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SCIENCE AND RELIGION

by

Werhner Von Braun

(Dr. Werhner Von Braun, director of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., is one of the world's leading rocket authorities and space scientists. With the successful Gemini astronaut flight continuing, and with America's "moon shot" now scheduled for 1969, Von Braun's work increases daily in significance. The following article was published in the Rome Daily American on Sept. 13, 1966. Copyright by North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.)

The two most powerful forces shaping our civilization today are science and religion. Through science, man strives to learn more of the mysteries of creation. Through religion, he seeks to know the Creator.

Neither operates independently. It is as difficult for me to understand a scientist who does not acknowledge the presence of a superior rationality behind the existence of the Universe as it is to comprehend a theologian who would deny the advance of science.

Far from being independent or opposing forces, science and religion are sisters. Both seek a better world. While science seeks control over the forces of nature around us, religion controls the forces of nature within us.

As we learn more and more about nature, we become more deeply impressed and humbled by its orderliness and unerring perfection. Our expanding knowledge of the laws of the Universe has enabled us to send men out of their natural environment into the strange new environment of space and return them safely to earth.

Manned space flight is an amazing achievement. But it has opened for us thus far only a tiny door for viewing the awesome reaches of space. Our outlook through this peephole at the vast mysteries of the Universe only confirms our belief in the certainty of its Creator. Finite man cannot comprehend an omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent and infinite God. Any effort to visualize God, to reduce Him to our comprehension, to describe Him in our language, beggars His greatness.

I find it best through faith to accept God as an intelligent will, perfect in goodness, revealing Himself in the world of experience more fully down through the ages, as man's capacity for understanding grows. For spiritual comfort, I find assurance in the concept of the fatherhood of God. For ethical guidance, I rely on the corollary concept of the brotherhood of man.

Scientists now believe that, in nature, matter cannot be destroyed without being converted into energy. Not even the tiniest particle can disappear without a trace. Nature does not know extinction -- only transformation. Would God have less regard for His masterpiece of creation, the human soul?

Immortality, to me, is the continuity of our spiritual existence after death. Since the dawn of history, man has believed in immortality. This credo has been an essential element of many primitive cultures and it has been retained in the religions and philosophies of more enlightened ones.

Its meaning far transcends dialectic pronouncements by philosophers and theologians about what we can expect after our departure from this world. Since time immemorial, the concept of immortality has exerted a profound influence on the lives of uncounted millions.

His soul is what distinguishes man from beast. An animal's actions are solely controlled by its basic urges such as hunger, fear, love, and need for shelter. These urges set upon the animal's glands, and his response to the glandular impulses is entirely automatic.

In an animal's makeup, there is no room for freedom of the will, for searching curiosity, for freedom of doubt and conflict between urges and ethical standards. An animal does not know that mysterious little needle called conscience that tells us what is right and what is wrong.

Only man has been burdened with the conflicts arising out of being an image of God cast into the form of an animal. And only man has been bestowed with a soul which enables him to cope with the eternal problems arising out of this conflict.

Today, thousands of scientists all over the world are engaged in the greatest intellectual adventure ever undertaken by a man: attempting to understand the origin and functioning of a physical universe that is vast in space and time, complicated in detail, and awesome in its orderliness.

Thus, to say that science's only purpose is trying to discover physical laws to increase man's control over the forces of nature is no longer an adequate explanation of science's goal; for the concept of science itself has grown. The raw material of science is a set of experiences, observations, and measurements with which the scientist attempts to build a model of time, space and matter.

When new knowledge is discovered, the old model is not discarded; it is simply changed according to the pattern of relationships which the scientist finds in this set of experiences. By his willingness to change his model or his concepts, the scientist is simply admitting that he makes no claim to possessing ultimate truth. His scientific laws are essentially descriptions of his observations. Scientific laws do not control reality but merely try to explain it; therefore, the laws may be changed when new knowledge is revealed.

Scientific discoveries have come at an ever-increasing pace, for the truth is not static. For every new answer, a dozen new questions spring up. Science is facing wide open frontiers in many fields; the atomic nucleus is becoming more and more enigmatic; the origin and structure of the Universe are still shrouded in mystery; and the exact bodily functions of living organisms still evade complete understanding. The Golden Age of Science is still ahead of us. The scientist works in an atmosphere where doubt is an accepted way of life, and unnecessary authority rejected.

