# BLESSING AND IDEAL FAMILY

**Chapter One** 

# THE IDEAL OF CREATION AND THE LOVE BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN

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#### 1. GOD'S WILL AND THE COMPLETION OF THE FOUR POSITION FOUNDATION

Many people are talking about God's will. This term seems very simple, but when we are suddenly asked, "What is God's will?" it is extremely difficult to answer.

Until today, many Christians have prayed, "Oh God! May Your will be clone." And we are at present living a life of faith in order to fulfill God's will. However, it is somewhat contradictory that we are living a life of faith for God's will and praying for its fulfillment at the same time.

I would like to give a definition of God's will: God's will means "to fulfill the ideal of creation."

Then, what does "to fulfill the ideal of creation" mean? It means to fulfill the ideal of man and woman. In other words, centering on Adam and Eve, the whole creation is to become united into one, fulfilling the ideal of Adam and Eve. In the words of the Unification Church *Divine Principle*, God's will means to complete the Four Position Foundation.

What is God's will from the viewpoint of the Unification Church? We see it as the completion of God's purpose of creation. When God created all things, He did so absolutely with a purpose. Naturally, it is God's will to fulfill His purpose of creation. 'Chen, who is the center of this purpose? It was Adam and Eve. This is why I see God's purpose as realizing the ideal of creation, centering on Adam and Eve.

Then, what does it mean to realize the ideal? It indeed means to form the Four Position Foundation. The Four Position Foundation is the foundation of the family centering on God, in which God-centered Adam and Eve become an ideal couple, inseparably and completely united, and multiply children. When this Four Position Foundation is formed, Adam and Eve become united through the love of husband and wife centering on God and they are unable to leave the realm of God's love.

What was God's purpose of creation? It was not just to watch Adam and Eve. The reason for creating man and woman was not just for each of them to age and die. God's purpose of creation was for Adam and Eve to grow and, when they recognize their feelings toward the opposite sex, to create humankind's true

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heaven on earth, making a place of love centering on God. Here, the male Adam would represent heaven, and the female Eve would represent earth. Then as Adam and Eve became united horizontally, centering on love, heaven and earth would automatically have united into one.

More important to God than the moment of creating Adam and Eve was the precious future they were to realize by completing the Four Position Foundation centering on love.

As the center of an individual, God created His son Adam as the representative of plus and loved this son the most. When loving this son, God loved with a love which included a female-type love. Accordingly, when God loved His daughter Eve, He loved her with a love which included a male-type love.

If Adam and Eve had united centering on this first reciprocal relationship, a third origin centering on this new love would have been created. This is why we call children the object of love who can initiate new hope.

Adam and Eve were born as substantial beings representing God's love and parents' love. Therefore, God loved the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve as well as Adam and Eve. You all know about the Three Objective Purposes. The Three Objective Purposes are formed this way.

God's will toward human beings is to fulfill the purpose of creation and realize the ideal of creation. The realization of the ideal of creation does not end merely by men and women getting married and uniting through love. After this, they must experience having sons and daughters, because heaven and earth are formed from a principle wherein everything is linked in relationships of high and low and front and back. If there is a yesterday, there is a today; if there is a today, there is a tomorrow. Everything must be connected. If there is only a husband and wife, there will be today, but no tomorrow. If there is no tomorrow, everything comes to have no meaning. If husband and wife are the higher position, then there must be children in the lower position. If there is no lower, there is no meaning. The principle of heaven and earth includes the relationship of high and low and left and right; husband and wife make up the left and right.

Therefore, parents think that they have fulfilled their responsibility when all their sons and daughters have married. When a husband and wife become parents and when their children get married, the higher and lower relationship is realized for the first time. Only when this higher and lower relationship is realized is the ideal manifested. A husband and wife in a left and right relationship become united, but it is only when they become parents with children, forming an upper and lower relationship, that the horizontal and the vertical are linked and they can realize the universal, ideal spherical world. Furthermore, when brothers and sisters become linked to this, at last a sphere is realized. In order to complete the realization of the ideal, we must be able to form a circle in which the vertical and the horizontal are linked. When a man and a woman each come to feel this double realm of the realized ideal, they are able to live the ideal. What does this mean? This is what the Unification Church calls the Four Position Foundation. Therefore we can say that to complete the ideal of creation means to complete the Four Position Foundation.

A person should not be concerned with himself. Starting from "myself," a person must pass through three stages. These three stages are: myself, reciprocal partner, and child. The relationship of myself, reciprocal partner, and child, centering on God, is the Four Position Foundation. Completion of this Four Position Foundation is God's purpose of creation.

The completion of God's purpose of creation mentioned in the Principle of the Unification Church means for man and woman to complete the Four Position Foundation. However, this Four Position Foundation cannot be realized unless the parents become completely united by love and have God dwelling in them and, at the same time, have God's absolute love transmitted to the children through them. God's Four Position Foundation is completed only when, according to the order of beginning which started from heaven, love is passed on to the children without mistake through the family as a midway station. Therefore, we must teach people that God is a God of goodness and teach them to love. We must teach women how to love God, their husbands and children. We must teach men how to love God, their wives, and their children. We call this the completion of the Three Objective Purposes of love.

What was God's ideal for our first human ancestors? God's ideal was to connect the ideal man and the ideal woman to realize an ideal family. Then what was to be the center of this ideal family? The center is neither man nor woman. A family is after all a group centering on God, with parents, children and the connection of a husband and wife. When we ask, "What is the center of this group?" we are answered: the center is the love of God. Therefore, we can conclude that God's will is for husband and wife to unite together centering on God and to complete a family.

If Adam and Eve had completely united centering on God, they would have united from a relative position into an absolute position; therefore, their love would also have become absolute love. The children born from the realm of this absolute love would have received absolute love and also would have dwelt inside this realm of absolute love.

In the realm of absolute love, there is no contradiction or opposition. When we stand in a position in harmony with this realm, absolute love dwells in us and dominates us.

In this ideal, the children grow up within a peaceful dwelling place of love. When they grow up like this, all the surrounding atmosphere is harmonized, and parents and children stand in the position of praising God. This is what we call the base of the Four Position Foundation.

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When this Four Position Foundation is realized, i.e., when father, mother, and sons and daughters come together, there is realized an absolute realm of love. Heaven is the realm in which this absolute value of love expands to all dimensions.

In order to create the Four Position Foundation, we must first experience the heart of a husband and wife. Then we will be able to have the heart of a child and the heart of a parent.

God's ideal of creation was for Adam and Eve to multiply children of goodness and realize one world centering on God.

God's will is to realize an ideal family centered on the one love that Satan cannot accuse, and to build a tribe, society, nation and world of God.

2. THE REALIZATION OF THE IDEAL OF CREATION THROUGH LOVE

If we ask God why He created this world, He will surely answer, "Because it was good," which means He created because He wanted to receive joy and happiness.

How can we attainhappiness or a good situation? It is only possible through love. Therefore we can conclude that God created this world in order to receive happiness through a substantial object of love.

God created this world in order to realize love. God created all things in order to feel happiness through seeing human beings and all things uniting and realizing a harmonious love relationship centering on God's love; to feel happiness seeing human beings forming true husband and wife relationships centering on God and realizing true love families, clans, tribes and world; and to feel the happiness of love by uniting with them through love. This, indeed, was God's ideal of creation.

God's dream was just one—to realize His ideal of love. However, the realization of the ideal of love was not possible by God Himself alone. Love, happiness and joy cannot be attained with just one being. They can never be realized without an object.

God is an absolute being; however, He needs to have a being which can become His object of love. God's object of love is man and woman. When they with perfected love come before God as His objects of love, God becomes the God of joy who has found His ideal of happiness.

We are always situated in a position to give and receive. If we are in a high position, we need to become low; if we have received, we need to give. Therefore, to experience absolute love or to be an absolute subject we must stand in the position of object.

An absolute person in the subject position cannot but seek an ideal for

the sake of the reciprocal partner. No matter how great a person is, whether the person is a scholar with worldwide power, or an artist, or a politician, no person of goodness can be happy by himself or herself alone. Happiness can be attained only through having an object.

Let us imagine where God's happiness could be shown. Because God is an absolute being, if He is the end, He must he the very end.

Because God is standing at the center of the borderline, He has to seek an object which becomes His reciprocal partner.

Where there is sunlight, there always appears a shadow centering on a certain object. In a similar way, a person in the subject position wishes to give to a person in a lower position rather than giving to a higher person.

Therefore, the reason God created the whole universe was in order to realize His ideal. The object of the realization of His ideal would be linked from all things to animals, and from animals to man. Of course, nature would also he included. God started His creation from small things and worked toward larger things.

Therefore, even a small thing becomes an object to one part of God. Therefore, for an absolute God to love, small things became His first reciprocal objects. From that point onward, God feels an increasing degree of stimulation.

The base in the original mind where God's unlimited love can be expressed centering on His purpose is the "*shim Jung*" The value of *shim Jung* never changes. We must always include God's love in order to discuss the value of His existence. Something's value can only be determined when it fulfills its role as a partner in a reciprocal relationship.

Therefore, happiness originates from the heart of God. Where can this purpose be realized? It can be realized in man and woman. The invisible heart of God appears in the visible human heart. When people with this *shim Jung* multiply horizontally and form families, then those families will expand to the world and become its center. In order to realize such a family, God gave Adam and Eve the blessings to grow and multiply. Universality is formed on the foundation of growing, multiplying and dominating all things.

Why did God create this world? God wanted to attain happiness through this world. Even if we say that God is an absolute being, He cannot feel happiness by Himself. This is because happiness can be attained only when there is an object.

What God needs is not knowledge, money or power. God Himself is absolute and almighty so He does not need anything of this sort. No matter how much science develops, it cannot catch up to, much less go beyond, God's creation. This enormous universe moves with an order according to a principle. When we think that God created and has been operating this enormous universe, we can say that God also is the absolute scientist.

Among the existing beings in this world, there are none which have the strength to stand up to God. This is because God has almighty and absolute

power. Also, God is unchanging and self-existing. If there is something which this God desires to have, what would that be?

There is only one thing that God absolutely needs, and that is true love. True love is what both God and human beings absolutely need.

God does not need knowledge, because God Himself created knowledge. God does not need power, because God is omnipotent. God does not need money, because He can create diamonds and gold whenever He wants.

Then what is it that God needs? There is just one thing that God needs, and that is love.

Would God be able to receive love by being alone? One might ask, "Can't God handle love as He wishes?" Absolutely not. What God needs the most is an object with whom He can share true love. We just have not understood this point.

If God is an absolute being, the question is why God created man and woman. It was not in order to gain money, knowledge or power. It is because this is the only way through which God can feel happiness.

Seen from this point of view, God the Father and humankind as His sons and daughters form an axis. If this axis is linked, the unified love relationship between man and woman and God will never he broken.

Do you think that a person who is connected to God's original love and who has experienced the taste of that love could ever leave God? A bee comes to taste the nectar in spring. A bee eating nectar will not stop eating even if his rear end is pulled off.

What does God's love taste like? Its taste is such that you want to turn around and come back again to stick to it. When all existence, action and multiplication begins with this axis connected to love as the foundation, then individually perfected men and women will come together to form love-centered families.

Centering on this love axis, a clan, tribe, nation and world should appear. Why, then, has love become self-centered in America? Why are men and women making love so easily, as if they were just casually greeting each other on the street?

The reason God created man and woman was because God cannot experience any stimulation by Himself. Happiness is that which can be attained only through a relationship with an object. One cannot receive the stimulation of happiness alone. If we stand in an objective position to God, we can receive the highest level of love. Then God's internal character becomes substantialized. If God feels sad, human beings too cannot but feel sad. Therefore, the relationship between us and God is impossible to break. No matter how much we research, we can come to no other conclusion.

Why does God need man and woman? When we think about why God must need us when He tries to realize His ideal, we can conclude that we are necessary in order to fulfill God's love. Then what is God's love? It must he the love with which human beings are able to love each other eternally, but it also must be the love which would make God eternally love human beings. Therefore, we are the reciprocal partners of God's eternal love.

From the very time God created Adam and Eve, God eternally wanted to love them as His objects, whom He wanted to see again and again and again, and to be with again and again and again, and to live with again and again and again. It was God's ideal to have such an object.

With what can we compare God's love? According to the *Divine Principle*, *it* is the completion of the Four Position Foundation. Then, what is meant by the completion of the Four Position Foundation? The love of a parent is given to the child and is felt. This process can be divided into three stages of parents' love, husband and wife's love, and child's love. When we look at this horizontally, they are all united and connected to each other. Centering on parents' love, which is the center of the Four Position Foundation, the child is united and the husband and wife are united, and finally they all become united with God's love. This is the Four Position Foundation.

Adam must unite with God. Man is the horizontal representative of the existing world and God represents the three-dimensional world. Love makes this unity eternally possible.

When man and woman with physical bodies unite with God, they become intoxicated and their heart and feelings come to dwell in eternal happiness. Consequently, through love, man, woman and God unite into one. The substantialization of God's ideal world and the purpose of creation start from the point of human beings and the world becoming one through love.

Originally, we were created to live in the midst of unity with God, feeling love substantially. Satan aimed at the center of this love, making Adam and Eve fall. After that, this universe drifted away from God, with no relationship to His love, becoming chaotic.

God's ideal begins for the first time from God-centered love, love which flows according to the law of creation.

#### 3. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CREATING ADAM AND EVE

In Gen 1:27, it is written that according to God's external character, God created man, male and female. Inductively, we can conclude that God is a being of masculinity and femininity.

God, as a being of this nature, could not live alone. Therefore, He needed an object and created this universe. Therefore, what God created was one male and one female.

God's internal character is formed from masculinity, God as Father, and femininity, God as Mother. Therefore, human beings and the universe creat-

ed from God can be described as embodying God's dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity.

God created Adam and Eve first in order to have physical being, and second to perfect His love. If Adam and Eve had become perfected substantial beings of love, God would have dwelt in them and they would have become perfect parents of love for all human beings. Then, if Adam and Eve had become the substantial parents representing God's external character and multiplied through their substantial children, they would have realized an ideal world. When an ideal world is realized through human beings, the physical world and the spirit world are connected. This was another reason for God to create man and woman.

Therefore, God would have dwelt in Adam and Eve, becoming a true and substantial Parent to all humankind. God can still use the external character of Adam and Eve to appear as a parent even when they go to the spirit world. However, you must understand that because of the fall of Adam and Eve, these ideals were not realized.

The reason God created male and female was for the two to love each other and unite. God did not create Adam for Adam or Eve for Eve. God created Adam for Eve and Eve for Adam. Also, God created Adam and Eve for His love and His happiness. God did not create Adam and Eve for the sake of knowledge, power or money. The almighty God did not need knowledge, power or money; it was love that He needed.

The reason God created Adam and Eve was not to give them knowledge, power, or things to live a good life. It was to make Adam and Eve substantial beings of love.

The purpose for God creating man and woman was to form a base for love through the family. The world without love is hell, and love's absence makes the value of existence negligible. We must know that the absolute law of creation is that love is the purpose for God's creating human beings.

Why would God have created the universe and Adam and Eve? We must know this point. Why did God create? Because it was good. God created because it was good. God went inside Adam to become his invisible Father, and God made Adam to become the substantial, visible Father. In other words, Adam should have stood as the substantial God. Then why did God need a substantial being? Because the invisible God could not dominate the substantial world; it was necessary for a substantial being to stand as God.

Since God made Adam and Eve to be the substantial God, they had to unite with God. But Adam "pang ku" — self-destructed. Jesus came to restore this and become one with God. Although "pang ku" is an earthy expression, it is not impolite. I think Jesus would like this expression. The reason I used it is because it gives us a more realistic feeling than some literal expression such as "accident."

God cannot be seen. To have a substantial being, the invisible God created Adam and Eve. If Adam and Eve have God dwelling in them and become perfect, marry, and have children, then God becomes the internal Father and Adam becomes the external father. Then Adam would become completely like God.

If Adam and Eve had resembled God and become the father and the mother, we would always have been able to recognize the existence of God through looking at history. No one would doubt God. If there were no fall, we would see God appearing whenever we called for Him. Then who could deny the existence of God? Not one single person in the whole world could deny the existence of God.

God, watching Adam and Eve loving each other, would not have been a lonely being. God would have felt reciprocal happiness, thinking how strong His internal feature of love is.

For God, Eve was His future wife, because Adam was meant to become God Himself by becoming united with Him. Satan seduced God's wife. Satan is God's enemy and our enemy.

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# ADAM AND EVE'S GROWING PERIOD

Adam and Eve were created with the possibility of becoming perfect without any sin. Adam and Eve were growing to perfection according to the law of God. During the period for them to become perfect as a man and woman, the relationship of Adam and Eve was to be as brother and sister. They were to form a pure tradition while they were brother and sister.

The love between man and woman was to begin after love matured during adolescence. Until that time God was watching and waiting for their love to mature and become perfect. This is why we in the Unification Church call this period "God's indirect dominion over the result in the Principle."

The reason God told Adam and Eve "not to eat" was because the time for them to love each other as husband and wife had not yet been reached. Because Adam and Eve were still in the growing period, God gave them a commandment to wait until they matured.

When a person is born through a parent, he or she is not born ready-made as a husband or a wife. He or she is born as a son or a daughter and is educated in love. Through this education, one must be taught that man and woman should unite.

Therefore, we must stand before God in order to receive the education of love centering on God's love. During the period of receiving this education, one should learn the true standard of all value, and this education must be given until the time of maturity.

However, we do not find any Old Testament record of Adam and Eve's growing up by receiving God's love. Instead the Old Testament starts with a story about the fall. Then how should Adam and Eve have behaved in order to receive God's love? Because God and Adam and Eve were in the relationship of parent and children, Adam and Eve should have followed wherever God went, receiving His dominion; however, on the contrary, they failed this original responsibility. Because God is the absolute being, Adam and Eve also had to follow and obey God absolutely. God was the womb of the lives of Adam and Eve, and He was their guardian. God was to protect them from any threat to their lives. Therefore, it is obvious that God would have enjoyed seeing Adam and Eve mature and love each other more than they loved Him. Why? Since God is the subject, if His object embodies a wonderful love substantially, God as subject will be able to feel a much greater value of love. Therefore, God would feel happiness.

This is the very first law of creation for human beings. Therefore, fallen human beings who cannot receive this education of love cannot reach this position.

Adam and Eve, as the Lords of all creation, should have waited until the time decided by God, their Father; i.e., they should have waited until they had matured both physically and spiritually. God also told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. This means that, after their physical and spiritual bodies had matured completely, they were to become husband and wife and to love each other, multiplying sons and daughters.

