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FOREWORD

In Washington, D.C., and Seoul, Korea during the first weeks of the millennium the world honored the life and work of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Reverend Sun Myung Moon has had a profound impact upon the world. We who consider it a blessing amounting to salvation to engraft to him know that he has shaped our life, love and lineage at their very roots. So apart from the festivities, there was a profound historic significance to the events in Washington and Seoul.

Eighty years have passed since his birth, and the Reverend Moon is more vital than many men half his age. We believe that he has more vision than any internet mogul, more enthusiasm for life than any budding teenager, more appetite for adventure than an astronaut and more surprises than the greatest Hollywood film. We publish this volume with abundant gratitude to him for filling our lives with love, with challenge, with growth, with intensity, and with story after story.

With tears Reverend Moon has long pursued the realization of the Will of God. He is consumed with his realization that evil was caused by human failure and can be resolved by the fulfillment of human responsibility. He counts each second as an opportunity to bring the world one step closer to that resolution. By cutting evil at its roots, the malignant fruits of evil will disappear. His mission is one of cutting the roots of evil.

He is a man devoted to God's word. The center of the birthday celebrations was God. Thus he began each speech offering the honor and glory to God. And he used each event as an occasion to declare the word of God. We have gathered the four landmark speeches given in Korea and Seoul together in this book. They are a summation and setting forth of new vision for the unification of nations through true love.

We invite you to share the richness of God's word to humankind today. And, as he does, let us offer the honor and glory to God.

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Reverend Sun Myung Moon at the Washington Hilton and Towers,
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THE PATH FOR AMERICA AND HUMANITY IN THE LAST DAYS

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Distinguished and honorable guests, ladies and gentlemen:

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you, as leaders in many walks of life, for gathering here and allowing me to share the Word of God. In particular, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to God, who has been my constant companion throughout my life. To Him let us offer the glory and honor.

Throughout his life, my husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, has committed himself totally to the salvation of humankind centered on God's Will. He came to realize that God is not sitting on a throne of glory and honor. He is in fact a God of suffering, grief and lamentation, a God who is endeavoring to save His children who are suffering in hell as a result of the fall.

Ever since my husband first understood the Will of God and His suffering heart, he has worked single-mindedly to accomplish God's Will, forgetting everything else. When I reflect upon his life, filled with misunderstandings, persecution and great hardship, I am grateful to God that I can be here to represent him today. I believe that it is entirely thanks to God.

On this significant occasion I would like to speak on the topic, "The Path for America and Humankind in the Last Days." This will help us better understand human history and current world affairs from the viewpoint of God's providence.

THE LAST DAYS ARE AT HAND

What are the "last days"? Ever since the fall of the first human ancestors, God has been working to save His lost children. This great work of salvation is to be concluded in the last days. They are the turning point when the evil history of Satan ends and God's good sovereignty begins. Accordingly, the last days are a time of hope when God's work reaches fulfillment.

In the last days, individuals will be freed from the bondage of sin and will be able to reach the ideal of perfection. Families will be healed, communities reconciled and the nations of the world will live together as brothers. Even the barriers between Heaven and Earth will come down as the fear of death disappears.

In the course of human history, God has tried on several occasions to usher in the last days by opening our minds to a deeper understanding of His Will and Truth. Time and again we failed to fulfill our responsibility to respond to the divine call of goodness and reject evil history.

However, God is eternal, unchanging, absolute and unique. His Will is also eternal, unchanging, absolute and unique. Therefore He will never abandon His ideal to build His Kingdom, through the true individual, true family, true society, true nation and true world. God will surely build the world in which He can live, freely traveling and acting both in Heaven and on Earth.

In God's original plan, this world of peace would have emerged naturally. It would have started with the family of the sinless Adam and Eve, who would have been the first True Parents of humanity. However, due to the fall, the True Parents and the true world were lost from the very beginning.

Therefore, nothing in this present world, not the land where we are living, nor any human ideology or anything else, can connect us back to God and True Parents. We ourselves must first be redeemed and restored to true spiritual health. When reborn individuals become true husband and wife and true parents, giving birth to true children, then the world under God's sovereignty can emerge. When people once again can freely communicate with God in heart, the evil world inevitably will come to an end.

