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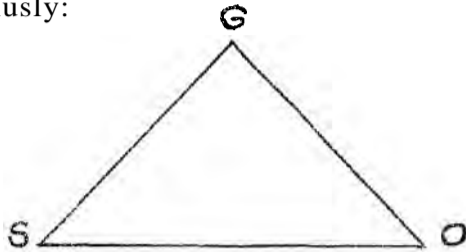
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The Principle of Give and Take

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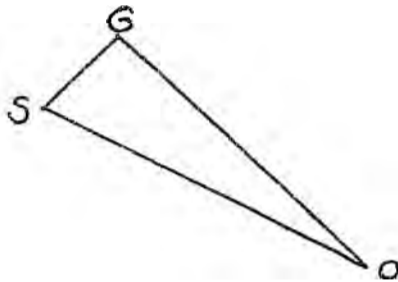
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Let us discuss the subject - and the problems - of give and take. Life relationships would be simple and pleasant indeed if all those with whom one has personal contact responded in equal measure to the love of our Heavenly Father. Ideally, as you know, a horizontal subject-object relationship is level, thusly:



These are the relationships of depth, filled with love and understanding, providing joy to all participants.

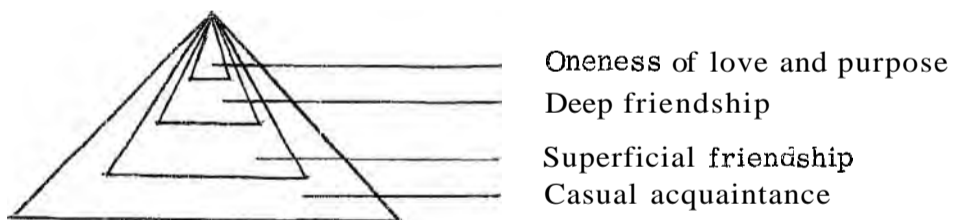
But what of the less than ideal?



What is the key to love and unaerstanding here? It is, of course? the desire of the Father, and therefore of the one closest to the Father, to lift the other into perfection. To this end, great energy is directed. But what if this goal fails, if the object does not respond? What then should be your attitude? Can give and take be maintained on this lopsided basis? If so, how?

First of all, it should be kept firmly in mind and heart that one's first responsibility is to God. As His children and heirs, your responsibility increases with primity to Him.

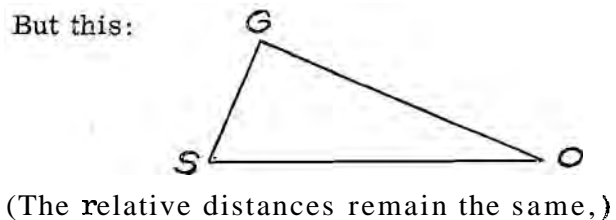
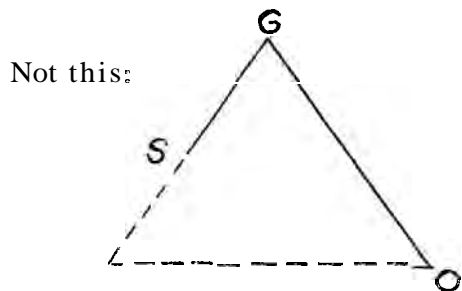
In its operation, the Divine Principle of Give and Take requires a reciprocal base of action. A subject and object must then be operating on a par, a level foundation. You have seen this occur in casual relationships where two people begin their conversation on superficial levels and eventually proceed to matters of deep significance and consequence to them both.



This being the operation of the Law, there seems to be only two possibilities in an unequal relationship:



Either the one must go down or the other must go up, Since it is generally impossible for one to ascend faster or higher than his own spiritual development permits, the only solution is the former. The distance, then between the subject and object is greater, but paradoxically, the distance between the subject and God is not greater. The simple reason for this is that, in His great love and mercy, **GOD MAKES THE ADJUSTMENT**, Thus:



In the Kingdom of Heaven, what has been gained cannot be lost, except by deliberate disobedience. What God has promised will come to pass. This, too, is Law. Therefore, God does not forsake those who love Him and do His will. Being ever-faithful and steadfast, God remains always in the relationship which man himself chooses.

In a horizontal relationship of give and take, then, it is not necessary for man to forsake his position in order to establish a reciprocal base. It is not a question of relinquishing the one in order to maintain the other. God Himself equalizes the imbalance of give and take.

