous proclamation on April 10 in 160 nations, of "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age." The introduction to the *Segye Ilbo* announcement states that anyone who requires more information or has any inquiries should contact our headquarters church, the major regional churches or the four Seoul regional churches. All of our members should read the contents of this proclamation carefully. You should not read it through only once and then just forget it.

This announcement, "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age," is in slightly condensed form. We have also heard this speech directly. It has also been given out in booklet form, and pamphlets have been produced by our headquarters and distributed to each region. It is Father's desire that the words proclaimed in these newspapers should go into every home. Of course, those who subscribe to these newspapers will be able to read the proclamation, but Father is emphasizing that our members must also deliver these newspapers or pamphlets to every home so that every citizen will be able to see it and study it.

From July 3 to July 9, 1992, True Parents officially began announcing "The Proclamation of True Parents." During the World Culture and Sports Festival in August 1992, Father called all the international representatives and made the same proclamation. At that time I thought, "Surely the conditions to establish True Parents on this earth have all been fulfilled, haven't they?" Father's heart is on a different level. No matter how much True Parents have done to fulfill their responsibility, I feel

how much they are devoting every possible effort and all their heart and mind to sincerely inform all the people of the world. We have to realize that this simultaneous proclamation in newspapers in 160 nations has the meaning of concluding the heavenly dispensation. We also have to have exactly the same level of heart and mind as our True Parents. We must reflect on this proclamation and bear witness to the Completed Testament Age.

Blessed couples, especially, must attain this level of heart and mind, centering on their tribal messiah foundation. Attending True Parents is the role of the followers in the Completed Testament Age. If we understand that in the age of attendance those people most responsible for leading the way in fulfilling the duty of attending the True Parents are the blessed couples, then we must realize that all blessed couples, who have the tribal messiah mission, must absolutely fulfill their responsibility from this April 10, to proclaim our True Parents and bear witness to them.

The Completed Testament Age and its benefit

Once we know the fact "True Parents have come; True Parents are here," could there be any greater gospel or more joyful news for mankind? What a great benefit of the age it is that, out of the long course of history, we are able to welcome the Completed Testament Age. If we here can only follow the will of God, for the first time on this earth our spirit self in our physical body can become a divine spirit. We must play a leading role in this work. This is an opportunity that has never occurred since the beginning of creation. We must go everywhere, as model examples with deep gratitude and appreciation, pro-

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True Parents, True Children and the Completed Testament Age

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
NOVEMBER 14, 1993
CHUNGPAIDONG, SEOUL, KOREA

THE Completed Testament Age means the completion of God's ideal of creation. Before the creation of the universe, True Parents existed in the mind of God. God created the universe to establish True Parents.

The ideal of creation means the fulfillment of the four position foundation. It means Adam and Eve completing their responsibility, receiving the blessing and giving birth to children. In other words, the term "True Parents" did not appear today. It existed before the creation, in God's ideal. True Parents were the center of God's thought.

If True Parents are not established, God cannot fulfill the ideal of creation. The completion of God Himself is dependent upon True Parents. A great person is a person who makes a great determination and fulfills it. If a person does not accomplish what he determines to do, he himself is not complete.

If God could not bring about the establishment of True Parents, He Himself could not be complete and could not feel joy. Once True Parents exist, then true children, a true family, a true society, a true nation and a true world can emerge. The heavenly kingdom starts not from the spiritual world, but from this physical world. When a true world appears on the earth, the heavenly kingdom is created in the spiritual world. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth begins with True Parents. True Parents' family can realize the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in the spiritual world. If the Kingdom of Heaven is not accomplished on earth, it cannot be realized in the spiritual world.

There is a saying that human beings are the most precious in all creation. The person who occupies the highest central



Mother is welcomed to America on February 4, 1994, at East Garden. Shin Kwon Nim (foreground) precedes her into the house.

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Father receives flowers at the Children's Day entertainment.

position is the first ancestor of mankind. Through the completion of this ancestor, this True Parent, God is also completed.

THE NEED FOR SUBJECT AND OBJECT

Love cannot be manifested through a solitary individual. God created human beings because He needed an object in order to express His love. Human beings are born to be objects of God. We are not born directed towards money, knowledge or power.

We cannot see or touch air, but we know air through its action. In a similar way, we perceive our conscience, love and God through their action. Subject and object are necessary for action to take place. Without give and take between subject and object, there is no action.

Our environment also consists of subject and object. This is a requirement for existence. When subject and object unite, they are protected by the universe. If they are not united, cosmic force repels them. Something that lacks an object is separated by the cosmic force.

Why do man and woman marry? Marriage is the most precious event in life. Marriage is more important than birth or death. Man represents heaven and woman represents earth; thus matrimony unifies heaven and earth. In the course of time, the

cultures of the East and West will unite. However, man and woman do not become united merely by the passage of time. Man and woman are united not by money, power or knowledge—only by love.

There are marriages in which people are united in body, but not in mind. If there had been no fall, people would be able to unite in both mind and body. However, the fall disrupted the original order.

In a relationship of true love, people's minds cannot be swayed. First love is powerful.

MIND-BODY UNITY

Can man leap like a dog? Can man's eyes see like an eagle's eyes? Can man fly? Can man run like a deer? Compared with animals, human beings are inferior in many points. What is our superior point? People can make love anytime during the four seasons. That is the privilege of human beings. Animals make love only at the time suitable for producing offspring. The act of love between husband and wife is meant to be holy. Love is the greatest treasure. However, because of the fall, this treasure became totally degraded.

Are we living in a good world? No. We are living in an evil world. Fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters are close to us, but

You should know that you are precious. The flower garden of love and life starts from you. Keep the dream of an endless lineage of goodness springing forth from you.

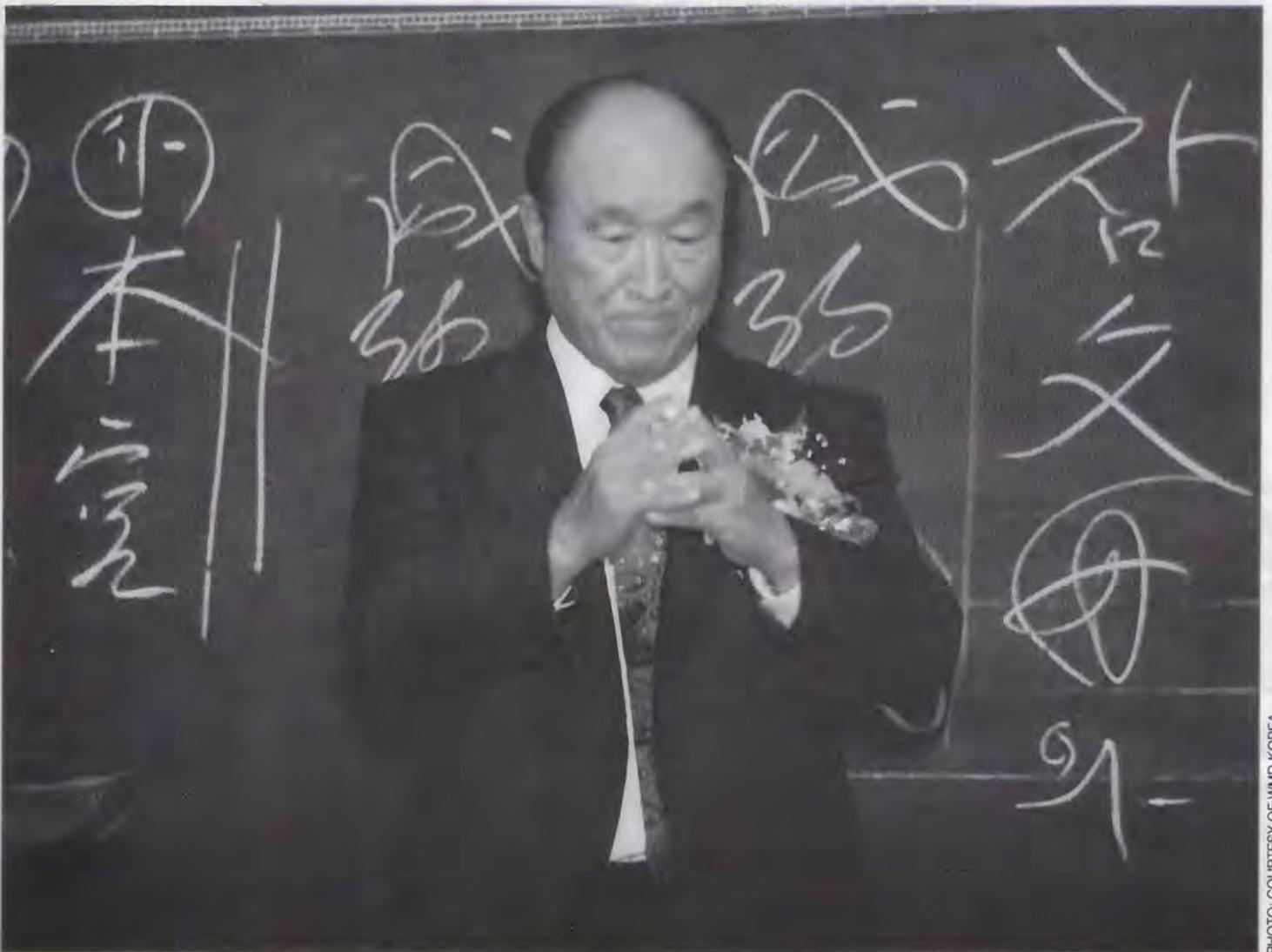


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they are evil because their mind and body are fighting. Who has completely overcome that kind of fighting? Not even the saints could do so. The most dreadful enemy is one's own body. From this body, good and evil diverge. Mind and body are completely different in their direction. The mind seeks the highest place.

How can we conquer God? We cannot conquer God with money or knowledge, only with love. What is the thing that God likes the most? It is true love. Can we touch true love? Can we see or touch God? How about touching a good mind?

Is there anything about us that our mind does not know? Can we deceive our mind? Our mind knows everything about ourselves. Who will know me better, God or my mind? Our mind knows ourselves before anyone else. Our mind knows things even before God does. Because we have this faculty, we can be an object of God.

When we pray, we should clean our mind and align it in the direction of heaven. Our mind is subject. Our mind knows things first. God gave us our mind as a magnet that can align us directly with heaven. When we sit calmly in the morning, we

can naturally know the direction we should take.

Where is God? God fills the universe. How can we detect God? Our conscience is like a magnet indicating the direction in which we can find God.

THE TRANSCENDENT QUALITY OF LOVE

When we become one with true love, we can feel something without even seeing or touching it. Love transcends distance. We can never forget our first love. We can never forget our spiritual experiences.

We are born for others. The husband exists for his wife and the wife exists for her husband. Grandfathers and grandmothers are special emissaries, and we should be able to serve them in place of God. The father is the king of the present era. Children are kings of the future. We should serve our parents, because they represent God on earth, and we should raise our children as princes and princesses. We are raising princes and princesses in our own home! We should go through this kind of training

Since I have the title of True Parents, I give you the title of true children. True Parents and true children are one family. When the parents succeed, the children can inherit what the parents have achieved.

on earth.

Our home is a microcosm of the physical and spiritual worlds. Our home is the center of the universe. Through the fall, the model family was lost. If there had been no fall, the original base would have appeared from which true love could start, centered on God's true love. There would have been an original palace of love, life and lineage. The love between husband and wife is the origin of life and the connection with the blood lineage. The final goal of love is also life and blood lineage.

THE QUEST FOR HOMETOWN

The fundamental quest of each human being is the three original hometowns. This is the root of the home, society, nation, physical world and spiritual world. How great God's creation is! All the energy of creation is concentrated here. This is where God invested the greatest power. When you hear the word "creation," think of the love organ.

Our love is not our own. Our life is not our own. Our blood lineage is not our own. Therefore, we should not destroy these. When man and woman marry and become perfect, which takes priority, the horizontal or the vertical? We cannot fix a location according to the horizontal dimension alone. There should also be something vertical.

We should seek the original palace. I suggest that husbands return home with the hope of returning to the palace of love. We all have a palace of love from which our children were born. Our children are the fruits of love. When we go to the spirit world, the assets that count are not knowledge, power or money. What determines our place in the spirit world is the quantity of our fruits of love. In this world, nations that have large populations are strong, aren't they? China has 1.3 billion people, so it can look down on America.

The same thing applies on the family level. A bride is welcomed when she brings a large dowry. Similarly, we should bring many good sons and daughters who resemble God to the spirit world. God waited for that kind of person for such a long time, but not even one arrived.

God wants such people to return to Him through Reverend Moon. How many of you can do that? I shall not bring you. I have pulled you up to this point, and I am tired of doing that. Now it is time for you to go onward. Who wants to follow an elderly person in his seventies or eighties? Therefore, I am putting Mother in the front. Now my children are giving lectures in America. My sons and daughters are preaching in the place of their father and mother. Christian ministers are eager to invite my children to their church to give a sermon. They say, "Rev. Moon's family is the model family; he is putting his words into action."

You should know that you are precious. The flower garden of love and life starts from you. Keep the dream of an endless lineage of goodness springing forth from you. Men and women should remember this. The parents of mankind should have stood in this position. If they had become True Parents, everything would have been fulfilled and the Completed Testament Age would have begun at that time. However, there was no such family.

Now the family standard that God desired is established. Individuals, families, tribes, nations, the physical world and the spirit world joined in trying to topple me. Therefore, I came to the ring to fight and win. Now there is no one who does not know me. In America almost everyone knows me. I am notorious in the satanic world but famous in the good world. Satan hated me and tried to kill me, but now the era of hate has passed.