You cannot build a wall between science and religion. As science explains more of the intriguing mysteries of life and the Universe, its realms expand into those areas which previously were either unknown or accepted solely by faith. Every experience we have -- physical or spiritual -- must fit together into a pattern that is credible and meaningful.

Man is the observer of the Universe, the experimenter, the searcher for truth, but he is not spectator alone. He is a participant in the continuing process of creation. He is the highest product of that creation. And he is directly affected as more and more of the wonders of that creation are unveiled.

Science and religion may be compared to two windows in a house, through which we may observe the world about us -- or our neighbor. (And there are other windows, such as art, literature, and history.) Whatever we observe through any of the windows in this allegorical house must fit into our model of the Universe and our place in it. If it does not fit, we must revise our model, change our thinking, broaden our understanding of creation.

In our modern world many people seem to feel that our rapid advances in the field of science render such things as religious beliefs untimely or old-fashioned. They wonder why we should be satisfied in "believing" something when science tells us that we "know" so many things. The simple answer to this contention is that we know many more mysteries of nature today than when the Age of Scientific Enlightenment began. There is certainly no scientific reason why God cannot retain the same position in our modern world that He held before we began probing His creation with telescope and cyclotron.

While science is not a religion, it is a religious activity by its presuppositions, its method of working, and its search for truth. The Creator is revealed through His creation. As Charles A. Coulson says, "science is helping to put a face on God."

Each person receives a gift of life on this earth. A belief in the continuity of spiritual existence, after the comparative mere flick of three score and ten years of physical life here in the endless cycle of eternity, makes the action of each moment like an investment with far-reaching dividends. The knowledge that man can choose between good and evil should draw him closer to his Creator. Next, the realization should dawn that his survival here and hereafter depends on his adherence to the spiritual rather than the scientific.

Our decisions undeniably influence the course of future events. Nature around us still harbors more unsolved than solved mysteries. But science has mastered enough of these forces to usher in a Golden Age for all mankind if this power is used for good -- or to destroy us, if evil triumphs.

The ethical guidelines of religion are the bonds that can hold our civilization together. Without them man can never attain that cherished goal of lasting peace with himself, his God, and his fellow man.

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CHURCHES URGED TO ABSORB
SCIENTISTS TO QUERY DOGMA

by
Dave Meade

(The following article appeared in The Washington Post on Sept. 24, 1966.)

There is a deep-seated tension between scientists and the church, a Chicago physicist-preacher warns.

"The crux of the matter is that the church claims absolute truth in many areas and demands that a credo be recited by those who belong to its inner councils," said Brian H. Kaye. "But," he added, "the scientist can never agree not to ask questions."

The argument that a man cannot be both theologian and scientist doesn't ring true for Kaye, who is senior physicist of the fine particle section at the Illinois Institute of

Technology, Research Institute of Technology, and Research Institute and a Methodist lay preacher and Bible teacher.

"This is a smoke screen," he said, "to hide the real reason why a scientist can never serve in the inner ranks of the church so long as it maintains its present attitude."

Kaye emphasized that he was referring to scientists who accept revealed religion -- not those who hold an agnostic or atheistic position. "This latter group either rejects the church as irrelevant or attacks it violently as a deluder of men, an administrator of opium to the masses," he said.

"What about the group committed emotionally to a belief in God? What is their role in the church?" Then he answered with what has been troubling him:

"Only with rare exception do they (scientists) play any part in the official church structure. When they do, they are employed as Romans used to use allied tribes... lightly armed flank troops, never permitted to serve in the inner legions."

Kaye urged that the Christian churches absorb scientists, and allow them to challenge traditional doctrines and to ask new questions raised by the space age. Such questions might deal with the relationship between man's physical death and the survival of his soul, what happens to one's personality and memory after the body dies, and the possibility of encountering extra-terrestrial personalities and cultures as "part of the thrill of eternal life."