The last days are the time when such an ideal will be realized. It is the time of the Second Advent. Accordingly, the last days are a time of hope, not fear. The biblical prophecies such as judgment by fire, the destruction of the Earth or people being caught up into the air have a spiritual rather than a literal meaning. The last days are the time when the history of evil and tragedy will at last be untangled and resolved.

How does this happen? The Lord at his Second Advent will offer conditions of love and sacrifice on every level, starting with the individual and moving through the family, society, people, nation, world and even into the spiritual realms. He will restore humanity's vertical connection with God. We have been longing for such a day, and the final destination at which we all should arrive is now at hand!

WHY WE CAME TO AMERICA

However, the real situation of our world today seems to be far different. On every level, individuals, families and nations are still estranged. Environmental problems such as air and water pollution and food shortages plague our societies. More seriously, religious struggles and racial disputes are constantly arising throughout the world, causing conflicts and even wars.

Who can take responsibility for this world? This is a serious question.

There was a time when the Communist countries believed they could create a new world, but they could not transcend their own nationalism. Similarly, America, the only remaining super-power, cannot transcend the idea of Americanizing the world in its own image.

When a nation places its self-interest first, it will not be able to lead the world. We need a people or a nation who are willing to sacrifice for the higher purpose of building or becoming an ideal nation that embraces the entire world.

America is faced with a moral crisis, and the influence of the church is declining because of confusion and disunity. This is why my husband and I came to this country, in response to the call of God. We have been making the utmost effort to revive this nation by educating her young people.

You might be curious about what we are teaching. It is actually simple. First, it is "to live for the sake of others." More specifically, the individual should live for the sake of the family, the family for the society, the society for the people, the people for the nation, the nation for the world and the world for God. Finally, God will come and live with us.

The same principle applies in the family. The parents are to live for their children and the children are to live for their parents. The true husband lives for his wife and the true wife lives for her husband. Anyone who lives for others more than his or herself is living on the side of goodness.

Second, we are teaching people to "love your enemy." God Himself sacrificed Jesus, His only begotten and beloved son, for the salvation of humankind. Since God did this in order to save the children of His enemy, Satan could no longer exercise his evil authority and power before God. Even Satan cannot help but surrender voluntarily before the God who loves Satan's children more than His own.

Satan's pattern is always to strike first, but he loses in the end. God's strategy is to win in the end by taking the first blow and initial loss. My husband's faith in this simple heavenly law sustained him through torture and imprisonment. We could send missionaries out to 185 nations throughout the world despite knowing that first they would face terrible persecution and misunderstanding, because we knew that in the end they would prevail.

CHRISTIAN SACRIFICE

This heavenly law can also be seen in Christian history. Christian missionaries and saints have walked a path of persecution and martyrdom, hindered by many enemies. For two thousand years, their tears and blood have been the fertilizer for the growth of freedom and democracy.

But today Christianity, which once was the source of strength for freedom and democracy, is facing a crisis. Christian nations have lost direction and are drowning in moral confusion. They deny or ignore God, Jesus, and God's providence in a way that formerly would have been unthinkable. We even hear voices asserting that, "God is dead" or "God does not exist." How does God feel about this? God's heart must be broken, for He has been searching

for His children, sacrificing everything that He has, with the hope that He could see liberation in the last days.

Ladies and Gentlemen: For whom has God been sacrificing Himself? It is not just for America or any particular country. Nor is it only for Christianity. Rather it is for each of us, for you and for me as individuals. Likewise, the reason Jesus was crucified was not to save the Messiah himself, but was to save you and me, each and every one of us.

Since the fall began with two individuals, salvation should also begin on the individual level. The Messiah comes as a representative of humankind, proclaiming, "I will take full responsibility to pay all the debt that man has incurred during the entire course of history. I will become a person who will even make God indebted to me instead." Without such a radical determination, restoration is impossible. We should not be only conceptual or theoretical. Without being willing to endure misery and suffering in the world, we cannot reach God's heart.

Have you ever prayed in desperation for the six billion people in the world, with the feeling that your own children are dying? How much heart have you invested to save a family, a tribe, a people, a nation and the world, with a willingness to sacrifice yourself for them? I believe that very few people are confident to answer that question positively. Nonetheless, the Lord of the Second Advent comes to the world with just such an absolute standard.