What I say is not something I heard somewhere else. I speak about what has already been accomplished, so it is authoritative. I say what is necessary, discerning what is right and wrong, after overcoming all the ordeals.

THE EXPULSION OF SATAN

Now I am speaking of True Children and the Completed Testament Age. The satanic world should vanish upon the pronouncement of "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age." Now Satan is gone. Because of the fall, Satan united with man. Now that kind of environment is gone. I dealt with that kind of environment. Satan no longer has any victorious historical condition to present.

Because of the fall, false parents emerged. However, True Parents remained the focus of God's mind and will since the creation. If such parents are not properly established, no true family can arise. Without a true family, there can be no true clan, tribe, nation or world. Without a true world, the heavenly kingdom in the spiritual world cannot appear.

In the spirit world there is no reproduction. Spiritual beings are produced on earth.

God is the king of kings. God's children are His partners of love. They are God's absolute partners of love; therefore, they live forever absolutely. It will be nice to live with God, won't it? Do you want to know that world? If I tell you about it, you will all be intoxicated and unable to do anything else. Therefore, I do not tell you.

How can this individualistic world become the ideal world? This will happen through the practice of altruism or living for others. Since I have the title of True Parents, I give you the title of true children. True Parents and true children are one family. When the parents succeed, the children can inherit what the parents have achieved.

I thank Mother for her absolute obedience to my instruction. She has fulfilled this standard since our marriage. Therefore, I thought, like mother, like daughter. After she fulfilled her responsibility well as daughter and wife, she became mother. She had to start from the position of daughter or younger sister, while I stood in the position of elder brother. Adam and Eve are brother and sister. At marriage, they are brother and sister. To make them husband and wife is to place them in the position of creators. If they become one in love, they become creators. The origin of life is God. How to connect with God is the problem. Eventually, we should become one with God.

MARRIAGE FULFILLS THE IDEAL OF CREATION

Man and woman grow in their respective ways and meet in marriage. The day of marriage is the time of perfection as chil-

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dren, siblings and spouses.

Marriage is such a good event. Marriage is the place of perfection as children of God, brother and sister in the heavenly family, and husband and wife. If the couple cannot go to the place of perfection as husband and wife, they cannot take the position of parents. Parents represent heaven. Therefore, marriage is the fulfillment of the whole ideal of creation, the setting for fulfillment as God's children, and as brother and sister. The unity of man and woman is the substantial unity of Adam and Eve's dual characteristics.

By giving birth to children, we know God and realize, "Oh, God loved us like this." Through childbirth we feel God's joy when He created Adam and Eve. During the pregnancy, husband and wife become overjoyed. They feel directly and substantially what God felt internally as invisible substance. Therefore, the bodies of Adam and Eve are the bodies of God. Divine and human loves become one! Adam and Eve are God's body. The marriage of Adam and Eve is God's marriage. If we go to the spirit world we can know this clearly.

Therefore, our desire feels satisfied when we conquer the love of God. Our desire keeps pushing us until we accomplish

that. The final desire of man is to conquer God's love and become master of this universe, or king of kings. This is an attainable goal.

True Parents completed the unity of divine love and human love. This is the primary providence of God. There are many religions, but in the spirit world there is one master religious leader among leaders. The son whom God loves most is the king of religious leaders. How can one recognize the king religious leader? Since the universe was created for love, we should ask ourselves which religion is deeply searching for love. Only Christianity. Jesus is called the only son of God. The only son is born through purification of blood lineage, having no relation with Satan. Jesus Christ was the first partner whom God could love.

The term "only son" means someone who monopolizes love from beginning to end. In Christianity, believers were called "bride." Human beings started from one family. The only son was destined to meet the only daughter. The original Adam and Eve should not have fallen. The only son and daughter should give birth to children. The family in which everyone lives for each other must be the family of heaven.

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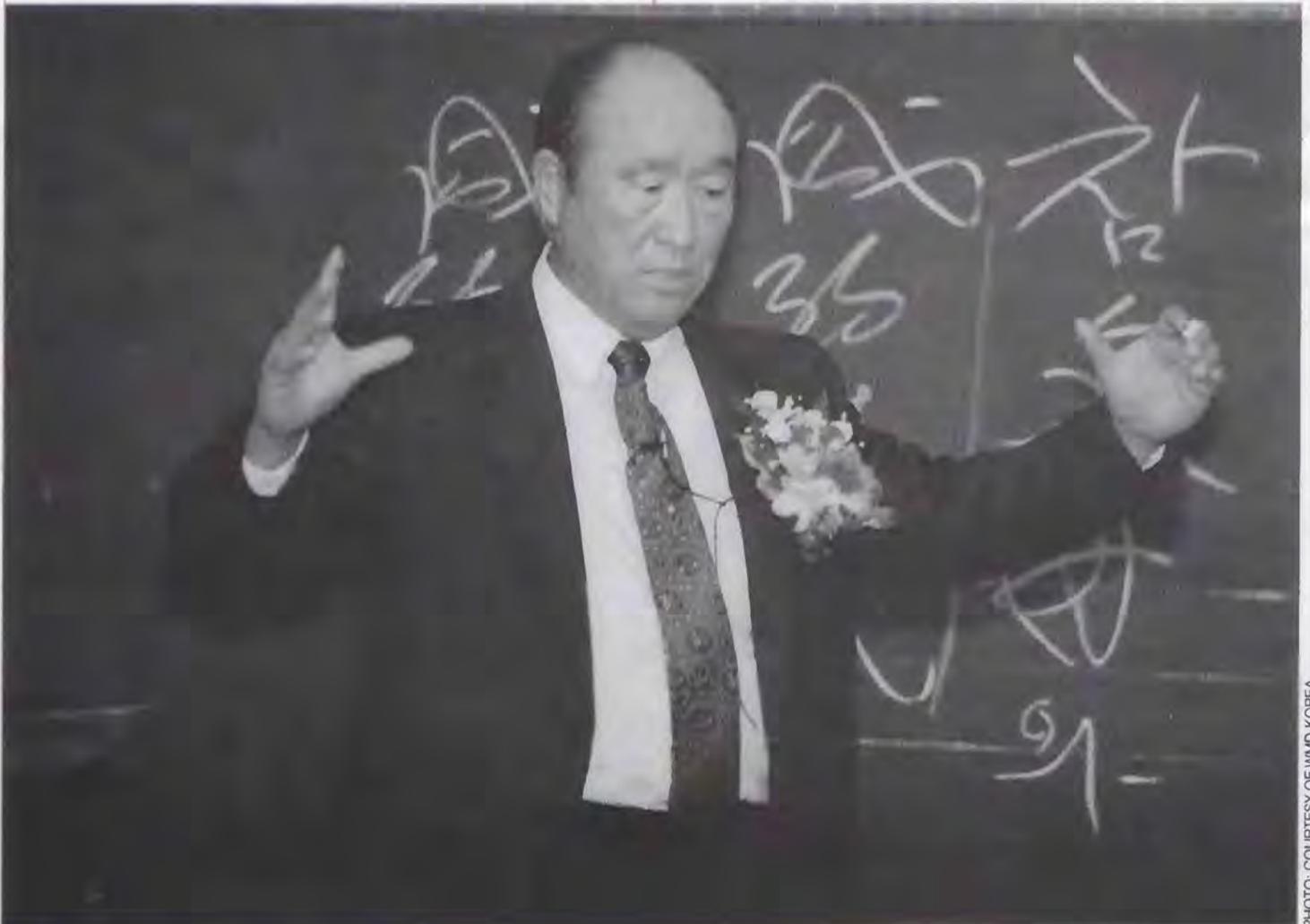


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Mother's Worldwide Speaking Tour Schedule

November 2 Frankfurt, Germany
 November 3 Luxembourg, Luxembourg
 November 4 Brussels, Belgium
 November 5 The Hague, Netherlands
 November 6 Dublin, Ireland
 November 7 London, England
 November 8 Ottawa, Canada

November 10 Paris, France
 November 11 Oslo, Norway
 November 12 Stockholm, Sweden
 November 13 Geneva, Switzerland
Children's Day
 November 14 Zagreb, Croatia
 November 15 Vienna, Austria

November 18 Budapest, Hungary
 November 19 Warsaw, Poland
 November 20 Kiev, Ukraine
 November 21 Moscow, Russia
 November 22 Minsk, Belarus

November 24 Lisbon, Portugal
 November 25 Madrid, Spain
 November 26 Rome, Italy

November 27 Prague, Czech Republic
 November 28 Istanbul, Turkey

November 30 Jerusalem, Israel
 December 1 Cairo, Egypt
 December 2 Athens, Greece
 December 3 Nairobi, Kenya

December 5 Abuja, Nigeria

December 7 Asuncion, Paraguay

December 9 Brasilia, Brazil
 December 10 Montevideo, Uruguay
 December 11 Buenos Aires, Argentina
 December 12 Lima, Peru
 December 13 Bogota, Colombia

December 16 Auckland, New Zealand
 December 17 Sydney, Australia

December 19 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 December 20 New Delhi, India
 India's Parliament III



Mother singing on the telephone for Father and the members in Luxembourg.

Mother speaking in Brussels, Belgium, in front of a beautiful screen created by the members.

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This Proclamation Is a Limitless Source of Life, Energy and Inspiration

MRS. HAK JA HAN MOON
DECEMBER 1, 1993
CAIRO, EGYPT

Mother spoke in the Aida Ballroom in the Cairo Marriott Hotel. This hotel was constructed around a palace built for the French Empress Eugenie, one of the most important queens of the nineteenth century, to use during the celebrations at the opening of the Suez Canal. Egypt is the cultural center of the Arab Islamic world; the location of the 1,000-year-old Al Azhar University, the most respected center of Islamic study in the Arab world. Mother's visit to Cairo is the first time True Parents have set foot upon the African continent since the holy grounds were established worldwide in 1965; at that time True Parents, accompanied by Mrs. Won Pok Choi and Dr. Young Oon Kim, visited Cairo and established the only holy ground in Africa on August 25, 1965. This is also the first country to receive a second generation blessed couple as missionaries.

Translator: Peter Kim

YOU are living with True Parents. You have accepted True Parents and are serving them. By the grace of True Parents, this one last chance is given to you, but once True Parents pass into the spirit world such a chance will not come again. After True Parents pass into the spirit world, if you make a mistake, the failure has to be rectified by paying the proper indemnity; there is no forgiveness. You must realize that, because you are serving True Parents and living together with

them, each moment of this time is the most precious in your life, for eternity. Every moment you should feel like shouting out saying, "Thank You God that You gave us this opportunity to live with True Parents on the earth." That should be your heart and attitude.

Those who are national leaders and have important responsibilities, particularly, should try your absolute best to resemble Father, even if it is only by doing one-tenth or one-hundredth of what he is doing. That should be your lifestyle. You should be better tomorrow than you are today. Each day you should resemble Father more. If you feel thankful to God today for this precious opportunity to live with and serve True Parents, tomorrow you should feel ten times or twenty times more thankful. It is not enough just to feel thanks; you have to incorporate gratitude into your daily life, expressing it in your actions.

We all understand that we have to accomplish our mission and fulfill our responsibility just as Father does. We have to reach that level some day, don't you think? We all desire to fulfill our responsibility and mission before we end our physical lives here, because we do not want to pass that responsibility and mission down to our descendants. Don't you want to accomplish your mission and bring the victory to True Parents before they go to the spirit world? Your condition is to show your victory to True Parents and God.

Within a month or so, Father will be 74 years old, and soon he will reach the age of eighty. How many more years does Father have to wait to see your result? Give



Mother singing to Father and the members in Cairo.

How many more years does Father have to wait to see your result? Give up your old habits and way of life. You have spent too much time and energy on yourselves and your families. Spend more time doing the will of God.

up your old habits and way of life. You have spent too much time and energy on yourselves and your families. From now on spend more time doing the will of God and working for the sake of your country, your people and your tribe. This opportunity will not come again. This is the last chance.

Take the example of a marathon runner. When the finish line is about a mile ahead, do you think he will just give up, with no power to run to the end? He would push himself even harder at that point. If you cannot accomplish more from this point on, you are like a marathon runner who stops one mile or one hundred meters before the finish line. Do you want to stop your marathon race a hundred meters before the finish line? If you do not want to become that kind of marathon runner, you have to do your absolute best. Put your neck out and push yourselves. Are you ready to do that? Are you willing to do that? You have worked ten or twenty years without much result. However, from now on, if you set the proper conditions, spirit world is more than ready to help you.

I spoke on forty major university campuses throughout Korea. You must understand the atmosphere on Korean university campuses. For the last ten years or more the university campuses have been dominated by socialist, communist and radical students. The communists hide behind the scene and control these radical students from a distance. The radical students launch demonstrations and all kinds of events against the government and against the leaders, using extreme methods. Many times they throw stones at people, sometimes gasoline canisters, and sometimes tear gas. They have even thrown gasoline on people and burned them. Such extreme demonstrations and rallies against the established society and the government are common practice every day. Yet I went to the campuses, into the midst of their activities, and spoke to them.

Among those radical groups, there is one particular group that is influenced by Kim Il Sung's government. Kim Il Sung is their hero; they worship him. This group and a Christian student organization teamed up and tried to stop me from speaking on the campuses. They tried every possible way. When they launch demonstrations against any group they become like gangsters, using baseball bats and more. They are young and restless. Yet I won all the victories in the midst of that kind of violence.