Why then can we not be comfortable in such situations? Why is there sometimes a feeling of being pulled, of divided loyalty perhaps, particularly in the event this situation exists with someone who has been close? Again, these may be several possibilities:

- 1, The relationship itself is not God's Will;
- 2, We are expending too much energy in the attempt to raise the other:
- 3, We are reckoning without the action of God; that is, we are seeking to establish a level without considering His pulling power,

Since it is God's will that all His children live in love, the first possibility is highly unlikely. It may be that you are not the one best qualified to lead the object into a closer relationship with God, and for this reason you will lack the power you need to cope with his personality. This does not mean, however, that no relationship exists between you. This would be impossible. Some relationship exists, even if it is not ideal. Perhaps you seek a closer relationship than is possible or advisable at this time,

The second possibility is all too frequent. You may be attempting that which God Himself refuses to do -- use force. Do you remember the old folk tale about the battle between the sun and the wind? Each claimed to have greater power than the other, and to prove it they set themselves a test: the first one who could make a man remove his coat would be declared the stronger. The wind blew cold and howled and pushed and pulled and stormed, but the man only drew his coat more firmly about him. Then the sun came out and shone warm and bright -- and the man removed his coat. The cold wind of indifference or anger is not likely to make one remove his coat of prejudice and ignorance. But the warm sun of love and wisdom shining steadfastly will seldom fail to attract him and will more likely inspire him to action-

Now, what of those who attempt to interfere with your mission, whose very presence seems to hinder your action and cause you to stumble? Should they be avoided? Denied? Rejected? The problem, as I'm sure you know, comes not so much from those who actively oppose, but from those who will not follow but who expect your attention nonetheless. This is misguided love, reflecting selfishness, and exists primarily within close earthly associations. In essence, they are demanding a relationship solely on their terms. You, however, must seek to establish it on God's terms. And what are these? Devotion to Him and His work only! Putting anything else first, be it familiar 'security', the Path of least resistance', the demands of a self-interested relationship, or simply requests on your time, talent, and energy which destroys your effectiveness in Kingdom work -- all constitute rejection of Him. Not only will you be adding to your own suffering by yielding to such demands, but you will add to His grief and to the welfare of those around you, including the very one who demands such action of you.

The key lies in the word 'earthly'. You, as citizens and representatives of the Kingdom of Heaven are responsible solely to God and to the establishment of His Kingdom on earth, Having once attained the Kingdom, you will be grossly uncomfortable if you attempt to 'commute' between heaven and earth, Earth's insistence upon relating to heaven become again the battle of the sun and the wind, The greater strength of the sun does not prevent the wind from blowing. But, and mark this well, the wind CANNOT prevent the sun from shining! Why? Because they are on different levels! The wind may succeed in placing clouds before the sun, but in this case, who suffers? Who is responsible for the darkness? And does the darkness mean the sun stops shining?

No, the sun shines on all equally, just as the love of the Father is impartially available to all, of every degree of understanding. One can assume whatever position one chooses -- from fullest, brightest sunlight, to coldest, dankest cellar, In order to partake of the light, however, it is necessary to be where the light is,

You carry the Light of Heaven. Hold it high that all may see and be attracted, as moths to a flame., This is your mission, your responsibility, your goal, But as the flame is undisturbed by its failure to attract all moths, so must you be untroubled by the lack of response of certain individuals,

The greatest mission of light is to give light, This is impossible if there is no connection with the Source. If you are burning brightly and steadily, if your will is to do the will of Him who is the Source of all, you are fulfilling your mission. YOU HAVE NO OTHER RESPONSIBILITY!

Love and Obligation

Received April 23-28.

Does the very existence of love create a debt? If you love someone, does that someone owe you something? If someone loves you, are you responsible to him because of that love? Look carefully at these questions, for they are the cause of much misunderstanding and heartache.

In the face of seeming injustice, how often have you heard it said or implied in tones of anguish, "But I love you!" It is as if that very love were reason enough to demand any sacrifice. Parents say it to children, wives to husbands, teachers to pupils, ministers to congregations, leaders to subjects, majorities to minorities.

In the beginning, God loved the world He had created and everything in it. Particularly did He love Adam and Eve. Were they in His debt because of this love? There are those who would say they did not ask for His love, did not ask to be created, and therefore owed nothing. Is that right? There are many others who would say they owed Him everything, since it was He who loved enough to create them and to create everything for their pleasure. Which is Truth?

Look further, Lucifer loved Eve and she, in innocence, returned that love, Who owed who what? Jesus loved mankind with all of his great and noble nature. Does mankind owe him in return and, if so, what ?

On all sides one can see love being proffered, often if not always in hope of gain. It is as if all mankind says, "I love you; therefore you must love me and do my bidding " Is it any wonder man does not know his neighbor? Something is terribly wrong - but what? It seems as if a line must be drawn - but where?

↘ If God is Love as we have been told, then how can any love be wsong? If God Himself created us to love in expectation of our love and obedience in return, why should we not love others in the same expectation? Are we not made in His image? Doesn't a parent, by virtue of the love and sacrifice lavished on his child, have a right to expect that child's respect and obedience forever? When love is shown on any level, are we not expected to respond? Isn't that what Jesus said?

But there are puzzlements, are there not? This same Jesus who preached of love admonished the woman taken in adultery to "sin no more. " Her love for her husband could not have been

strong, or she could not have given herself to another, Which love, then, was the sin - the one to her husband or the one to whom she gave herself? Or was it the love which was the sin? If it was the act which was the sin, and not the love that prompted it, then why did Jesus say that to lust after someone in one's heart is the same as committing the act of adultery? To think is not to act, is it?

Do we have any rights when we love? If so, what are they? If not, why not? As the object of love, what is expected of us?