Kaye made no bones about his own faith in God. Actually, he pointed out, every scientist performs an act of faith when he conducts an experiment based on this simple creed: "I believe that the universe is orderly."

"By this, I mean that science dares to look for systematic behavior in the universe because it believes it to be there... The scientist seeks truth by the method of empirical observation and has a creed that the universe is orderly."

The scientist who has had religious experiences, however, adds: "I believe that there is purpose in which I participate," Kaye said. His awareness of God and his expression of divine purpose he recognizes as being limited by the age and generation in which he lives. He expects that his view will be challenged and he knows that the inevitable challenge will create a tension which will be the birth pang of a greater truth.

The present crisis of faith was described this way by Kaye:

"The church has fought so many rear-guard actions over the impact of evolution theories, the use of anesthetics in childbirth, the use of contraceptives and many other issues that it is no wonder that some churchmen feel they have their backs to the wall.

"Aggression is in the air. Existentialism denies outside authority... some psychologists whisper in our ear that God is a creation of our own wishes, and already the defeatists in the ranks of the church cry 'God is Dead!'

"The church needs not only to absorb the scientist but to take to itself the philosophy of the scientist that no statement of truth can ever be proscribed territory.

"The scientist with a religious conviction cannot agree to not ask questions. The church must learn to let the refreshing breeze of self-examination blow through the musty corridors of dogma." Kaye said the scientist can help the church "proceed from lesser truth to greater truth."

"The strength of the church is not based on creed and dogma," he said, "but on continued communion with God.

"The church must turn from the defensive to the offensive using all the intellectual vitality which could be released by absorbing the scientist into its structure and demolishing the dichotomy of clergy and laity.

"Science does not offer an alternative to religion, but the scientist must walk alone until the church grants him unlimited freedom to always ask questions.

"As a scientist concerned for God's activities on earth, I am wondering if time is running out and if the scientists can longer wait to be invited to participate. Perhaps the time has come to demand freedom from the shackles of tradition."

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS SPEED SECOND COMING

(Condensed from news report in The Washington Post, Sept. 19, 1966)

With the work of Bible translation proceeding at a rapid pace, the time for Christ's return to earth may be drawing near, a leading Evangelical spokesman said yesterday.

The Rev. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, general director of the National Association of Evangelicals, said American Bible translators are working in 350 languages, completing 15 to 20 translations a year.

"I would think that within 20 to 25 years this work should be done," he said in a guest sermon at Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Representatives of the Christian Church have penetrated most countries and most tribes have heard the Gospel, he said, but 1600 tribes with a population of 75 million have not been reached because their languages have not been reduced to writing. Three thousand missionaries are occupied with this task, Dr. Taylor said.

He noted in his sermon that Jesus said that when the Gospel is preached in all the world unto all nations, "then shall the end come." Christ's return is due to occur then, he said.

Dr. Taylor said that because most of the 1600 tribes are subcultures within a larger culture, many of their members can be expected to learn a second language -- the language of the large culture or political unit. Where this is true it will not be necessary to undertake the lengthy process of making the Gospel available in a new language, he said.

Dr. Taylor also said, "we have no way of knowing how far Christianity spread in the early centuries." He once saw, he said, a Nestorian cross in an old Hindu temple in Nepal. This indicates, he said, that the Gospel may have been preached in many unsuspected nations, fulfilling the terms of Jesus' prediction.

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THE CHINESE "VERSION" OF THE BIBLE

(Translation of an article which appeared in Il Giornale D'Italia on Sept. 5, 1966, datelined Geneva, Switzerland.)

"Behold, Jesus Christ will return to the earth and banish from Africa those who continue to use His name to further their own material aims." This, among other things, is a statement made in the new version of the Bible just printed by the communists in Geneva. The salient points of this particular edition have been printed in the Weekly Tribune, an English language newspaper in Geneva, Switzerland.

According to this newspaper, the "Chinese Bible" will be shipped to Asian countries (particularly to South Korea) and to Africa. The publication was edited by the "Revolutionary Press" directed by some Chinese.

