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Who will be recruited, and to what?

Richard A. Panzer April 21, 2013

Greetings!

Like many of you, I was riveted to the news channel this past week watching news about the Boston Bombing and relieved when the two brothers who perpetrated these acts were stopped.

I have been trying to understand how two brothers who came to America to better their lives could morph into murderers.

The simplest answer I can come up with is: they believed committing an act of terror was a way to serve God.

We could look for the personal and family reasons that would explain why they embraced a radical Islamist worldview that views residents of non-Islamic countries as enemies, but the bottom line is that **someone offered them** a teaching that justified mass killing.

How do you defeat an ideology that leads people to believe that they are serving the Creator by committing such acts? Is this something our government can do? Doubtful. Dialoging with young adults about the purpose of life, the reality of God, and how to live a God-centered life is not something that governments are qualified to do, and when they have tried to enter that arena, the results have not been good.

So who will reach out to those searching for purpose in life? All of us have responsibilities and busy lives, but perhaps each one of us can find ways to share God's love and truth with young adults in our communities.

On a societal level, how can we dialog with people from different cultures and religions? How can we encourage and support Islamic leaders who take a stand against terrorism? How can we create and express a shared vision that inspires people around the world?

These are things that True Father (Rev. Sun Myung Moon) devoted himself and the resources of the Unification Movement to over the course of much of his life.



And these are things that students at Barrytown College, which is rooted in Unificationist ideals, will have many opportunities to become engaged in, whether in their courses on world religions, at guest speaker events, or through internships with organizations promoting interreligious understanding, co-prosperity and world peace.

Those interested in considering *a college with a uniquely important purpose* are welcome to attend an **Open House being held next Saturday, April 27 at Barrytown College**. For more information or to register, **(click here) to register.** An "Instant Decision Event" at the Open House will allow students to know on the spot whether they have been admitted.

For more information, or to apply online, visit the **Barrytown**College website. And, please feel free to spread the word to anyone looking for a mind-heart-and-will-expanding college experience together with other young Unificationists from around the country and globe. Barrytown College is a place to discover how to live a life of significance and how to significantly impact the world!

Sincerely,

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