I will now make a statement which many will instantly repudiate: No love is entirely unselfish, Any love, of whatever caliber, contains within it and as its motivation some hope of personal return. It is a portion of the Law of Love that this be so,

If you dare not look at your own lives to substantiate this, look then to our Heavenly Father, who is the pattern for our highest selves. Is it possible that He could love us without considering the possibility of love returned? No. Since we were created not only for Him to love, but to respond to that love with love freely given, He does expect a return on His love. If He did not, why would He grieve? Who weeps for what cannot be improved? The Law of Give and Take forbids unrequited love, and God is Law as well as Love, He will not operate without -- that is, outside -- the very laws He established to govern His children. It is against the Law for love to be forever given with no hope or expectation of receiving in return. Love cannot exist under such circumstances, for the Law of Love is reciprocity,

One who loves, then, has a right to expect a return on his investment of himself? and if this expectation does not exist, love does not exist.

But note carefully those words 'hope' and 'expectation'. Love does not exist without hope; therefore, hope is a right of love. But hope is a non-transferrable part of love. It remains with the one who loves, while the love is bestowed upon the object of it. Love hopes for return, there its rights end.

Love not freely given is obligation and not love. Love given with the expectation of creating a debt is not love but greed, Love given only in return for love shown is not love but fear.

Love contains within itself both hope and faith. But love which demands is not love. Love exists as a thing - free and unfettered. When such love is joined by another's love - also free and **unfettered** - it creates a new thing, strong and unbreakable, containing within itself infinite energy and power. It is entirely reciprocal, and incapable of destruction,

If, however, any of the elements of this united love are distorted, if any one of them is conditional or given out of duty, fear, or greed, the result is not pure love but a corruption of love and therefore false.

Love, then, always hopes but never demands. Love spurns false love as unworthy, and looks always to its highest and purest creation, It regards love not free as its enemy, and destroys it by neglect. But love lives ever in hope that it will call forth its mate -- and that, purely and freely, in perfect harmony, they will unite as one new creation.

News from Dallas, Texas

April 29, 1964

Gordon Ross

Dear Family! Thanks be to our Father, whose steadfast love has brought about this glorious day! Three months and two weeks have passed since I arrived in Dallas. During the first three months, Satan took both physically and spiritually, and I wondered how long it would be before, according to the law we all now know so well--that of indemnity--God would begin to do a mighty work. Increasingly in the past weeks I have felt the Spirit forces becoming stronger, seeking as it were a means of expression on the physical plane, It is only a matter of time until someone responds and the Dallas trio-base is formed; of this I am positive!

Anthony Brooke arrived on the 24th and inspired both Pete and I with his testimony and account of the "Western Revelation," Knowing of the workings of spirit in England only made us more determined to find those who have been prepared for this Day, so that we will have teachers when the great breakthrough in Spirit comes. That it is starting was made clear to

me several days ago when I was at the Perkins' theological library on the Southern Methodist University campus. I was talking to one of the desk clerks, when the other clerk suddenly spoke up: "Have you heard of the flying saucer that a policeman in Arizona saw land? It was shaped in an oval form and had a prong-like object projecting from the bottom. When he went to the area where he had seen it land, there were a number of prong-like marks on the ground!" The clerk had heard the account over CBS radio. From the surprise on the clerk's face when I spoke up and said I could explain what the saucers were, I think he thought I was a saucer-man myself!

Pete is still working with the Seventh-Day Adventists, the Southern Baptists, and other fundamentalist groups, I have been concentrating on the students at SMU and Perkins Seminary. I spoke before a group of about 10 students and received a favorable response. Every time before I go out, I ask our brothers and sisters in the invisible world to guide me to those who are most prepared, and they always do! One Saturday, I was praying to the Father to guide me, and the image of the YMCA popped into my mind, (I remembered the advice of our Master as received by Mary Fleming, that unless we go with our Father, we go alone and consequently bear no fruit.) I went to the YMCA. As I drew near the entrance, I turned and saw the marquee of the First Baptist Church "Christian Recreation Center", and the thought came into my mind: "That's where I'm to go!" But just to make sure (someday I'll be mature enough to have complete trust in the guidance of our Father and His Children!), I went to the YMCA. Since I had received that I should go to the desk clerk, I looked him over once or twice, but he didn't seem the type, so I left and went to the recreation center and received that I should go to the top floor (the 7th), but "just to make sure," I went to the 6th floor and looked around the roller skating rink, but, as I had known intuitively before I had even reached the 6th floor, there was no one there I felt led to, so I went to the 7th floor (How patient our Father is with the meanderings of His children!) . As I looked around the bowling alley, I saw a young man, sitting by himself, writing a letter, so I went over and started a conversation. It turned out that he was the desk clerk in charge of the bowling alley and also a student at Dallas Theological Seminary. His grandfather and father both are ministers and he is related to the King of England, So I guess some pretty high spirits were urging me to witness to him, which I did that night and the following day. That experience assured me of how ready and willing Spirit is to guide us if we will just become receptive to them.