Therefore, Peking, after having forbidden religion, is trying to exploit with crude ingenuity religion itself, modifying the texts of the Bible and aligning it with the dictates of the 'cultural revolution.' This experiment reveals on one hand the weakness of the dialectic communist, incapable of substituting the values already defined as "overcome;" and on the other hand, the double significance of a propaganda planned for underdeveloped countries.

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ON THE USE OF TIME

by
Philip Burley

While much of life calls for quick action, preceded by quick thinking, the essence of life is not always procured in this way. Most recently I've noted success is the result of steadfastness, working consistently, patiently, and systematically.

Too often youth and adults who do not learn this Principle waste needless time and energy. While life may be fulfilled in seasons, as of the year or rhythmic pulsations of the heart, it brings little success to work sporadically.

The lesson may be learned from a million things created in man's image. A tree knows its seasons, a sea has its ebb and flow. But greater than this is the Father Himself who systematically planned, steadfastly and patiently worked, and successfully completed His creation of Heaven and earth.

Oh, Time, you are forever;
Why do you hurry me so?
Each day that passes in this youth
Has been far from ebb and flow.
Too often, impatiently,
You've unkindly hurried me along,
So that, in the end, much was not right
And many a thing was wrong.

The secret of this earthly life
 Is to drink of it not sporadically fast,
 But to steadfastly, patiently, systematically
 Work unto the last.
 So now each day as I arise,
 With more wisdom of a man,
 Time, cooperate with me
 To pulsatingly, patiently, steadfastly
 Work out His Eternal Plan.

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TESTIMONY

(Gladys, wife of Jack Korthuis, is 28, has a Bachelor's degree in music, worked as a secretary for Radio Free Europe in Munich, has been Asst. Director of Christian Education at a Methodist Church, and is currently choir director of a Baptist Church in Denver. In addition to her duties as wife, mother of a small boy, and musical activities, Gladys has donated her secretarial talents to the Unified Family and is responsible for the typing and mailing of New Age Frontiers, Lightning Flashes, and many of the other publications put out by our Family.)

Denver, Colorado

Gladys Korthuis

Dear Brothers and Sisters: At last my long overdue testimony.

Like so many other people, my husband and I had been searching for some time for answers to so many of the time-worn questions presented by religion. We had been in Germany for about a year and a half when my husband decided to return to the U. S. He left us (our son, Kristopher and I) in Munich while he returned to make arrangements for us in the United States.

While staying with his parents in Denver he received a letter from Gordon Ross, whom he had known while in the Navy. It was quite a detailed account of Gordon's personal experiences and how he came to find Principle, ending with an urging for us to contact Galen Pumphrey in Denver to hear about it. Jack sent the letter to me, but at my request nothing was done about it at that time.

Nearly a year and a half later, when we were again settled in Denver and still seeking for a church home, Jack suddenly remembered the letter. Somehow it had been filed with our business and tax records. He called Galen and set up an appointment for our first meeting. Galen worked very patiently with us over a period of approximately two months in presenting Principle. Like most others, we found much truth and clarification that had never been shown us before. Nevertheless, we had that inner personal struggle before complete acceptance.

During this time of struggle (December 1965), Miss Kim paid a visit to Denver. Satan was working overtime to keep our minds as occupied as possible during her stay here. Our son was in the hospital with pneumonia, and it was the busiest season in our business lives. Jack is a professional singer, and I direct a church choir. During most of our meetings with Miss Kim, I was so weary I could hardly concentrate on what was being said. This passed, however, and with a clear mind I came to a realization of the complete truth of Principle.

We were so full we felt like shouting from the rooftops, but fortunately God gave us enough wisdom to prevent such action. Instead we went about trying to apply Principle to our lives. Very soon we found doors opened for us to begin sharing this wonderful new truth with others.

We are so grateful for the guidance of our loving Heavenly Father, to so many people who have helped lead us to this message. We are eager to know more of our brothers and sisters in this Unified Family, and pray for continuous deeper understanding of Principle, God's will for His people and this wonderful physical world in which we live. Lovingly in the name of our True Parents, Gladys.