When I went to Canada to speak at the Canadian Parliament, a Korean elder living in Canada testified that God Himself cannot stay still because He is so happy. God is inspired by my speaking, because I am doing His work. God is dancing around during my speeches, because this proclamation is liberating His heart. How eagerly God has been waiting for 6,000 years to hear the words "True Parents"! Have people ever realized how des-



Mother delivers the proclamation of True Parents and the Completed Testament Age in Cairo.

PHOTO: CHARLES PATTERSON

perately God wanted to embrace humanity and how long God has been suffering because of man's ignorance?

The hour-long proclamation speech may appear to be short, yet it contains a limitless source of life, energy and inspiration, because this is the essence of True Parents' teaching. If you really dig into it, you can find a limitless source of life. Therefore, study this speech every morning and every night. Do not do it just as a routine, but put your heart and prayer into it. As you study, try to feel the heart of God, the heart of True Parents and the suffering heart of Jesus Christ. You will be totally inspired, and you will gain wisdom and energy out of it. Go and try it yourself.

My conclusion is we must be different persons from now on, 180 degrees different. If you do that, you will win the victory. You have to prove that you overcame all kinds of struggles and gained the victory over yourselves. ■■■

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The Time to Live with God

MRS. HAK JA HAN MOON
DECEMBER 3, 1993
NAIROBI, KENYA

Translator: Peter Kim

THE history of the Unification Church missionaries here on this continent has been quite long. In the early days of the Unification Church in Korea, the people who came did not have even the foggiest idea that they would witness True Parents gaining complete victory in this world in their lifetime. This is the time that we can live with God again. As I proclaimed tonight, this is the time of blessing.

I feel sorry that this is the first time I came to visit your country. However, in this time of blessing, it is an additional blessing to receive me for the first time, isn't it? [Yes.] Therefore, this joy, this happiness, this blessing should not just belong to you and end with you. You should go out and spread the truth so that your neighbors, the people in your nation and all mankind can join in celebrating with God and True Parents. This entire planet should celebrate together. You have to go out and work hard to make that happen.

As I see your faces tonight, I feel that you are all young, passionate and courageous. You look like very solid and shining granite. Therefore, be sure to equip yourselves with the Divine Principle so that whomever you meet, wherever you go, you should be able to melt their heart to receive True Parents and God. You have to be proud of being the children of True Parents.

Gifts of love and prayer

This is the first visit by True Parents. According to Korean custom and tradition, when you visit someone for the first time you do not go to them with empty hands. Therefore, True Parents wanted to bring some gift to all of you. However, I have been on the road ever since the beginning of November, traveling like a gypsy, so I bought some gifts at the airport, particularly for those missionaries who came out here in the early days and have been devoting their lives here for the sake of your country. I want to give them small gifts so they can remember True Parents' visit and True Parents' love and prayer.

Since I arrived, I have been told that our school system, from elementary level through college, in Zaire has been approved by the government. We received a license, although the facility is not really prepared to receive all the students yet. We do not have enough chairs and some parts have no roof. Therefore, as a token of True Parents' heart and love for the sake of all of Africa, I decided to make a donation for your continent. This is



PHOTO: CHARLES PATTERSON

seed money, so use it to promote development. See to it that each country develops some kind of school system so that our blessed children can get the proper, heavenly education. Can you do that? [Yes.]

All missionaries and national leaders, stand up and come forward. I recognize that you have worked hard. From now on, it is even more important for you to do well. This is a new era, so make sure that you harvest fruit. ■■

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The Kingdom of Heaven Opens in Africa

Report on Mother's Visit to Kenya

Kenneth R. Gray

MOTHER addressed a gathering of 1,200 people in the largest indoor auditorium in Kenya, the Kenyatta Conference Center, on December 3, 1993. This marked True Parents' first visit to Sub-Saharan Africa.

The preparation for True Parents' coming was guided by the East African regional leader, Rev. Sang Jin Lee of the 777 Couples' Blessing, and the African IW for the Women's Federation for World Peace, Mrs. Kyoko Furuta, also of the 777 Couples' Blessing. As we approached the airport and Mother's plane appeared in the sky, Rev. Lee remarked, "Jesus knew! Jesus knew that the Messiah would come to Africa through the clouds" (on Olympic Airways from Athens, Greece)!

Upon the arrival of Mother's party, which included Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak and Peter Kim, citizens from East, Central and Southern Africa gathered in anticipation of greeting the True Parents, many

for the first time. Mother's party was ushered into the VIP lounge of Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta Airport while awaiting immigration and customs processing. A police escort guided Mother to her hotel, where the presidential suite had been prepared for her.

At the speech, introductions were made by the mayor of Nairobi, Mr. Stephen Mwangi, and the mayor of Kanuri, Mr. Kimunya Kamana. The opening prayer was given by Bishop Abednego Matthew Ajuoga, founder and leader of the Church of Christ in Africa, which has over 10,000 members in more than five African nations. Ambassadors from other nations in the region offered proclamations honoring Mother's historical speech proclaiming True Parents and the Completed Testament Age. The national leader of the Unification Church in Kenya, Mr. Mwalagho Kililo, and the national chairwoman of the Women's Federation for

World Peace, Mrs. Felista Kililo, guided the proceedings of what was to be a very successful evening. At Mother's victory celebration after her speech, blessed couples from Kenya, Uganda, Zaire, Tanzania and Zambia gathered to offer songs and dances, rejoicing on the occasion of Mother's coming. Concluding the evening, Rev. Kwak spoke to members for over two hours on the meaning of Mother's visit.

This event marked a landmark experience for missionaries and members in the region who had worked so long and in difficult situations in the hope that True Parents would come someday. However, not everything went smoothly. Two days before the speech, a letter arrived from the government canceling the event! All who were aware of this tragic mistake devoted themselves to deep reflection and prayer. Visiting from the United States to help in preparation, Mrs. Hellen Wanji Rowe and Mrs. Gail Paine desperately called sup-

porters from the government to ask their help with overturning the cancellation. Miraculously, permission was restored in barely enough time to carry on with preparation activities. Especially helpful in all the preparation was the abundant assistance forthcoming from our churches in England and in Zambia.

Before departing on the following day, Mother was energetic and vibrant as she met with national church leaders and various national WFWP leaders. At the airport, Mother met in the VIP lounge with Professor A.B.T. Byaruhanga-Akiiki, chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at Makerere University in Uganda, until the moment of her departure. In the unique style of humor



Mother (seated center) takes a moment to pose with members in Kenya.

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Mother lights the candles as Rev. Sang Jin Lee (second from left), regional director of East Africa II, Rev. Byung Moon Lee (far right), regional director of East Africa I, and photographers observe.

er's victorious speech opening "the Kingdom of Heaven in Africa," the nation of Kenya celebrated its thirtieth anniversary of independence. In celebration, Rev. Lee led a group of Kenyan leaders to the snowy slopes of Mount Kenya to pray in victory and pledge a new determination for continued success in developing True Parents' foundation in Africa. As we struggled up the slopes, Rev. Lee spoke to us of Father's tradition in the early days of our movement. Now as we are preparing for Mother's return, we anticipate a larger celebration next time on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. ■■

put to use by Ugandans, Prof. Akiiki entertained Mother by suggesting that if Mother "threatened" to come to Uganda, he would ensure that the food would be prepared in such a way that she would be "fed up" and thus she would have to "revenge" the hospitality of the Ugandan people. Mother asked how many languages are spoken in Uganda (a nation of

twelve million people); Prof. Akiiki responded that there are over fifty, himself speaking five of those languages. When Mother asked if he knew how to speak Korean, he responded, "Annyong hashim-nika," and then pointing to Rev. Lee protested, "He hasn't taught me yet!" Mother was very amused.

On the one-week anniversary of Moth-

Dr. Kenneth Gray was a missionary to Kenya from 1985 until 1992 whereupon he and his wife, one of the original missionaries from Germany, returned to the United States. Ken and Doris were blessed in the 8000 Couples' Blessing in 1982 at Madison Square Garden. He is currently working as an associate professor at Jackson (Mississippi) State University.



Mother speaks to a packed house to open the "Kingdom of Heaven in Africa."

God Turned Darkness into Light

Hellen Wanji Rowe

ABOUT eight years ago I had the opportunity to present a donation from IRFF-Japan to Mr. Arap Moi, the president of Kenya. The president was very moved and asked me to meet with Mr. Kiptanui, the state controller, to discuss ways to work with the youth of Kenya. However, I was unable to pursue the matter. Over the years, I kept wondering what would have happened if we had pursued the president's suggestion.

When I heard that Mother was going to Kenya, the desire came to resurrect that moment and see if Mother could meet with the president. I talked it over with my community leader in Maryland, Bob Selle, who gave his wholehearted support. Inku Marshall felt very strongly that I should go to Kenya and prepare for Mother's arrival, since I was the first fruit of our True Parents' efforts in Kenya. I had not been back to Kenya in seven years.

I tried fundraising, but with a baby

Where are those tribal messiahs? They should work very quickly, because this country really needs them.

and two pre-schoolers it was not easy. The cheapest airline ticket to Kenya cost \$1500, and I would travel with our nine-month-old baby who was still breast-feeding. My spiritual son in Kenya, Henry Mungai, gave me the names of some American members who had connections to Kenya: Carl Brown, Greg Carlson, Betty Morey,

Wendy Katakura and Martha Honda. My spiritual parents, Chuck and Kimiyo Anceney, had sponsored an earlier trip to Russia for me and felt called by God to send me around the world for God's purpose. They really melted my heart. Peter Fleischman, Robert Bridges and Ahmad Nadimi also volunteered their support.

A letter to the president

I had planned to leave for Kenya on November 14, but our regional director, Rev.

Chong Jik Woo, asked me to stay another week to prepare for a speech to be given locally by one of the True Children. Thus when I arrived in Nairobi I was able to share with members the guidance we received from True Children. Furthermore, a miracle happened and the way opened for me to send a letter directly to the president of Kenya.

Members in Kenya had been trying unsuccessfully to reach the president for over a month. I obtained a letter from the local WFWP chapter in Maryland, introducing me as a WFWP delegate to Kenya working for the international peacemaker, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon. I also wrote a personal letter reminding the president of the donation I had presented to him. I found out about a diplomatic pouch that would be delivered to the president on November 19, via the state controller, from Washington DC. I told an embassy official that I had prayed and God told me he should put a special letter for the president in the outgoing pouch. At first he laughed at my statement, but then agreed to accept the letter.

When I arrived in Kenya, I knew that I was representing the efforts, love and concern of many American members for Mother's African tour. I started working right away, knowing that Mother never



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had time to rest from jet lag.

One day after my arrival, Gail Paine, a former missionary in many African countries, came from Anchorage, Alaska, to help with the campaign. She and I teamed up, both excited to be back in Africa and working together again.

We had only twelve days before Mother's arrival. We showed up at the offices of cabinet officials and told the secretaries, "We just arrived from America. Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon is arriving on December 3. She is an international dignitary working for peace in 41 countries." The minister would then come out to meet us.

African members from Zaire, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Somalia, Ethiopia and Rwanda prayed, fasted and worked so

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hard to invite 1,600 people to Mother's speech.

Cancelation of the speech

On December 1 at 3:00 p.m., we received an official letter from the Ministry of Culture and Social Services cancelling our meeting. The situation could be turned around only by the president or the state controller, Mr. Kiptanui. The regional director, Rev. Sang Jin Lee, announced, "I am ready to go to jail or die. Mother must speak."

I decided this was the perfect time for me to speak to Mr. Kiptanui to find out if he had received the communication from Washington, DC. I was warned that because I am from the Kikuyu tribe, I should be careful about dealing with the Kalenjin tribe of the president. However, at this time I did not care; things could not get any worse. Gail and I agreed to pray through the night and call Mr. Kiptanui, who is known to be an early riser, at 6:30 a.m. on December 2. When I called I learned that Mr. Kiptanui had gone to Kakamega, so I asked for his phone number there, explaining about Mother's arrival the next day. On the telephone, Mr. Kiptanui said he had indeed received the WFWP letter and my personal letter, and he remembered the president's instructions of eight years ago. I informed him that 1,600 people were expected to attend Mother's speech, including the presidents of Zambia and Rwanda, the prime minister of Uganda, and delegations from the United States and Japan, and that it

would be a disaster if the meeting did not take place.

Sounding very concerned, he asked if I knew why the meeting was canceled. During the conversation, Gail had been praying, so I now gave her the phone and started to pray. Almost in tears, Gail explained the tragic misunderstandings that had arisen. Mr. Kiptanui promised to check with various government departments. Within an hour, he called to say that everything was arranged and that we should continue with our good work. God turned darkness into light.

Mother is welcomed

When Mother arrived at the airport, she was offered a presidential escort. We were all very proud of our Mother's coming to Kenya to speak to her East African children for the first time in history. One guest wrote in his reflection: "Where are those tribal messiahs? They should work very quickly, because this country really needs them."

I had gone to Kenya representing many brothers and sisters from America who wanted to help with Mother's tour. I invested my whole effort for the public work in Kenya. Finally, on the last afternoon before Mother was to speak, I called some of my relatives in Nairobi to attend the speech. They came without complaining about the short notice. They felt very

honored to listen to Mother. One aunt traveled from my home village, Kanyariri to the speech.

After Mother left for Nigeria, my spiritual son Angolio and I went to visit Kanyariri. As we walked down the red mud road we were greeted warmly by uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. It was very moving to see my Uncle Kenyajui sitting in the sun reading Mother's speech, given to him by my aunt who had attended the meeting.