How wonderful to realize and be aware of the fullness of our Father's creation! How grateful I am! Let us urgently work hard to establish centers in every state this year! We can do it, for as our beloved mother, Miss Kim, has told us, "Whatever we earnestly set our heart on, it will be accomplished!" Thank you, Father! Let's GO!
Love, Your brother in our Lord, Gordon,

News from Fort Sill, Oklahoma

April 25th, 1964

Philip Burley, Joe Zupancic, &
Peter Politzki

Dear Family;

There I sat eating lunch when the mail clerk dropped the latest newsletter off at my table. Opening the envelope and unfolding the letter with one hand, I proceeded with the other hand to pour catchup on my cake and salt down my jello and put cream in my milk. Already my face was flushed and my heart panting as I read through the first page onto the second. Halt.. ..I couldn't do both, besides I had lost my appetite and even more, I had to get away so that I could express my feelings outwardly alone. I felt like I was going to burst any second! I hurried out-of-doors toward a large, grassy area. I thought for sure that I was in spirit only, for I couldn't feel the ground under my feet; somehow I seemed to float. Do you suppose any one noticed? Meanwhile, my heart sang in tune with the birds perched in the trees around me. The sky looked like it had been especially prepared for my enjoyment; it was an unusual cloud formation which covered the entire sky like an umbrella and was shaped and designed like a sea-shell. With the message given by Mary Fleming, I had been engulfed into a new reality of how much more wonderful, joyful and great life shall be in the New World with our Master; truly a Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. The scene in the garden seemed to say that our Heavenly Father was feeling much more joy and that we had all moved, as a family, into a new height of understanding and happiness and that in the months to come it shall increase. Yes, the rays have already flooded the valleys of the world and all we have to do is to walk out of the shadows into His Love and Truth: Our task is so simple; His Love so great and unexplainable. I was in complete peace and joy for the space of an hour as I read the letter to the end.

Beginning in March, Joe and I started a forty day drive of 2 meals a day and no meat, Shortly after Peter Politzki joined our family, he followed in our footsteps and just recently finished the 40 days. We pray that it shall be taken for the work here and anywhere of our

Father's choosing. Certainly we have learned that God gives us strength when we need it. To our brothers and sisters in Korea, we now know a small part of the suffering you underwent on your 40 day movement.

Parents' Day, Oklahoma - April, 1964: My dear brothers and sisters the world over, can we imagine the joy, eternal and unexplainable joy our Heavenly Father shall have when the entire world has been brought back to His arms? Can we begin to imagine how the Cosmos will vibrate when all mankind, as one family, stands with our Father and Mother and gives praise, laughter, song, dance and talk to our Beloved God-Father, If Parent's Day 1964 is a foretaste, then the fulfillment is beyond our dreams!

Gordon Ross and Pete Mancuso drove up to the house on Friday evening before the Celebration. We greeted each other with smiles that ran from here to there and great hugs of gladness and love. Already we were in high spirits and it seemed that thousands of them (spirits) had happily joined us. The morning of the Day was opened with prayer and followed by a big breakfast. (We had been on a 3 day fast several days prior.) Afterwards, Gordon explained to us the meaning of Parent's Day and its significance. We then continued with songs both old and new; It seemed that any song was applicable for in the light of our Master being on earth, even the Christian Christmas song was good: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King let every heart, prepare him room - - -"

About 8:00 began our dinner, which was somewhat international (Korean, German, Japanese, Chinese, & American dishes!)

In late evening, we walked out of doors under the clear, star-covered sky to enjoy our Father's creation. It was a magnificent evening as we observed the heavens and listened to the flutter of leaves in the nocturnal winds. Who could explain this feeling of a second chance at youth and childhood - for we laughed and talked and felt like small children awakening for the first time to real life. We were in a total different world. How puzzled the woman must have been who stopped and asked us what we were doing, when Gordon sincerely answered; "Enjoying God's creation."

At 2:00 A.M., to be coordinated with the west coast, we entered our Leader's room to pay him honor and give him our love. The ceremony was concluded by singing one of his favorite songs; "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine" for indeed he is!

Already it was 3:30 in the morning, but who could sleep? Evidently because the Korean celebration was at its height our spirits suddenly became greatly lifted and the whole house became radiant with our laughter and dancing. Suddenly, the golden-pink and orange rays of the sun set the room aglow and one could hear hundreds of birds warbling in the trees which surround the house. It was the dawn of a new day; it was a morning calm for the chosen; it was the reality of the Garden of Eden in our hearts with our Leader as its Lord.

A meeting with Anthony Brooke: Neither rain, sleet, snow or tornado would have kept us from seeing Anthony as he stopped overnight in Oklahoma City on April 23. It seemed that every possible thing was working to stop us. Even though we had been detained by an onslaught of rain, tornado warnings, & wrong turns, we arrived at the airport just in time to meet him.