While they were physically growing up, Adam and Eve spent much of their time together. When something startling happened, Eve would say, "Oh! I'm scared," and be embraced by Adam or hide behind him. When being embraced by Adam, Eve would be relieved, but at the same time, she would be receiving a strong masculine stimulation from Adam. Adam, who did not dislike Eve, would also have received sexual stimulation from Eve, a being different from himself. At the moment when a sexual emotion occurred between Adam and Eve, who sinned first? Eve, who was afraid and jumped to be embraced, was the one who sinned first. From that time on, they gradually fell in love.

God created man and the universe through love. Therefore, Adam and Eve centering on God should have made the world into one systematized world of love, thus connecting everything to God. We must always think what kind of attitude Adam and Eve, who had this mission, should have had, and how together they should have carried the love which God permitted. Because this problem of love is so important, it was to determine their life and death.

Humankind has been longing for maturity. We have to know why man and woman have had to wait for maturity to arrive. It is necessary because our ability to love requires a period of growth. Adam and Eve, when they become sixteen, seventeen, or eighteen, would naturally start caring about the eyes of the opposite sex. Just as when flowers bloom, man and woman are intoxicated by their fragrance, when they reached adolescence, Adam and Eve began to think about the opposite sex. God also gets involved in this fragrance. When the three—God's love, and Adam and Eve's minds and bodies—unite together, that point becomes the core of the universe and enters the original orbit where love controls everything. However, Adam and Eve fell from this point. If Adam and Eve had not fallen, they would have completely united. If they had united, God would not have been able to leave, and Adam and Eve would not have been able to leave each other as well. Therefore, all generations would have been connected together, realizing the ideal tribe, nation and world. This place would have become the beautiful world, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

If Adam and Eve, when they reached adolescence around seventeen or eighteen, had not fallen and instead had united centering on God's love, their minds and bodies absolutely would not have divided. Then Adam and Eve, with a perfect life and perfect love, would have been able to become a perfect man and woman living in a perfect environment. After the fall, man and woman have always remembered the feeling of standing in that position, and throughout our lifetime, we long to think, to find, to live and to love as we were intended to . . . . We will always will desire to live in that environment.

When can God, man and woman completely unite together with us receiving the direct dominion of God? It begins at the time man and woman individually perfect themselves through the give and take of love. That is also the time when the reciprocal relationship of subject and object and the original human love, matured in all aspects, are prepared. When this is realized, God, man and woman are in complete harmony centering on love and will start going around the eternal original orbit.

# 5. THE PERFECTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE STARTING POINT OF LOVE

The perfection of an individual is not realized through knowledge, power or money. It is realized through love—not earthly love, but the original love. Through this love, everything can be perfected.

We all have the senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell. These five senses should work centering on perfect love. We must think that the sensations which our eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hands, and so forth, experience should be perfected centering on love.

Similarly, we can say that when our five senses unite centering on love, then the feelings we receive from the world are the ideal feelings, which means, in short, to be intoxicated. This is the state of being harmonized with the world through love and being intoxicated with joy by the environment.

In that state, a person is not alone. There has to be a reciprocal partner with whom to continue in harmony eternally. That partner can always be different, and the feelings coming from the partner would also always be different. True love is something that has the power to become endlessly big when it is enlarged and to converge into one point when it is diminished. It is a heavenly love. When we look with an eye of love, anything big or small is always one. Small things are diminished values, and big things are enlarged values. The desire to create a world of this love was indeed the ideal of God.

The perfected individual is one in whom the mind and body are completely united through the eternal give and take of love, having matured according to the form of love which God originally created. A person maturing centering on love is like a bud growing into fruit. God dwells in such a perfected individual. If love cannot be matured, the form to bear fruit cannot be made.

All the creation is created and exists based upon the law of love. When a flower blooms, the stamen and pistil have give and take action within the flower; in other words, a seed is formed through a circular movement. It is the same in the animal world and also among human beings. They all exist through the circular movement of love. Everything on earth is created to perfect itself through a relationship of love. Therefore, we can say that every existence can become perfect only through love.

Man can make his mind and body unite when he becomes one with the core of God's love. Also, when man unites his mind and body and returns back to the realm of God's love, then man, as an unfallen original human being, can grow toward individual perfection.

The perfection of an individual means the unification of the mind and the body. When the mind in a subject position performs give and take action with the body in an object position, then this mind and body become the object of God. The mind should not change eternally.

When the mind centering on heaven and the body centering on the earth unite, what would this idea be called? It would be called a universal idea. Do you know what universalism is? Universalism is an idea which calls for the unity of heaven and earth, that is, of the visible and the invisible worlds. Shouldn't the person who tries to dominate the universe have a united mind and body? If that person does not have a united mind and body, he or she would perish. However, if the mind and the body unite centering on God, then God will be the internal God, and you yourself will become the external God. Isn't that so? And, if we ask upon what we should center the unity of our mind and body, we should center this unity upon love.

You yourself are the problem. Therefore, you yourself could become your enemy. If your mind and body cannot unite, they become your enemy.

What on earth does perfection of individuality mean? It means to vertically connect the parent and child relationship through faith. As God loves us, we also must love God. Because love is formed through relationship with an object, our relationship as children to God cannot be left undone.

The perfection of an individual starts from the point where he or she becomes vertically related to God.

It is a matter of fact that we must love God as God loves us. This is the law of the Principle. If you respect and serve God as the vertical center, you will be able to receive His love as His sons and daughters. Therefore, unless we form a tradition of loving each other, we will not create the starting point for our individual perfection.

You all should know that the completion of one's responsibility is the only way to the perfection of one's personality.

The reason God cannot display His love toward fallen man and woman is that fallen man and woman must first perfect their individuality.

God is the subject of true love. Because God is the subject of love, when an absolute object appears, He can perform the give and take action of love.

What do you think perfection of our individuality means? It means to become a person who can complete his or her responsibility. In other words, it is a revolution of personality, in which the person first is restored to his or her original position before the fall and then is perfected by fulfilling his or her responsibility.

The perfection of personality can be said to be the perfection of individuality. We can say that when a person has fulfilled his or her responsibility, he or she has realized the perfection of individuality. As children of God, we must become mature beings who can stand in a position before God to glorify and love Him. Understand clearly that you can obtain true love after you have perfected your personality, and always have deep in your mind that there is no other way you can go than the way of perfecting your personality.

In the satanic world there can be no connection between hearts. In your case, you can only connect with true love after you have gone through a revolutionary change in your personality. You should always remember that unless you free yourselves from your self-centered, private mind, earthly greed, attachment to yourself, or personal cultural superiority, you will never be able to perfect yourselves.

For Adam and Eve to become people of mature personality, they had to start anew centering on a complete, ideal religion and denying everything in the satanic world. Therefore, although I am receiving so much persecution, I am denying every worldly thing in order to stand in a perfected position.

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The people who are always thinking centering on their own selves are people who are stuck in the satanic realm. If you have inherited God's heart and maintain the standard of perfected individuality, then you can come in contact with God's standard of personality and also unite with Adam's intended standard of personality. We must become perfected individuals who match the standard of original, perfected individuality. To do this, we must continually revolutionize ourselves and fulfill our given responsibilities. In this respect, I can definitely say that nothing in this world can make you revolutionize and perfect yourself except for the Unification Principle.

To improve this world, we must complete our individuality one hundred percent. Otherwise we cannot reach the level of happiness we desire, because even if we say we have restored fallen humanity, there should not he a fallen concept remaining in us, and God also should not have the concept that we once fell. In order to erase even the concept that man and woman once fell, we must become a one hundred percent complete ideal being.

Where is the beginning point, the foundation, and the resting point of love? You might hope it is your mind and body. In fact, if your mind and body could become the resting point of God's love, then you would become the perfect unified foundation. Then, becoming God's son or daughter, you would become the object of God's love who could inherit all the creation on earth and in heaven. And you would inherit all of God's love as His son or daughter, and God would close His eyes, shedding tears of gratitude, saying, "Oh, my child!" Everything would be under your control.

Where does love start? Love starts with a perfected individual. The Principle view is that we are to start loving after becoming perfected as an individual. The relationship of love starts only after you have gone through adolescence, becoming qualified to love the opposite sex and to carry the responsibility of uniting with the harmony of heaven and earth.

However, in the case of Adam and Eve, it was different. What kind of love was their love? It was not love which could unite all the creation and the universe. Adam and Eve's love should have been a subjective and necessary love, but it was not. Therefore, none of their descendants could make this level of love either. Although we know the word "love," people do not know the idea of a world of true love, wherein people love each other centering on God and God comes to love the people.

In other words, when God sees people, who are His masterpieces, love each other, He cannot help loving them. The blessed marriages of the Unification Church link the love relationships of the people as God's sons and daughters.

God, who existed as Logos in the beginning, created man and woman after creating all the creation. When God created human beings as His object, God created the male Adam as His object and then created the female Eve as the object of Adam.

Centering on God, Adam and Eve should stand as subject and object and become linked through love. When this happens, God and the human beings (Adam and Eve) would each form a relationship of subject and object. However, if Adam, without forming a subject and object relationship with Eve, formed only the subject and object relationship with God, he would not be able to inherit the eternal love of God or exist eternally. Eternity and perfection come not from a straight forward movement, but from a circular movement. In order for the straight forward movement to become a circular movement, Adam must also form a relationship with Eve who is the object. Adam cannot move in a circular direction if he forms a relationship just with God or just with Eve, and he would not be able to create the harmony of life and love by himself alone.

All the creation exists through a movement with three points as its base. If the movement does not go through three points, it will not he eternal or perfect.

Adam was not supposed to stand before God in a straight line. Adam was to form a circular movement only by standing before God through his object Eve, and Eve through Adam. When Adam forms a circular movement through Eve, he has to be in a love relationship with Eve. This is because Adam does not have the power to circulate by himself alone.

What would have happened if Adam and Eve had perfected themselves and reached the level to receive the Blessing? In other words, what would have happened if Adam and Eve had completely matured as man and woman? Centering on one love, they would have become a motherly womb united with the whole universe. If this unity had formed, Adam and Eve would have become united with God, and God and man and woman finally would have established a new beginning in this universe. What would have been the starting point? It would have been love. From the origin, the starting point had to be love. Then what love would that have been? It would have been God's love.

Where would the origin of this God-centered, unified love have appeared? Originally Adam and Eve were to grow and embrace all the creation in heaven and on earth. They were to be filled with happiness, with hope for tomorrow and with heart enough to reach the position of intoxication in God's love and love the future generations eternally. When Adam and Eve reached this position, then finally the origin of true love, where man and woman could unite centering on God, would have appeared. The origin of a unified love cannot appear by any other means.

After reaching perfection as an individual and perfection as a reciprocal spouse, and when we become approved publicly by God-centered love, we can realize the genuine, true ideal.

#### THE IDEAL WORLD OF CREATION THROUGH ADAM AND EVE

God created one male and one female. After they became perfect, God wanted them to live a heavenly married life as one heavenly couple, husband and wife.

God planned to make Adam and Eve the very first husband and wife and then to build the heavenly kingdom through them. If this had happened, then the blessings "he fruitful and multiply" would have been realized at that time. God had given Adam and Eve the ability to multiply His children. Then the children of Adam and Eve would have been sinless, perfect human beings.

Then what else would Adam and Eve have done? Sin never would have been passed on to humankind. Through their children, Adam and Eve would have become the God-centered True Father and Mother of all humankind.

If Adam and Eve had reached perfection without falling, they would have become perfect not only individually but also on a universal and historical level. And they would have been able to start a new family centering on God's love. From this family, a society, tribe, nation and world—one big family would have been realized in which God could have dwelt.

The center of this one big family society would have been God and Adam. In that world, the lifestyle or course of Adam's family would have remained as an historical tradition. Their lifestyle, customs, practices and background would have become the historical tradition. It can only become a tradition if it is linked to God's love. God's love is the origin of life and the spring of all ideals; therefore, we would not have been able to leave its bosom, and would want to return even if we ever left.

In this fallen world, we see many people leave their parents or brothers. They always feel lonely and miss their family. Similarly, once we are united with God, who is the subject of life and ideals, we can never leave His bosom. If we leave we feel lonely and bereft of happiness; therefore, there is no option other than becoming united in the realm of God's love.

In that position, these are the things man can he proud of: one, God is my Father; two, we are sons and daughters who can receive God's love; and three, I am the inheritor of the universe created by God.

Today, the people of this world are proud of just marrying the daughter of a rich man. But if God is my Father and if I can receive all His love, could there he anything of which to he prouder?

If Adam and Eve had realized a God-centered ideal family, God's will would have been realized. Adam's family would have become a family where a unified base of love could have been formed with God as Father on the top and all humankind below as His family. That family would have become the foundation on which to bring everything into unity through love, in order to perfect the ideals of Adam and Eve created by God.

Through the husband and wife's love and children's love formed on that

foundation, a unified cultural realm would have been realized on this earth centering on Adam's family. There would not have been numerous tribes forming their own cultures and civilizations, as exists today. It would have been a world with a single culture, single thought and single civilization, centering on Adam. When this is realized, then all cultures, history, customs, languages and traditions will be unified.

Also, we will realize an ideal family, clan, tribe and nation in the realm of God's love, and by enlarging that even more, we will form one ideal world realizing the ideal of Adam. As the root, trunk and leaves of a tree are all connected as one life, we should serve God as our Father above us, and we should think of humankind as our brothers and sisters below us, making one "life-body." God's will is to realize an eternal ideal world centering on God. The people living in that world do not need any salvation or Messiah. They are God's sons and daughters of goodness.

If Adam and Eve had realized the first God-centered family, the God-centered tribe, nation and world would also have been realized centering on that family. In that place, only God would be the ruler. Then from the very beginning, a perfect rule would have been accomplished for eternity.

If this had been accomplished in the Garden of Eden, then we would not have many different nations and languages we see today. We would have been included in Adam's tribe, following one tradition centering on Adam. The language which Adam used would have been the language of the world. And the whole world would have indeed become one nation under God. As God planned, all humankind would have been born in the heavenly kingdom on earth.

We were to enjoy the heavenly life here on this earth and, after our physical life, we were to go to the spirit world to live in heaven eternally. This was the original blueprint of God. In this world, there would have been no Satan, no evil and no hell.

#### 7. THE FALL OF ADAM AND EVE

Why did Adam and Eve, created by the omniscient God, fall? This is an important theological problem.

Many Christians believe, what literally is written in the Bible, that Adam and Eve fell by eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If this were a literal fruit, then it would not have been a big problem. However, when we see the history of restoration providence taking six thousand years, we can understand that Adam and Eve did not fall by merely eating a literal fruit.

Then, by what did Adam and Eve fall? In one word, Adam and Eve fell through the problem of love. Because of this, the providence of restoration has taken thousands of years and had to be prolonged so many times until now. Many religious believers did not know about this fact until now.

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Then who distorted love? It was the archangel who twisted the love of Adam and Eve. The archangel formed a relationship with Eve by seducing her and mistreating Adam. Therefore, the direction of Adam and Eve's love, which should have pursued God according to the true path centered on their parents' love, shifted to a different direction.

This is why all humans who were to inherit God's blood inherited Satan's blood instead. Most religious believers have never even dreamed about this level of understanding.

In the Bible is a verse which says, "Do not eat of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil." This commandment was given because something had the possibility of destroying the relationship between God and human beings. The Principle solves this problem very clearly. The Principle is a great gospel that can save all people, who are living in suffering.

We cannot say that the fruit was literal. Why would God create a fruit that could cause a situation in which all humankind would suffer in struggles and destruction for millions of years? That the fruit symbolizes a problem of love is much more plausible.

Where did the fall start? What does it mean that Adam and Eve fell as a family? Nothing other than love could have made Adam and Eve fall as a family. What kind of fruit would make thousands of future generations become sinners? This is a blood relationship. If a root of sin is planted in the blood lineage, it would continue eternally according to the law of inheritance. Only the problem of love could make this happen. Mistaken love was the cause of the fall.

The fall started when Adam and Eve were seduced by illicit love which violated the heavenly law.

When you come to know about love, everything becomes connected. You can understand not only the facts of the horizontal earthly world, but also your spiritual eyes will allow you to understand the multi-dimensional spirit world. Therefore, you reach a stage at which you can meet and relate with God directly.

However, Adam and Eve fell before their love senses developed. They had an illicit relationship with the archangel. This was the fundamental cause of the destruction of the universe.

Because of love, the fall occurred. The starting point of love is not the eyes or mouth. The fall occurred through the love organs of man and woman. Everything came to be destroyed because of the fall.

The unifying point of love is where all the senses are brought together. However, through the fall, the standard was destroyed, damaging the entire universe. We are to grow centering on love; however, when damage is caused through love, God retreats. In this respect, the fall cannot be anything other than an accident of love. This is why it became a problem to God, to humankind and to history. Only an accident of love can cause such a shock, as the greatest catastrophe in the whole universe.

Forming a love relationship with Satan was the cause of the fall.

The fall means that we fell together with Satan and left God.

The fall initiated an illicit motivation in the blood lineage. This is why the result of the fall has been inherited until today as the original sin.

Amazingly, Reverend Moon has revealed at this time that the fall resulted from immature love. It is an undeniable fact.

The reason that the omniscient and omnipotent God could not prevent the fall is as follows:

Adam and Eve should have developed their love up to the level desired by God. But since they fell during the process of their growth, God, who must maintain the absoluteness of love, could not prevent their fall. As we human beings have to go through the period of adolescence, Adam and Eve were to become perfect after going through a certain growth period. Then they were to become united with God, but they fell before reaching that stage.

If Adam and Eve had understood the internal feelings of God, they would not have been able to fall even if they had tried to. Parents have a heart of love for their child, but the child cannot understand this deep heart of the parents. The fall occurred when Adam and Eve were very young. But wasn't the motivation of the fall not because of their young age, but rather due to the immaturity of their hearts? If Adam and Eve had felt that "God is related to me. I cannot separate myself from Him," then they would not have been able to fall. The fall occurred because Adam and Eve did not have that unity of heart. The fall happened because God's wish and Adam and Eve's wishes differed, and because the direction of Adam and Eve's thinking and the heavenly thinking differed.

What was the fall? The fall began when we followed self-centered love, forgetting to see heaven and earth, human beings and God. Therefore, any society where adultery is prevalent will perish.

The fall resulted from the archangel and Eve together trying to destroy the husband.

The fall was man and woman separating, Adam and Eve becoming enemies.

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The most serious among all sins is the sin that destroyed God's love. We must know this heavenly law. Unquestionably, Adam mistook his original duty as a brother and Eve mistook her duty as a sister. When Eve was seduced by the archangel, Eve was to ask Adam and Adam was to ask God. However, by deciding by themselves, they went the way of the fall.

What do you think the fall means? The fall means that we cannot live as the original ideal human beings, becoming the true husband and wife of love desired by God, and living with God centering on love.

Adam and Eve, who should have united with each other centering on God, instead united with the archangel, who was the servant. This was the fall. Humankind, which was to inherit the blood lineage of God, inherited the blood of the servant instead. This is why no matter how often fallen people called God their "Father," they could not experience the real feeling of being His children.