We held a reunion of my physical and spiritual families at my brother's house, where we ate, drank, danced and shared very deeply. My spiritual grandson, Simon Kingori, introduced a Kikuyu ceremony called "airemi," in which one of my oldest spiritual sons and my elder brother together cut a piece of roast goat meat and fed each other, symbolizing the absence of division between my physical family and my spiritual family. My brother commented that he sees spiritual growth in me since I joined True Parents' family. He and his wife want their children to participate in the 1995 blessing.

Creating bonds of heart

Korean sisters in Washington, DC, had collected some funds among themselves, and Young Jung Quinn gave them to me the night before I left for Kenya. I was very moved by this expression of God's great love and care. That money created miracles in Kenya. It enabled some powerful tribal messiah couples to work in the campaign; it bought paint for the headquarters church; it helped pay the hospital bill for



Hellen Wanji Rowe (fourth from right), holding baby Neema, poses with other members from the Nakuru, Kenya, center.

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Mother singing on the telephone to Father and the members in Kenya at the victory celebration.

a Zairean sister who delivered a premature baby; and it helped repair a minivan that took Falaria Afwande out to do follow-up work.

Eight years ago, I had asked Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak if my husband should come to Kenya, since there were few members then in Kenya and I was the first person blessed from the country. He advised me that since True Parents had directed the sisters to go to their husband's country, I should join my husband in Washington, DC. Sometimes, when I encountered difficulty witnessing in America, I would say to my husband, "If I were in Kenya I could have brought many spiritual children; no one in Kenya ever failed to open their doors for me to speak to them." When our children were giving me a hard time, I would say to my husband, "If I were in Kenya you could have hired a housemaid to help with the children and I could do more for God." Now I am grateful that, from Washington, DC, Heavenly Father could use me to help ensure that Mother could speak in Kenya. Father talked of seeing a vision of Washington, DC, setting other nations on fire.

I deeply appreciate the respect, love, faith and trust among our Maryland tribal messiah community. Beyond race or position, we are brothers and sisters through True Parents. During the last-minute preparations for going to Kenya, child care was offered by Young Jung Quinn and Chantal Joseph. Sara Nishioka gave me transportation. Bob Selle composed a letter. Our community members are from Korea, France, Japan, America, Germany,

Austria, Jamaica, Canada, Norway, and several countries in Africa. Wendy Kata-kura and her relatives played a major role in my going to Africa.

It is the bond of heart that we establish among each other that shall bring the Kingdom of Heaven. Because of the heartistic relationship that Joe Wakaria, Pat Aketch, Tales Betty Mutua and Jane Amba had established with the mayor of Nairobi, he was able to introduce Mother on a day's notice. Because of the bond of heart with former missionaries in Kenya and old members, a former cabinet minister drove five hours to listen to Mother.

Gail Paine and I had the opportunity to stay in the Nairobi West center, which is the headquarters and represents the reality of the country. The members are very warm and giving, but the physical situation of the center is very miserable. Many things were broken and in need of repair. During Sunday worship, members crowd the living room, kitchen, office, corridors and garage. They stand outside and listen through the doors and windows. Our members are very hungry for God's love and truth but have few church publications.

The refrigerator was empty. The bathroom lacked toilet paper, tooth paste, towels and even hot water. Seven years ago, the country's situation was much different externally, and I felt like I had returned to another country. With so little, the members have so much love in their hearts for God and True Parents. They sing and dance; they pray and work hard. They embrace one more person, even when there is no room in the vehicle or the house. They are not bothered by lack of space. They move my heart to tears.

At the Nairobi International Airport, we sang farewell songs for Mother as she headed toward Nigeria. We could see a neat line of soldiers protecting Mother. We sang a version of "Jambo Mama," wishing Mother a safe journey. Until Mother's plane rose out of sight we sang, "Just as you have gone into the sky, please come back again with our Father." ■

Hellen Wanji was blessed to Gary Rowe, an American, in 1982 at the 2075 Couples' Blessing.



Mother watches as Kenyan members serenade her and Father at the victory celebration.

Incredible Joy After Incredible Indemnity

MRS. HAK JA HAN MOON
DECEMBER 17, 1993
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Translator: Peter Kim

WE are living an exciting life. This is the time in which we can live with God again. Do you have any idea how long God has been waiting for fallen mankind to come back to His bosom? God has been waiting 6,000 years. Think about it. The one who shed the most tears throughout history is God. The one who suffered most throughout human history is also God. In this special time, upon the victorious foundation of True Parents, the Completed Testament era is dawning. What a precious time we are living in! We are living with God. How excited we should be! Our hearts are bursting with happiness and excitement. Because of such happiness and excitement, we cannot live our lives normally anymore.

We could not imagine a time like this in the early days of the Unification Church. Since I started speaking in America in May, I have given this speech over a hundred times. Yet each time I deliver it, I feel joy and happiness and say, "Thank you, God. Thank you, Father." When I realize how God has been longing

to see this time and how all mankind has been waiting for this special time, I cannot speak without tears.

UNDERSTAND WHAT INDEMNITY MEANS

Through studying Divine Principle, you understand what indemnity means. Think about the indemnity course we have to walk, how difficult and tough it is. Otherwise, it would not have taken 6,000 years for God to restore mankind. Can you imagine how difficult it is? Think about your own life. Think about how difficult Jesus Christ's indemnity course was; he was crucified on the cross.

The proclamation is only about one hour long; a rather short speech. Yet it contains the history of 6,000 years of God's restoration work, including 2,000 years of Christianity since Jesus Christ. God has gone through so much difficulty and so much suffering; finally, through the Christian culture, God established the foundation to receive the Lord of the Second Coming right after World War II. However, because Christianity failed to receive Father as the Messiah, he had to go all the way down to

the bottom and start climbing by paying the proper indemnity at each step. It is easy to say that; however, think how difficult Father's forty-year public life has been. As I mentioned in the speech, he was imprisoned six times for doing God's work. I truly wish that you could understand even one percent of the real difficulty of Father's suffering indemnity course.

True Parents had their holy wedding in 1960. Those were the early days of our movement. Right after the holy wedding, I had a vision in which I saw myself walking a very difficult course. With one child beside me holding my hand and one child on my back, I was walking without knowing where to go. It was really dark. There was no heaven, and there was no earth. In that pitch-black place, I had to continue walking. After a while, I saw a steep mountain on the left, and a deep cliff on the right.



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There was only one small, rugged, difficult path; yet I had to walk on that path with one child on my back and another holding my hand. I continued walking and walking. Finally, I saw a light at the end of what seemed like a dark tunnel. I continued walking toward that light. Suddenly, upon leaving the tunnel, I saw a new world, so green and beautiful, ahead of me. Right in front of me there was a newly plowed field with reddish-brown dirt. The soil looked rich and good. There was a stream coming out of the ground. Beyond that field, Father was standing; smiling and welcoming me. Father was so exuberant and happy to see me coming. Finally, the two children and I joined Father. I looked back then, and down in the valley I started seeing the faces of our Unification Church members, climbing the mountain, one after another, just as I had done. This clearly revealed my seven-year indemnity

course and the difficult course our members had to go through in the earlier days.

Father started from the servant-of-servant level, won all the victories and finally proclaimed True Parents and the Completed Testament Age. This accomplishment did not come out of "nowhere." Father made this victorious proclamation on the foundation of his suffering course. Father did not make the mistake to begin with; it was fallen mankind who failed. However, Father paid the indemnity on behalf of all mankind, beginning from the bottom level.

WE ARE LIVING IN A DREAM TIME

Unification Church members, particularly older members, should not enter this special time period with normal emotions. We should be so happy and exuberant that tears keep flowing from our eyes. Such excitement, happiness and joy should be filling our hearts and minds. I wonder how your feelings about this special time compare with the feelings of True Parents and senior couples. If you do not feel the same way we do, please keep trying to understand the significance of this time and feel its joy and happiness.

I will give you a secret for doing that. Please study this text every morning and every night. Do not just read this speech, but put your heart into it and through prayer try to understand the depth of the truth given to you by True Parents. If you claim to be children of True Parents, you must be able to understand True Parents' feelings, their times of sadness and their times of joy. You have the privilege of living at the same time as True Parents, but if you do not understand True Parents' heart, how distant you are from them.

As blessed couples, suppose there is one particular child who understands your heart, and your difficulty, and who comforts



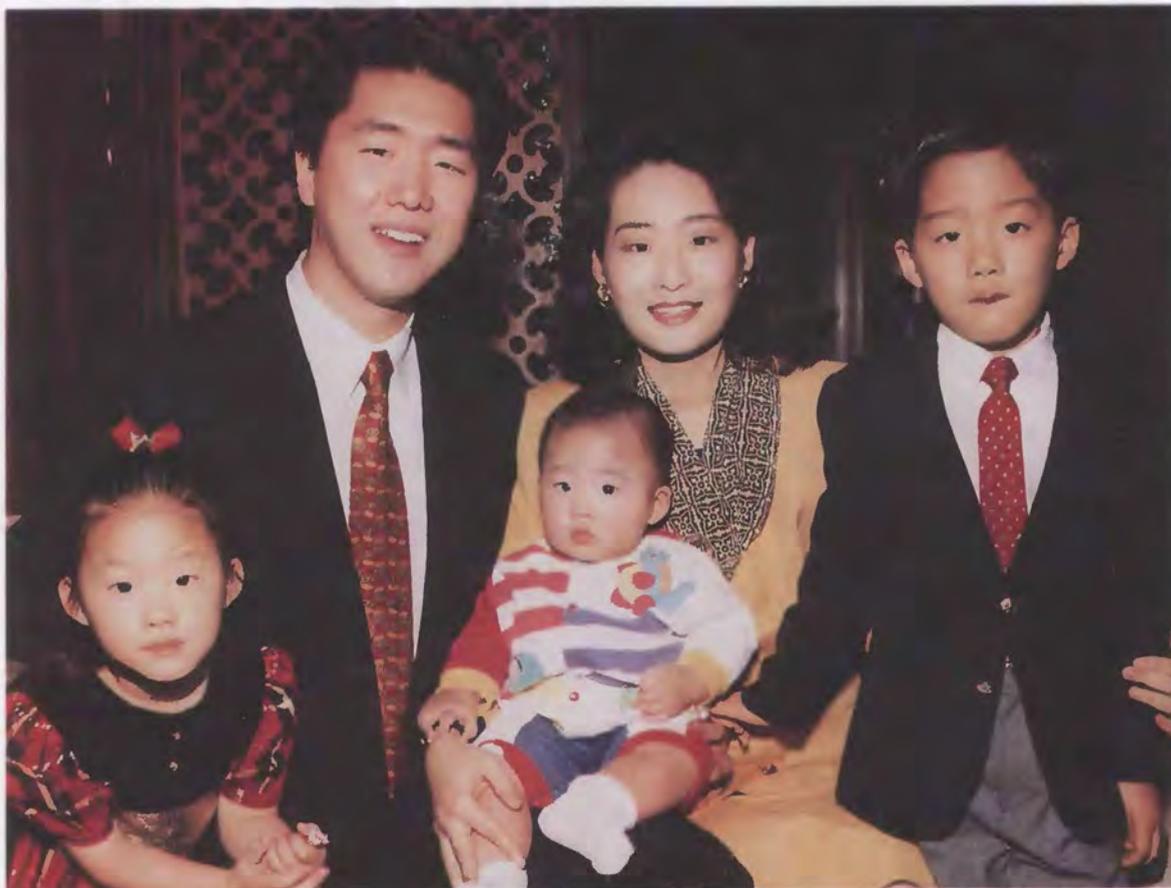
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your agonizing heart. Your heart, love and care will naturally go to that child more than to the others. Don't you agree? True Parents are loving and fair. Therefore, it is up to you how much love you receive from True Parents. Your behavior, your activity, your effort and your prayer determine how much love you receive from True Parents. Do you understand? [Yes.] Your heart should be so deep that when you say "Father" and "True Parents" tears flow from your eyes. That is the type of golden heart you should have. When you say "True Parents," the words should not come from your brain, but from your hearts. Have you experienced that? That kind of state of mind should never change, 24 hours a day.

However, to be frank, in your daily life, your state of mind is constantly fluctuating, isn't it? You have been living centering upon your own situation. Please understand that this is the last chance True Parents and God are giving you to lead a worthy life as their children. You are very fortunate, because this is probably the only period in which God and True Parents are fully ready to work with you according to your standard and the conditions you set.

Do you know who feels the happiest because I am going around the world and giving this proclamation to all mankind? God, the spirit world, and Father are the happiest. Actually, you are supposed to feel the same way Father and God feel, but you are still far away. If you truly understood the precious value and significance of this proclamation and my speaking tour, you would not be able to keep your feet on the ground. You would not know whether you were up in the clouds or in the water. It is like a dream to experience such excitement and joy. You would be so inspired and so happy that you could not sit still but would go out and talk to people, eager to spread this truth to even one more person. That should be your state of mind. If

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True Family celebrates the eleventh birthday of Shin Jung Nim (2-25-94), the sixth birthday of Shin Gil Nim (2-6-94) and the first birthday of Shin Yul Nim (1-30-94). **Above**—front row (left to right): Shin Eh Nim, Shin Won Nim, Shin Kwon Nim, Shin Myung Nim, Shin Gil Nim, Shin Jung Nim, Shin Young Nim, Shin Ok Nim, Shin Sun Nim, Shin Yeon Nim; back row (left to right): Hyo Jin Nim; Nan Sook Nim, Soon Ju Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, Jin Hun Nim, Young Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Father, Hyung Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Mother,

True Family Portrait Treasures



Yeon Jin Nim, Sun Jin Nim, Jeung Jin Nim, In Jin Nim holding Shin Yul Nim, Un Jin Nim, Jun Sook Nim holding Shin Joong Nim. **Left** (left to right): Shin Eh Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Jun Sook Nim holding Shin Joong Nim, Shin Won Nim. **Next page, left**—front (left to right): Shin Kwon Nim, Shin Sun Nim, Shin Myung Nim; back (left to right): Jin Sung Nim and In Jin Nim holding Shin Yul Nim. **Top right:** Father kisses Mother on the cheek during their song at the birthday celebration. **Bottom right:** Shin Yul Nim dressed in traditional Korean clothing for his first birthday. (Photos: Ken Owens/NFP)



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you had such a heart, whomever you contacted would be attracted to you and would follow you.