Immediately it seemed that we were all friends. The first thing one notices about him is his youthfulness and zest for life; one could say it radiates from his very being. We sat spellbound as we listened to him tell of his life and how he had been led to our Master. He then went into the revelations received in England and related what he had received about them. It seemed like the beginning of the fulfillment of the words: East meets West with the East furnishing the philosophy of the New Age and the West furnishing the scientific advances, Anthony enthusiastically told us of his work in Korea with the Master. We were so thankful that he stopped to see us and enlighten us on so many new things. It was more than obvious that he is a brother of our family - after an evening of calling him Mr. Brooke, he concluded his farewell with a unified brotherly hug and the words: "Please call me Anthony." We are so thankful God has sent us such a man as Anthony Brooke., Let's support him by our combined efforts and prayers,

We all send our love and prayers from Oklahoma to all the family. Be of great joy and peace for the sun is almost at noontime and the valleys are flooded with the Light. Peace be with you.

News from Bonner Springs, Kansas

April 26, 1964

Homor Fleming

Dear Family: Know you are anxious to know about our contact with Sir Anthony Brooke. Mrs. Parkinson and I met at the Kansas City airport at 2 PM Saturday and learned that Anthony had arrived earlier and was at his hotel. Since Mrs. Parkinson had scheduled a meeting for him in Topeka, I talked to him on the phone while she went to pick him up to go directly to Topeka.

I made arrangements to meet Anthony at his hotel at 9 AM Sunday morning, Mrs. Pumphrey (Galen's mother) and Edna Goble (my sister) and I met him and had an hour and a

half with him. It was a very interesting and informative meeting, We were all in agreement that we are under the guidance of Almighty God. Certainly things have been happening to me during the past year that I can attribute to no other source. My prayer is that we may always have the spirit, strength, courage, and the wisdom to so 'live that we may be worthy of these blessings of guidance and leadership,

News from Anthony Brooke

The following is an excerpt from a telephone conversation with Anthony while he was in Cleveland, Ohio:

"I send my love to all of you, No one is putting up any resistance so far I'm giving my full witness wherever I go. In Kansas, I met with leading people in Unity and gave the full story. I was on radio for an hour and a half with 4 or 5 other people. I managed to get out most of the story in bits and pieces, A Kansas newspaper also got very interested - whether it was published or not, I don't know. I won't send you a tape until after I get back to England, "

News from Cleveland, Ohio

April 19, 1964

Pauline Phillips

Dear Family: Paul, Christel, & Elke met me when I arrived at the bus station, It was good to see them once again, Paul found me a place to live, four rooms upstairs in an old Russian lady's home, I am well protected here. She has a watch dog that won't even let me in and out of the house, let alone a stranger!

I bought a paper yesterday - three pages of nothing but churches. so you can see what a job I have ahead of me. This is a big, big city- I sure could use some help here - pray I will find someone soon to work with me,

News from Paul, Christel, & Elke

April 26, 1964

Dear Family:

Paul Werner

A full report follows later - we have visited Galen and Patty, Elke's brother, my sister-in-law and brother, and met with Pauline in Cleveland. Helped her establish Cleveland center, Went to Colonel Pak's group - everyone greatly blessed, I am physically ill at this time, but will be okay, Love in our Master's name.

Dear Family:

Elke Klawiter

We are now in the middle of New York, What a crazy town! Tomorrow we will board the "Berlin". It seems like a long, long time since I saw you all last and am looking forward to Frankfurt. Pauline told us everything about Parent's Day and we felt very happy to hear about all of you again, Col, Pak's group is wonderful. They stick close to the Principles and their prayers are very humble, I have learned a lot these last few weeks, My love and prayers to all of you. Christel and Paul send their love,

News from Germany

A Report from Barbara:

April 23, 1964

All the mail arrived on Parent's Day with Joe, In our living-meeting room we set up a small altar and together started our celebration with prayers and thanks to our beloved True Parents. We were only four; but felt the closeness of our Heavenly Father and of our whole family, We listened to all the taped Korean songs. Then we talked until nine p.m., when we had to take Joe back to the train station, When we got back we opened the most precious mail - the newsletter and your letters, I don't have to tell you the experience of great uplifting and the urge to accomplish more and more that these bring-

Everything is moving fast - who would have thought that Paul, Christel & Elke would come to Germany so soon? The little house here in Frankfurt is a big present from God, You just can't find a place, normally It is furnished, but such a mess when we got it that it took two weeks to clean, paint. etc. Now, it is ready and all our efforts are to find people. Ursula. Peter and I work very well together. Every evening we go hunting together or separately. Peter is now working on translating the pamphlet and also on parts of the newsletters-

German people are so dead - I pray that Martin Luther and some other spirits will show them the existence of the spirit world, Anthony Brooke is indeed a blessing, May God give all my American brothers and sisters much strength and courage, Love to you all in our Leader's name,

News from Oakland

An Experience:

Lowell Martin

Several weeks ago a call came to my office from another department at work. I was out of the office and did not return to receive the message until the next morning, I had been installing a salesman's compensation system and the note indicated a woman in that department had encountered a new problem neither she nor her supervisor could solve. I went to see her and apologized for not being available the previous afternoon, She said that was alright -- "there is no problem now, "

This perplexed me, so I asked what her problem had been and how she had solved it. This situation she explained to me was so complicated it would have been very difficult for me to understand it -- much less arrive at a solution. "But," she continued, "everything is fine now," She said, "I put the papers away yesterday and did not think about them any more, But during the night I had the most unusual experience! Someone took me and showed me very clearly, step by step, exactly how to work out the problem, Now I'm just sitting here doing what I was told, "

The woman then began praising the Lord and giving me a testimony right there in her department, She wanted me to read a special book of hers, This offered good opportunity to reciprocate by loaning her "my" Divine Principle book, She began reading it last week. During the weekend, she fell and is now at home recovering from a neck injury.