This is because we inherited the original fallen nature that makes us think only self-centeredly, whether about God or anything else. If a conflicting being forms a clan and a tribe, as time passes, everything will become conflictive. The realm of satanic culture was formed from one dividing into two and two into three, and then finally becoming completely separated.

God has been working on a providence of unification to bring the divided cultural realms together. Every human being has an original mind that tries to be one with the central existence of the universe. However, the central existence of the universe now is not God, but Satan. Therefore, whenever we try to seek the center, we end up becoming unhappy rather than happy. This miserable history is expanding.

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# THE RESULT OF THE FALL

Through an illicit sexual relationship, Eve united with the archangel, and Adam united with Eve who had united with the archangel. Adam and Eve formed a family through the husband and wife relationship centered on Satan rather than God. For this reason, all their descendants came to inherit the blood of Satan.

Therefore, even though the sons of Adam and Eve originally were to have been the first and second sons of God, through Eve's forming an illicit relationship with the archangel, Satan claimed them instead.

Originally in the ideal of creation, love was to determine ownership. According to the Principle, when a subject and an object form a relationship of love, each shares the other's possessions. Therefore, when we look carefully from this Principle viewpoint, we see that Satan came to have the ownership of all humankind born as the descendants of Eve, because she fell with the archangel through an illicit love relationship. John 8:44 reads, "You are of your father the devil."

Because of the fall, man and woman cannot but surrender to Satan. Human beings exchanged their own Father. We abandoned God, who is our true Father, and united with a false father, Satan. This way, the first man and woman became the son and daughter of Satan.

Adam and Eve unlawfully became husband and wife under Satan, without the blessing or permission of God. Therefore, when Adam and Eve had children, they were born not as children of God, but as children of Satan. Therefore, after Adam, children with original sin multiplied to form a world of evil. The cause is that man and woman could not persevere centered on God.

In the world of evil, there is only sinfulness, faithlessness, crime, hatred and war. Nations cannot feel pain even when they act to destroy each other. This is hell on earth. The actual master on earth is Satan, not God. Therefore it is recorded in John 12:31, "Now shall the ruler of this world he cast out."

We all know that God created this universe. We also know that God created human beings. However, God could not become our master because man and woman went against God and became one with the false parent, Satan. Therefore, Satan has been the father of all humankind.

The first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, disbelieved God's Word and fell. They therefore lost the true husband and wife relationship and were not able to become each other's true object.

God's purpose of creation was for Adam and Eve to marry as a bride and bridegroom of goodness, becoming husband and wife and then parents. However, this was destroyed because of the fall, and the providence of restoration began with Cain and Abel. This was not supposed to have been the beginning of our history. We can't help but resent our ancestors for this unfortunate history.

Because of the fall of Adam and Eve, God cannot treat them as the first ancestors of true human beings, as the parents of humankind, as His son and daughter, or as His bride and bridegroom. Although Adam and Eve were His only son and daughter, God cannot treat them as children of filial piety.

Through the fall human beings lost the true love of father, of husband, and of brother.

Since Eve's fall caused this loss, women have to go through so much suffering, until they restore what they caused to be lost.

Through the fall, we lost true parents, true husband and wife, and true children. Eve and the archangel caused this loss. Thus all women living on this earth are dependent upon the archangel-type father, the archangel-type husband, and the archangel-type brother. These women are very miserable. It is like the daughter of a rich man living with the servant of his house. In other words, the daughter was born inheriting the blood of the servant.

Since these women are unable to receive love from their original husband, original father, and original brother, the person who comes as the Lord brings these kinds of love. Because of the fall, three kinds of love relationships with a father, a husband, and a brother—could not be perfected, and as a result women could not become daughters with happiness. Therefore, these three kinds of love relationships must be restored on earth.

Because the order of love has been violated, we cannot bring happiness to the world until we restore the order of love.

People who are in the satanic realm have no relationship at all with God's blood lineage. In other words, humans who were to be born as children of good parents were born with a relationship to evil parents. Centered on evil, one family expanded to become a tribe, nation and world.

The fall might seem to be a problem limited to Adam and Eve. However, because Adam and Eve are the ancestors of humankind, they are the origin and center of our existence and they influenced the whole future of the individual, society, tribe, nation and world.

The fall of Adam and Eve was not a fall just of Adam and Eve; it was the fall of all human history combined together. In other words, the fall of Adam and Eve means that Adam and Eve became parents of evil instead of goodness. From an evil parent, evil children were born, and through these evil children, the evil society, nation and world formed.

The history of humankind living in this satanic realm has been very sorrowful.

God's ideal of creation could not be realized because of the fall of Adam and Eve. Because Adam and Eve became fallen parents, they multiplied children with original sin. The history of humankind has developed centering on this fallen family of Adam and Eve, expanding to the society, tribe, nation and world. After the fall, the ideal of a true parent who can stand in the position of having perfected the original will of God remained unfulfilled until today. Also, the creation of a true family, true society, tribe, nation and world centered on True Parents remains an unfulfilled ideal.

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#### IF ADAM AND EVE HAD NOT FALLEN

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, whose descendants would you have been? Naturally, you would have been born as sons and daughters of God.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, all humankind would have been the sons and daughters of God. We would not have been people mocked at, dominated, or accused by our enemies. We would have become the sons and daughters of God with absolute authority to represent God's omnipotence wherever we went. When a family was formed centering on such people, it would have become the family of God to which all existing beings in the universe would have submitted. Also, when the tribe formed from this family went out, the whole creation would have protected them and been absorbed by them. However, because of the fall, human beings instead became a group of people who have been mocked by the enemy.

Consequently, human beings could not stand in a position where God could intervene, but were completely occupied by the enemy.

If the first human ancestors had not violated the original law of God and instead had become eternally united with Him, then in the midst of that unified love relationship no one would have been able to take Adam and Eve away. After Adam and Eve had been born as a son and daughter of God, and after they had matured, even if Adam and Eve were ridiculed and persecuted, "Hey, who is your Father? Isn't He your Father?" there would have been nothing that could have made them deny their relationship with God, not even if they were attacked with a gun or knife.

If there were no fall, an original heavenly family would have formed in the Garden of Eden and prospered within God's dominion. This family would have had no relation with Satan.

After the fall, Adam and Eve could not understand God's heart. If Adam and Eve had grown up and appeared before God with perfected personalities, and if Adam and Eve as perfected beings had reached the level of maturity, then God would have blessed them and bequeathed to them His heart. God tried to make a heavenly couple who could inherit His love and heart, forming a family of His blood lineage.

If the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, had not fallen, what kind of world would this have been? If Adam and Eve had matured and reached perfection under the protection and love of God, God would have called Adam and Eve to bless them in marriage. This is why God had created man and woman. If this had been realized, then rather than the fallen human ancestors, sinless, true, perfect human ancestors receiving God's love would have lived on this earth. Adam and Eve would have become the True Parents. Thus, a bride and bridegroom whom God truly loved would have been born on earth.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, they would have completely supported God's will, and in the midst of that love, a true brother and sister would have appeared on the earth. Through this, a family would have been realized on a God-centered earth, and sinless parents would have given birth to sinless children, creating a sinless tribe, nation and world. Both in name and reality, this earth would have become an earth dominated by God, as the King of all

#### humankind.

If this had been realized, then salvation, religion and even prayer would not have been necessary. We must understand that it was because of the fall that we came to need salvation, religion and prayer.

Let us imagine what a God-created unfallen world would have been like. Adam would have become a True Parent with true children in his blood lineage. Therefore, the cultural world would have been Adam's cultural world and would have been unified.

Something that is once connected to God's love cannot be separated. Even in this fallen world, people loving each other can never be separated even by death. If this is true, then who could separate two things united with God's love in an unfallen world of goodness? If an individual is united like this, then the mind and body would never separate. In other words, the mind and body would he perfectly united.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, they would have received God's complete love. If Adam and Eve, as a son and daughter receiving God's complete love, became completely united through God's love, they would have given birth to children centered on God's love. Then in the midst of this true love of God, they would have formed a tradition as a husband, wife, son and daughter. God's will is completed when a tradition of God's love-centered family is formed.

This world could not become the garden of love which God originally desired. Adam was a fragrance representing God's right side and Eve was a fragrance representing God's left side. The day when these two sides met was to have been the day the whole earth and heaven were filled with the fragrance of love. However, because of the fall, this world came to be a world where evil continues. We ourselves should never have become evil people.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen but had fulfilled God's will, this world would definitely have become a God-centered world of one single culture, a world of Adam and Eve's culture, and a world of Abel and Cain's culture. This world would not have different languages nor different traditions or cultures; therefore, this world would have become a one-world tribe in which God would have dwelt.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, what kind of a world do you think would have been realized? It would have been a nation which God could have directly dominated. Because this world became dominated by Satan through the fall, we now need salvation and a life of faith believing in God.

Adam and Eve were to have become perfect according to God's will, receive the blessing from God, and realize God's nation starting from their family. Adam and Eve's perfection should have been realized through true love. If Adam and Eve had served God and had become horizontal reciprocal partners, then the world fulfilling the purpose of creation would have begun and expanded throughout the universe.

Adam and Eve would have realized one world in the midst of a tradition of becoming a united husband and wife. However, Adam and Eve betrayed God's will and fell.

After being created, Adam and Eve were to learn and master everything in order to dominate all things. If Adam and Eve had learned about natural law and their own nature, they would have been able to discern good and evil; then the action of the fall would not have occurred.

In order to move from the fallen world formed by Adam and Eve to the original world, God has been going through the course of indemnity. This we would call the "Providence" or the "Way of God's Will."

# II THE LOVE OF TRUE MAN AND WOMAN

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# TFIE ORIGINAL LOVE OF MAN AND WOMAN

When God's most beautiful masterpieces, male and female, love each other centering on God, this love is the most wonderful love, the very first love, the representative of all other kinds of love, and the love that gives out light eternally.

When a man and woman love each other, we must ask whether their love equals the standard of love which God had in mind as a model. We can conclude that if the first man and woman had become united through love centering on God, then they would have become the model for a God-centered universe.

God desired to see this level of love from them. Man and woman would also have desired this level of love from each other. This level of true love has to he the core of the universe. It would become a standard similar to the standard of meters and centimeters.

The love between man and woman must he one centered on God's ideal of creation, not just centered on their own couple.

If a man and woman are a God-centered couple, we can conclude that the wife can go wherever the husband goes and the husband can go wherever the wife goes, and the couple can go wherever God dwells.

For whom is man supposed to live? Adam's value of existence could not he perfected until Eve was created. Therefore, for Adam to exist eternally, he needs Eve as his spouse; in this sense, woman can he said to be man's subject. It is the power of love which allows both man to dominate woman and woman to dominate man. No power other than love can make man and woman dominate each other. Only with love can they dominate each other.

God exists with dual characteristics as well. God can exist eternally because these two characteristics are forming give and take action with each other centering on love. God's love is absolute because His characteristics are completely dominated by love. You should know that only love can make perfect dominion possible.

God did not conclude just by forming a vertical reciprocal realm of His love. He then created this existing world to become a stage to perform horizontal love. Therefore, in order to connect everything through a horizontal love relationship, God created all things, plus and minus, male and female. Through this, God can dominate all human-centered things through love.

My earthly parents gave birth to my physical body, and my vertical Parent gave me eternal life. Love makes it possible to unite the vertical Parent and the horizontal parent. When a perfect man's love and a perfect woman's love become united in the midst of God's will, God's love will dwell with them and become the base from which my life sprouts.

God created the whole creation in a reciprocal position to be able to receive God's true love. God wanted them to receive this one love. If a man and woman perfect God's love and each can completely unite that love to their own self, and if they can stand in a position similar to God, sharing love with each other, then this man and woman will definitely become a unified ideal couple.

God's love and human love are essentially the same. Love is the power and desire to unite. Why do man and woman miss each other? Because only man through woman, or woman through man, can possess God. Love means to like each other.

When we think that God is the origin of the dual characteristics, we must praise the sacred value of man and woman, and at the same time, we must become persons who can praise the precious value of God even more.

In the heart of a man, there is a woman whom God loves; and in the heart of this woman who is the man's object, there is also a man loved by God. When they come to praise each other, God would watch and feel happy, and the whole creation would also feel joy. The content of happiness which the man and woman share would become the precious content of joy for both heaven and earth. The place where man and woman are loving and embracing each other becomes the place where the whole universe unites. This is God's original ideal for creation.

Originally, man was to meet a woman who could make him happy, and woman was to meet a man who could make her happy as well. Furthermore, this meeting of man and woman would have transcended the limit of man and woman and even make God and the whole creation happy. Then, for the sake of this couple, the whole creation on this earth would mobilize with the desire to be dominated by them. The birds would sing songs for them, and the butterflies would fly and dance for them. God would feel joy, man would feel joy, and the whole creation would feel joy. If the history of the human ancestors had started from this situation, then this would have become the original ideal world of creation.

Who on earth can be the owner of love? Who can be the master of love? From the point of view of a man, if there is no woman, then neither love nor anything else can exist. The reciprocal base of love for man is woman, and for woman is man. However, this is only a reciprocal base; it cannot be an absolute base of love. We can acknowledge the reciprocal partner as an existence in a temporary process, but it is not an existence which can claim the value of the subject. The possessor and the master of absolute love is God. Instead of trying to perfect God's love according to His will, the thief who stole it was the very person who committed the crime in the Garden of Eden.

> 2. THE REASON MAN AND WOMAN WERE BORN

The reason a being called woman was created was to become the spouse of man, Adam. If there were no Adam, then Eve would not have been necessary. Why did Adam come to exist? Adam also was created because he was a necessary being for Eve.

Human beings, man and woman, are not created to live for the sake of themselves, but are created to exist for the sake of their reciprocal partners.

Therefore, man was not created as a man for the sake of himself. No matter how beautiful the woman is, or even if that woman hates man, look at how woman is created. Woman was not created like that just for herself. We are not born for our own selves; we are born for the sake of our spouses. This was the way we were born.

Parents and children start to rotate when the parents live for their children and children live for their parents and when both live for each other. The more they live for each other, the faster they rotate. This is the ideal style. It is not square, but it becomes three-dimensionally round. To live for the sake of each other means to push each other; therefore, the more we live for each other, the faster we rotate, and then we form a sphere which will allow us to exist eternally.

Therefore, the world is like a sphere. Our faces are also round. Our eyes are round. They all have to give and take completely. Veins and arteries give and take. We get sick when there is a way to give but no way to receive. It happens when equality is broken. Therefore, moving beings cannot come to exist eternally unless they act for others. We must know this.

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What was the real reason for a man to be born originally? We cannot deny that a man was created for a woman. On the contrary, woman is not created for woman. We must understand that a problem arises if the woman herself cannot be convinced that she was born for the sake of a man.

Because God, the creator of this whole universe, made this to be the Principle of Creation, without following this Principle, we cannot return to the world of goodness, truth, happiness and peace, or to the world of love and the ideal.

Male was created for the sake of female, and female was created for the sake of male. God cannot dwell in places where one insists on his own being. But God dwells where one values the other. We should walk on our two legs according to the principled way of thinking, following the rules.

Woman was born to meet man, and man was horn to meet woman, right? This is the absolute truth. Therefore, according to this principle, we must go out in search of the realm of blessing. It is most evil to leave this realm of absolute truth.

Men and women are physically opposite. Women only go in one direction, but men go in three and four directions. Women only stay at home, but men travel all around the world. All their characteristics are different. How can this subjective man and objective woman be united? They can unite centering on love. It is love that pulls man, woman and God into unity.

Why was man created? It was not for knowledge, money or power. It was for woman. For woman, man was created. The reason man's bones are made stronger than woman's is not for him to earn money and live by himself. It is to support his wife and children. The physical organs of man are different from those of woman. Whom are they for? They are not created for himself. Man's organs were made for woman, and woman's for man. Have you ever thought this way? (Laughter.) It is not a funny story.

What is the symbol of love of man and woman? Where is the last terminal of love? The sexual organs enable man and woman's bodies to unite and provide a path through which mind and body can unite completely centering on love. The sexual organ of man is not for the sake of man, and the sexual organ of woman is not for the sake of woman. You were not born for the sake of yourselves. You should clearly know that you were horn for the sake of your reciprocal partner.

Man was not horn for man, and woman was not born for woman. When we look at man and woman from the point of view of a horizontal relationship, they are in a master and servant, subject and object relationship. They were horn for each other. Then how can the woman's purpose be realized? It cannot be realized by the woman alone. This is impossible. It must be realized together with a man. Wouldn't the joy of man and woman lie here? It is not something that can be argued.

Why were man and woman created on this earth? They were created in order to love each other. Because God is the King of wisdom, He made the love organs of man and woman different. The owner of man's organ is not man. This is the same in woman. Those who behave as they wish, disregarding their owners, will have to be judged before the standard of love. If you knew that you would receive the most severe punishment imaginable, would you think of doing something on purpose without regard to your own wife? And would the wives be able to think of something disregarding your husbands?

3.

# THE OTHER IS AN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY EXISTENCE

Love is what you absolutely need, isn't it? Is that right? What is absolutely needed in that love is man and woman. Man needs woman and woman needs man. How much do they need each other? They need each other more than Korea, more than the world, or even more than God. Also, if there were no women, all the human race would be destroyed within a hundred years. Therefore, if man proudly boasts that he has unified the world, all would be gone within a hundred years if there is no woman. Therefore, woman is absolutely necessary.

What is the most precious thing for woman? It is man. What kind of man does a woman need? Whether the man is great or disabled is not a problem. The problem is whether or not you can find a valuable love from him.

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What is the best thing in this world? Couldn't it be woman to man and man to woman? The love that man likes is not his own, and the love that woman likes is also not her own. Isn't that right? If you are all alone, do you want to love someone? You do, right?

When we say man, we mean a man and a woman. When we look at one man, he has to be with a woman, and when we look at one woman, she also has to be with a man. A man is not born because he desires to be, and woman, whom man needs, is also not born because she desired to be. After they were born, they realized themselves as being a man or a woman. After growing older, we realize that the other is necessary to become our spouse.

When a man is horn as a man, does he know there is woman? After being born, if he finds out that there is only man, would he feel bad? Also, when a

woman is born, wouldn't she also feel had to discover that there is only woman? Wouldn't that be so? Then, when a woman is horn, was she born knowing that there is man, or not knowing? I myself was born not knowing, but the person who gave birth to me knew. The reason you are born as a woman is because there is a man who needs you. At the same time, the reason I was horn as a man is because there is a woman who needs me. Isn't that so?

The being which man absolutely needs is woman. Even before absolutely requiring God, man must have a reciprocal being called woman. Human history became so miserable because men could not see women as absolutely necessary to them. Similarly, women also did not know that they absolutely need men.