God works in history by finding champions who can represent Him and who are willing to suffer on His behalf. When God found Abraham 2,000 years after the fall, He first tested him through trial and suffering. God then made Abraham's descendants the chosen people by multiplying them as a new family, a new tribe and a new nation, Israel. God called the Israelites as the chosen people, based on Abraham's victorious faith. Thus they became the central people to receive the Messiah who was to come in the future.

THE BRIDE RELIGION

If you go to the core of the matter, you can understand that the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, lost the standard of faith and love. The Messiah comes to restore that lost standard. The Messiah comes in the position of a new Adam and the believers stand as the "bride."

Despite its significance, the Israelites could not carry out their mission because of the crucifixion of Jesus. Although called by God as the chosen nation, Israel lost the position of God's elect. Christianity was called as the second Israel to carry out the mission instead. God continued to lead His providence centered on one purpose: to restore the bride.

Thus the ultimate goal of all Christians, who today are awaiting the Second Advent, is not merely to develop our religion. Our most important mission is to become a bride qualified to receive the Messiah as our bridegroom. We are now in the final stage of that providence.

What is the essence of the Messiah's teaching? It is to save the world. He brings a teaching that can unify the world and build an ideal family. Its main

purpose is to restore the position of the True Parents that was lost by the fall of the human ancestors.

The Old and New Testaments tell us that the Messiah comes with the authority of the Father, meets a substantial bride, who represents the power of the Holy Spirit, and restores the position of the True Parents. This is why Christianity is in the position of bride to the coming Messiah. The appearance of the bride and bridegroom at the "marriage supper of the lamb" prophesied in the Book of Revelation refers to the coming of the True Parents as the first true husband and wife.

Jesus came with this same mission. However, when he lost his people and nation due to their disbelief, he offered his life for the sake of the world and the Kingdom that God wanted to build. The path of Jesus' suffering on the cross was the same path of tribulation that God Himself walked. In the face of death, Jesus desperately prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." He forgave Rome and all the groups of people who opposed him. This sacrificial spirit is why Jesus' life did not end on the cross at the age of 33. With God's help, Christianity inherited his spirit and became the leading religion in human history.

AMERICA AND THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION

Ladies and gentlemen, what is America's responsibility as the foremost Christian nation in the world? America is currently recognized as the one remaining super-power, but unless she stands straight on the providential line of God, she will not continue to prosper. We may think that America will always enjoy the position of privilege it has today, but history shows us that civilizations rise and fall as their fortunes shift. Will America be any different?

Let us examine the history of civilization. Had our ancestors not fallen, civilization would have begun in the warm zone, the climate corresponding to spring. As it matured it would have moved to the cool zone, corresponding to autumn. Instead the ancient civilizations were born mainly in the hot parts of the world, the tropics and subtropics. Examples include the civilizations of the Mayas, Incas, Egypt and Mesopotamia.

Yet the center of civilization moves from place to place and those once-proud societies declined. Today, the leading cultures of the world are part of the cool zone represented by western civilization. This is the reason why the leading nations of the world, such as America, England, Germany and so forth, are in the cool zone of the Northern Hemisphere.

With the end of the cool zone civilization of autumn, the cold zone civilization of winter comes for a short time. This is the significance of Communism. Many intellectuals may think that the cold war system disappeared after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, but the forces of materialism and atheism linger throughout the world. Nonetheless, both democracy and communist ideologies are gradually losing power.

Now, the civilization of the true spring that we have been seeking from time immemorial will appear. It will overcome the crises and threats of mod-

em civilization. Who will be able to melt the block of ice frozen in the heart of God? Power, money, science and knowledge cannot melt that ice. It can only melt with the coming of the spring-like culture of true love.

The movement of civilization along rivers and coastlines also demonstrates that the center of civilization is not fixed. For example, early human civilization began around the Tigris, Euphrates and Nile rivers, and then shifted to the Mediterranean, focusing upon Greece, Rome, Spain and Portugal.

Later, the center of civilization moved to the Atlantic, through Great Britain and the United States. This movement is now bearing fruit in the Pacific Ocean civilization of the United States, Japan, and Korea.

Viewed from the perspective of the history of civilizations, the Korean peninsula, though small, occupies a very important position. To the north of Korea lies the boundary of the cold region civilization that links Russia and China. To the south lies the cool region civilization that links the United States and Japan.