I have often watched Satan work strongly through associates and electronic equipment around me in the rather hectic business atmosphere, but it thrilled my heart to see the power of God manifest itself through this woman.

News from Washington, D.C.

April 24, 1964

Alexa Altomare

Dear Family: It is always so wonderful to receive letters from all of you on the West Coast. We all look forward to hearing from you so much. On the East Coast we have been very busy, Things are beginning to move very fast, so we have much to tell,

Last week, Paul, Christel & Elke visited us for a few days enroute to Germany. Their coming really uplifted us tremendously in many ways. We had such a deep and inspiring fellowship with them during the two and one-half days they were with us, Sunday evening they gave us most inspiring and enlightening witnesses, The spiritual atmosphere was so high that night, Since we are unfamiliar with spiritual experiences, Paul's witness of his many experiences gave us a new insight into the power of the Divine Principles. On Monday, Mr. Rhee and I showed them around Washington, D.C. and that evening we again had another meeting with some of our members. Once again the fellowship was deep and inspiring. They showed us pictures of the S.F. group and told us of each one of you and now we feel that we know each one of you personally, For hours we shared experiences? Their dedication and determination really impressed us and has served to make us re-determine to work harder than ever before, We felt so close to them that we were almost reluctant to see them go. When we think of the horizontal bond that is being formed on earth through the Divine Principles, we feel the wrath yet sorrow of God at those who would stand in the way of the establishment of His Kingdom all over the world for His is the wonderful Kingdom of Love where all becomes one,

We are now preparing for Anthony's coming. Also - it looks as though two new groups are in the offing in the Washington area - one in Springfield Virginia by Bob Roland and one in Woodbridge, Virginia by me. We are praying that these groups will soon get underway.

Please give our love and prayers to all the others- In His Name and For His Kingdom -- Alexa,

Tape from Korea

The following are excerpts from a tape by Ernest Stewart.

He begins with many apologies for not having communicated with us more often, then goes on:

"First of all, let me cover what I think of the meaning of the Principles at the present time. Am I convinced? (He had to laugh), If I think that I was convinced before I left; I must be five times as convinced since my arrival, There is no doubt in my mind as to the Principles being 'IT'. The enthusiasm; the multitudes of groups working in the Principles; thier devotion, The contrast between them and other people here in Korea could not help but convince. "

He tells of the standing-room-only in the hall where the Leader spoke during the ten-

day celebration of the Wedding Anniversary a? Taigu. Just before the trip, about a week before, I finished up a seven-day fast, which I think has made quite a change in me spiritually. I know that I have achieved, perhaps, more spiritual power; and a little bit more control over particular areas since that time, To say that I have been able to overcome all of my problems is far from being true." Later on the tape, he suggests that we all would find great spiritual benefit from such a fast; but warns of the necessity of picking the proper time for it.

He goes on to say that; conditions of living in an army barracks are hardly conducive to religious meditation and prayer. "To get some of these (other soldiers) to be concerned about God when they are fat, dumb, and happy, . . . is not easy."

Ernie says of his teaching the Principles at a Presbyterian Korean Bible Class, "I may get thrown out; but at least here are people who are seeking."

"The thing that impresses me most is the Master speaking. . . . and when he leads music and other things, Oh, he's a marvelous Leader! To hear him preach -- that's really something! You look at him and you realize that he is so intune with God. Even if you couldn't understand a word or no one translated a thing: it would still have tremendous meaning. And when he leads the singing, they really pour forth their hearts and its really something to listen to.

The people themselves are tremendous; they are so friendly and they have done so much for me, The people in the Principles here in Korea are really outstanding: many doctors, many big business people, many people of outstanding character, The Principles are well looked-up-to here in Korea,

"I want to share with you this translation that Major Han did of one of the sermons of the Master, Please remember that this is very condensed, but I thought the particular points that he made were extremely meaningful;

"The first point is Father and His country: The result of the fall of man is a separation of God and man, Total separation; since everyone had nothing to do with God or the best of creation, God was meant to be the Master of all creation, Satan, the unforgivable enemy of God, was acting as Master. The Restoration is to reconnect everything to God and place them according to His Will, At no time in the past has God had one man whom God could embrace with unreserved love.

"What is Satan? He is a thief that stole love between God and man. All throughout the history of man many have struggled for this instinctive goal, God's time of revenge is here! This is His judgement time! Jesus was a very miserable being. He said, 'A fox has his hole and a flying bird has its nest; but I have not a place to lay my head,' Did God expect this when He sent Jesus?