In order to taste true love, we must have an ideal realm. For that reason, it is necessary for man to have woman and for woman to have man. Absolute man and woman having true love are connected by making effort. When absolute man and woman unite into one, you must know that God will dwell in them.

God does not like to see the separation of a couple linked by true love; the absolute love of man and woman is eternal. Even though God is omniscient and omnipotent, even the absolute God does not have any meaning by Himself. Similarly, no matter how handsome and healthy a man is, he has no meaning without a woman. A man only intoxicated with his style and health is a being without any use. It is a problem that many men on this earth are self-intoxicated, and it is also the cause of this miserable history. We must know that it is God's providence to change and improve this self-intoxicated world.

A man sitting down alone to pursue love would be thought of as crazy.

True happiness for a woman is to meet a person of love to become her subject.

4. LOVE COMES FROM THE SPOUSE

Love cannot be realized alone. Where does love come from? It comes from an object. Because love comes from an object, I must lower my head and live for the sake of the object. The heavenly law, "Live for the sake of others," comes from here. The most precious philosophy is "to live for others."

Love is something even God cannot realize alone. Love can always be realized through a reciprocal base. Where does love begin? It does not begin from myself, but grows up from my spouse.

Human beings have love. However, love does not appear when a person

is alone. When man is alone, love does not appear. When a woman stands in a reciprocal position, then love appears. When a partner in a reciprocal position appears, then love appears for the first time.

When we say that parent's love and husband and wife's love is wonderful, we absolutely are not talking about love centered on oneself. Love is not what starts from myself, but is what starts from my partner in a reciprocal position. Everyone must know this point. Love is what appears from a husband or a wife, and love is what starts from sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. Love is not what starts from myself alone; it starts from my partner in a reciprocal position. Then, who is the master of love? The partner in the reciprocal position becomes the master of love.

Where does love appear? It appears from a partner in a reciprocal position. If the spouse is not handsome and if you hate that spouse, love would try to retreat. If the spouse is beautiful and if you like that spouse, the effect of love becomes that much brighter. The effect of love is determined according to the speaking, beauty, smell, taste, etc., of the spouse.

Love can never be felt alone. Happiness is the same as well. Peace is also not what we talk about regarding just one country. It is formed from a reciprocal relationship between two or more countries.

Happiness is also the same. Can we feel happy alone? We can feel true happiness only when we have an equal reciprocal relationship with a partner and when we love each other.

Freedom is also the same. True freedom cannot be realized alone. True freedom is what can be gained within love, together with love. Only within love can eternal freedom blossom. Within true love, even if you try to dictate using force, it would not be felt to he a restriction, but as deep happiness and joy.

Where is the base of love? The base of love is not myself. The noun "love" is used reciprocally. No matter how handsome a person is, he cannot have love without a partner. The base of love is not myself. Until now Satan has been saying "Love is for myself." We think that the base of love is myself, but until we correct this completely we cannot change history.

Until now, wives have been saying that they are the center, and husbands have been saying that they are the center. Each has been expecting to be served, causing destruction. The base of love is not where I am—it is where my partner is; therefore, in order to find love, I must be sacrificed before love. Love always requires sacrifice, and it also requires submission.

In this respect, the contents that can subjugate this satanic world cannot he found anywhere else in heaven and earth. It can only he found through the God-centered Principle of love; therefore, God is always strongly holding on to love. In this world, the word "compassion" does not appear without love either. The word "benevolence" also will not exist without two people. The words "compassion" and "benevolence" are both words used in a reciprocal context.

5.

#### THE TRUE PERSPECTIVE ON THE OPPOSITE SEX

Man symbolizes heaven and woman symbolizes earth. Man and woman must come together and realize harmony.

Man and woman are different from each other. Man's muscles are hard, but woman's are smooth. Men have beards, but women do not. Their voices are different, also. When man and woman are matched in a reciprocal position, harmony is made.

The physical structure of man is in a reciprocal relationship of left and right. This is because two halves are completely stuck together.

Do you think it's good to have just high or just low? To make harmony is good. Centering on the horizon, fish live below, and mammals and birds live above.

Woman have a menstruation period once a month. As the tides rise and fall centering on the moon, woman is the same. Breathing is the same.

Man and woman must he harmonized, becoming a parallel line. Why do people like Disneyland, with all the different kinds of vehicles going up and down? It is because the universe is like that. Which strikes one as feeling better: the harmony of only man or the harmony of man and woman? This is because the universe is like that. Because the universe forms a harmony of *yin* and *yang*, others must follow as well.

When a harmony of love is realized between the two opposite sexes, a circular movement is formed. If the two opposite sexes unite with love and bear fruit, God will come down and man will rise toward God, meeting at the center point. God will become the central point of the circle, allowing the circle to become a sphere. From this central point, God can reach out in all four directions. This point is where the harmony of love is realized, life begins, and mutuality starts. This is because there is a strength of love. Therefore, the power that activates and embraces everything in the universe is love.

Our young girls say they don't, but their eyes do automatically go toward handsome guys, don't they? Also, unmarried young men have so much interest in beautiful young girls, don't they? This is love in the fallen world. No matter how handsome a man is, girls must first think of him as their brother. Later, they must think of him as "my second brother, similar to my father." This is because a brother is the closest existence to girls. Imagine a person who is the closest to you. If a man appears who you feel is closer than that person and who would live for you, then that man comes to stand in the position of your reciprocal partner.

Are young girls originally made to think of their spouses first? Even if your

brother is not handsome, he is the one to whom you girls want to go and discuss things with when you have difficulties or feel happy. You feel the same toward your father. Then if you think, "I am going to treat my husband even better than this!" how beautiful that is!

The reason we must think this way is because we must grow up through brother's love and father's love, which treat you as a true sister and daughter. Through this we must develop a path to a higher level of love. Then, when she finds a husband who will love her even more than her brother and father, she will rise another step. This is the reason why all girls want to get married, even abandoning their father and brother.

Similarly, when young men see girls, a feeling of, "Oh, my loving sister!" should arise. They should think, "Oh, she is like my loving elder sister, and she should be an extension of my loving mother!" Also, when girls see men, they should think of men as those through whom they can bridge the whole world with the ability to love all men of every race and nationality.

Therefore, marriage is a training ground where one can limitlessly extend the road of love of man and woman in the horizontal world. Isn't a world in which people have learned to love all people, young and old, through raising their own children, the closest to the ideal?

When a man and a woman meet, who would be the subject when seen from the principle of a reciprocal relationship? Is the woman subject of mind and man subject of body? Are they both the subject? Is man the subject or the woman? If we ask who is more passionate, it is woman more than man. In this respect, the woman is the subject. However, no matter how passionate a woman is, this woman would not become truly passionate until she meets a man. Isn't that so? The field of passion is woman, but the seed is the man. When there is a seed, there is a field. The field does not exist before the seed. When we look centering on the seed, the field is the object.

Today in this fallen world, love has become the most dangerous thing. Because of the fall, if we do not take care of love, the universe breaks apart and turns upside down. Man has not known why love became false and filthy. Man has tried to protect love because of his original mind that desires true love to appear.

For man, love is eternal and unique. If a man and a woman unite through love, they will live happily together on earth and then eternally even after death. Even though they have two bodies, they become completely united by rotating together. When the two bodies unite, they will start moving together with God, forming a Four Position Foundation of love. This becomes the ideal world of love. False love would not be able to invade, and only true love would dwell there.

Centering on God, when a man and woman receive the Blessing and become perfected, God will always dwell within them. When a Four Position Foundation of love is formed, through the physical body of your spouse you can come to love the heart of your spouse, and if you come to love the heart first, then your physical body will follow.

The Unification Church has revealed the providence of love which was hidden for six thousand years; therefore, the Unification Church has tried to spread the foundation of the Blessing in order to realize the perfection of the ideal of creation centering on God. In other words, through the Blessing, the Unification Church has been forming the place which is the holy of holies of love. We must understand that new life begins there.

What do you think is the center where all physical cells and spiritual elements become one hundred percent united? It is man and woman's sexual organs. When a man or woman pass through the period of adolescence, or the period in which they become physically and spiritually mature, and come to the road of love, both body and spirit completely resonate and become perfect.

What do you think the color of love would be? Do you think that it would be black at night, white during the daytime, and yellow during the evening? In the central color of love, there is a strength that can bring peace and unity and that can create the concept of the equality of humankind. Therefore, if we happened to enter the most holy place of love carelessly, we would be burned and killed.

Don't you think that the Unification concept of love is beautiful? The color of love in today's American society is, to put it frankly, the color of terrible death. Instead of realizing the eternal ideal world of creation, we are sinking down into the den of death. Men and women should keep their holy place clean until the time of their Blessing, and once they love each other, continue forever. However, American people are villains, with both men and women violating their most holy place of love.

The American people who do not think of marriage as a blessing from God have bad eyesight, not able to see their future. They are the destroyers, not the founders, of the country of God. If American society continues to go this way, it will not even have hope for tomorrow, but will be filled with desperation. It is clear that America will be destroyed not only by God's judgment, but also by persons who have lost their humanity.

Where is God's holy of holies? It is where love dwelt before the fall—the sexual organs of man and woman. This is the holy of holies of heaven.

What is love? Love is the holy of holies where God can dwell. We must cleanse this fallen world through love. We have already made it clear that Adam and Eve, who had to pass through the period of adolescence without any problem, failed to do so and went off the track, creating the fall.
The first human ancestor, Eve, had an illicit love relationship with the archangel and fell. And then because of this, Eve also fell physically through her relationship with Adam. Therefore, the blood lineage of sin has passed down to all humankind.

We must know the fact that God can never dwell in a place where there are traces of Satan remaining. In order for man and woman to receive God's love, they first must die and be horn again. Even in human society, when a woman gets married for the second time, there is no reason for her new husband to love her if she had not yet forgotten her ex-husband.

Therefore, God has been carrying on this providence of restoration in order to enable human beings to cleanse their sins through indemnity.

#### 6.

## MAN: CHASTITY; WOMAN: PURITY

You must start forming the heavenly idea centered on the family. You must think deeply about families. You must become the king of a family. You must also become the subjective king in the historical sense as well. To do this, men must always keep their purity.

Until now, we have emphasized the purity of woman, haven't we? Purity was lost in the Garden of Eden. Was it Eve or was it Adam? (It was Eve.) Was it Eve? Man lost it, also. Man who was the center of Eden also lost it. By Adam's being tempted by Eve, man, who was originally the root, was cut off. It was Eve, the woman, who made Adam fall. In order to indemnify this, women have been mistreated by men. Isn't that so? This is why women have been mistreated by men. Therefore, in order to liberate women, I am creating a movement for the equality of men and women and a movement for the liberation of women. We must do this for the sake of our coming generations more than for anyone else.

What is the bridegroom before the bride? He is a virtuous man. He is the world-level virtuous man. You have heard of a virtuous woman before, but you have never heard of a virtuous man, right? Before all humankind in the bride's position, Jesus was a virtuous man. Jesus was the man officially recognized by heaven and earth, history, the past, present and future. Could the people in the bride's position before the time of Jesus even conceive of the noun, "virtuous woman"? You are like a thief if you try to become a bride of Jesus without being a virtuous woman. What if a woman living in a cave of robbers claimed that her husband is a world-famous president, like President Kennedy? Everyone would think she was crazy.

The established Christians are playing this kind of a game. From a beggar's position, Christians are saying to the prince of God, "Oh, my bridegroom, please come, please come here and live with me." This is why Jesus has not been liberated from his deep resentment. If Jesus has not been liberated, then can God, who sent Jesus, he liberated from His resentment *(ban)*? No, He cannot. God could not be liberated, and Jesus also could not be liberated. Therefore, the whole creation created by God could not be liberated either.

Even though there are so many men in this world, you should not look around. No men can treat the women in the Unification Church as they wish. If your purity is threatened, you should die or kill by stabbing a knife in the attacker's chest. It's one or the other. Do you understand?

Purity is more important than life. The historical path on which husbands, sons and daughters, the nation, and the world can love is opened by women. With truth, dignity and genuineness, you should devote all your sincerity to building a foundation on which woman's beauty, novelty and emotional tradition can shine.

Now, are you allowed to love someone as you wish, or not? When a man calls to you on the street, are you to follow him or not? No, you are not. But you always follow, don't you? (Laughter.) You should not have this nature. You should protect your physical body until the right time comes. You should not allow a ghost-like man to take over your heart. Men who are wondering around on the streets without any purpose are all ghosts. Are you going to allow your fate to be taken over by such a man? This is not a simple problem. You have only one life and if you make a wrong step, your entire life will be unstable. Isn't that so? It is the same for men. Until now, we have been emphasizing that women must keep their purity, but from now on, men should as well. Then, everything will be restored. No matter how evil and rough this world may be, you should not do things that deviate from the original way.

You should not ruin your purity during your adolescence, which is the precious time when you cleanse and indemnify the purity lost by Adam and Eve during their youth. You should preserve your purity, precious and clean, and you should have the mind and the determination that "even if I have to live a thousand or ten thousand years alone, my love will absolutely never be misused."

If you do not love people, the nation, the world and God, you will not be able to have a person you can love. This is the thought of the Unification Church tradition. Therefore, after you have loved God, the world and the people, then you can love your wife or your husband. This is the Principle.

Some men, when they meet a beautiful woman, think how nice it would be if she were their wife. We call this person with two minds a man with the mind of a thief. Satan started from two minds, so a man who has two minds can also be called Satan. Such a person is no different from Satan.

The time is coming when men should also keep their purity. If a man does not keep his purity, but makes a mistake, it is as if his entire family and tribe committed a serious crime in the Providence. Even a noble person is not allowed to have an affair. If a man makes a mistake, his family and relatives will perish. Such a time will come for you, unless you come to understand Unification Thought.

From now on, it is the age in which men too should keep their purity. Men should keep their purity and create a historical tradition of purity. The ceremony to eat Jesus' flesh and blood is done in order to set up a tradition of the pure flesh and blood of Jesus.

There is a phrase that says woman is purity, man is chastity (boldness). What this means is purity for the fulfillment of the will (or love), and chastity for realizing a purpose. Therefore, since woman is purity, women should know only one love; and since man is chastity, man should go forward to realize just one single purpose.

Adam and Eve were to know the path they should go, keeping their purity and chastity; however, they failed and fell.

A man, when loving a woman centered on God, should stand in a position in which he can say he "loved completely," or that he "loved with a love never changing from beginning to end." Woman, on the other hand, should thoroughly protect herself in order to stand in that position. The blossom of the peony is formed from many layers of petals. A woman should hide herself deep inside, like that flower. Then, when spring comes, together with the harmony of heaven and earth, she should start a new life. We must all know this clearly.

7.

## LOVE HAS NO DEVELOPMENT OR REVOLUTION

Love does not have revolution, development, or regression. Love cannot undergo development or any type of revolution. The original model of love itself is perfect, unchangeable, eternal and absolute.

Love has no development or revolution. Love is eternal and perfect, a permanent and unchangeable truth. If you think love develops and you try to experiment, it is wrong. Americans who think of love as a livelihood can only perish. God has no reason to bless their future. If this aspect of America does not self-destruct, then I will make it perish by making a love bomb explode. What is clear is that we should not use love as a means of making a living.

A husband does not desire any revolution or development of his wife from when he first fell in love. This also is the hope of a wife toward her husband. We must clearly know that it is the hope of all husbands and wives to keep the pure appearance with which they started their first love. They do not want any other color to be added to that purity of love, and they do not require any revolutions. I want you to understand that you should hope that the purity of love itself is eternally preserved.

Why do problems like divorce occur among people who love each other?

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When we think that the people who have divorced or are willing to divorce are all people who once were in a love relationship of life and death, we must say that something has gone wrong. There may be many reasons to get divorced, but in general it means that something changed, that something became different between the two. This is because they could not keep and grow their love. Love itself does not change; it is the person's mind that changes.

When a man and a woman become a husband and a wife, the important thing is how to realize unchanging unity between them. If they unite and praise the song of happiness, this is the eternal happiness. The standard of an ideal heart of love can only he established with an unchangeable subject.

We first get married thinking that the man is handsome. But one week later, if an accident happens and the husband's body is paralyzed, it is not true love to call for a divorce. That is false love.

I saw a result of some research done on divorce, and it said that more than sixty people out of one hundred said their divorce was caused by the woman.

Today, in the developed countries, white people are in the higher position of initiating and activating the society, and black people are in the lower position of being dominated. However, when we look at the love of parents for their children, the density of love is no different between black people and white. Here, one race does not have the status of being dominated or surpassed by another, and this does not change eternally. The heart of parents loving their child, the heart of a wife loving her husband, the heart of a husband loving his wife, the heart of true lovers loving each other ... these never change no matter how much history changes, develops or goes through the process of revolution.

True love is absolute, unchanging and eternal.

#### 8.

# LOVE IS SOMETHING VERY NATURAL

When I was young, I once caught many birds and tried to make them kiss each other. To do this, I observed them preparing a nest and fed them, because even as a small boy, I wanted to see the birds love each other and sing songs of joy. I did this from curiosity about the laws of nature, as a child's experiment. When I think back now, I wonder how I continued those mean things. I became aware after a long while that love occurs as a very natural phenomenon.

True love occurs within a natural, free atmosphere. I came to know about love clearly because I went through long years of experiments.

When I was young, I grew up in the countryside where migrating birds came and different flowers blossomed as seasons changed. Wherever I went in Korea, I could clearly see the four seasons change, and the beautiful scenery of each season. In Seoul today, it is difficult to see nature even if one walks the whole day. I feel sad that Seoul is becoming such a barren city in which all the environment is man-made. People who grow up in a city environment will lack emotion and have no chance to feel the mystery and beauty of nature. We must know that the urban environment easily creates a rough and individualistic personality. The interaction that occurs when we contact nature allows people to learn and gain awareness of many things.

I was able to learn and master many things from nature. I became aware of what true love and happiness are through nature. It was from the natural world that I could learn the most basic things, more than from education in school.

When the seasons changed and I saw a beautiful bird flying, I followed the bird and watched to see how it built its nest and lived. There were times when I walked around for more than ten days to see a bird lay eggs and hatch them. I became deeply convinced of God's mystery and love by looking at the cute and beautiful baby birds, just as their mother. The baby birds did not appear from evolution. Would a baby bird hatch if you warmed an egg? Birds are only made to be hatched through the warmth of their parent's body and their parental love.

I once picked up a baby bird and decided to raise it sincerely. Although I took the baby bird secretly, the mother bird cried whenever she saw me. I understood that it was crying, pleading to have her baby back. Mother's love in the bird's world is also very strong. When someone comes and tries to take away the baby bird, the parents try to protect it, even risking their own lives.

To a person who has lost the value of love, what difference would it make even if we gave him a university-level education? The education would only give knowledge and create an individualistic, materialistic person.