In this providential view of history, it is natural that Korea would give rise to a warm zone civilization representing the new spring season of human history. This new culture should have the capability to digest both the cold and cool region civilizations. The fact that Reverend Moon, who has dedicated his life to solving the North-South problem and the East-West problem, comes from Korea is no coincidence. It is directly in line with God's providence.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE PROPHETS

Throughout our lives, my husband and I have challenged racial, ideological and national boundaries to pursue a movement for "One World under God." We have traveled this path because of God's providence. The principle of providential history you have heard this evening is a revealed truth. It is not a theory that Reverend Moon invented. He was enlightened regarding the Will of Heaven. Rather than letting these heavenly secrets remain only as a theory, we have been working together to bring God's plans into reality.

God has guided us to work actively everywhere in the world. We have been able to inspire evangelical and business activities from Alaska to Antarctica, from the countries of the former Soviet Union to the 33 nations of South and Central America, and throughout Asia and Africa. In recent years, we have worked in the Pantanal and Amazon regions of Brazil to protect our planet's environment.

The movement we have founded is preparing to solve the external and internal problems humanity will face over the coming millennium, such as environmental pollution, hunger and disease. To solve internal spiritual and social challenges, we have worked through the International Holy Blessing and the Pure Love movement to break down the barriers between people, races and nations. Some 430 million couples around the world have already received the Holy Blessing from God. This adds greater impetus to building the long-awaited Kingdom of God on Earth.

The world is changing faster than we realize. Until now, countries pos-



Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon together with members of their family cheer at the conclusion of the celebration.

sessing superior political, military and economic power have controlled the world. However, no nation can exist eternally unless it is in line with God's providence. The fall of the once glorious Greek and Roman civilizations are good examples of this.

In more recent history, political factions favoring dialectical materialism and the materialistic view of history gained control of more than one-third of the world's population and two-thirds of its land area, including the former Soviet Union and China. Their expansion, however, could not continue forever because it was not in line with God's Will.

The United States, which today stands tall as a super power, holds the same preeminent position Rome once held. The fall of Rome resulted from internal corruption more than from external invasions. Moral corruption caused Rome to lose the support of heavenly fortune. America is in danger of suffering the same fate.

The time will come when religious leaders who speak for the Will of God will rise to prominence. Religious leaders are prophets. They must stand up fearlessly, declare God's will, and point the way for humanity to go. However,

the splintering of denominations and the struggles among religious groups we see today seriously hinder God's providence.

UNITY THROUGH THE MARRIAGE BLESSING

To overcome religious disunity, my husband and I have for years devoted 90 percent of our church's budget to help other denominations and other religions resolve inter-religious conflict. We founded the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace to bring harmony and unity among religious groups, to contribute to resolving conflicts in many areas of the world, and to help bring about world peace. Most recently, we founded the Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace. This body has already brought political and religious leaders together to study the Word of God through seven international Hoon Dok Hae conferences.

We are in the time when all people can go beyond racial and religious differences and understand God's providence to bring His ideal of creation into reality. We can understand and ultimately unite with God's heart. That heart of true love will bring about the world of faith, hope, and love for which all of us have been longing.

We can recover the heartfelt relationship with God that we lost as a result of the human fall. This means to recover the positions of parent and child as God originally envisioned them to be. This is why God has promised us that the time when True Parents come is indeed the last days.

It is the day of hope, when the multitudes of people in the world, who lost their Parents as a result of the fall, again will be able to meet their original Parents. Thus, the True Parents are the fulfillment of the desires and hopes of all humankind. They are the final fruit of the victories and sacrifices of good people throughout human history.

The Unification Church has spread this new message and tradition throughout the world through the International Holy Blessing Ceremony. The fact of black, white and yellow people coming together as brothers and sisters—beyond differences of ethnicity, race, or skin color—to form loving married couples is among the most significant signs of the accomplishment of God's Will.

Today, by realizing the blessed family tradition, we can recover the relationships of brother and sister, husband and wife, and parent and child as God originally envisioned them. We must go so far as to liberate God, who has been in the depths of sorrow ever since He lost His children. It is only then that God and us together can open the path to true happiness.