CREATE YOUR OWN MIRACLES

As I travel around the world, I have witnessed so many miracles. God has prepared so many good people for this special time. Many times you do not even have to set a special condition because God prepares so many good people. All you have to do is just go and talk to them. Touch them, and they will come. This is the time for creating miracles everywhere. What greater miracle is there than giving life to a person who is dying?

Australia is a big continent. You may think that my speech was successful in terms of mobilization; yet when we look objectively, it is a failure. All of you who are sitting here are very precious people. Your position here as a Unification Church member sitting in front of me is very precious. Yet, you did not really utilize your position, your power or your privilege. Australia represents all of Oceania, yet you brought only several hundred people. Was that enough? Through today's event you are indebted to God. If you receive one hundred percent of your power, strength and wisdom from God, you should return more than that to God.



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However, today, you did not return to God even one-tenth of what you received from Him.

Suppose you go to the spirit world tomorrow. What would you do? People waited to receive the Lord of the Second Coming but passed into the spirit world before they had the opportunity. So many of those prophets and saints and sages are waiting in the spirit world. Will they welcome you, or criticize and condemn you? If you do not fulfill your responsibility in this physical world, you will be eternally miserable in the spirit world.

I have witnessed so many miracles.

God is so supportive. Wherever I go, I bring sunshine. When I go to a really humid and hot place, clouds come and cool it off. When I was in hot Africa, the weather was spring-like. These are twentieth century miracles. When I spoke in America in May, the Mississippi River was undergoing the biggest floods in fifty years. Many cities along the Mississippi were flooded for weeks. Des Moines, Iowa, was already flooded when we scheduled the speech there, two or three weeks in advance. Many Korean regional directors in America opposed that location because they thought all the highways would be blocked and no one would be able to enter the city. Father said, "Mother will do it." Until the day before the speech, the highway into Des Moines was blocked, and all the hotels in the city were closed for lack of drinking water or electricity. No one went there. Everyone was desperate, but then a miracle happened. The night before



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the speech, the hotel where I was supposed to speak reopened its auditorium and several lower floors. The hotel staff felt that if they reopened people would start coming into the city. By the time I arrived to give the speech, it was a bright, sunny day. Right after I left for the next city, it started pouring and soon after the entire region was closed again. This is just one example of the many miracles that have been taking place throughout this speaking tour.

Can you begin to feel how happy God is to see me creating this kind of miracle? [Yes.] Now it is your turn to create miracles for the sake of the people of your country. You can do it. When you as the children of True Parents are totally united with them, try to attain the standard of True Parents, and do the same things as True Parents, you can perform such miracles all over your country.

As you probably heard, the True Children, from Ye Jin down to Young Jin, who is only fifteen years old, are traveling around America giving the same proclamation. They are not speaking in hotel ballrooms but in established Christian churches. Presbyterian and Baptist ministers are inviting True Children to speak to their congregations. They speak in tears with the same kind of heart as I. Wherever True Children give this proclamation, the members of the host congregation and our members are totally inspired.

On my way from Bogota to New Zealand, I had to change flights in Los Angeles. The Korean regional director in California, Rev. Sung San Lee, came out to the airport and received me. He reported that many religious leaders say, "We cannot control

our children, because they do not want to follow in our footsteps. Even though we are ministers, our children do not want to be ministers. They are going their own way." Not just ministers, but politicians and professors feel the same way. It is an agonizing feeling. Christian leaders see Reverend Moon's family through his children, who are totally united in following in their parents' footsteps. They consider Rev. Moon's family to be an exemplary one, which every other American family should follow.

I have been giving these instructions to every nation I have visited. Different nations have had different results and different standards. For example, Australia has over a hundred members, while some countries have over a thousand members, and Brazil and Zaire have over 3,000 members. Yet this is a special time, and every nation is on the same starting line of a marathon race. Now it is up to you.

If you do your absolute best, Australia will be the first nation to reach the finish line. If you take it easy and neglect your mission, then your nation will finish last. It is up to you. You have to do your absolute best to secure your victory. Therefore, would Australian members like to be the champion or the last? [Champion!] Remember, however, not just Australia but every other country is on the starting line in the race to become the first. Are you confident to win this race? [YES!] Your "yes" sounds strong enough to win. Say it again! [YES!] I see some possibility. Therefore, do your best. ■■■

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Take More Responsibility for the Unfolding of God's Providence

Report on Mother's Visit to Australia

Hyung Keun Kim

PREPARATIONS for Mother's visit to Australia began in earnest in early October. The main focus was to reach out to VIPs such as politicians, diplomats, mayors, academics and one thousand church ministers around Sydney. The response was good except from the ministers. Almost without exception, they ignored our invitation.

Mrs. Noriko Oyamada, our elder sister from Japan, had been sent by True Parents to assist us in the preparations. She travelled to the major cities to meet members

and help them prepare internally for Mother's coming. Many sisters gathered in Sydney to help with the preparations while throughout the nation, members participated in chain fasting. Several completed three- or even seven-day fasts.

Mother, Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, Peter Kim and seven staff members arrived in Sydney, Australia, from Auckland, New Zealand, at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 17, 1993. This was the 37th stop on Mother's worldwide speaking tour proclaiming "True Parents and

the Completed Testament Age."

The venue for Mother's speech was the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the Sydney suburb of Double Bay. Upon arriving at the hotel, Mother was welcomed to Australia by leaders and Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) members who had gathered in her suite. After bowing to Mother and cutting a welcoming cake, Rev. Kwak sent brothers and sisters out to make the final phone calls and preparations for Mother's speech that evening.

At 5:45 p.m. guests started arriving for



a VIP reception and were greeted by Rev. Kwak, Rev. Hyung Keun Kim (regional director of Oceania) and WFWP-Australia public relations staff. A cross-section of Australian society was represented by the 86 VIPs who attended the reception and Mother's speech. Included in this group were a politician, several diplomats, academics, religious leaders and representatives from numerous ethnic groups. A letter from the leader of the National Party of Australia, and 31 others, were read to the audience prior to Mother's speech, as representative of the more than ninety letters of support that were received.

The evening program began at 7 p.m. with the invocation offered by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lambert Carter, moderator of the Federation of Congregational Churches in Australia, followed by the Australian national anthem. A rendition of "Wind Beneath My Wings" by two young female vocalists created a warm atmosphere. It was followed by a video presentation of Mother's life. Mr. James Small, a member of the National Party of Australia and sitting member of the New South Wales Parliament, introduced Mother very heartistically, congratulating her for "magnificence of her duty in showing such devotion and dedication towards Christian values and standards" and describing her family as "the perfect family."

Mother delivered her speech very confidently to a receptive audience. A standing ovation greeted Mother at the conclusion of her speech and then four VIPs from the religious, political and academic

professions presented plaques and gifts to her on stage.

The audience numbered only 500 people; but while the overall turnout was disappointing, the number and level of VIPs in attendance were significantly higher than for Mother's speech in Sydney in November 1992. This marked the first time in the history of the Unification Church in Australia that sitting politicians had openly supported True Parents and their work. Moreover, the sentiments expressed by Mr. Small and other members of the National Party of Australia clearly

showed that God has prepared people in high positions in Australian society to receive True Parents. Brothers and sisters gathered with Mother and Rev. Kwak in Mother's suite after the speech to hear Rev. Kwak's report to Father and to hear True Parents sing to one another. Mother and Rev. Kwak both spoke to the members, entreating us to intensify our work for God and True Parents, and especially to gain many more new members. The next morning, Mother left the Ritz-Carlton at 10:00 a.m. for a scenic drive before heading out to Sydney airport for her early afternoon flight to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Rev. Kwak met again with brothers and sisters for about one and a half hours. He announced the appointment of Greg Stone as the new national leader of Australia, the first Australian to be national leader in the 21-year history of the Unification Church in Australia. We can see that True Parents are challenging Australians to take more responsibility for the unfolding of God's providence in their nation in this time of the Completed Testament Age. ■■

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Proclamation of True Parents and the Completed Testament Age

claiming our True Parents. We must continuously lead a life of announcing the Completed Testament Age wherever we go.

Father especially fixed the date for yesterday. Was that to suit Korean time or was it just chosen naturally? Today all the established churches are celebrating Easter Sunday.

As you all know, although the established churches commemorate Easter on the Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring equinox, the true date of Jesus' resurrection by the solar calendar is April 17. Even if we do not know that exact date, on the basis of knowing that the Christian world is currently celebrating the resurrection, we will more deeply recognize the significance of today. From the Divine Principle and our Father's teaching we know that Christianity is a religion based on the resurrection of the Lord. We are grateful that we understand, as well as the established churches, the astounding secret that the age of the New Testament providence could begin because of the glory and the grace of the resurrection. Yet, when we commemorate Jesus' resurrection, we Unification Church members think about what came before the victory of the resurrection.

Thus, we celebrate the victory of God and Jesus at the time of the resurrection. Therefore, we must console and testify to the agonized hearts of God and Jesus. What was the will of God who sent Jesus? Truly, the will of God and Jesus was for Jesus to live, to awaken the Jewish people, and to attain the position of True Parent during his physical life in order to save all mankind.

In Jesus' day it was also difficult to believe in Jesus

Father recently spoke about the problem of how difficult it was for Jesus to establish God's will. This is only touched upon briefly in the Bible. The Bible mentions simply that Joseph was troubled and did not know what to do when he heard that Mary, to whom he was betrothed, was bearing a child; then an angel appeared, and told him Mary's conception was God's will and that he should not be afraid of taking her as his wife. How can such an incident be simple? If the rumor that Mary was

pregnant had reached the ears of her betrothed Joseph, it must already have spread throughout that whole small region, as well as the rumor that the child which Mary had conceived was not the child of Joseph. Nevertheless, Joseph accepted Mary. Because he was a righteous man, Joseph took Mary; but he must have wondered so much about the cause and origin of the baby in Mary's womb. How difficult it must have been to be in the midst of that situation, news of which had spread amongst their relatives, as well as throughout their

Father speaking at the God's Day pledge ceremony, while Mother listens.



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village and into Jewish society? How difficult and sorrowful it must have been for Jesus, born under such circumstances, to grow up to become the Savior. We simply cannot imagine all the details of the full story. Therefore, Father has spoken about this both in public and in private. At that time it was truly difficult and demanding to believe in Jesus. The situation was really hard.

Even though it was so difficult and so arduous, there were people in those days who dared and people today who dare to demand, "God, why did You set up such a difficult providence? Why didn't You send a Savior one could believe in?" How can they say such a thing? It was God's will. The Messiah appeared in such a manner because of God's entire dispensation and indemnity course, which created the way of heaven, and the providential circumstances that required the Messiah to pass through that external course. Who can protest in that way? Before protesting, we have to know clearly about the heavenly way and dispensation. No matter how difficult it is externally to believe

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in Jesus, if we believe in Jesus we enter the path of life, but if we disbelieve and slander Jesus, we enter the path of death. This is the crossroads of life and death.

Why did Father say, "It was even more difficult to have faith in Jesus' time"? The history of the Unification family and True Parents started its course from a point that was not easy for all people to believe; there are many difficulties stemming from peoples' preconceptions. Nevertheless, no one can protest. I think that Father is emphasizing this solemn fact: no one may violate the heavenly way and heavenly destiny. From this viewpoint, we must believe that God could resurrect Jesus on the spiritual foundation which could not be accused by Satan, because he kept the mind of True Parents in loving mankind and their heart of loyalty and filial piety in front of heaven, even though he went the way of the cross before he could fulfill God's will on earth. In front of us, the resurrected

Completed Testament Age. They are neglecting to meet and welcome the True Parents and the Completed Testament Age and to return glory to the True Parents. Thinking of God's agonized frustration, we must have the determination to proclaim the True Parents and the Completed Testament Age together, with a heart of even more tears and kindness we must take care of all the members of the established churches and persuade them to realize the truth.

Handling the responses to this great proclamation

What types of response are going to come from this announcement in the newspapers? We are all concerned about that. When people see these words, we really hope that they will realize, "It really is the time! These are the words! This is the benevolence of heaven! This is the benevolence of the providence of salvation!" This announcement will be our constant guide. It must become our textbook. This speech condenses all of God's providence up to the Completed Testament Age. We have to research this systematically through sermons in the future. In our families, with our children at family service time, we have to study and research this. We ourselves must first completely digest this speech and then testify to it. Headquarters has already sent out official letters and instructions several times to each region. We are also taking measures to handle all kinds of possible telephone inquiries and different reactions. Our members will also get questions from neighbors and acquaintances and some people will complain, so they must also be prepared to handle this kind of thing. I hope that all of our members will be completely confident about the contents of the proclamation. I hope that they will be able to reply having digested the contents and be able to explain from the point of view of the Divine Principle.