Korean soybean stew (*denjart cbige*) can only be delicious when served in a unglazed earthenware bowl (*tokpegi*). Similarly, training of personality can be accomplished fully only when it is done based on love.

World civilization must flower based on an artistic harmony. This is similar to burnt *kalbi* being most delicious when served on a plate with soybean paste served in a *tokpegi*. If you know the real taste of soybean soup, you will never he able to forget it wherever you go.

Similarly, if man once tastes the real taste of love, he will never be able to change. As we easily get tired of eating instant food made tasty by being very sweet, we cannot say that love found easily, like instant food, is true love.

Recently, we see people here and there making love as if they were making instant food. This is a problem. This is like trying to deepen love by taking a perfume bath. I would say that love is deepened, purified and lasts longer when a couple living in the countryside take a cold bath and sleep together.

If a couple brushes their teeth in order to kiss each other, it is not true love. This is because the smell of the toothpaste would stop them from enjoying the taste of the other's individual body odor. When I look at people kissing each other after brushing their teeth, it makes me wonder whether they are kissing in order to taste love or in order to taste the toothpaste. When we look at recent generations, we can say that calculating, artificial and deceitful love is so widespread that it confuses our concept of what human happiness is. We can say that this kind of love is the main criminal leading this world to destruction.

When you meet the person whom you like or love, it is a natural instinct between the two opposite sexes to want to hug and kiss each other. The reason I am trying to be in contact with the natural environment is to love this universe. This is a natural act of human beings in order to find a reciprocal partner.

If all humankind meets man to woman or woman to man based on the theory of reciprocal partnership, no accidents or acts violating the order of love can occur. The order of true love will be formed when man and woman meet based on the theory of reciprocal partnership.

However, if you stand in a position violating the order, ignoring and denying the environment, the ideal order of love cannot he set up.

### TRUE MARRIAGE AND TRUE LOVE

#### 1.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MARRIAGE

Marriage can be said to be a ceremony which allows you to open the door of a palace of happiness and enter into it. Therefore, marriage is the biggest event for humankind. Love transcends time and space and it is the greatest thing for humankind. Marriage is a ceremony that reveals and confirms this greatest love.

Why do we term the marriage ceremony "to receive the Blessing"? According to the Principle, if Adam and Eve had not fallen and had become perfected, they would have stood in the position to receive the Blessing. In other words, they were to be the substantial objects of God. Once they were perfected, they would have been objects who totally received love from God as the subject. Through their Blessing, or marriage, God's love would have appeared in the world.

If there were no marriage, then what is called love would not have started in the human world. Who is the master of that love? We must know that the master is not man or woman, but God. When God's love is manifested in us, it becomes God's joy and pride, and we are able to feel this as God's love.

Love cannot be realized alone; it is only realized through a reciprocal relationship. Therefore, when man tries to realize love, he cannot do it by himself alone. The same can be said about woman. When Adam and Eve unite through love, they are able to receive God's love for the first time. From this viewpoint, we can understand that we human beings are horn from God.

When two people who love each other give and take in a reciprocal relationship, consoling each other when they are sad, sharing joy together when they are happy, helping each other when they have difficulties and going forward together before God, this indeed is married life on the foundation of God's love.

The reason God made man and woman not in heaven but on earth was to realize God's love horizontally. When you form a subject and object relationship and unite horizontally, the love that combines the two with the subject God is a vertical relationship of love. This fact is extremely important.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus came to earth as a man. Before building God's nation as the King of kings, Jesus as a bridegroom was to meet a bride on earth. Jesus came as the highest standard of all love. Jesus was to appear as a man on a horizontal base, pick a perfected woman, and unite with her centering on the one hundred percent original love of man given from God and the one hundred percent original love of woman also given from God. Then God would come down to seek His lost dignity and honor. When heaven and earth unite through this give and take of original love, then everything in heaven and earth will harmonize naturally and respond.

### 2.

## WHY WE MARRY

For what reason do we marry? It is in order to fulfill the ideal of creation, i.e., to realize the purpose of creation. Then, whose purpose is this purpose of creation? Before it is the purpose of Adam, it is the purpose of God. Therefore, before Adam feels happy, God has to feel happy. It has to be like this. Then, in this respect, for whom do we get married? It is for God, and for God's will, which is the purpose of creation. God's will is to fulfill the ideal of creation.

The ideal of creation cannot be realized centering on oneself. All my heart *(shim Jung)* should unite with God who is the subject; when God moves, I should move, and when God is still, I should be still, too. We should become united internally and externally, centering on a heartistic point of unity. Therefore, unless we set up a base to harmonize with God, we are not able to realize the purpose of creation.

The reason I am getting married is not only for myself but is also for my spouse. What does it mean to get married for the sake of your spouse more

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than yourself? As everything in the universe is formed according to the principle of subject and object, for man and woman to get married is also a rule in the universe.

If man is on the right side, woman becomes the left side in order to form a horizontal relationship with the universe. If man is the subject, then woman becomes the object in order to form a vertical, upper and lower relationship with God. Therefore, marriage is not for the sake of just man or just woman. We have to get married in order to follow the heavenly law. This is why man and woman have different aspects. They are born that way in order to match with the heavenly law.

Man is born to meet woman and woman is horn to meet man. And man and woman together are horn to combine with a higher level of love which is God's love. Neither man nor woman can touch God's love alone. If a man or a woman alone tried to unite with God's love, it would just be a one-sided love. Neither one would be able to combine with a three-dimensional, spherical love.

Therefore, man and woman must get married in order to jump into the realm of a higher-level three-dimensional love. In the original world, the more man and woman become united, the greater the center of the activating power becomes, forming a sphere. Therefore, the more man and woman connect horizontally, the more God, who is the maternal womb of the vertical power of love, becomes connected. Then our mind and body become united.

The reason for woman to meet man is to understand man's world. For what reason do women try to take over the world of men? It is to realize the unity of love.

Why do we get married? How good would it he if you did not have to get married if you did not want to? If women did not get married, they would not he able to live fully as a woman and would even get sick. Centering on all the circulating system, a woman's body is made to meet man and to function normally through married life. Women must know that it is not normal to stay unmarried. Therefore, the ideal behavior for a woman is to go through a normal life-course.

What is the normal way? The normal way means the middle way where the average of all aspects can come together in unity. This middle way is the normal way where everything will be in harmony. It will not have any attachment or tilt toward one side or the other.

Where would the road of destiny of an individual, a man or a woman, lead? I am sure no one would want to go down a winding road of destiny. The original psyche of man desires to go a straight way. Both man and woman desire to choose a family life, which complies with their destiny.

Single men and women of today think that after becoming successful, they will form a good family and be good parents. Therefore, husbands, wives, men

and women all desire to have a good partner. Why is this so? This is because they feel they are inadequate. Although they feel inadequate, they desire to have excellent sons and daughters. Wouldn't it be great if you could supplement your inadequacies and become better through your reciprocal partner? With these thoughts deep in mind, people desire to love someone.

I want to ask you, where is the Unification Church heading? To Moscow? Then, what is the Unification Church to do by going there? It is easy. We are to go there looking for the kingdom of heaven on earth. Then, why are we to get married? We cannot go to heaven without getting married. We must get married in order to qualify to enter heaven. What is the qualification to enter heaven? It is to resemble God. Then, how can we resemble God? We can resemble God by practicing God's words. We must make God's love my love and God's words my words.

Therefore, representing God, I would say to the world, "You mankind! You should go to heaven!" And then I would say, "In order to go to heaven, I should love mankind as God does and take the whole world with me to heaven." Then you would be a person of God, a person on heaven's side, and there would be no mistake in concluding that you are qualified to go to heaven. Then you would be well qualified to get married.

Well? What was the reason for us to get married? In order to go to heaven. Also, for the sake of humankind. Men should know that the women standing before them are God's daughters and the daughters of all humankind. Man is qualified to become a husband if he can love a woman as a woman loved by all humankind and as God loves her as His daughter. If he cannot, then he is not qualified to become a husband. This is true for women, too. You should not think that that man is my husband. Before thinking of your husband as "my man," you should think of him as God's son and as a man representing all men.

You should become a woman who can love more than the whole of humankind and even more than God. And you should get married thinking that you will transmit the footprints of love for God and for humankind through your family, by yourself becoming the right foot representing man and the left foot representing woman. Because the right leg is the husband and the left leg is the wife, you end up being one-legged if you do not get married. Furthermore, the right and the left legs are to become perfect. If either side cannot become perfect, you are disabled. Therefore, you can have a harmonious marriage only by man and woman both becoming perfect.

Therefore, what I like about my husband is what I like about humankind and about God. And loving my husband is my loving humankind and loving God.

The purpose of marriage is to unify the world of heart and to perfect the love of man and woman. Therefore, to say that you have married is to proclaim that you will prove this. If you have realized the perfection of love and the perfection of heart through married life, then we can say that you have realized the ideal of a family. If you have realized this, then at the time of death, without a doubt you will be able to go to heaven.

## 3. THE TRUE PERSPECTIVE OF MARRIAGE

From the viewpoint of the Principle of Creation or the ideal of creation, marriage should take place at the level of perfection.

When Adam and Eve reached perfection, they were to come before God to be married. We call this level at which marriage can be held the perfection level. When you reach the perfection level, you have a value similar to becoming physically and spiritually united before God.

Through what is the unity of both the physical and spirit bodies brought about? It is through love.

If Adam and Eve had become mature and united through love, before even appearing before God they each would have realized naturally that they were each other's ideal spouse. If Adam and Eve had realized that they were each other's ideal spouse, then they would have stood at a level of horizontal love. At the point where this horizontal love begins, Adam and Eve will start to adore each other. Therefore, man and woman become perfected when love formed through a reciprocal base is realized on a plane, which then forms a right angle as it connects with God's perpendicular love.

Two people uniting together signifies the same thing as Adam and Eve, who are the dual substantial objects of God uniting together. This is also the same as God's original Sung Sang and original Hyung Sang, i.e., the plus and the minus, coming together.

Originally, if Adam and Eve, with their mind and body completely united, had become perfectly matured vertically, and if they had formed an objective realm by becoming a bride and bridegroom who could come in joy before God, and if they had realized a family of God's love through receiving God's Blessing, this would have been the perfection realm originally meant to be realized in the Garden of Eden. If Adam and Eve had been able to appear in that perfected realm, how would that place be characterized? It would be the place where the Blessing can be given.

The most precious grace of all is God's love. The next is to inherit God's right of creation. As God created Adam and Eve centered on love, it is the children who can inherit the right of creation. Why do you love your children? It is similar to inheriting God's work of creation in the horizontal substantial realm. Therefore, you can feel the happiness which God felt when He created Adam and Eve.

Next, in order for God to enable us to have dominion over all things as He does, God gave us the right of dominion in the horizontal position. We call the world which can stand in the proper stage with this right, according to proper order, the ideal heaven. Therefore, you must know that the time of marriage is the time when you inherit God's love, power and the right of recreation in the perfection realm. Therefore, the marriage ceremony is the expression of love and at the same time is the ceremony to inherit the right of creation and dominion.

We see marriage as being like the cushion of the universe. . . like a cushion on which you sit. What is the best silk in the universe? Is it *yang dan* (a kind of expensive silk fabric)? Instead of starting your new married life with a blanket of *yang dan* and quilt, you should think of loving each other with a blanket of universal *yang dan*. You should think this way.

A woman is half of the universe. When a woman sticks to a man, 180 degrees and 180 degrees come together, and in order to form a realm equal in value to the universe they have to get married. Thinking of marriage this way, this concept from the Unification Church is so wonderful.

Then what are we to do? Do you like flowers without any fragrance? Flowers without fragrance are not interesting. Would you say, "If I were to become a flower, I would want to become a green flower"? Have you ever seen a green flower? Even when I went to a botanical garden, I could not find a green flower. A flower similar to a leaf does not bloom. By looking at just that, we can say that God exists. Leaves are all green, but have you ever seen a green flower? What is that? There is just one flower which is very close to green. It is the flower of the red pepper. But if you look closely, it is not completely green. It consists of red and other colors. Why is that? It must have that appearance in order to contribute to the harmony of heaven and earth and the law of creation. See! Our perspective of marriage is this wonderful. How wonderful is the perspective of marriage of our Unification Church!

Then does it also contain historical significance? What has God been doing until now while dreaming of this ideal family? God has been searching for this level of man and woman throughout history, but there were none. God could not find anyone who would think this way or even mention these things.

In order for your journey on the road of love to hear fruit, you must understand the situation of the participants—God, my parents and myself. We all are born with a public purpose; therefore, in order for us to bear fruit, we must base ourselves on a public purpose. There is no other way to be restored to our original birthplace. This is the Unification perspective of marriage.

You must believe that marriage is not for your sake, but for your partner. It is wrong to desire to marry a handsome or beautiful person. If you have understood the basic principle that people are to live for the sake of others, you should know that you will get married for the sake of your spouse. No matter how ugly a person is, you should be determined to try to love him or her more than you love a beautiful person. This is the basic perspective of marriage. If you do not have an established concept that you can love your spouse more than anyone else and think of him or her as God and all humankind, you cannot be restored to the heavenly nation. As a man, if you cannot even love one

woman, you will not be able to love God or humankind.

For whom are we to get married? We are to get married for the mutual benefit of all humankind. The husband is a man representing the whole world, and the wife is a woman representing the whole world. Then where is this to begin? It is to start from a place representing the whole world. Marriage is for God's will and is what all humankind publicly hopes for.

The free love rampant in today's world is a trap which Satan made to cause men to fall and to make them unable to come closer to God. Once you are trapped, you can only die or he dominated by Satan. Western people of today, especially in the United States, are unable to form a true family because of the prevalence of free love. The number of people who have failed in their family life is increasing, and the people who are unable to have a family are becoming dominant. I can definitely say with confidence that American society has become a hellish society where love has dried up and where distrust, anxiety and fear are dominant. You must know that you who are living in this age have the responsibility and duty to clean up this society and build one flowing with the love for which God hopes.

Marriage is not for your own sake. If you have a self-centered marriage, your whole family will be destroyed. To want to live a happy life by getting married self-centeredly is just a one-night dream. The problem is your future.

Unificationists of today should not stay still in this present situation, but should develop from now. You should hear offspring with the fortune of the nation and of the world. Marriage is what tries to find people who can create a new nation and new world. Until now, people of this world have said that they will marry for themselves; however, marriage in our Unification Church is a marriage for the sake of the nation and the world.

Why do we get married? We get married for the sake of the nation.

Why do we receive the Blessing? We received the Blessing in order to disseminate it to the whole world.

Korean law forbids marriages between people having the same last name and coming from the same ancestral background, and encourages marriages between people coming from different ancestral backgrounds. This is because Korean people are people who yearn for the unification of their country.

If you look at the old-style Korean marriage ceremony, you will notice that the bride and bridegroom how down to each other. Do you know why they bow down to each other? It is to pledge to live for the sake of each other. If you do not live for the sake of the other, love will go away.

When a woman goes to live with her in-laws, one may think she is just

going to a man because she was born as a woman; another may think she is going in order to save the country. The reason for a woman to get married is not only in order to share happiness together with a man. It is not just to meet one man or for the sake of a family or for the happiness of one woman. Great is the woman who marries for the sake of the nation, thinking she is representing all the women in Korea. Do you understand what I mean?

In the past, there was a woman named Masako who was the wife of King Young Chin. Masako came from Japan to Korea to get married. For what reason could she have come? Was it in order to love a Korean man? It was for the sake of the country. This kind of person is famous in history. This marriage was politically arranged in order to form a tie between Korea and Japan after liberation. This woman will remain in history as a sacrifice representing all Japanese women. Don't you think so? This woman's marriage is historical because the purpose of the marriage was large.

Then, who in all heaven and earth tried to get married with the biggest purpose? It was Jesus. When Jesus came as a bridegroom looking for a bride, he wanted to get married for the sake of the world. He was the only person with that purpose.

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## THE CHANGES OF ADOLESCENCE AND THE RIGHT TIME OF MARRIAGE

During our childhood, we desire only to grow up healthy. But when we reach adolescence, changes occur physically and mentally; our interest in the opposite sex grows and we're attracted to good looks. Externally, we try to dress up fashionably and concentrate on making our faces look more beautiful. We can tell if a girl has reached adolescence or not by the look of her lips.

Girls will begin menstruating and their physical body will start to look different. Their hips grow bigger, breasts develop, lips grow red and their eyes begin to have a mysterious glow. For what and whom do you think these physical changes occur?

These physical changes occur to make a straight road go around in circles, to start a circular movement. Going straight cannot bring any harmony. When we go back and forth on a straight road, it will not bring any harmony, but only will destroy the environment. Everything must go around in order to preserve and bring harmony to the environment. Everything must go around for this reason. But we cannot go around by ourselves. We need to go around centering on our reciprocal partner (spouse).

Coming together with our partner will start a circular movement automatically. This is the principle of heaven and earth. Therefore, physical changes occur in girls to enable them to meet their partner and to go around. When two people are attracted to each other, there develops a power to make them go around. Therefore, the reason women dress up and wear make-up is not for their own sake, but for their partners.

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When is a person in full bloom? It is during young adulthood. This age is the seven-year period from age of eighteen to twenty-five. This period of seven years is the time when the flower of love blossoms the most. How precious is this once-in-a-lifetime period when one is fully blooming!

You all know the peony (magnolia), don't you? The bud of this flower has a different-colored yellow flower inside. How many layers of petals does it have? The petals are all tightly wound together on the flower. Can you push them open? They are tightly coiled so that it cannot be easily opened up. Men and women are similar to this. When is your bud of love going to blossom? That time is when beauty is manifested to the greatest degree: in the midst of harmony in the universe. This is the best time for people, also. It is the masterpiece of God, and it is the period which shines as the very center and the best. Isn't it so?

During the growth period, adolescence is when one becomes most beautiful. A person in adolescence is like the bud of the most beautiful flower. The person who can love adolescents the most can receive God's grace and can be invited to God's room. Do you understand what I am talking about? Can you understand this kind of love? Then, are you able to he like that now? If you have understood and you are a man, you should start preparing what is needed.

Adolescence is when you feel as though you have become a prince of the whole country. Isn't it so? It is a period when you turn everything upside down centered on yourself. Adolescence is a time when you talk back. So if you push yourself, you can easily go in a different direction. This is why juvenile delinquency has become a worldwide problem today. During adolescence, you cannot be happy unless everything you do is self-centered. You feel so proud when even a small thing gets involved centered on you.

I saw a girl around twenty years old laugh without any reason. She would laugh, "ha, ha, ha, ha, ha. . . ," even when she saw a ripe persimmon drop from a tree during autumn season after all the leaves have fallen. They can understand and feel things without knowing what it is they are feeling. Because everything happens in relationship with her, she gets to have the best feeling. Therefore, adolescence is a point of conversion when one can be in touch with everything and form a relationship.