"A second thought is a way of restoration, God is going with man on the earth. God goes on the spiritual way as well as the way of the earth. The suffering of God at the crucifixion, who wishes to bear it for Him? Since no one appears to volunteer to bear this indemnity; God takes this burden on Himself, In the suffering of the cross, there is a cross of the individual, of the family, of the race, of the country and of the whole world. Man must win, and has: one by one.

"God bears a cross of each step advanced* Before you utter that it is hard to be a member of the Unification Church, imagine how the Father would feel looking at such a church which he has provided men with. Jacob, after the victory over his own cross, came to bear the cross of the family; Moses that of the country and Jesus that of the world. One is called upon from the top of the hill of the crucifixion. Even at this moment we are sitting; the Father is busy, Jesus conquered the cross and won the blessing of revival; so must we do the same,

"What is our job? The Father wishes to make us a master of the creation,

"The individual cross. The individual cross, that of the family, that of the race, and so on are ever going on before, Last year we bore the cross sitting, But starting this year, we should bear it, walking; since there is no outer persecution, Even when one rests, the Father doesn't. We must assist the Master to fulfill God's work. In other words, the Master does God's work and we do the Master's work,

"Where are we? We must find and place ourselves. Who will do the work? If God is the one to do it, He wouldn't have waited six thousand years.. We must profoundly think!"

Ernie finishes off his tape by promising to take notes about the letters we send and especially the comments of the Master and some of the information given in the testimonies there. "I wish that many of you could have the opportunity to share and to see and to know and to feel the atmosphere spiritually and physically, There is no way of describing it;

and there is no privilege like it, Until I see you all again, may God's blessing be on you. I pray that before I see you again that you will all have entered the gate and be at one with Him. I know how all of you are working - it is really a tremendous privilege to work and to serve at this time, God bless you . " Ernie

More from Washington, D. C.

April 6, 1964

Mrs. Myrtle Hurd

In a recent fellowship meeting, Col. Pak told the members surrounding him that there was a difference in our position and his. We are all free to go if we choose, but he is not.

Knowing full well that I may be tested vigorously, I now state without any reservations that I am in the same boat. I could not go any more than he could. If I came to the meeting one night and found no one there, that all had quit, I would still feel the same. To turn my back on this revelation even with all its responsibilities would be utterly impossible.

After meeting with the group twice a week for over a year, I have noted that Satan often punishes our wonderful teacher by sending him certain students. He could find no better way. Some return to class again and again. They would never admit that they have a closed mind, but actually each time they only reorganize their prejudices. Consequently, they discredit and discount the real evidence of this message and so it falls upon ears that are incapable of appreciating it. It is sad that such a priceless truth has to have such a reception. Sometimes we have to feel the agony of listening to someone belittle it in the most graceless manner.

Such people are empty spiritual parasites. They pick his brains and later try to trick him with questions he is too big to answer because he knows there is no answer that would satisfy them. They sip the milk, but have no teeth for solid food. They comment on unimportant side issues, magnify non-essentials and try to cloud what is clear. Such minds weaken and dilute His message., They take a dim view of everything that is said, Knowing there is something so appealing that they will return again, they would rather cling only to the truth of a man whose blood was spilled on the ground by their ilk (two thousand years ago) in the form of the Israel people,

Such great teachers will suffer to find pupils and often suffer more when they find them.

After all this truth is revealed, there will be no room for "fence sitters". It will separate the great from the good, the good from the mediocre, the mediocre from the benign, and the benign from the evil,

Much of the Divine Principles is entirely new thought and requires a severing of the threads by which we are tied to former teaching. Those who cannot do this will remain on unproductive shrub while giant spiritual trees grow up around them, whose shadows will deprive them of nourishment.

What is our destiny - are we going to be giant trees or mishapen shrubs.

The Jews weighed law against love and chose law. They weighed past tradition against the future kingdom of heaven and chose the past.

The world is so in need of this truth and this bright promise of God's wonderful plans for us, No one can spread it single-handed, so we must stand up and be counted. We who have had this inestimable good fortune of being able to sit in a small room and listen to this courageous pioneer (Col. Pak), must pay something for it,

The criterion by which we are judged may well be the blessings we have received and what we did with them. We are either for Him or against Him. I wish there was some way I could pass this confidence on to all who still have doubts. I hope this essay will help, Blessed are you who have found Him, Never take this faith for granted, It is without price,

A Testimony from Los Angeles

April 29, 1964

Zed Robinson

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

My name is Zed Robinson, and I was born in Tipton Ville, Tennessee, the last child of a family of seven. I came to Los Angeles in April of 1946, from Chicago, where I had presided from 1933 to 1946.