Even though Father is in America, I think he is concerned about the response in Korea, particularly from the Christian churches in Korea. Therefore, our headquarters is investigating the response nationally and is compiling statistics. Our members will also be coming up against all types of positive and negative responses, which should be reported to the witnessing department at the headquarters. We must not forget the facts proclaimed in the newspaper announcement. We must find out the response of the Christian churches and the Korean people in general and how the people in our neighborhood receive the proclamation and respond to it; then we must go out with a second phase of measures to awaken the people to the truth. With

Lord was in the position of the eternal Father and True Father. He sent the Holy Spirit to this earth as the spiritual mother; the spiritual True Father and the spiritual True Mother became the spiritual True Parents. From that decisive moment the New Testament Age began and continued until 1992.

The mental determination we should have

How agonizingly sad it is that, at this time of commemorating Jesus' resurrection, the Korean churches are stopping at the New Testament Age that has already ended. Now they are celebrating Easter Sunday at the close of the New Testament Age, but they are neglecting the newly dawned



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this in mind, I particularly entreat not just each church leader, but all of our members to report the overall response.

Witnessing through the Divine Principle

I would like to add and explain one or two items which Father has spoken about at several conferences recently. Father said, "Now is the time to witness to families and not to individuals, therefore you must witness with books. You must witness centering on the Divine Principle. All members must prepare thirty copies of the Divine Principle and give them out to be read. Then, after a certain period of time, one week or one month, you should collect the books back and distribute them to another thirty people. You must witness using this strategy."

Even though Divine Principle is difficult, it is the tradition

Father also said that the Divine Principle is the center of all our teaching materials. He said, "Even though the Divine Principle is difficult to understand, carefully consider True Parents' words and witness centering on that standard textbook." Father also said, "Do not make the Divine Principle too easy to understand. Religions develop because their sacred teachings are difficult to understand.... Christianity developed because of The Revelation of St. John. They did not know what The Revelation of St. John was about, so they could do nothing else but pray." So what is Father thinking about? Father said that, later on when Father goes to the spirit world, in order to interpret certain parts of the Divine Principle, "You must pray to get an answer about this content; with this guidance the Unification Church will develop greatly. There have to be unknown things to make you develop through prayer and invest your sincerity."

When I heard these words, I also thought, "Unification members know too much, and that is why we cannot develop! Because Father has told us too much, we have become too comfortable and lax." Recently Father emphasized this point a lot. Therefore, Father also said, "I have preserved Hyo Won Eu's Divine Principle just as it is, because I want you to understand how precious it is to preserve tradition." Even if there were a better written version, it would not be the standard text. In Father's mind the Divine Principle written by Hyo Won Eu is the standard. Only Father can change that. Of course, the Divine Principle alone is not everything. Much of the fundamental truth is to be found in Father's speeches.

Generally we have thought simply, not deeply, "The Divine Principle is too difficult!" It is a fact that we have expressed this or had this thought, and then we repent, saying, "Father sees things more deeply and from a larger viewpoint than we do." We have to realize this. Of course, I have also said these words before; but aren't the Com-

pleted Testament words usually centered on the principle of creation, the precious original words of the Divine Principle? The fall of man and the principle of restoration cannot become Completed Testament words. Things that are related to the ideal of creation and things which are related to the True Parents are all contained in the Completed Testament Age. The mainstream of the Completed Testament word is Father's sermons, Father's many teachings, and also the future announcements Father will make about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth—its contents, structure and organization, and the contents of the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world.

Divine Principle is the root

Although the main progression of the Completed Testament word is in Father's sermons, we always have to use the Divine Principle as the foundation to witness to ordinary people and to awaken the established churches to the truth. We are in the situation of proclaiming the Completed Testament Age and the True Parents, so people are interested in the Divine Principle. They will read and research it; therefore Father has said that we should read it constantly. When we have a family service, we should read the Divine Principle and explain it to our children. Although Father has said this before, he said again, "Lecture by reading the Divine Principle!" Of course, church leaders or lecturers still need to continue giving lectures with a blackboard when holding revival meetings or when giving lectures to new guests or new members. Father wants us to understand that, "as Divine Principle becomes popularized and universal, everyone will be interested in it, so will it be sufficient for the prepared lecturers just to give lectures from memory?" That is not enough. Therefore, Father said, "The whole tradition has already been established, and God's dispensation has already become solid and fixed. The problem is ignorance. If people only know who True Parents are and

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what kind of age the Completed Testament Age is, from that moment everyone will become interested and rush to join us like dry wood catching fire. Therefore, laying the foundation of witnessing with the Divine Principle is the most important thing."

National leaders must study Korean

Father is strongly emphasizing how important it is for the major foreign leaders to study Korean. He changed the national leaders of several European countries. Mark Brann, who had come and studied in Korea, became the British national leader; Johann Hinterleitner, who had studied in Korea, became the Austrian national leader; Karl Leonhardtsberger became the German national leader; and Giuseppe Cali, who had studied in Korea, became the Italian national leader. While carrying out these leadership changes, Father emphasized, "In the future the eternal tradition for foreign leaders will be that only those who have

come to Korea to study Korean.

Father is even busier now

Though Father proclaimed himself the Messiah on such a large scale, he said, "Because I have proclaimed myself to be the Messiah, history and mankind will closely observe how the Messiah lived after such a proclamation." I gave a sermon about this before it happened, and said, "Because the Completed Testament Age is the age of attending True Parents, followers in the Completed Testament Age must work harder, and True Parents will focus on the education of the True Children. It will also be a time when True Parents will be able to live a little more freely, won't it?" I explained it in this way, but since this proclamation Father's mind has become even busier, thinking and making a great effort to establish the tradition and inform all the people of the world about True Parents and the Completed Testament Age quickly.

Father specifically stated, "Two million people in the world are dying of starvation every year. Bearing the name of the Messiah, I cannot be indifferent to this fact. I cannot express how painful and agonized my heart is. Therefore, I made the new farm in Texas called the New Hope Farm in order to educate people from developing countries in farming skills, so that finally I can ensure that all the people of the world are able to fill their stomachs. This is my final project for world peace."

It was with this thought Father first had the idea of the New Hope Farm. Now Father is investing so much of his heart into the Texas farm. Therefore, I felt, studying Father's life and thought once again, that we should feel that this wonderful Completed Testament Age is our mission and responsibility, and that we have to have a daily schedule and lifestyle which is even busier than Father's. Even though Father is in the United States while this historical proclamation is being made, his greatest concern is with Korea. How are the Korean people receiving it? What is the Korean people's response? This is Father's concern. That is natural, isn't it? Therefore, we members must gain the greatest witnessing results of our lives and pledge once more to share this joyful news, this happy news, with our neighbors, our tribes and with all people.

Father said during the recent leaders' meeting that the next World Culture and Sports Festival will be in Japan in 1995, and that in 1998 the World Culture and Sports Festival will be in the United States. Father said that because the next World Culture and Sports Festival is prepared on the national level, it has to be held in Japan.

Prayer

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we are so grateful to You. Today on this holy Sunday of April we offer our gratitude to You, Heavenly Father and to True Parents. We sincerely thank You for enabling us to proclaim the True Parents and for enabling us to establish the subjective position of announcing the Completed Testament Age. Since yesterday, an astonishing history has begun with the proclamation



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Father and Mother cut the celebration cake after being welcomed back to America on February 4, 1994.

studied the Korean language in Korea and graduated from the Unification Theological Seminary in the United States may become national leaders." This is the tradition. Father also stated, "In the future the first condition for foreign members to become related by marriage to my lineal descendants or to the senior Korean families will be that the parents must know the Korean language." Therefore, the foreign national leaders will continue to



*Father and Mother
blow out the candles
on the God's Day
celebration cake.*

of the True Parents in 160 countries of the world. We pray that You may work so that, confronted with this heavenly proclamation and grace, the hearts of all people, the original minds of all people, may respect Father and revere the True Parents. How agonized You, our God, have been along history's dark road of betrayal, disobedience and sin! How tragic, how lonely was the path You trod! Please forgive our failure to recognize our Heavenly Father's lonely course with our heart and intellect. Now that the providence of the heavenly destiny has passed from the Old and New Testaments of restoration to the perfect Completed Testament Age, we pray that You may work so that our sincerity may bear fruit together with the heavenly destiny, and that all people may attend You, Father, and attend True Parents. Now that the time has come when the lonely days have come to an end and must be transformed into an age of attendance and receiving glory, Father, please work so that we may invest even more sincerity according to Your desire. Heavenly Father, please be compassionate towards the Christians whom You especially sought out and established. Already the providential baton is no longer with the Christians but has been passed on to the adherents of the Completed Testament Age; nevertheless, Father, are they not those whom You called, forgave, embraced and in whom You placed Your hopes for 2,000 years? I earnestly implore You not to discard them but to

embrace them and lead them so that the Christians among our people may attend the True Parents and become the heroes of the Completed Testament Age. Please be compassionate towards them this morning also as they gather at altars everywhere to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus. Father, I sincerely pray that they can go beyond the site of Jesus' resurrection, attend the substantial glory of the True Parents and understand the destiny of the Completed Testament Age. Please grant them the grace that they may recognize and attend the True Parents as the Lord whom they have been eagerly awaiting. Father, we have nothing to give but our sincere heart. Please forgive our ignorance and our idleness. Please graft us into the period of this proclamation so that we can proclaim together, embark together, testify together and cry out together. Father, we pray that You may work to make this happen and that You will lead us even more actively. We sincerely desire that because of our cries the people of this nation and these good Christian people will awaken from their sleep. Heavenly Father, please let this week be one in which we can assert all things subjectively so that all the people can form ties of life with True Parents through this week of grace. With gratitude we offer this prayer in the True Parents' holy names. Amen. ■■■

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RYS Inaugurates New Chapters

The Measure of a Successful Event

John Gehring

LARGE interfaith conferences and gatherings are very important, but they are meant to accomplish more than the sum of the energy invested in their implementation. History will judge the success of conferences not by the events themselves but by the degree to which they empowered people to implement ideas, programs and actions that are in line with God's will for the time.

The International Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) sponsored an interfaith event in New Delhi, India, as part of the centennial festivities marking the Parliament for the World's Religions. The event was held at a time and place of high religious tension. A visible manifestation of the changes that the event spoke for occurred when people of all ages, cultures and faiths joined in the march of silence in promotion of world peace.

Among the activities sponsored by the IRFWP in New Delhi was the Religious Youth Service (RYS) Global Forum. In the seven months that have passed since the event, it is clear that it served as a catalyst in setting off a chain-reaction of goodness. Many of the participants in the global forum returned to their homes internally changed, with a new motivation and vision about working substantially for the betterment of others. This has resulted in a wide variety of youth-led, grassroots peace initiatives.

I recently visited many of the delegates to the global forum in India and have observed their efforts at promoting the vision of world peace through inter-religious harmony and action.

The results of reconnecting with these RYS alumni were more than rewarding in that it served to reinforce the value of the efforts that the IRFWP has been making toward the goal of establishing the foundation for true and lasting peace.

Grassroots RYS Developments

Madura is an ancient temple city in South India and the home of the Gandhi Museum. Prior to the RYS Global Forum, the Gandhi Museum in cooperation with the RYS sponsored a five day series of

seminars on issues of interest to today's young people. From the participants of these seminars the top fifteen were selected to attend the global forum.

The experience of participants at the global forum served as a way to bring like-minded people together from the local area. Many new friendships were formed and networking was a natural outcome. As a result, the RYS alumni decided to carry out several programs to suit the needs of the local community. These programs included recruiting and sponsoring a ten-member medical team to the countryside, which treated nearly 200 needy villagers. The RYS medical team worked with local doctors, and successfully performed sixteen free eye operations.

Following the medical campaign, the RYS alumni organized a seven-day RYS festival in which all the cities' schools and colleges were invited to take part. The program's contests centered on peace themes with competitions being held in drama, poetry, sports, academics, oratory and art. On the seventh day, I conducted a one-day leadership seminar for 45 youth

leaders. The week of activities was capped by an evening awards program in which over 200 prize winners and their families gathered at the Gandhi Museum to receive awards for their outstanding efforts.

Watching the faces of the children as they were recognized for their efforts brought joy to us all. Especially moving was that some of the awardees were of the caste which has been collecting scraps from rubbish heaps as their occupation for generations. The stimulation of winning a prize in a competition was meant to show the unique gifts that lie within, and to lift these gifts up for the community to recognize.

The RYS vision has now been introduced to the city of Madura through the good works of the medical teams and the festival. From this beginning new programs and activities will be created to help give individuals and families a chance to experience the heart of loving service that is rooted in all our religious traditions.

Madras is one of the largest cities in the sub-continent of South Asia. Alive with activity, its young adults are searching for



New Delhi RYS volunteers help give blood for victims of local fighting.

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Professor Munaswamy lights inaugural candles at Loyola University. Left to right: Fr. Alphonse Xavier, RYS student president, Michihiro Hasagawa, the rector of the college, Prof. Munaswamy.



Inaugurating the RYS Kottiyam chapter in Kerala, Fr. Anthony and John Gehring light a lamp of peace while other participants look on.

ways to solve some of the critical problems they face. Parts of the city are without running water while women are busy till past midnight with the task of pumping water that is to be "head-carried" over distances to the home. Water was scarce even in the modern apartment that I stayed in, being available only for two morning hours. Having a distinctly brown color the water also needed double filtering to be drinkable.

Two groups of RYS young adults from Madras attended the global forum: sixteen students from Loyola and a dozen

from other local institutes. After returning home, the Loyola group under the guidance of Professor Munaswamy and Principal Fr. Alphonse Xavier, S.J., began setting up an RYS academic interfaith service course. The other Madras alumni have been contacting local social service groups with surveys to find out which organizations could use volunteers and which would like to work together on future projects. They are also meeting together with Loyola students to do joint activities and have prepared a fourteen-page version of the *World Scriptures* that they hope to dis-

tribute to the homes of 100,000 people.