Why is this? This is because of the original nature of creation which seeks to unite man and woman one hundred percent completely, centered on God's love. However, because of a mistake, this nature was dented, stepped on, broken, like a crack in a beautiful bowl.

Originally, man and woman have the nature to unite centered on God's love. God's love is unlimited. God's love powers all life on earth. If this love were inside all people, the world would be filled with holy people.

Even to the most beautiful girl, adolescence only comes once. During that time, she is the most beautiful flower of all, and it is the most precious time for her in her entire lifetime. So would a girl think, "I want to live alone"? Such a person is not a woman. Does such an animal exist? (Laughter.) Also, among men who look very good at the age around sixteen, would any of them say he wants to live alone? At this time they all start to look for a reciprocal partner. Whom do they resemble that makes them this way? They are this way because they resemble God. If God is not like this, how can His children be like this? It is because God is like that. During adolescence, which is the most precious time in one's life, the desire to seek a partner is the same in man and woman. Is it so, or not? If you think it's not, go ahead and age and die alone.

Try saying to a beautiful woman, "Beautiful women are said to be unfortunate. A beautiful person like you should age and die alone." Even a quiet beautiful woman would really get mad. Nothing worse can be said to a person. This beautiful woman will have value only when there is a man who appreciates her completely and connects her to heavenly love. Therefore, is a person with an unstable emotion happy or unhappy? Grandmothers, please answer. They say she is unhappy. It is true.

When is love linked? When does the power of love push us out? When man and woman reach adolescence and all their physical functions reach one hundred percent perfection, everything comes to a halt. Everything becomes saturated. Movements always go through a saturation point. They come to a halt once and then they start moving again. Everything reaches a point of saturation and stops.

The stage prior to becoming saturated is the period of adolescence. Adolescence is the period when all physical functions reach the stage of maturity. For example, it is similar to a balloon which is filled with air up to the point of bursting. It would burst if a little more air is put in. How wonderful would it be to burst after the completion of love! Similarly, when a person reaches the age of eighteen, he or she becomes stretched out to the point just before bursting. Then they are able to start rotating so beautifully for eternity.

When our spiritual and physical bodies completely unite, original love comes within us. Even in the fallen world, during the time of adolescence, man and woman can stand on a parallel line where our spiritual and physical cells harmonize. During adolescence, the cells of our spiritual and physical bodies joyfully greet everything with open doors.

The human world during God-centered adolescence would be filled with joy and happiness.

When you unmarried men and women during adolescence meet and talk, your hearts bounce, don't they? You become excited and a change starts occurring in your mind. However, if your mind does not center on God and comes to stand on the opposite side, it becomes evil. Your mind should be centered on whom? God. It is true love that can bring you up to a place where your God-centered heart and *Shim Jung* can unite. Can you understand? Because human beings should live their whole life like this, men and women

are to have ideals and hopes that are centered on love.

What makes you shine at the final stage is love. Love which is not conscientious is not love. You may not understand what I am talking about now, but you will be able to understand once you get married.

I am sure that very often male students want to look at the faces of female students and female students want to look at the faces of male students without any reason. Isn't that so? That time has come. This is because you are still young. When you are fifteen or sixteen and become high school students, your thoughts turn toward your partners. Your eyes go around in circles. Don't you think so, high school students? Please be honest. How are your minds? Do you dislike being with male students or is it nice? Tell me at once!

Well! It's O.K. for female students not to answer because they are women. Men, it's not had to have female students around, is it? Now is the age of adolescence. This is why even Hyo Jin, when he sees a female student. . . . I'm telling a true story. When you are frank, everything will he understood, anywhere. This is why I am being frank. If you think it's a lie, you are wrong. I am talking very frankly.

Male students think only about how female students are looking at them, and female students are the same. You think, "Oh, I should comb my hair," or "I should take care of my dress," or you look into a mirror. You do this not thinking of how it looks to you, but only of how male students are looking at you. Isn't that so, female students? Then how about male students?

This is good and natural. It is not bad that you think that way. But I am telling you to think with a more artistic heart.

When you reach adolescence, you become more ambitious, going in and out, to and from many places. By the way, from now on, an unmarried man will need a bride and a bride will need an unmarried man. Isn't that so? Those who think it's wrong should quit.

A nicely-dressed woman's eyes shine even more brightly when she sees a man. In order to find a partner, it is very natural to dress up. Women walk around with their hearts burning to meet a handsome or ideal man.

When would God think is the time men and women feel the most happiness? Would God say, "I feel good looking at an aged couple laugh and dance, saying they love each other"? Or would God be happier watching a young man and woman, in love through both mind and body, sing and dance together?

What is happiness to human beings? Can we say we are happy when we have a lot of money and wear many diamonds? Can we say we feel happy by dressing up gorgeously with perfume and make-up, singing and dancing? Of course, each person would differ slightly. But true happiness can only be found when you become intoxicated in love with your spouse, laughing, singing and whispering. The person who can do this is a happy person. A person who hears whispering words from his or her lover can he said to he a happy person. Whispered words of love in your ears make you feel so happy that you feel you are in a dream. The time when happiness is the most flowering and most meaningful is during young adulthood, when the power of love is overflowing. This is the time when you can grab love with all your might and become unified through love.

Omniscient and almighty God created a time when man and woman can blossom beautifully. That time is young adulthood. To these newly matured men and women God gave the blessing of marriage as a gate to gain happiness. Everything in this world loses the value of its existence if it does not engage in an ideal reciprocal relationship. Therefore, it is a very natural development for man and woman to receive the Blessing and get married after growing and becoming mature.

You will he in trouble if you try to rush the experience of love. The feeling of being intoxicated by love and becoming happy is like a preview of what is to come when the time is right for the gate of love to open. But you should wait until the time the gate opens to enter. The gate should proudly open when you have become the master of love.

When do you think is the right age to get married? When your mind and body have the most perfected power is the precise time to get married. Your power weakens when this time passes, and then no matter how much you try to maintain your naivete, it becomes difficult to seek a partner.

## 5. EDUCATION AND MARRIAGE

Marriage opens the door to human happiness. Studying in order to open the door to happiness is very good. However, if that study is for the purpose of becoming rich or powerful, it is a mistake. Study must he for the purpose of attaining true love.

Why do you go to school? Happiness cannot exist without love. Therefore, we can say that the purpose of going to school is to shorten the road to love.

When young women go to university to earn a degree, ultimately it is in order to meet a good husband. There is no other reason. No matter how great a man is, he would be an unhappy person if he could not form a family that is united.

The reason for studying is to meet a true man and to become a true mother. In order to become a true mother, a woman must study for the country and become a true wife who can serve her husband as a true man. If you cannot gain this stature as a person, you will not he able to serve your true husband or have a true son. A woman must become a true wife and, as the homemaker of the family, must get along well with the husband until old age. If the study is for the purpose of becoming a good wife, then wouldn't all university graduates eventually be grey-haired couples? However, among university graduates are there more grey-haired couples or people who get divorced? Needless to say, people who are uneducated live together happily for a longer time.

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Therefore, as a result, we can say that the reason that women search for men and men search for women is to find God's love. The fulfillment of love is the road which leads to the most ideal hometown.

For example, when we reach adolescence, our mind and body start searching for love. We walk around without even listening to the words of our parents. The eyes of the mind and the eyes of the body unite into one and move around. If we have a nose of love, we may come to like a smell we hated before. If we have a mouth of love, we may come to like a taste which we usually dislike. We want to listen to love stories all night long. Once you touch your object of love, you don't want to stop. Therefore, if you are invaded by the feeling of love during your adolescence, your eyes turn strange and everything seems wonderful to you.

When your mind and body unite and you fire a love gun, the bullet would be shot right into your partner's heart. Those who wish to have this kind of man's love or woman's love, please raise your hand. There is nothing love cannot digest. Love can eat and digest everything. If you have true love, no matter how ugly a man is, he will look handsome to you. Love is incredible. Therefore, whether good or bad, men and women can never forget the first love they experienced during their adolescence.

If a woman has a lover whom she loves at the cost of her life, but she has to marry a different man because of her parents' opposition, will she be happy throughout her life or not? For that woman, even if the man whom she first loved had a broken nose or irregular eyes, he would look wonderful to her, like a flower. Even if the man whom her parents chose was a person whom everyone agreed was wonderful in all aspects from external appearance to internal intelligence, the man for whom she had love in her heart a long time ago would be better, even though he was not so good externally. You can believe my words, can't you? ("Yes!") But you don't belong to this class of people, do you? (Laughter.)

First love can dominate everything. Who is the subject of love? It is God. Since the subject of love is God, God is the only one who can love. Originally, man was supposed to make God his first love. However, the fall interfered.

With whom did Eve first make love? ("With the archangel!") Eve was sup-

posed to be loved with joy, but she had to love crying, with a frowning face. Do you think Eve said when falling, "Oh, it's good. It's very delicious to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil"? When Eve was being raped by the archangel, what did she feel in her heart? She felt the pangs of conscience as she was unwillingly being pulled by the seduction of the archangel. Eve was supposed to love with all her body cells, feeling joy as though she were a flower waiting for an early spring to come. However, she loved with all of her cells and heart dying.

Did you feel that first love was precious? I'm not sure . . . —how did you feel? ("It's precious.") You are much cleverer than I. That's right. Those who answered seem to have experienced first love. (Laughter.) You should be silent when you are asked this kind of question. I just mentioned it to make you listen. If I heard that answer coming from the sisters sitting here, I was going to scold you, but since it was an ugly-looking man who answered, I persevered! Anyway, you have heard that first love is good.

Then with whom did you make this first love? Please think. If you had not fallen, with whom would you have made your first love? You should have made your first love with God. If Adam and Eve had made their first love centering on God, that first love would have been packed with love. Parent's love centering on the first love, husband and wife's love centering on the first love, children's love centering on the first love—every root would be tightly connected with God's love. It is not love like yours that is separated by several thousand years of historical distance and that has to go through steps of individual or family restoration. It is love that can stick parents' love, husband and wife's love, and children's love all together at once.

The person who abandons this first love for God cannot go before God. The person who can say that he would abandon everything and would live and die because of his love for God can go to heaven. The first love between man and woman is also important.

Reverend Moon of the Unification Church held mass weddings gathering men and women of goodness in order to connect their God-centered first love. These men and women married, transcending nation and race, in order to realize God's love. Therefore, I heard people say that Reverend Moon became crazy. I heard these voices because of first love.

You must look at yourselves from this viewpoint. "How evil and hateful a mind and body do I have, and what a hateful being I am, betraying my own mind and body." If you find yourselves like this, you should know that it is urgent to change yourselves first before saying, "Oh, God. Please save me with love."

There are many young people these days who go around making love on the streets. I'm sure no one acts like this after joining the Unification Church, but I'm sure you were like this before joining the Church.

When a woman who loves a certain man finds another man much better

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than the first man, changes her mind, and says "Goodbye, goodbye" to her former lover, would it feel good or had? ("Bad.") How had would it be? I think you would want to destroy the woman and throw the man away. That's the heart of love.

It is the same for women. Would a woman feel good or bad if her husband, whom she deeply loved, started to love another woman? Any person who says she would feel good is much better off to die. There should not be even one person who feels good. Think about it. Because of man's pride, can you watch quietly when your wife is loving another man? You would feel better seeing her stop even if she had to stab herself with a knife. A man who doesn't have the guts for this is not a man. If this happened to me, I would feel the same way.

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## MIND AND BODY MUST UNITE

Today we know that within the body of a single individual, the power of the original mind, which desires goodness, is at violent war with the power of the wicked mind, which desires evil. These two minds are in great contradiction. When did this contradiction between the human mind and body begin? It began at the time of the fall. Through the fall of our first human ancestors, we came to have a mind and body that always fight and struggle, causing fights between families, societies and nations, and shedding the blood of unhappiness.

We must clearly know the reason that our mind and body cannot unite. If God exists, why would God have created persons whose minds and bodies cannot unite? An individual is born on this earth without knowing what human beings are like and what man and woman are like. If the only way for a man or woman to unite is through the way of love, then why couldn't we be born with an original foundation to he united? Why couldn't God create humankind like that? This is the problem. (Why did God create humankind to absolutely require the love of God?) When we think from this point of view, we can come up with the theory that neither God nor man and woman have been able to stand in their original normal position.

For us human beings, the most important thing is love; therefore, unless man and woman each search for love in a reciprocal position, they can never find God's love. God's love can only come to a place where the mind and body of true man and true woman come together in unity without any struggles.

You must become a parent with mind and body united, being able to love your true children by connecting the true husband's love, true wife's love and true God's love. When this is realized, a perfect family can be formed. True love appears where mind and body are united. True love should dwell in the heart and mind of a husband and wife; and by becoming one, they should give birth to their sons and daughters.

Furthermore, you must revere God more than your husband or wife. This is necessary for you, but it will be different when the age of your sons and daughters comes. You should love True Parents much more than you love your husband. The Principle says that after this, you can love your husband and your sons and daughters.

Do you know about the three points? Where these three points can come together is where God, Adam and Eve can come together. The place where God can unite with Adam and Eve is where Adam and Eve's mind and body unite. This is the place where their heart and *shim Jung* unite as well.

Then, where is the place a perfected man and woman live? It is the place where man and woman can, centering on the public heavenly providence, receive the love of God, completely unite their minds and bodies, and serve God as the subject. When a man and woman come to live in this place, they stand in the position of perfected Adam and Eve. When such people form a family and make a new start, this becomes an historical beginning. This becomes the historical first step of life. Adam and Eve were to realize this first step, but because of the fall they failed to do so. Therefore, in order to restore this, you must go searching for this place today.

Man's mind and body are in a relationship of subject and object, and this produces the power of existence by continuing the action of vertical and horizontal. Woman, too, has a mind and body forming a vertical and horizontal relationship and the power of existence results from that. Both man and woman have the reciprocal relationship of vertical and horizontal which is formed through the power of love. Only love can maintain the eternal ideal relationship of the mind and body.

Suppose a person is a poor farmer cutting grass in the countryside. If there is a burning emotion of love bursting in the mind and body of the farmer, his mind's five senses and physical five senses will completely unite, making him feel joy he never experienced before.

If there is a place in yourselves where God's love dwells, when God's heart swings once like the pendulum of a clock, your heart will also swing once. Therefore, you start to go around with God. Once you start to go around, you continue to turn. The further you go, the more the centrifugal force will activate, demanding that you love your family, society, nation and world more and more deeply.

When your mind and body become united and when you reach the point where you are to open the gate of love, your mind will resonate with the universe and you will become a writer or poet. When you can write a poem or story about love, it means that you are displaying the ability to connect love beautifully and happily.

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When an eye of love opens, your mind and body will want to form a multi-dimensional relationship in the universe. You naturally will feel the law of nature and will smile watching the falling leaves dance in the autumn wind. You will also feel as though you yourself were becoming a flower and you will want to feel the beauty of the spring flowers.

Why do both man and woman enjoy love? A human being's body is formed from approximately four hundred trillion cells. All of these cells activate when a human being loves with true love. You should know that the time when a man and a woman love is the time they can activate all the cells of their bodies.

When your mind and body unite and shed tears of longing for someone, your bones will start making sounds. This is same in the case of animals. I'm sure you all know what happens during the mating season of cows. They even forget to eat. At that time, all nerves long only for mating. Similarly, when you love and long for each other with your mind and body united, there is no cell that remains still. All cells forget their original sense of direction and concentrate into one. When you meet your spouse, all the cells explode. This power of the explosion is enormous.

What are we to do by loving like this? We are to become like God. We would be able to feel happiness whenever God is happy. In other words, we try to feel the happiness together with God.

We must unite mind and body. There are two ways: one way is to unite your mind centering on your body, the other is to unite your body centering on your mind. You must choose the way to make your body become united centering on your mind. Even when your mind changes, it is better to unite centering on your mind. If you are searching for an ideal love, it is necessary to go this way. We conclude that we must make our minds and bodies unite centering on our minds.

Members of the Unification Church should always be able to unite their bodies with the standard of their minds, which is to center always on public thoughts. Centering on the purpose for which your mind seeks, your body should go out without any hesitation. In any difficult situation, if I made a decision to fulfill a goal, my mind and body never changed. Even if I had to go into a miserable situation, I played a game in order to overcome that difficulty. I had no hesitation at all because I always carried the thought that I would fulfill the goal by overcoming the difficulties.

Similarly, no matter how much you have to sacrifice, you should try to make your body unite centering on the purpose of your mind, God's will, God's unified world and God's ideal of creation. If you are not determined to go the sacrificial way, you will have to pay indemnity—by becoming sick, for example.

Therefore, your mind and body should unite centering on your mind.

Then, a man and a woman whose mind and body are united should become one centering on a family.

## 8. THE PERFECTION OF TRUE LOVE

True Love is at the summit of the world of love; it starts from the highest point in the world. As thunder and lightning come down from heaven, true love also thunders down like lightning from a very high place.

When human beings love with true love, their cells are one hundred percent activated. Even in this fallen world, when a man and woman love each other, they say that electricity goes through them. The electricity that occurs for them is what comes from the archangel; therefore, it is only uni-cellular. The electricity that occurs in the original world is the lightning of a universallevel love and its power would be several thousand times stronger than normal lightning. Moreover, the sound made by all the cells of each organism would be the same as thunder. It is the Principle view that man and woman loving in the original world would not be able to meet God unless they put all their energy toward the point where the lightning of love meets. This also is the perfection of the purpose of creation.

From whom do you think true love, which forgives and embraces everything, starts? True love does not start from human beings. True love starts from God, who is the subject. God created human beings with true love; therefore, God desires to receive true love from humankind. Then, by God's returning that true love once again to man, God and man both perfect true love.

What is the holiest thing in this world? The holiest thing in this world is true love. True love starts from God. If God exists, there is no other way. God sincerely desires man to go the way of true love, and we must know that we cannot stand before God unless we go the way of true love. God desires to see, listen, eat and touch through love. Man desires this also. If we receive a kiss from God, we feel as though our insides are exploding with joy. This is where God's desire is. God does not feel happiness by possessing diamonds or jewels.

Any power melts before true love. Just looking at or touching it makes you happy.

True Love completes the ideal of the unification of the universe. If a painting does not include the taste of true love, you would want to throw up even if it is a so-called masterpiece. If true love disappears between a husband and wife, their relationship is over.

What is the most precious thing for woman? It is man. Then what sort of man do you need? How he looks or how healthy he is is not important. What is important is whether you can find valuable love in that man. This is the same in woman. A woman with true love is a true woman. Then, what is that true love? It is appropriate to define true love as that which can love very low things even more than high things.

Why is it so? Love is an action. A person who only looks at high things cannot unite with low things. Therefore, this person cannot become true. Love can he found through reciprocal action; therefore, if love can relate with high places from a lower place, it can be eternal and can go anywhere. Then, for the first time love becomes genuine. Therefore, we can come up with the concept of eternity when we try to make the love of the lower higher than love of the higher.