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REPORTS FROM CENTERS

Barcelona, Spain

Ursula Schuhmann

Dear Miss Kim: You are probably waiting to hear something about the work in Spain. I have concentrated on one of the Protestant churches, going there regularly and sharing their activities. Last Saturday I had the first chance to lecture to their youth group. About fifteen young people came to hear my talk on "False Christs and Prophets." The

pastor asked me afterwards to work out some more talks. Of course, I have to work very carefully, giving the Principle in an indirect way. Most of these young people are already good friends of mine.

One of the students I met on Parents' Day met the "girl of his life" a few days after hearing the conclusion! Now he is engaged to this German girl. Last week they visited me and both are studying now.

One of my prospects, a professor, also works in a printing company and found me a job in his office correcting a German-Spanish dictionary. I am also translating travel guides into German. In this way, I earn quite well and can do this work at home. I still type the correspondence for the German engineer in whose house I stayed when I first came.

For three months I have been lecturing to an attorney, a yoga fan. He is the listening type. The professor I mentioned helps me with my Spanish translations, even though he still has some strong doubts. These are the more advanced people. Several others have just started reading the preface and Chapter One. It is hard to meet Spanish people. They are very reserved.

I just got my visa renewed for three months. Next time, I will either have to leave and enter again or find a job. Now I am still on a student's visa. Perhaps I can enroll at the university. This will be taken care of in its time.

Please say hello to the rest of the Family.

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Amsterdam, Holland

Sept. 11, 1966

Teddy Verheyen

Dear Miss Kim: I am still making conditions here. How much I don't know. Wish I did so that it would encourage me to work even faster. There are about eight people studying at this time. There could be more, but I cannot keep up with it. I have been giving out many pamphlets and have sent them all over the world. I got one reply from the head of the White Brotherhood. I have written to the parents of Johan van der Stok. They want to contact me again in October.

I am still working alone but am not giving up. If I am still alone in ten years, maybe I will. I haven't been to Germany for months because I have nothing to show. I will not

go on Children's Day unless someone has completely accepted. I'm afraid if I leave, those who are studying might quit. I feel that someone very good will respond soon. Dutchmen are very slow in accepting, but once they do they will be very good workers.

I miss you all very much. Sometimes it is difficult not to take a plane to Washington, D.C. I pray that many conditions will be made so that our movement will take a surprisingly big step forward in 1967.

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Rome, Italy

September 12, 1966

Doris Walder

Dear Family: Three weeks ago I attended a debate between several Protestant ministers and teachers of religion and Father Stranski, a Catholic priest who is one of the leading figures in the Ecumenical Council. He worked with Pope John and helped in the process of liberalizing the Catholic approach to other denominations, striving for unity and various other articles of reform. I was extremely impressed with his speech and would like to share some of its highlights with you.

He said that Christianity must have action, and that the Pope was not responsible to act but that the responsibility was in the hands of the people. He said that, from what he had observed, the Pope was a prisoner in the Vatican. He admitted that the average Italian was completely in the dark concerning the teachings of other denominations and must be educated in order to open their hearts to others and not be prejudiced. He especially pointed out that the prejudice was primarily associated with the priests and monks who not too long ago would stop at nothing to annihilate any new religious movement by discrediting them in all ways.

The most startling statement was that Christianity is diminishing today, and there is a great conflict as to how to apply the old ideas with the scientific age in which we now live. The eternal truth must be expressed in new language.

I felt a feeling of near desperation, of sheer frustration on the part of those who took part in this discussion. There was a tremendous amount of questioning, yet not a single solution.

After the meeting I had the opportunity of speaking to several ministers and to Father Stranski. Much to my surprise, I found the ministers far less liberal in their thinking than Stranski. They were almost childish, and acted as if this discussion with the Catholic hierarchy were the greatest feat possible. I was appalled at their obvious insincerity. Father Stranski was far more genuine. When the Cain of Christianity will admit that it needs help and has been wrong many times in the past, is this not a sign that perhaps it will give way to new thought, possibly even before Abel?

We will certainly see in the not too far distant future. Let us fight as never before and bring all people to the realization of the eternal truth.

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St. Louis, Mo.