Kotiyam, in the state of Kerala, inaugurated an RYS chapter with the support of 600 friends of RYS on August 17. Through the efforts of global forum graduates Roy Mathew and Siby Joseph and advisor Rev. Dr. Antony Chirappanath, the RYS is working in cooperation with local organizations such as the Red Cross on programs that promote values that lead to cooperation and harmony.

The Red Cross of Kotiyam with its 5,000 members is already a model chapter for the nation and has pioneered such



Madura, India, held a week-long festival of peace.



RYS's summer project will be in Turkey in 1994.



on the theme of "Values Education and Multi-cultural Awareness."

Outside of India those who returned from the global forum have also been active. The Sri Lanka RYS has met several times, written a constitution and is planning local activities. In Katmandu, Nepal, the RYS is planning a seminar in October to continue in the spirit of cooperation participants experienced at the global forum.

In general, the spirit that the IRFWP event created in New Delhi in February, one in which religious cooperation was seen as a life-long mission, has rooted itself in the soil of South Asia. Under the banner of RYS, like-minded individuals and organizations have set out with the task of creating an environment that is conducive to peace

Nearly 600 participants joined in opening the RYS in Kuttinyam, Kerala, South India.

programs as home nurses, in which village women are trained in basic nursing practices and then are sent to visit the homes of those isolated from medical help. Through cooperation with the Red Cross the RYS hopes to bring valuable educational programs to a broad base of grassroots organizations and supply leadership training seminars.

In New Delhi graduates of the global forum quickly mobilized to support a blood drive for victims of local violence in Bombay—over 150 people gave blood in response to the need of the moment. In addition in June, RYS alumni from Bombay and the Delhi area worked with Dr. Homi Dahlla on an environmental tree-planting project held in the Poona region.

Global forum graduates also organized meetings in several other cities and are preparing for local projects in Ludhiana in the Punjab. In Bangalore the alumni gathered for a weekend interfaith program that included a day of service at a school for visually handicapped children. Bangalore alumni are planning on forming an RYS choir to pro-

mote its ideals of harmony.

Other graduates from Kochin in Kerala have been working with the Kotiyam chapter and are soon to develop their own programs. The alumni of the global forum living in Jaipur sponsored a one-day seminar that drew 35 participants and focused

and cooperation. ■■

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Practice Sacrificial Love and Ease the Pain of Our Fellow Man

IRFF Switzerland in Albania

Remy Gindroz and Ruth Robinson

THROUGH mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem and round about unto Ilyricum (Albania), I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. (Rom. 15:19)

Albania's name was probably taken from that of an Illyrian tribe, the Albanoi, who were early inhabitants of the region. Although it underwent a brief period of Christian influence, Albania remains Europe's only predominantly Muslim country, as a legacy of the Ottoman rule during the Middle Ages. It has so often been occupied by various countries, each contributing aspects of its own culture, that it was not until 1887 that the first school for the Albanian language was opened.

In its more recent history, Albania has suffered under one of the world's cruelest communist dictatorships. When party members fell into disgrace, their wives were forced to divorce them. Men were forbidden to wear beards. All foreign credit and businesses were banned. Even minor criticism of the government, such as comments about the long-standing food shortage, could result in imprisonment for the complainant and his relatives.

Four years have passed since revolutionary waves began spilling into the "Land of the Eagle," as Albanians call their nation. Today, life is much better; and the Albanian people are working to secure a more civilized society, with a market economy, parliamentary rule and more respect for human life. However, many Albanians still feel it is impossible for Albanians to succeed in Albania.

Through our work with the Albanian people in our different International Relief



José Suarez, IRFF representative for Switzerland in Albania (far right), with Illir Pojani (second from right), and Gazmed Leka (left), two professors of the Academy of Fine Arts in Tirana, and Ruth Robinson (third from right).

Friendship Foundation (IRFF) projects, we have come to realize that one of the nation's problems at this time is the lack of educational opportunity, as well as a vision of a higher standard than its citizens have experienced over the last several decades.

Despite our output of materials and energy for the school window project in 1992, the residents expressed little gratitude. At one high school, the newly replaced windows were broken out shortly after our departure. Many other humanitarian relief organizations have had similar experiences. We came to understand that, in order to form a worthwhile and durable collaboration, we needed to find qualified people of good moral standard who were ready and willing to work to improve their own environment, thus al-

lowing the recipients not to become dependent on relief organizations.

Educational projects

Through the connections of our IRFF president, Remy Gindroz, we were able to initiate an academic exchange program between the School of Art in Lausanne, Switzerland, and the Academy of Fine Arts in Tirana, Albania. Last year two Albanian professors spent a month at the school in Lausanne as professor-observers, to learn both pedagogy and technology. Their trip and accommodations were paid for by the School of Art in Lausanne. The dean of the school in Lausanne then spent three weeks at the Academy of Fine Arts in Tirana, and is now planning to return to Tirana again this year. He will take fifteen Swiss students with him this time.

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Part of the donation made by IRFF-Switzerland; mostly medical equipment to help the nurses work more adequately. The newly-founded Albanian Air transported all relief goods free of charge.

The School of Art is also considering offering one-year scholarships to Albanian students. It seems that a durable relationship has been established between the two academies.

IRFF made several donations of photographic paper and photo laboratory equipment to the Academy of Fine Arts in Tirana. Our desire is to extend this kind of project to other facilities. The problem as always is to develop a project with the right person, someone who can take responsibility for this unique opportunity to raise the standard of his country.

We sponsored the visit of an American professor to help our IRFF representatives in Albania open some new doors. This professor's field of expertise is political geography, political science and civic engagement. While in Albania, he spoke at schools and the university, and met with politicians. His speeches stressed the real meaning of democracy including the moral and personal engagements that accompany the political system. The experience was successful, and hopefully will be repeated.

Medical project

We have developed a working relationship with two doctors from the University Hospital in Tirana. IRFF-Switzerland has found good and serious partners in the medical field in Dr. Petrela and Dr. Cikuli. Our vice-president, Ruth Robinson, who is a Swiss registered nurse, was

invited by the head of the neurology department of the hospital to work with the Albanian nurses. This project had two goals: (1) to develop a deeper professional relationship with Dr. Petrela and Dr. Cikuli, the new director of the hospital, and (2) to work with the Albanian nurses in order to understand, evaluate and better cooperate with their department. We chose the neurology department because IRFF-Switzerland had previously

In Albania we can see the result of a total absence of any religious teaching, with nursing taught merely as a social profession.

Father said, "Even in our modern world of constant change, we must establish righteousness, practice sacrificial love and ease the pain of our fellow man as well as comfort the heart of God." We have come to understand the importance of giving help, not only on a humanistic

assisted this department in obtaining 42 hydraulic hospital beds and other medical equipment.

Our goal in undertaking this project was to help the two medical communities to understand how they could work cooperatively and improve their relationship, so that Albania could be stimulated and guided to re-integrate in the European community. Three points unique to Albania seem to hinder this re-integration: (1) the infrastructure of the university hospital seems very limited; (2) the two-year nurses' education is mostly theoretical; and (3) a lack of the teaching of team spirit and nurse-patient relationship, causing many nurses to work without much motivation. A major factor in this problem appears to be that the desire to help and heal is nurtured in the moral and ethical values taught by schools which are based upon Christian teachings in most European nations.



Ruth Robinson giving medical and nursing advice to the entire neurological department staff at the University-Hospital of Tirana.



42 hydraulic beds were given by IRFF-Switzerland, including about 500 bedsheets. Blankets and curtains were donated by a Greek relief organization.

level, but also guidance which appeals to the heart and soul of the Albanian nurses. What makes IRFF different from other relief organizations is the spiritual values as well as the call to implement them which God is giving us through our True Parents in the form of the Divine Principle.

The nurses in Albania simply execute the prescribed medical instructions of the doctor in charge of the patient. The influence of Muslim tradition, which does not permit a woman nurse to take care of a male patient, could be seen as partially responsible for the nurses' rather sterile attitude toward their patients, except that the nurses behave similarly to their women patients. As a result, a medical treatment or operation is often successful, but, as the post-operative tasks are neglected, the patient may die anyway. Nurses need to be educated in hygienic principles, so that the success rate of medical procedures can increase.

At the end of Ruth's first week with the nurses she arranged for a meeting with about fifty medical workers, including all the doctors. Dr. Petrela, the head of the neurology department, insisted that his colleague-doctors participate as well, because he wanted to ensure that all his personnel received the medical advice IRFF-Switzerland had to offer.

Dr. Petrela's desire was that the nurses learn how to wash a critically ill patient in bed, how to transfer a patient from the bed to a wheelchair, and how to administer injections, perfusions and blood transfusions—as well as all aspects of correctly taking blood from a patient without contamination of the instruments or the pa-

tient. In the second week Ruth took a different nurse with her each day, and they took care of the patient according to the doctor's orders, using the higher standard we wished to see them apply.

It was interesting to see how eager the younger nurses were to learn, to question and to challenge themselves. On the other hand, the medical staff over forty years of age needed special care, because this generation had undergone communist teaching in which a human being was considered to be of no value if he was sick. Unless he was an important communist party member, his life was not consid-

ered important, so the care he received was only marginal. The simple fact of considering a patient as a brother or sister, not a "party comrade" anymore, could help to establish a small foundation. Upon such a foundation, education on an internal and external level is possible.

It was interesting to see that some of the nurses applied the newly learned way of working. Others had more difficulty and went back to their own way. In our last medical meeting, the doctors and nurses concluded that IRFF-Switzerland is truly bringing hope to the medical nurses in Albania. In the past three years since Albania opened its frontiers, hundreds of medical advisors have passed through, visiting the University Hospital of Tirana, a great deal of good advice was given, and more tips on good work ethics were hammered into the medical staff of the hospital. Only IRFF-Switzerland opened the first cooperative work and on-the-job training.

We can see that it is possible for IRFF to make a difference. The difference may be small and often hidden, but others notice it. We would like to express our deepest thanks to José Suarez, IRFF representative for Switzerland in Albania, and local friends. Without their collaboration and constant support, IRFF-Switzerland could not have had this tremendous impact in such a short time. ■■■

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Ruth Robinson (left) giving clinical instruction on how to handle sterile instruments; one physician translates for the nurses.

Unification Thought and the Montessori Method

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SINCE graduating from the Unification Theological Seminary in 1983, I have consistently applied myself to the development of a preschool program for the education of blessed children. As part of the Manhattan Center staff, I have continued along my research and, for the past three years, have conducted a small preschool class for blessed children.

Continuing my adolescent interest in teaching, I was introduced to the Montessori method here in America. It became clear to me that this method could be very useful in developing a program for preschool blessed children. My goal is to apply Unification Thought to my curriculum; therefore, when the Unification Thought Institute and the Unification Theological Seminary began to offer ten-week seminar courses on Unification Thought, I enrolled.

Since graduating, I have intensified my search to harmonize the Montessori method with the Unification Thought theory of education. This is obviously a large task—and an ongoing project. I wanted to present some of my conclusions so far in the hope that other Unificationists interested in children's education will offer suggestions and share their views.

Introduction

"Humankind can hope for a solution to its problems—among which the most urgent are those of peace and unity, only by turning its attention and energies to the discovery of the child and to the development of the great potentialities of the human personality in the course of its formation." (Montessori, *Discovery of the Child*, "Introduction")

Educational theorists throughout the centuries have each developed specific aspects of the complete truth concerning education. The history of education is filled with discoveries from such influential thinkers as Rousseau, Locke, Froebel, Pestalozzi, Dewey and Montessori. All these aspects are gathered together by Unification Thought in our effort to develop the ideal educational system.

In this article I will present a few of the

insights put forward by Montessori, and will attempt to harmonize them with the Unification Thought theory of education. I will draw from my own experience as a researcher in the area of preschool education and as a teacher of children ages three to six.

Maria Montessori herself

Maria Montessori (1870-1952), an Italian doctor and educator, was the first woman to receive a medical degree in Italy. Not formally trained as an educator, Montessori became interested in education through working with subnormal children as an intern, while working at a clinic associated with the University of Rome. Her research in education was particularly influenced by the French doctors

spirit that reflects God." The spiritual embryo needs to be protected and given plenty of time to develop. Children must be provided an atmosphere of understanding and care, and their needs must be fulfilled. Their feelings must be respected, and their interest must be allowed to develop, guided by the teacher but following their own inclination.

Montessori concluded that children want to learn, and they will learn naturally, especially when aided by the proper materials (didactic materials). Her keen observation and scientific method led her to discover that certain materials can particularly arouse children's interest and attention. She observed also that children between three and six years old would work spontaneously with those materi-

als—totally indifferent to distraction—for an extended time. After working like that, children would show no sign of fatigue but rather would be refreshed and calm.

For Montessori, the whole point of life is to learn about the world around us through a process of discovery. She be-

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Jean Itard and Edouard Seguin, who worked in the treatment of mentally retarded children.

Montessori's theory of education

Montessori developed a unique philosophy and theory of education based on her observation of human nature in general and the nature of the child in particular, as well as her research into the process of learning and the depth of her own spiritual values. She was a woman with great intuition and deep heart of love for the children and their needs, embodying the shimjung (heart) of the Unification theory of education: the heart of longing to be together—in essence, God's heart to us as His children.