In this respect, what kind of an existence is God? God is not a God who can only love those people living in heaven because He is in a high position. God tries to love even those living in the bottom of hell. God must be the one who can love everything. Why should God be able to love the lower more than the higher? Because of the principle of action, God must be the one with a concept of eternity.

What is true love? It is love which makes you feel, when you meet a person, that you want to be with that person for hundreds and thousands of years. It is the love between husband and wife that makes them want to love each other eternally. In true love, there cannot be any hell or Satan.

The body of a human being has five senses. Man is made to feel and recognize true love through these five senses. An eye looking toward true love would be covered and intoxicated by it. How beautifully an eye shines when it is intoxicated by true love!

When a mouth is intoxicated in true love, think how enraptured those smiling lips are. Think how beautiful it would be to see the harmony of five senses moving toward God intoxicated by true love. God alone cannot experience the joy coming from this beauty. It can only he experienced when there is a partner. This is the purpose of God's creating humankind.

If there are a beautiful man and woman who want to touch the eye, kiss the lips, or play the melody of the mind intoxicated by true love, what would God do? If there is an Eve of true love, God would have the desire to at once travel the world of her heart. God would be driven to see how deep and wide is the heart of this beautiful Eve.

God would want to travel in the world of Adam and Eve's heart, which has more beauty than the heaven and earth God created. Definitely, God would want to travel in the world of the heart of a person of true love more than He would want to travel the universe, and God would not want to depart from the world of Adam and Eve's heart of true love.

After God created humankind, if God became intoxicated in man and woman's true love, what would have happened to this world? God would have been living in man and woman, and the world which God and they created together definitely would have been a world filled with happiness and beauty. If true love is perfected, the sensitive God would not regret being submerged in that true love. No matter what happened, God, if He was in true love, would always be happy. In the world of true love, humankind would live happily ever after for the rest of their lives without regret. There would be no history of war, complaints or unhappiness.

If true love were perfected in the history of humankind, then all the problems of politics, economy and culture, including struggles and fights, would be solved. All the difficult problems in the world now can he fundamentally solved only through the perfection of true love.

We must search for true love. Where are we to go to find true love? True love has no day or night; it is eternal and unchanging. It cannot he true love if it is only for myself. True love cannot he my individual possession. True love is for all people and for the whole universe. True love is what connects family, society, nation, world and the universe.

The phrase "love each other" in Christianity does not mean that each is to receive love. Love is for the sake of others; therefore, it means for each to "serve for the sake of others." What kind of a world would it he if all the people served and sacrificed for the sake of others and the whole instead of one's self? It would be a world of peace. If the whole world came to love each other with true love, even at the price of death, there would be a burning fire of rebirth. If all people loved each other, the flower of happiness and peace would blossom and fill the world with a beautiful fragrance. The world where true love is realized is indeed where the ideal of humankind is realized. However, when each asks to be loved first, struggles, fights, jealousy and doubts result. Truth does not exist far away from us. It exists within us.

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## THE PRIVILEGE OF TRUE LOVE

Love grants the privilege to participate together. If a father is in a higher position, a child in a lower position can jump up to that father's position. Because of this surprising fact that the privilege to he together is included in love, love is eternal even when I am separated and far away.

If you join a relationship of love with God, you would have the privilege of dominion and independence, and then the right of inheritance.

Only those who possess God's love can have the privilege to inherit the power of all heaven and earth which God created.

How can I stand in a reciprocal position before the absolute God? By making effort? Or by power? Nothing of the sort would make it possible. However,

if you create a relationship of love you can go to an equal position immediately.

If you want to stand in an equal position or the same position as God, you must possess the love of God.

You must know that if the Unification Church combines the power of love with God's true love, then the right of ownership has already been determined. It is same as the husband's right of ownership becoming the wife's right of ownership when they have a relationship of true love. A husband and wife united with love share the ownership of all their property. Similarly, a person linked with God by true love inherits God's right of ownership.

The problem is, how can an omniscient and omnipotent God unite with human beings who are a limited existence? If an invisible being and a visible being cannot unite, the unification of the universe is not possible no matter how much we long for it.

What kind of person can unite with God? Only a true person can unite with God. The true person who can unite with God is a person with true love.

I am sure there is no one who is against the conclusion that "only a true person with true love can unite with God." I'm sure no one, no matter what historical background, color of skin, tradition, customs, language or culture, would be against this suggestion.

Centering on God's love, if a person makes a love relationship with God, he or she can stand in the same position as God. Why is it that Nancy, the wife of President Reagan, can have the same political rights as the president before the American people? This is because, centering on love, she is in a relationship of husband and wife with President Reagan. If one is united centering on love, he or she comes to have the right to stand in the same position as their beloved. Love contains this right.

Along with this right, love contains the right of inheritance. If you start to have a love relationship with God, you not only come to stand in the same position as God, but also come to inherit everything that God owns. Humanity originally is privileged to have everything that God has; therefore, it is obvious why human beings have the desire to become the supreme existence.

Even fallen man has the desire to stand in the highest, most honorable position. Whether academic, non-academic, black or white, the desire to have the highest position is the same. The problem is that only love can satisfy this desire of humankind.

When you take hold of the core of love, you are able to control God. Even if the wife of a handsome husband is ugly, she can control her husband if they have a relationship of love. Love has this power.

An innocent country girl, living so miserably as not even to have shoes,

would be able to jump all at once to become the wife of a president if she makes a love relationship with a person having the possibility to become president. No matter how excellent the United States president, who can scold the whole world, and how ordinary his wife, through the relationship of love she has the right to participate with him wherever he goes. Love has this power.

The reason we feel sad is because God is feeling sad. This problem has been ignored until now. Since man and woman lost their original and absolute value as an object to the absolute God, we cannot stand before the universe with dignity.

Then how can I stand in the reciprocal position before this God who is in a high position? By making effort? Through power? Nothing can make it possible. Only love, only the rope of a love relationship, can raise you up to be in an equal position reciprocal to God.

Don't you think the world is like this, also? Even if you do not have any value, personality or intellect—even if you are close to zero in all aspects, if you make a love relationship with a great man, you can immediately have value as his object.

In other words, if there is a great "John," his wife automatically would become "Mrs. John." Other women would not he able to compete against the woman with this great husband. Don't you agree? Now, consider that we may he linked with God by love. The love between us and God would be stronger than the love between father and child in this world. Therefore, centered on this love, there is no reason why we could not he raised to a position equal to God immediately.

Love is unchanging and eternal, and therefore absolute. Thus we see the present as a time when we, who had forgotten our great original value, should restore the origin of our lives.

# IV

# THE PHENOMENA OF THE LAST DAYS CENTERED ON LOVE

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### WHEN ARE THE LAST DAYS?

The term "Last Days" originated with Christianity, but a similar concept exists in many religions. Let us think about how the Last Days will occur.

The world which the absolute God plans should he eternal. Once it starts, it must continue eternally. We must imagine that the reason the Last Days are needed in the world which God created is not because God planned for them, but because of the human fall. The cause of the Last Days is the fact that evil began and goodness could not continue.

Adam and Eve, who were created by a God of goodness, lived in the Garden of Eden, which was also good. If Adam and Eve had not fallen, goodness would have continued eternally. However, because of the fall, goodness

ended without even starting.

You must understand that even though human beings were created to believe in God's words, our first human ancestors disbelieved, causing death to occur in this world. Another master appeared, who seduced Adam and Eve into disbelieving God's Word and disobeying His commandment.

Because Adam and Eve did not believe God's Word and were seduced by this master, Satan became the lord of this world. Fallen Adam and Eve became the objects of Satan. As a result of their disbelief, there began a world of destruction and death, which has no relationship to God.

God cannot leave this world as it is. We must make goodness begin once again by restoring this world.

When would the Last Days come? The phenomena of the Last Days occur when a heavenly person appears to cleanse the world by restoring to goodness the individual, family, clan, tribe, nation and world. In other words, the Last Days occur when a central person appears with the power to eliminate all evil, to remove all the conditions for Satan's accusation, and to transcend to a world of goodness. The time when we overcome individually is the individual Last Days, when we overcome on the family level is the family-level Last Days and so on up to the world-level Last Days.

Historically, our ancestors came and went. Those who tried to fulfill their responsibility based on God's will always met with failure. Therefore, God made a promise that He would send a world-level representative who would be victorious representing the individual, family, tribe, nation and world and who would appear before Satan with a dignified power. That one person is indeed the Messiah.

The Lord will come when the evil world, which existed from the beginning of history, is ready to change into a world of goodness. Therefore, the Last Days means the end of one age and the beginning of a new age. If the literal sun, moon and earth—which God created—are destroyed in the Last Days, it would be destruction by Satan, meaning God would have failed.

The Last Days will occur without people knowing. When your watch strikes twelve o'clock, yesterday ends and today starts. But is there anyone who perceives at midnight that "from this instant it is a new day"? I don't think so, but this does not mean that the time ending the previous day did not arrive.

It is difficult to perceive clearly the end of one day and the start of the next. Soon, autumn will be over and winter will come. However, autumn will end and winter will come without anyone knowing. There are many elders here, but is there anyone who, even once in his lifetime, recognized clearly the moment the season changed from autumn to winter? Without our knowing, winter comes, and then spring. However, this does not mean that there is no end point, no division between seasons.

You must know that when Adam and Eve fell, they still did not have a clear purpose which allowed them to decide what is good and what is wrong.

They also did not yet have the power of dominion or the ability to make the right decisions. The fall occurred when Adam and Eve turned left when they should have turned right. Adam and Eve fell in the midst of confusion, not yet knowing all the facts.

Then when are the Last Days? The time is now. This is because it is written in the Bible that when the Last Days come, the world will be divided into sheep and goats. The sheep are the people following the Lord, and the goats are those who are not.

Communism is on the left and therefore it is the goat. It is written in the Bible that what is on the left-hand side is the goat. A goat does not know its master even if it has one. Do communists know God? The people in the democratic world are the sheep because they know God. A sheep knows its master. The Bible writings about the Last Days describe all the phenomena of the present day.

What is the nature of the Last Days? It is the time when everything is so chaotic and confused that people cannot tell the difference between day and night or truth and falsehood. When we look at the world today, we cannot tell whether the people who believe in Jesus are good or those who do not believe in Jesus are good. Sometimes those people who do not believe in Jesus can be better. When we compare the communist world and the democratic world, the communist world seems to be externally more dignified and practical than the democratic world. We have entered an age in which we cannot clearly distinguish what is better from what is worse. You should know that this heralds the Last Days. It is said that history repeats itself. We are entering the age in which we will reap what we have sown.

The word "restoration" appeared because of the human fall. This is the Principle viewpoint. Fallen humankind must be restored. The main purpose for God to carry on His providence is to restore human beings to their original position.

Why did man and woman fall? They fell because of satanic love. Then what is satanic or "fallen" love? It is self-centered love, which separates individuals rather than uniting them.

What, then, would be the nature of the Last Days? It is the time when all people think of their individual love as absolute. The world's Last Days will occur centering on fallen love. In other words, in the Last Days, individualistic love will be thought of as absolute. Love for the nation, society and family will be denied, and self-centered love will be approved. Instead of love based on morality and ethics, animal-like carnal love will be rampant in this world.

Today, impure love has reached the stage in which neither parents, the nation, nor the world can stop the corrupt sexual acts of young people and solve these problems.

Why has Satan brought humankind down to this state of corruption? It is because God has been carrying out a providence centered upon love for the whole. In order to hinder God's providence, Satan has no way but to pull man and woman in the opposite direction.

What is Satan's greatest goal? It is to destroy human love completely. Conversely, God is trying to lead humanity to the original world of love.

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# THE PHENOMENA OF THE LAST DAYS: THE FALL OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION

When did Adam and Eve fall? It was during their teens. They were not old. Centering upon what did they fall? They fell centering on love, and two different kinds of love appeared. As a result of the illicit love relationship, evil seeds were sown throughout the world.

This gradually expanded, causing the world to divide into two and creating the problem of right and left. When a storm sweeps across the world from the most developed to the least developed nations, centering on the problem of love, you know that it is the Last Days of the world. We reap what we sowed . . . .

When did Adam and Eve fall? They fell during their teen years. A false love was sown and humankind was born through this false love. The time must come to harvest the fruit.

Today, no matter where we go, the most serious social problem is the ethical problem of the younger generation. Through the universal law of cause and effect, the sown seed bore the exactly corresponding results. We must solve and overcome this.

Now young people are falling, hiding behind trees. This is because Adam and Eve had an illicit relationship behind trees, without the permission of their Parent. Because Adam and Eve sowed this seed, we now are harvesting the same action. The time is coming when the same phenomena will occur throughout the world, transcending national borders, age, ideology and principles. This is the Last Days. Has this time arrived or not?

Today, juvenile delinquency is widespread. This is a result of the fall. The problem of university students, people in their teens and twenties, is very serious. Those young people even sell out their own country if they have the desire. When they protest, the nation is puzzled. Isn't that the case? When the younger generation demonstrates, the whole nation rocks. Demonstrations and subversive activities started by young people are taking place everywhere.

Sexual problems are also an issue. When they fall, how do they do it? They do as they wish, without their parents' permission. Even when husband and wife love each other, they do as they wish. Love is the origin and power of life and should follow heavenly law. But it is becoming a game out on the streets with people dancing around and engaging in corrupt activities. These phenomena indicate that it is the Last Days.

Today, what is the reality? We already are too late. Young people are poisoned by drugs, and satanic love and free sex are rampant. The whole free world is polluted by the corrupt standards in the United States.

Americans are traveling around the world seducing women of every nation. They are becoming unfaithful. If we cannot solve this problem, the United States and the world will be destroyed. The reason Sodom and Gomorrah perished was because of luxury, disbelief and false love. Rome perished also not because of any outside power, but because love toward the family, society and nation were destroyed and the people's power of life diminished and perished. In these respects, America is no different from Rome.

Humankind, inheriting the fallen blood lineage sown from the evil seed, has now reached the time of harvesting the result. I know that as of recently the fall of young people is increasing in Japan, also. This means that the autumn time is coming, when we have to harvest, on the worldwide level, the evil seed sown by the mistake in the Garden of Eden. When this time comes, there should appear people or movements calling for new, ideal relationships between men and women. The fact that a movement calling for ideal relationships has appeared is tremendously happy news for the whole world.

After World War II, the United States fell into the situation we see today because of its idea that "the world is ours," centering on itself only, without trying to move toward the land of the world-level Canaan. America does not have a true goal.

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I shed tears standing on Fifth Avenue in New York City. New York is proud of having the Empire State Building and World Trade Center, but what are they going to do now? Accidents will happen when God leaves those places. God blessed this country for a reason. America was to do everything, even the construction of buildings, in the name of God, but America is going in the opposite direction and becoming spoiled.

If you look around the streets during rush hour, you see young people gathering, becoming corrupted. Did God bless this country so that this would happen? There should be young people standing up to start a new movement for purity, determined to save the world, but there are none. If there were even a few young people gathering around one rock symbolizing an altar, praying with tears to save the future world, this would bring one point of happiness.

You should know that God has now left New York City. There is a rumor now around the world that New York is a city of the devil. God did not bless this country hoping to create a city where murders are a common occurrence and women are raped in the middle of the day. The country has all the reasons to perish.

Young people are corrupted. I am sure you know that drug problems among young people are now very serious. Families have broken down and

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racism will become a greater and greater problem from now on. Furthermore, there is an increasing possibility that the country will be threatened by communism and economic panic will occur. Why do these things happen? It is because God has departed.

God should be dwelling throughout the United States, but He is leaving from every corner of America. God has left from your hearts. God has left the family, society, church and government.

# 3. THE REALITY OF SATAN IN THE LAST DAYS

What kind of god is Satan? Satan is a god of adultery. In the Last Days, Satan denies God, the churches of God, and the family traditions of God. Today, when we see these things happening around the world, we can understand that communism indeed began from the work of Satan.

Communism denies the existence of God. Also, it calls religion an opiate and seeks to destroy religious families. This is because Satan knows God is working to make him surrender through religion and religious families. Satan knew very well that if he denied God, he would also be denied. Satan also knew that human beings would one day go hack to God. Therefore, Satan thought that since eventually we would not serve him anymore, he wanted to keep us from serving as well. You should know that this evil is indeed Satan.

When Adam and Eve were still immature, the first step of heartistic action that they made without God's order or direction became the motivation of their fall. Young people living in the Completed Testament Age should have no relation with or interest in the seduction coming from the fallen environment. Otherwise Satan will work until he plays out every idea to ruin humankind.

Communism encourages people to "play, sing songs, dance and make love." This is their strategy to destroy. Satan is making this environment in order to destroy humankind.

Satan is cynically laughing at God, saying, "Can You unify this separated world? Judaism and Christianity, which You have been leading for several thousand years, are all messed up and have become a den of communism. How are You going to take control of this situation?" Also, Satan is accusing God, saying, "When we look at the religious world of today, they are dancing, and men and women are doing all sorts of things, with the excuse that they have to be social. Can You dwell in them? Are there people having relationship with You? Among the four billion people of the world, where is there a religion or religious person with the heart to realize Your will?"

Satan is attacking God, saying, "What kind of a person is the Messiah which you have promised to send? What is the Messiah going to do? You are saying that the Messiah is coming with a responsibility to unite the world, the

nation, and all heaven and earth with the original love of creation, but can the Messiah do that work on this earth? How can the Messiah do things which even God cannot do?"

From this viewpoint, the religion that should appear—that God should form—is a religion with strong power calling to unite the individual, family, clan, tribe, nation, world and heaven centering on true love.

Do you know that Satan is tying a rope on your hips and pulling you? Your father and mother are pulling, your country is pulling, and the person whom you loved before is pulling you. I'm sure there are people who think, "Being pulled liked this, I should reconsider following Reverend Moon. I'll think it over for a while and then follow. Why should an intelligent person like me voluntarily go a sacrificial way, living a difficult life?" There are people who say, "I want to live a relaxed life, enjoying myself from time to time. I can understand that the way of following Rev. Moon is good, but I don't like working so hard." Please raise your hand if you can say that Satan has not tied at least one rope on your hips.

No one raised a hand. Therefore, you cannot make big claims. You yourselves are miserable. How can you walk around being proud of yourselves? Can you become like me by doing that? Among you are people who have received a doctorate. Even Ph.D.'s must cut this rope and overcome.

Until you cut Satan's rope, both men and women should bury their love symbol in cement. But don't worry—no matter how hard the cement is, when there comes the spring of a heavenly nation, it will dissolve naturally.

There are two kinds of love. One is love which Satan likes and the other is love which God likes. You should know that there is a happiness, ideal and love which Satan likes, and another happiness, ideal and love which God likes. God's criteria are based on eternal things and Satan's criteria are instantaneous or temporary things. Which happiness would you choose? I'm sure you would choose the eternal happiness, and you should. You should prepare and try hard to search for eternal love. If you only seek instantaneous love, you will eventually die. When an instantaneous impulse or desire arises within you, pray for the power to seek eternal love and to avoid the darkness of death.