Sept. 19, 1966

Vivian Oswald

Dear Jim and Mary and Everybody: We have a new, delightful, precious sister! Solid as the rock of Gibraltar, she has been searching for 20 years and now found the happiness she knew "must be somewhere." Her name is Jacque (pronounced Jackie) Stock, and enclosed is her application for membership, membership fee and subscription to New Age Frontiers. She didn't put down her hobbies, etc. She said, "If there's a job, tell me about it. If I can do it, I will!" We know you're rejoicing with us and we're anxious to have you meet our new sister. Best love and prayers.

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Norman, Okla.

Beulah Bowling

Oklahoma University has an inspired professor of German literature. Recently he was lecturing on the poet Friedrich Schiller and the sublime heights and emotional intensity expressed in his poem, "An die Freude," or "To the Joy."

Joy, thou source of light immortal
daughter of Ellysium,
touched with fire, to the portal
of thy radiant shrine we come.
Thy pure magic frees all others
held in Customs rigid rings;
men throughout the world are brothers,
in the haven of thy wings.

On October 24, 1945, the United Nations came into being. Usually on this date each October, broadcasts of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony originate in three parts from Paris, Geneva, and the United Nations in New York. The great chorus of the third part of the Symphony is heard in different variations from solo recitation to the magnificence of full choral presentation.

Ludwig von Beethoven was born in 1770 in Bonn, Germany. He probably wrote the Ninth Symphony before 1815. As early as 1787, Mozart said of him, "Keep your eyes on him. Someday he will make a stir in the world."

Freidrich Schiller projected the message of An die Freude, the Hymn of Joy used in Beethoven's Symphony which has been a torch of light heralding the brotherhood of man ever since. We are the Torch Bearers of 1966!

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Baumholder, Germany

Sept. 23, 1966

David Flores

Dear Miss Kim: It is my joy to write you at this time. I count it a blessing to have this opportunity.

I arrived safely in Frankfurt on Sept. 18. After arriving, there were some formalities and then we were marched, like children, to the train station. We were expected to sit for six hours until our train came. I decided I would make it a point to speak to Peter Koch that day. I thought to call him, but could not find his number. I asked a few people if they knew the street. Fortunately it was close by. I walked there and spent about 45 minutes with Peter and Barbara.

Peter is a very exciting person. He has many ideas for our movement. He gave me much information on the German Family as well as all Europe, and showed me copies of the various translations. I thought it necessary that, on this first day of meeting, I should commit myself to his Family. I told him my plan and what I am to do while here. I told him that I am at his side just as the German Family is, and that I will work with him for the time I am here. While I have a commitment to the United States Family, I also have one to the German Family. We agreed that a strong bond must be established between these two nations. I pray for Father's strength in this new challenging job.

I am stationed about 110 miles southwest of Frankfurt. I am still close so transportation is not difficult. This little mountainside town was a training camp for Hitler's men. I believe it is the largest U. S. installation in Germany. It is already quite chilly here.

Thank you, Miss Kim, for your time and know that my prayers and thoughts are ever with you.

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Tampa, Florida

Sept. 26, 1966

Becky Boyd

Dear Family: The Florida Family is moving around again. I think we must be the shiftest branch of the American Family!

Albert Meighen, who has been here with me in Tampa, moved into the Washington Center September 10. Then we recently learned that Ernie Stewart, who maintains the Miami end of the Florida Family, is being transferred to Germany. We'll miss him a lot, but how wonderful to be able to meet all our European Family! So, the first of October finds our Family in Florida in the same numerical condition it was exactly two years ago -- in sum, one! Couldn't do anything but expand from that.

I have been meeting many new people and hope soon to be able to report that you have new brothers and sisters in Florida. Sometimes it seems it takes such a long time to expand our Father's kingdom. But when you really look deeply at people and see the potential in growth of beauty and usefulness in each one, you know that every moment of your time and every ounce of your energy is still too little to contribute to the restoration of mankind. When you think that each one is like a rough gem which God wants to polish into a most beautiful stone with great depth and with myriad facets to reflect all of His personality, then we have to feel grateful that He has given us the most precious way to spend our time and energy.

Each one of you is in my thoughts and prayers. We are all so close in the responsibility we share to make America and all the world really beautiful to God.