For Montessori, the human being is a "spiritual embryo" with a "psychic life." She refers to the child as a "pure and open

believed that the meaning of growth for young children is self-creation through auto-education. One can best benefit children by providing them with the means to create themselves and by removing any obstacles. Thus, children are different from adults in that the prime force of their work is to create the person they are to become.

In Montessori's philosophy, society must be changed, and the best way to change it is through education. If allowed to grow unhampered, the child will become the harbinger of salvation. Adults should think of themselves as less pure. The best thing for them to do is to step back as the child makes himself into a new man or woman. "Follow the child," Montessori constantly instructed her teachers.

Accordingly, Montessori taught that the role of the teacher is to follow the



Maria Montessori

needs of the child and fulfill them. The teacher must be sensitive to the feelings of the child and respect them. In order to grow, children must feel joy in their work and must be surrounded by love.

In Montessori's view, the child has an "absorbent mind" and a "conscious mind." The absorbent mind is unconscious and allows for the internalization of everything coming from experience. The conscious mind enables the child to make sense of those experiences; this making sense of things begins around the age of three years old and peaks at the age of six.

Montessori also identified "sensitive periods" in the process of development of the child: At different points in their growth, children are sensitive to different kinds of learning, such as order, language, walking, sociability, perception of small objects and sensory learning. A child's success or lack of it in going through such "sensitive periods" depends very much on how adults relate to them and encourage the expression of their sensitivity. Montessori encouraged adults to help children to develop their creativity, wisdom and will; in this way, children can grow and ideally fulfill the purpose of their life.

The goal of Montessori education

What do we find at the end of the education process? What is the child like, af-

ter being successfully educated according to the Montessori theory of education?

A well-educated child, according to the Montessori theory of education, is one who has achieved balance between biological, mental and spiritual development. Such children develop their abilities to the fullest as they pass through the various "sensitive periods." The child who has achieved these goals loves order and work, is attached to reality, loves silence, is comfortable working alone, and has respect for others. Such children are not possessive and are obedient; at the same time, they are independent, display initiative, live by self-discipline, and exercise self-control. These children have a certain inner peace and joyful disposition.

According to Montessori's philosophy, every child should be thus educated. This child is the new human being, the harbinger of hope and salvation to society. Individuals thus educat-

ed have come to terms with themselves and know how to draw from their inner energies.

The Montessori method

The Montessori method is based on the view that the development of a child has less to do with teaching objectives and lesson plans than with strengthening the child's inner energies and the God within.

She came to those conclusions based on the following assumptions: (1) Every child has an innate, creative potential. (2) Every child has an irrepressible drive to learn. (3) Every child has the right to be treated as an individual.

The goals of the Montessori method are to develop initiative, to sharpen perception, and to allow for the experience of discovery. Students should develop order, concentration, coordination, independence and the love of learning.

Montessori took special care to develop the appropriate environment (prepared environment) so that those goals could be achieved. The classroom should be structured and yet non-confining; children should feel a sense of trust and freedom to express initiative. They should especially feel that their needs will be met in a non-

threatening, noncompetitive atmosphere. The environment should also be rich in learning materials, which are important tools in Montessori education.

The crucial factor for achieving such an atmosphere is the teacher. Montessori's view of the role of the teacher distinguished her most strikingly from traditional educational practices. Departing from the view of the "active teacher" versus "passive class," Montessori described the teacher as a "teacher-observer," who intervenes only when individual help is needed, when the children are abusing materials or when there is danger. The teacher's self-control, rather than class-control, is the desirable characteristic of the Montessori teacher-observer. As Montessori puts it, "The teacher must learn to control herself so that the child's spirit shall be free to expand and show its powers. The essence of her duty is not to interrupt the child in his efforts." (*Absorbent Mind*, p. 272)

During the child's process of discovery, "the teacher must be quiet and passive, waiting patiently and almost withdrawing herself from the scene, so as to efface her own personality and thus allow plenty of room for the child's spirit to expand." (*Absorbent Mind*, p. 263)

Highlights of the Unification theory of education

The Unification Thought theory of education is based on the theory of resemblance, which states that human beings were created in the image of God and are to develop themselves to fully express the original image. Being human, in essence, means being an object of God's love.

Montessori encouraged adults to help children to develop their creativity, wisdom and will; in this way, children can grow and ideally fulfill the purpose of their life.

"Based on this foundation, education can be described as the process of raising children to attain resemblance to God." (*Essentials of Unification Thought—The Head-Wing Thought* (hereafter referred to as *EUT-HT*), p. 169) Specifically, human beings are to resemble the Divine image and the Divine character. Everybody is born with the Divine image; thus resembling the Divine image means resembling the relationships within the Divine image—that is, the proper relationship between Sung Sang and Hýung Sang and between

yang and yin.

Resembling the Divine character means inheriting God's character of heart, logos (or reason-law) and creativity. The three aspects of God's character are related to the three blessings given by God to our first human ancestors: "Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (Gen. 1:28).

Through inheriting God's heart, rea-

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son-law and creativity, the human being will fulfill the three blessings and will come to resemble God's natures of perfection, multiplication and dominion. "Perfection refers to the round and harmonious nature of the mutual relationship of Sung sang and Hyung sang." (EUT-HT, p. 169) They must be united centering on heart, just as they are in God.

"Resembling God's nature of multiplication means resembling the mutual relationship of the natures of yang and yin in God." (EUT-HT, p. 171) This is done when man and woman come into a harmonious relationship of husband and wife.

"To resemble God's nature of dominion means to resemble God's creativity, which is the ability to create objects centering on heart (love)." (EUT-HT, p. 171-172)

Having established these foundations for education, Unification Thought distinguishes three forms of education; each one focuses on the realization of a particular blessing or on the manifestation of a particular character of God. The first form of education is the education of heart, which focuses on the realization of the first blessing and on the attainment of God's perfection, reflecting what Jesus said in Matt. 5:48, "You must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

Education of heart is the education for the perfection of the individual, in which the spirit mind and the physical mind are harmoniously united centering on heart. An individual who has received education of heart is one who can "love all people and all things in the same way as God loves all people and all things." (EUT-HT, p. 175) How does one reach such a lofty point? Unification Thought tells us that we must achieve a clear understanding of God's heart and come to experience God's heart.

God's heart, according to Unification Thought, has three aspects, namely, the heart of hope (in the process of creation), the heart of sorrow (at the fall), and the heart of pain (in restoration history).

The second form of education, according to Unification Thought, is education of norm, which has two aspects: (a) education for the perfection of the family; and (b) education to become a being of reason-law (logos). Becoming a being of reason-law means living according to the "way of heaven," which is the law of give-and-receive action penetrating the universe. From the way of heaven we can understand vertical values, horizontal values and individual values.

The third form of education is the education of dominion. "...one must first acquire knowledge about the objects over which one is to have dominion." (EUT-HT, p. 184) The components of the education of dominion are intellectual education, technical education and physical education.

Harmonizing Montessori with Unification Thought

In establishing the goals for her method, Montessori took the standard educational theories of her time and added certain elements of the education of heart, reason-law and creativity. That is what has given her enduring value.

The Montessori-educated child learns to respect others and to respect materials. Certainly this is an aspect of the education of heart.

In teaching them to be purposeful and independent, to display initiative, to live by self-discipline and to exercise self-control, Montessori was teaching them the individual values of reason-law. In teaching them to have a joyful disposition in their activity, she was instructing them on certain aspects of the education of creativity, which is based on heart and therefore produces joy.

This shows that Montessori's work can be used for developing a heavenly educational method. The Montessori method can also be augmented by the Unification Thought theory of education. Speaking specifically about the Montessori theory, we can say that it has lacunae that can be filled with Unification Thought. For example, we could place much greater emphasis on subject-object relationships and unity.

With regard to the family, Unification

Thought could contribute such concepts as true love, whole purpose and sacrificing for the whole. The Montessori method could derive training exercises for the development of these skills.

Conclusion

Montessori's great worth lies in her strong emphasis on the child's "potential value" and "inner energies." She upheld the God within the child and affirmed the child's fundamental goodness. Her method develops confidence, freedom, decision making and orderly growth. She stressed the responsibility of the child to develop him or herself to become the new human being and to be the harbinger of a new social order.

She especially stressed that the proper role of teachers and parents is to show by example rather than impose their views on the child. This is precisely the kind of education we have been receiving from Father and Mother, who are showing by their own sacrificial example how to love people and all things.

It is not without significance, I believe, that the first Montessori school of America was established in Tarrytown, New York, in 1912—sixty years before the True Family settled in America in the same town. The American Montessori Society was also formed in 1960, precisely the year when the True Parents were blessed in holy matrimony.

It is my hope that Unification Thought,

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with its breadth of world view and comprehensive methodology, will vindicate Maria Montessori and will use the universal aspects of her ideas and method. ■■

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Among you there are persons who belong to the first ancestor, while others belong to the second or third ancestor. Some are my direct descendants, others are in Jesus' group, and still others are thieves, belonging to Adam's group.

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True Parents, True Children and the Completed Testament Age

LIVE FOR OTHERS

Who will be the master of such a family? The one who serves the most. The one who surpasses grandparents, parents, wife and children in his effort to serve the whole becomes the center.

Who serves the Unification Church the most? Our theory promotes living for others. The younger people should follow and serve the elder ones. The elder ones should protect and love the younger ones. Therefore, central figures should take responsibility for and raise the members. Otherwise, they cannot be the central figure.

The one who serves less cannot be the central figure. The one who serves the most in society and in the nation shall inherit it all. If someone works harder than the president of a company, the president of that company will come and consult with him.

The first ancestors did not become true husband and wife centered on true love. Therefore, the true husband and wife need to be located. Without a True Mother and True Father, True Children could not come. Therefore, True Parents should be found. Jesus had the responsibility to expel Satan and make the True Family, establishing the blood lineage of God.

The mind is the vertical self which was born through the heavenly parents. The conscience is vertical. The body is horizontal, because it was born through Adam and Eve. Because of the fall, the heavenly order turned upside down. Eve deceived Adam and God at the time of the fall. She had a fiancé, but she fell at her will. She did not listen to God's word. Adam was God's first son. Eve deceived the first son and father. Therefore, this process should be turned around 180 degrees. Both good and evil began from one point, love. False love should be restored by true love, according to the law of indemnity.

To indemnify this failure, Rebecca subjugated her first son Esau and his father Isaac. Such a process was inevitable by the law of indemnity. Tamar also was victorious over her father-in-law in order to conceive children and preserve the blood lineage. She did this because her mind was guided by some spiritual force. In God's providence, she could not help doing this.

All these things did not happen by chance. Only God and Satan knew the hidden struggle to eradicate the root of evil. Adam fell without knowing. Therefore, the new Adam should know. I found out these things. If I had not come, the mysteries in the Bible would not have been solved.

The family, tribe, nation and world have opposed me. Now five billion people are living on earth. The problem is how to bless them. If I bless them in place of Adam and Jesus, Satan cannot accuse me.

As True Parents and the Completed Testament Age are proclaimed, be bold and attack the enemy. From the perspective of God's original ideal of creation, the true family, true nation and true world start from True Parents, parents who have not violated God's principle of creation.

TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

Now the age of being on the defensive has been changed to the age of being on the offensive. We have come to the age of restoring elder sonship, parenthood, kingship and royal clanhood. The sons and daughters of parents who opposed us the most are now being blessed and placed in the position of the second coming lord.

On August 25, 1992, I blessed people on the condition that they believe in True Parents. When 200 or 300 tribe members are blessed at the same time, the position of tribal ancestor will be determined according to the order in which members register as tribal messiah in their nation.

Every one of the five billion people in the world is either religious or non-religious. The descendants of the first ancestor are the secular humanists throughout the world. The descendants of the second ancestor are the religious people. The religious world should be united. Just as the resurrected Christ dominated the world for 2,000 years, the descendants of the living Christ can unify the world; but they can do it in 700 years, not 2,000 years.

The people who follow the Second Coming Lord are those who think only of God and do not focus on the secular world. The Second Coming Lord should complete this process and unify the world.

The united world is now coming. This world has rapidly entered into an age of confusion. The world has reached its present tragic condition through the practice of free sex, incest, etc. The Lord should solve these problems. Since the free world rejected the coming Lord, the world is now falling into hell.

This is the age of returning to God. Are you the descendant of the first ancestor or the second ancestor? The Unification Church includes all types. Among you there are persons who belong to the first ancestor, while others belong to the second or third ancestor. Some are my direct descendants, others are in Jesus' group, and still others are thieves, belonging to Adam's group.

When people enter heaven in the future, spiritual persons will poke those who have done indecent things. Such a ruthless age is coming. No one can lie about their deeds and avoid the consequences. Therefore, we should unite our mind and body. Unity starts from our mind.

In this age of True Parents and the Completed Testament, people should hurry to enter heaven. However, if they cannot find the tribal messiah or family messiah, they cannot enter the nation. As people in the world begin to enter the heavenly nation, the others should pack their things and change houses with them. Those who opposed the Unification Church may go to Siberia or some other place they desire. Such a period of great movement is coming.

Knowing this, I performed international marriages to create a platform upon which people can settle at the time of great moving.

On this Children's Day, with the joy and ecstasy of the Completed Testament Age, I am emphasizing the need to fulfill one's responsibility. ■■■

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Why do man and woman marry? Marriage is the most precious event in life. Marriage is more important than birth or death.

Man represents heaven and woman represents earth; thus matrimony unifies heaven and earth. In the course of time, the cultures of the East and West will unite. However, man and woman do not become united merely by the passage of time. Man and woman are united not by money, power or knowledge—only by love.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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