To overcome the satanic fallen world is much more difficult than winning any war in history. The war to overcome the satanic world is the last war, in which God will be the commander, giving commands directly to go forward. You should all know that this time has come.

If I did not know the Principle, terrible things would have happened. There would have been not only temptations from man, but countless temptations and trials from Satan. Satan, who has been accusing God for six thousand years, has enormous power. Most people fall down once they face a big hardship. The reason I was able to succeed until now was because I knew the heavenly law based upon the Principle. This is why I was not caught by temptations. You should be proud of this.

# 4. THE WORLDWIDE PHENOMENA OF DIVISION AND THE UNIFICATION MOVEMENT

As a result of the fall, the whole world has divided. Although there are so many people on this earth, they are all people with divided personalities. We can conclude that this result was caused by the fall. Because the world is so divided, confusion is occurring. This is the reality of the world today. In such a world, we absolutely cannot become united by ourselves alone. Human beings by themselves cannot pursue the ideal.

Atheists insist that God is dead. They urge us to throw away all hope and ideals because human beings are about to be destroyed. They see God and religions as having been created by human beings. I lowever, there is no way to understand this world if we look at it centering on ourselves. We cannot understand the world even by looking through ourselves or our family. Not even the deepest knowledge on this level can enable us to understand. We conclude that, after all, we should see the world from God's viewpoint and realize that we should overcome the satanic world through finding true love.

Today in this fallen world, there are those who have killed their parents, brothers, relatives and neighbors. The vertical historical conditions made over several thousand years by brothers and clans killing each other are appearing today all at once horizontally. In this situation, people are becoming individualistic. They do not even care about God. They are becoming individualistic dictators who have not the slightest care about their parents, brothers or neighbors. This is the reality of our world today.

You all also have become individualistic. The more the nation develops, the more the people become individualistic. Individualistic people are the locomotive running in the forefront of the satanic world. In their eyes, there is no nation, family, or even brothers and sisters. There is only the individual. Individualists have a thinking style like that of the archangel, who made Adam and Eve fall.

In the fallen world of angels, there are no reciprocal relationships. If a man or woman become individualistic, like the fallen archangel, they will lose the nation and even the family. That person can only think of himself, and therefore will lose everything.

Today, most people living in the democratic world don't think about their nation, society or history. As with animals, sex dominates their minds. Just like the animals, women desire men and men desire women. They are only looking for fun. One-night stands are now usual for them; they wake up in the morning and leave without having any breakfast or even greeting the other. This is only one example of how serious the moral problem is in the United States. It is a sign of destruction.

Therefore, we must teach people the heavenly ideal centered on the natural law of love. Reverend Moon, whom most people call crazy, calls for people to form a new system of family ethics by teaching them to go the proper way.

Today religious people are saying, "We should become people of goodness by living a faithful life. . . ." But even if I become a "person of goodness," the world cannot be saved by only one person. American ministers verbally oppose hippies, but actually are following them. We betray ourselves without even knowing. We are to follow God. If I take off my tie, you should also take off yours. If there is no hint of a spiritual purpose for something, it's better to throw it away. We would only be pretending to use it properly. You should know that you are sinning when you feel the pangs of conscience.

Bring all the money from throughout the world that people use to buy their ties. How wonderful it would be if we donated all that money to the miserable people starving throughout the world!

In the United States, the ministers have nothing to do. They drink and smoke, and they do not like the Reverend Moon. How can we use people who claim to be heavenly sons and daughters but are actually being used as the weapons of Satan? Therefore, we should straighten out this world. Reverend Moon is saying big things, but can he really do it? If we cannot answer, we cannot accomplish God's will at all. If I say "Yes" then I must make myself like that, rebuilding the family, clan and tribe. And I must also build a new world, forming one brotherhood, one tribe and one nation.

Now is the time to harvest. The seeds sown by Satan are scattered all over the place. It has come to a limit. Therefore, we must unite everything. The Unification Church is this kind of movement.

This is a world of individualism. The family, parents, children, brothers, clans, tribes everything is divided. But the Unification Church is proclaiming one world transcending nation, tribe and family. We are proclaiming the opposite of Satan.

A long time ago, only people from the same tribe would marry. However, in our marriage, five different races have gathered from six large continents. Japanese people are marrying Koreans, something of which they never even dreamed. And black and white people are getting married. They are doing that of which they never even dreamed as though it were nothing. In this way, we are uniting everything. In the midst of the division and conflict of the satanic world, the Unification movement is bringing people into God's world.

# JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND THE UNIFICATION CHURCH

We are now in the Last Days, which resulted from Adam, Eve and the archangel's disobeying the Word of God in the Garden of Eden. Consequently, the time comes when people will not listen to anyone's words. Then, what will they do? The fall in the Garden of Eden amounted to the assertion of free sex. We see this in the young people of America today. Through this, the value of man and woman has fallen even lower than that of animals. Love has fallen to the same level as that of animals seeking physical satisfaction only.

Satan wounds and scars people so much that they cannot return to God even when they try. However, because God is the God of love, He feels pity for humankind and by showing humankind the model of an ideal character, He tries to form a united world in the heavenly realm, creating an order of love for the family, nation and world. You should know that the Messiah is the one God has sent to fulfill this work.

As the Unification Church forms its foundation, the world will deteriorate to the point at which people will have no way to cope with their many problems. Now is that time. Look. Are the young men and women throughout the world functional people? There isn't one who seems to he useful. Arc the families of America normal? Can we solve these problems with worldly power? Because families, the nation and the world are falling apart, there must come a person who has the power to solve these problems. We conclude that only that person can solve the problems of the world.

When are the Last Days? The time now is as it was when Adam and Eve fell. Teenage sons and daughters go out saying, "I have nothing to do with morn and dad. I don't need my brothers and sisters. I care only about what I like." This is why teenagers are falling. What is this phenomenon? They fall in love and fall while their parents do not even know. There must appear a group opposing this, which insists that they never behave this way. This is why free marriage is not permitted in the Unification Church.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, centered upon whom would they have married? God would have been between them, and they would have married centered on God. Adam and Eve knew that they were brother and sister at first, but when the time came, they began to feel sexually attracted toward each other. Just as our heart gives orders to our body, God gives orders to our heart, dwelling there and moving the heart to form a relationship.

Human history began from Adam and Eve's mistake of leaving the heavenly way of God and loving each other as they wished when they were still a boy and girl of sixteen years of age. We can say that the corruption of today's young people results from this cause. This is the same as harvesting when autumn comes. The young generation's acting as they wish and falling is the harvest of the wrong seeds which their ancestors sowed. The Unification Church has appeared in order to completely cleanse and demolish these problems.

In the last half of the twentieth century, why has juvenile delinquency become so serious? It is because love toward children is lacking and parents are living selfishly. This is why their children are out on the street or at the dance clubs doing all sorts of things. Then they end up becoming so miserable. Therefore, we must determine ourselves to take the responsibility to solve all these problems during our age. You should clearly know that you are to take on this heavy responsibility.

Today, the universities are becoming corrupted because the same condition as when Adam and Eve fell in their teens is recurring. Now is the time to harvest the seeds sown by Adam and Eve. In other words, this period is the same as autumn. This is why people are falling all throughout the world. Reverend Moon is trying to restore all of this. I am trying to solve these problems according to the heavenly law.

Today throughout the world, juvenile crimes are very serious. When teenage young people become corrupted in both the communist and the democratic world, it is the Last Days. Everything is confused and crumbling. Fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters all are separated because of false love. Couples also divorce because of false love. The reason the younger generation is rebelling against the older generation is because they could not receive love from their parents. False love causes division between parents and between generations. When this occurs worldwide, it is the Last Days. Therefore, we must sow a new seed that can unite everything that is broken. When a bud sprouts from a new seed and grows, it should break down the false love and absorb it as fertilizer. This is the heavenly way. This is the same as cutting the surrounding grasses and using them as fertilizer when sowing a new seed.

Then what must we resolve to do? We must re-create the destroyed things into their original form, centering on the thought of the Unification Church. We must create a new order of love and life. Then a new heaven and earth will be opened. This indeed is Unification Thought, or Unificationism. This is the purpose to he accomplished by the Unification Church.

If young men and women of America, representing the whole world, are corrupted, how much effect will they have on youth worldwide! What is free sex? What are hippies? This is why in the Unification Church young men and women are not even allowed to hold hands. You should know that Satan is always pursuing us. In American society, to teach the true relationship between man and woman is the way to knock down the enemy Satan.

Therefore, we say that we are born connected by a mutual destiny to work throughout our lifetime to overthrow the enemy of God's love and the historical enemy of all love who has caused suffering to humankind. Therefore,

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we must attack the enemy of God no matter how much the nation or the world opposes us. We cannot fail or become tired. When we wake up in the morning, we must start the new day in prayer, saying to God, "Father, I will go forward today to overthrow Your enemy." I am not a person who looks to live an easy life.

If the American hippies and yippies are the Cain-type hippies and yippies, then you are the Abel-type hippies and yippies. Cain-type hippies are corrupt morally and sexually and they are separated from their parents and families, but the Abel-type hippies arc living for the family, nation and world. They are also working on the frontline to overcome communism. If we work just for three and a half years, then the Unification Church can externally completely resurrect the Cain-type hippies and yippies and unify them. After that, you can go home and restore your grandfather, grandmother, father and mother all at once. Now, everything is turning according to the Principle.

The lives of Cain-type hippies and yippies are corrupt, but the Abel-type hippies and yippies are working so hard that their bones melt. These men and women are not even allowed to love each other. Abel-type hippies and yippies are people searching for God's family, nation and world, and they are the people who are to marry while being welcomed by the whole world, nation and the family. You are doing the most difficult job, but it is so that you can receive my standard totally.

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# THE TRUE LOVE MOVEMENT AND THE UNIFICATION CHURCH

Do you know how our first human ancestors came to fall? They fell centered on their self-centered love. In other words, the fall was a result of their centering love on man and woman instead of having God as the subject. The self-centered thoughts and love which triggered the fall created the reality of this fallen world. This reality, indeed, is driving this world into a spiritual crisis.

Then, what was God's love? If self-centered love was the cause of the fall, then the original love must have been a God-centered love.

Man and woman were supposed to realize love centered on God. At the very beginning, they were supposed to feel and recognize themselves centering on God and unifying with God. However, because they pursued selfcentered love and a self-centered consciousness, they created an irreversible fallen result and a history of hatred, sadness and suffering. In order to restore this tragic history back to its origin, a new revolution is necessary. This revolution cannot be accomplished by a political strategy, nor economic or social reform. More than anything else, this revolution is only possible through the revolution of our fundamental consciousness. It should be a new revolution of love centered on God's love.

However, this revolution of love is more difficult than any other revolution in the history of the world. The revolution of love is God's revolution to change self-centered humanistic love to a God-centered divine love. Therefore, you cannot imagine how difficult it is. However, this revolution is a movement absolutely necessary not only for God, but also for humanity. This is because this revolution of love will make possible the realization of the ideal for which God and all humankind have been waiting and hoping since the beginning of human history.

Then, what are we to do to realize that ideal? The most important subject is how we can reform our self-centered love, transforming it into a love for others. God absolutely does not have self-centered love. His love is only centered on others. If love is not for the sake of others, no matter what kind of love it is, it is not true love.

God's love does not say, "You must first of all love me." God's love says, "I will first of all love you." Why did God create all things? He did so in order to love. Therefore, because of the principle that God created all things in order to love, we have to go through the re-creation of love during the process of restoration. When we harmonize with God's law of love and direction, trying to restore the relationship with God, then there is formed for the first time an original normal relationship between God and humankind.

The restoration of the lost relationship between God and humankind is possible only through God's love, which is to live for the sake of others.

What is the present situation of the world? The world of this century is not able to escape from the whirlpool of crises accompanying decadence. Therefore, no one can deny the truth that nothing else other than a new movement, or a revolution of true love, can save today's world.

In order to save the world through a movement of true love, you yourselves must first of all become substantial beings of love. You are to blossom proudly, becoming like fireworks of love.

With God's love as the core, you should become a person who maintains the law of love, whom no one can break or destroy, and you should become a substantial being of love by serving God. You serve God by harmoniously interacting with everyone in the world and becoming united with all things. This is the highest ideal for man and for woman. This has been the hope of God since He created human beings and all things. Therefore, if "you and **I**," who have become the substantial beings of love, love each other and become husband and wife, bearing children who can inherit God's love, and form a stable family centering on God, this indeed, would become the most valuable event that nothing else in the world could replace. Based on the family which has perfected heavenly true love, we can form a clan realm of true love, a tribal realm of true love, and then a world realm of true love.

This is the basic fact and Principle of the world of humankind. However, today, no people know this, not even the many religious people in the world.

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In this age neither America nor the communist world can move by themselves. Among the young people in the United States, there is no one who is trying with his or her own hands to save not only America, but the whole world. Even among the young people in the communist realm, there is no one who is trying by their own hands to save not only the Soviet Union, but the whole world. Neither is there anyone doing this in the many religious groups in this world. There is only one group which says that this decaying, dying America, communism, and the whole world can be saved and even God's will realized through their own hands. That group is nothing other than the Unificationists, who are being persecuted and shut out from society. You should know this surprising fact.

The United States has now lost the power to extend itself. This is felt uniformly by all scientists, philosophers and theologians. America is in such a terrible situation that neither its Christians nor anyone else can find their way. Even though their stomachs can he filled, spiritually it is like a year of bad harvest. Spiritually, they do not have as much as a bunch of grass to eat.

If there is an oasis flowing with spring water in this spiritual desert, I would think it indeed must be the Unification Church.

When it comes down to it, money is not the problem. What I desperately shouted, while running around the five great oceans and six great continents, was indeed about the "road of love." In the face of dark, desert-like humanity barren without love, I threw a light from the "lighthouse of love" upon them. If all humankind ultimately must travel the road of "the love of the promised land," then the "lighthouse of love" is more important than anything else to humankind. Only the "lighthouse of love" can lead humanity to the original homeland.

What does the Unification Church do? And what do you do? The answer is very clear. The members of the Unification Church are those who try to form a tradition of love, and the Unification Church is the church that tries to become the shield of God and the Messiah. Is there anyone among you who can say, "I am a real Unification Church member"?

In other words, regardless of life or death, the Unification Church should form a tradition of love. Even at the cost of all their property, the members of the Unification Church should form a new tradition centering on the parents' love that God and the Messiah desire. You should know that these are the important responsibilities of the Unification Church and its members.

You should know what a Unification Church member does. A true Unification Church member is a person who has a key that can destroy satanic love on the individual level, family level, national level and worldwide level. In other words, they should have a key of heavenly love that can throw out satanic love.

Until now, I have given the Blessing to five different races. The problem of marriage is the most important problem, and to solve this problem people cannot rely on the world, nation, or even their own parents for help. However,

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many people are relying on Reverend Moon, saying that they will follow what Reverend Moon has said. This is for the sake of the love of God's nation. This is great. Why is it great? It is because through it we can jump and enter into the realm of the love of God's nation. To grab onto the rope of love is the fastest way. When you go to the spirit world, do you think that everyone's pace of walking will be different or the same? There will be a big difference, depending on people. This is because the degree and quality of love is different for each person.

Would you like to walk with the even in the spirit world? If so, you should inherit the level of heart equal to mine and God's. If you do not, your walking pace will be different from mine. If you completely unite with God's love, in a matter of seconds you can go anywhere around this whole universe made up of several billion stars. By what power would you be moving? You would be moving through the power of love. When God created the universe, He also created with this power of love.

The Unification Church has to follow the road in search of an original love that can reach the universe, transcending all races. The Unification Church is indeed the most precious gift from God given in the Last Days.

The Unification Church will become the champion even in marriage. It is amazing to hold a mass wedding and to pledge never to divorce in the midst of the western world where sexual corruption is serious and seventy percent of marriages end in divorce. The Unification Church has become victorious in making a healthy family and a healthy ethic.

### 7.

# THE CENTER OF HOPE IN THE LAST DAYS

What was God's greatest hope when He created Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? God has been searching for men and women, sons and daughters who have fulfilled the purpose of creation and whom God can eternally love. God must have put all His hope in his son and daughter, dreaming of what would develop in the future. However, this was destroyed through the fall.

In order to restore this completely through the providence of restoration, God has worked through history, which has moved from old age, to middle age, to youth. At last in this age, God has reached the class of young people, and He is watching you with the same hope that He had when He watched Adam and Eve before the fall.

In the Old Testament Age, old men like Noah and Abraham formed the tradition. Jacob was the only exception, but he was also mature. Moses was also old. When we passed from the Old Testament Age to the New Testament Age, the tradition was inherited by the young people. John the Baptist and Jesus were both young. John the Baptist and Jesus were the central figures who tried to inherit all the heavenly tradition and link it to the substantial

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world while in their twenties and thirties. If John the Baptist had served Jesus and realized the heavenly ideal, that would have become the eternal standard of tradition centering on Jesus and remaining for all generations.

Young people immediately take action based upon whatever they have decided in their mind. Those who immediately practice the things I teach and hope to make them accumulate in themselves are indeed good students.

It is clear that God wishes the young people, instead of the older generation, to inherit the tradition. Even on the national level, those who inherit the national tradition are the young people of that country. This was so in the past and it is the same now. If those who are to inherit the tradition and lead the whole cannot inherit the tradition correctly, then there will be an unimaginable result in the future. The whole world will move in a direction different from the heavenly tradition. This is a matter of fact.

The young generation should form a new tradition for the world and lead the whole world. Even when we look at God's providence, we can see that God is hoping desperately for the young people to set up the tradition.

In the Completed Testament Age, God has hope in the younger generation, not the older generation or middle-aged people.

Those who are gathered here are all young people. You are not corrupted yet. You have a pure heart that is not corrupted by earthly things. You should have a new determination in your new heart. You should make a new determination and have your mind and body united. You should be filled with faith. How happy God would be if you became perfected men and women who can receive love from God.

Now is the time when the Bible verse which says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," should be realized. Who should take part in this movement? The younger generation is to power this movement. Why? Because Adam and Eve fell when they were young. In order to indemnify and restore what made God unhappy, young people should work to restore purity with all their hearts and minds. You should know how valuable it is to dedicate all your sincerity during your youth.

Your age is the center of God's hope, to which He is entrusting everything in the Completed Testament Age. This is not limited only to Japan. Worldwide, the members of the Unification Church are all young. The average age of the members in America is twenty-three to twenty-five. If all these young people live their everyday lives with the determination and resolution to go forward for the rest of their lives for the will of God, definitely a new tradition will be set up through them. In this respect, you cannot imagine how fortunate a being you are in this Completed Testament Age.