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Sydney, Australia

Sept. 27, 1966

Alexa Altomare

My Beloved Family: Blessed are the rains which fall bringing moisture and succulence to the earth. Nourishment they bring to the trees and flowers causing them to grow and bloom in the glory of God. In Australia the rains fall, sometimes heavily and sometimes it seems unceasingly, but the flowers and trees are being nourished. May they bloom!

It's no wonder the rains are falling. We have started a new lecture series class, this time in a room behind a beauty shop operated by a young woman who is interested in our work. She is having a hard time, however; she has received actual threats from evil entities to discontinue her support of spiritual work and associations in her house. Attendance at the lectures has been very good. Usually there are about 15-20 attendees, about ten of them regulars. A good portion of them are young and energetic. Eric has been helping with the lecturing already and, due to giving his testimony at his New Age Prophecy lectures, a number of people are interested in studying the Divine Principle. Sometimes it seems as if nearly everyone in our lecture classes will accept, and other times as if none of them ever will. We will just have to do our best, wait and see.

So rains are bound to fall. Let us pay the indemnity quickly so that our Father's Kingdom may be nourished and bloom into everlasting glory and His heart may feel eternal joy and comfort. Let us be His children of joy and comfort forever.

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Dallas, Texas

Sept. 29, 1966

Vivian Sneed

Dear Family: It has been some time since you have heard from the Dallas Family. It has been a fairly uneventful summer here. David Flores is now stationed in Baumholder, Germany. Anyone who wishes to correspond with him may send mail care of Roland. We will be happy to forward it to him.

The Currys, Olivia and Betty, have recently moved to a home near the Holy Ground. They are studying diligently and hope to take the final exam soon.

Vera and Judy Gatlin have been busy with activities too. Judy just returned for a two-day visit to New York where she visited with Philip and the rest of the Family.

This month was highlighted by a visit from John Pinkerton and Maggie Compton. They were here for business purposes, but managed sessions of give and take with all the Family here. Father's Family is truly, indescribably, magnificently marvelous. I am always eager to become acquainted with my brothers and sisters. Through give and take we all learn so very much from one another. We see a different aspect of Father in each person. What a truly heavenly world we will have after total restoration, when all are truly seeking for Father's heart! I want to shout it from the rooftops!

On Sept. 20, Roland received a telephone call from David McCree who lives in Houston, Texas. David first heard the Principle in Los Angeles some time ago. After moving to Houston, he met Scott Plummer. Upon discovering Miss Kim's edition of the Divine Principles, Scott began to ask questions. Together they read and studied the book. They came to Dallas seeking members who could teach them more. We spent two lovely evenings with them, and they signed membership applications. We plan to keep in close contact with them. Thank you, Father, for these two new brothers!

Everyone throughout the country has met with struggle this year. Perhaps soon we will all begin to see the fruit of our work. We must be ever mindful that, if we seek long enough and with much determination, we will find those who are seeking the true heart of the Father. In the name of our True Parents who have made our blessings possible.

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Denver, Colorado

Gladys Korthuis

Dear Family: Just a word to let you share in our joy for our many blessings from our Father. Since accepting Principle we have been working with the Pumphreys as best we know how to expand our Family here. At present we have six people who have heard the entire message. Of these six, four have accepted Principle and two others are having that inner struggle so familiar to us all. My mother is one of the four who have accepted. She lives in Missouri. We are working with four others and are about halfway through Principle. So far, so good!

It is so exciting to feel Father's power and aggressive love flowing through us as we work for Him and His Kingdom here on earth. Probably one of the greatest joys we have had since coming into the Family was having the Weirs stop by for an overnight visit. They are the first of our brothers and sisters who have stayed with us, and we were so lifted by their visit that we are already wishing more of you would pass through Denver and share yourselves with us.

We pray for Father's guiding hand to lead us to more and more people in our area who are ready for this great message of truth.

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THE ART OF LEADERSHIP

by

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Simply and plainly defined, a leader is a man who has followers. The leader deserves to have followers. He has earned recognition. Authority alone is no longer enough to command respect.