My religious training consisted of various denominations such as Baptist, Methodist, Congregationalist, Jehovah Witnesses, and Catholicism, Through all of my experiences, I refused to accept the religious dogma I had been brainwashed with through the years; because it was Truth I was seeking, and not a limited belief or concept,

Three months ago, I was introduced to the Divine Principles in the same manner as the woman at the well received the living water from Jesus Christ. I was just helping myself

to a glass of water in a cafeteria, when I was approached by Doris Walder, and from that moment I began to receive the life-giving water from our Beloved Master,

Prior to my coming into the Principles, I had experienced several unusual spiritual experiences, which I could not interpret until after my acceptance of the Divine Principles. I would like to share some of them with you. The first encounter was with Lucifer himself, in the role of the executioner or death itself. A figure of a very handsome man, dressed completely in black, and wearing a formal cape appeared to me, and it seemed that I was expecting this figure and knew its identity. As he entered the room I asked him, "Have you finished your job?" He answered, "Yes, I have finished my job," He then turned on the water in the face bowl and washed his hands, retrieved his cape and hat and departed. The figure itself did not disturb me, but my main concern was the identity of its victim. Six days later I learned that it was one of my closest friends, and the time, and the date of the passing was identical to the experience I had. Having accepted the Divine Principle, it was revealed to me that my visitor in black was Lucifer himself,

The second experience was a meeting with my mother, who had been in the spirit world for many years. I asked her how she was and her reply was, "I'm very tired, for I've come a long distance to see you," Having read the Divine Principle, I was able to determine her spiritual level, which was the Growth Stage, because she seemed to be reflecting a light, like that of the moon,

The third experience was in 1962, I saw Jesus descending in the clouds on a throne, with angels on each side of the throne. There was such a multitude of angels, they extended from the throne to the earth. They were all identical in appearance. The coloring and light affect was beyond description. When the throne reached to a point of within twenty feet of the earth, it became stationary. Each angel passed by, shook my hand and returned to their original positions. Then the cloud and throne slowly arose into the sky and vanished out of sight. After accepting the Principles, it was shown to me, that this experience was one of congratulations, for it was at this specific time I had been elected to serve in making the way for the Second Advent,

The fourth experience took place sight after I had finished reading the Divine Principle. The Principles were more logical than anything I had previously studied, but before accepting them fully, I prayed: In this prayer, I told the Father these words, "I have been seeking truth all of my life, and I have refused to accept the religious dogma to which I've been exposed. Is the book of the Divine Principle the truth that I have been seeking, and is it the truth for which all hungry souls are thirsting, and was the interpretation of the Principle and of the Bible given to me by my instructor correct? If so, manifest this to me in some way, for I must know!"

It was on a Sunday night that I prayed, and the following Monday night at 3 AM when I arrived home from work, as I put my foot on the front porch, there was a host of spirits to greet me, and the celestial feeling and atmosphere and power was tremendous. Venturing into the house, this feeling did not leave but increased. For an hour and a half before I decided to retire, this power was still prevalent. As I prayed just before getting into bed, about half way through my prayer; the power was so great that it seemed as though my breath would be cut off completely. The severe power lasted for about four seconds, but the original power still remained.

I had two dreams that night. One clarified the original sin and the other declared Satan off-limits, where I was concerned,

Three days later a still voice spoke to me, and said, "You asked in your prayer if the book the Divine Principles was the truth you had been seeking and if the interpretations of the book and of the Bible that you were receiving from your instructor were correct, and to manifest it to you in some way. Just how much more manifestation do you need than you had Monday night? Do you know that many people have sought truth and have not had the spiritual experiences, visitations, and visions that you have had? Count yourself one among the blessed,"

I felt so humble and so small until later I cried uncontrollably. My feeling since this time has been only sincere gratitude and humility,

My experiences have eliminated all doubt concerning the Master or the Divine Principle, and this is a conviction which time cannot erase, but will brighten through all eternity and serve as a monument of inspiration to those who will come after me.

In His Blessed Name, Zed

News from Miss Kim in Korea

Dear Family,

April 24, 1964

I received Rebecca's letter, for which I thank her. I am now in Kwangju (Southwest). Taigu is in the Southeast, from which I came by bus for 10 hours (18 miles per hour) two days ago. Taigu revival meeting has been extended for another six days, and we expect some successful results. Over 200 members are staying another six days,

Mr. Yu is not going to the USA until winter time. It is most certain that I shall return to you in the first part of June. Sorry to be late. I wish to return sooner, but the Leader wants me to stay longer. Definitely he will go to you before the fall. He might even go with me - this is not certain now.

While I was in Taigu, I spoke to two groups of college students to introduce the Divine Principles. I also visited several individuals of leading class in the city and spoke to them. Every night 7 to 800 new people come to the hall to listen to our lectures. The ministers of other churches (mainly Presbyterian and Methodist) who have been speaking against us from the pulpit are taking an entirely different attitude toward us. By taking a friendly attitude, they want not to irritate us and are even begging us not to disturb their members. They became as meek as sheep. Our aim is to occupy their pulpits to preach the Divine Principles, through some peaceful means. We will see.

Here in Kwangju, I visited a village school (junior high) started by a young girl (24 years old) six months ago. She started the school during the 40 days movement. It is a school but without a building and desks. About 200 boys and girls who finished grade school are studying high school courses with six young people of our group, using text books (correspondence course). This is not the only school our members are teaching. The boys and girls who cannot afford to go to the regular high school come and study in this way. They and their parents are all potential members of our group. I spoke at the school yesterday and met the head of the village and the chief of police, who showed deep understanding and admiration. There are a lot of tearful stories, My love to you all.

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