The leader is a great servant. The Master of Men expressed the ideal of leadership in a democracy when he said, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

The leader sees things through the eyes of his followers. He puts himself in their shoes and helps them make their dreams come true.

The leader does not say "Get going!" Instead he says, "Let's go!" and leads the way. He does not walk behind with a whip; he is out in front with a banner.

The leader assumes that his followers are working with him, not for him. He considers them partners in the work and sees to it that they share in the rewards. He glorifies the team spirit.

The leader duplicates himself in others. He is a man builder. He helps those under him to grow big because he realizes that the more big men an organization has the stronger it will be.

The leader does not hold people down, he lifts them up. He reaches out his hand to help his followers scale the peaks. The leader has faith in people. He believes in them, trusts them and thus draws out the best in them. He has found that they rise to his high expectations.

The leader uses his heart as well as his head. After he has looked at the facts with his head he lets his heart take a look, too. He is not only a boss -- he is also a friend.

The leader is a self-starter. He creates plans and sets them in motion. He is both a man of thought and a man of action -- both dreamer and doer.

The leader has a sense of humor. He is not a stuffed-shirt. He can laugh at himself. He has a humble spirit.

The leader can be led. He is not interested in having his own way, but in finding the best way. He has an open mind.

The leader keeps his eyes on high goals. He strives to make the efforts of his followers and himself contribute to the enrichment of personality, the achievement of more abundant living for all and the improvement of civilization.

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IT'S WORTH REPEATING...

The weakness of the will begins when the individual would be something of himself. And the blindness of the intellect begins when it would be something of itself.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Man in his thought has not penetrated deeper than to the interior or purer things of Nature; for which reason also many have placed the dwellings of angels and spirits

in ether, and some in the stars; thus within Nature and not above or out of it; when yet angels and spirits are entirely above or out of Nature, and in their own world, which is under another sun. And because in that world spaces are appearances, therefore it cannot be said that they are in the ether or in the stars; for they are with man, conjoined to the affection and the thought of his spirit. For a man is a spirit; from that he thinks and wills; and therefore the spiritual world is where man is, and not at all removed from him. In a word, every man as to the interiors of his mind is in that world, in the midst of angels and spirits there; and he thinks from its light, and loves from its heat.

--Emmanuel Swedenborg

It is a moral truism that the spoken word has an immortal life of its own. Once uttered, it continues to reverberate in perpetuity for better, for worse, not only in the endless soundwaves of the universe, but also in the mental storehouse of those to whom it was first addressed, with intent to injure or elevate.

Moreover, the person who trades on a stone-throwing vocabulary, using rough, crude, harsh, caustic, violent, boorish, hateful or insolent language and manner to triumph, supposedly, in an offensive/defensive attack on another's poise, is thereby sculpting a spirit incapable of knowing peace.

The only good fruit that vicious bad manners can produce is eventual sickness of soul in the wrongdoer himself, so oppressive as to drive him to repentance and the practice of charity, in thought and speech, as an antidote to the ugliness in him.

It is axiomatic that emotion follows action; also, that the individual becomes the sum of his habits. The faithful practice of courtesy, which is the pitch of respect for the inherent rights of others, tends to enrich the practitioner's character with cumulative wealth of loving kindness, given and received, since like attracts like.

-- Mary Haworth

PRAYER SCHEDULE -- NOVEMBER 1966

10/30-31-11/1	Brazil
11/2-3-4	Dallas, Texas
11/5-6-7	New York City, New York
11/8-9-10	San Francisco, Calif.
11/11-12-13	St. Louis, Missouri
11/14-15-16	Cleveland, Ohio
11/17-18-19	France

(Prayer Schedule continued)

11/20-21-22	Haiti
11/23-24-25	Philadelphia, Pa.
11/26-27-28	Baltimore, Maryland
11/29-30-12/1	Denver, Colorado

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Congratulations to Jon Schuhart, Sandy Schuhart, Harry Yundt, Roland Sneed and Vivian Sneed on their successful passing of the Final Exams.

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NEWS AND NOTES

We wish you all a happy and blessed Children's Day on November 12th! Don't forget to send pictures of your gathering to New Age Frontiers for the December issue. Please identify those in the pictures so your historical records will be complete.

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