TRUE FREEDOM BEGINS WITH GOD'S LIBERATION

Until now, democracy has called for "human freedom" and "human liberation," but this is not enough. Now is the time to call for "God's freedom" and "the liberation of God." When we end God's sorrow, human liberation and the recovery of human freedom will follow automatically. Each of us

should realize that we were born to liberate God and to liberate the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen: it is profoundly significant that we are gathered here to discuss God's providence. The United States is a country prepared by God's blessing. The forefathers who built this country were the Pilgrim Fathers, who risked their lives for the sake of the freedom of religion. They came to America seeking a land of freedom. For the sake of their search, they left behind their parents, brothers and sisters, and homelands. They were prepared to cut their ties to their home country as they crossed the Atlantic Ocean at the risk of their lives.

As you know, the Mayflower arrived in New England in the late autumn, November of 1620. While they endured their first winter, more than half of the 102 people who first arrived died of the cold and hunger. What was particularly remarkable was that they died refusing to eat the precious seeds reserved for planting the next spring.

The Pilgrim Fathers strongly believed in serving the Will of God in every aspect of their lives. After taking in their first harvest, they offered thanks to God. They first built a church and a school, and it was only then that they built their personal homes.

The early Americans began every activity with prayer. This was true whether it was plowing a field or fighting a war. When George Washington was at Valley Forge during the War of Independence, he must have prayed with great desperation. In a battle fought for the sake of God's Will, God sided with America. Why? In England, the people were united with their king in fighting that war. Yet in America, God supported His beloved sons and daughters who earnestly sought the freedom to worship Him. Isn't this how the United States was born as a country advocating freedom of faith?

Even now, the United States Congress opens with a prayer. When the President is sworn into office, he places his hand on the Bible as he takes the oath of office, and a member of the clergy blesses him. America even prints the words "IN GOD WE TRUST" on its currency. America is unique in the level of importance it attaches to God. This is how the United States came to occupy a unique position as a mainly Christian country with worldwide influence.

But what about America today? Prayer is banned in public schools, even as shocking acts of violence in schools are shaking the foundations of our nation. The theory of evolution is given preference over the theory of creation. God is virtually excluded from education. A divorce rate of 50 percent is destroying the sanctity of the family.

OUR LOVE FOR AMERICA

In 1971, my husband and I left our family and homeland to come to America. He heard the voice of God sharing His concern about the current state of affairs. Upon arriving, he cried out that he had come as a fireman to a house that was on fire and as a physician to cure America of disease. Even then, Reverend Moon realized that God was leaving America. It should have been possible to find God everywhere in America, but God was departing

from the hearts of people, from the families and from the schools.

It seems like only yesterday that I stood with my husband on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. I watched as he wept openly. He was holding onto God, to keep Him from leaving America. Unfortunately, as we predicted and feared, America has persisted on the way of moral decay.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I would like to ask you this. In spite of all the opposition and suffering he has endured, why do you suppose Reverend Moon continues to cry out to America? It is because he knows, better than anyone, the blood, sweat and tears that God shed in the course of establishing this country. During the past thirty years in America, my husband has not spent so much as a single day in comfort or ease.

Who is the true master or owner of America? It is neither white Americans nor black Americans. The true master of America is the person who loves America as God does. We continue to plead with you because God has chosen America to be the elder son, His leading nation in building the Kingdom of God on Earth. Even now, Jesus is spiritually present mainly in America, and he is offering earnest prayers that his purpose will be accomplished in America.

In 1982, in accordance with the Will of God, we founded *The Washington Times* in our nation's capital. Ever since then, this newspaper has led American public opinion with a conservative voice showing the path for America to follow. We have pursued national and world salvation through the True Family Values movement and the Pure Love movement for young people. We have invested in America with the fervent expectation that this country would stand upright before God's providence.

When my husband first visited America in 1965, he blessed an area near the White House as a Holy Ground. To this day, many people gather there and pray for America through the night. I hope each of you here will also open your hearts in prayer. You will be able to feel the earnest desires of the Pilgrim Fathers and the many patriots who have gone before us in America's history.

AMERICA'S DESTINY IS FOR THE WORLD

The new millennium is the time God's six thousand-year salvation providence is coming to an end. God's ideal of creation is being realized throughout Heaven and Earth. This also marks the time that the lamentations and suffering of the creation, which lost its true master as a result of the fall, are finally over. This is the time when the Parents and children who have been long-separated meet again. It is an age when there is free communication between the spirit world and the physical world, and when God's Kingdom will be established in Heaven and on Earth.

The transition into the new millennium marks the completion of the New Testament Age. It is the point at which the promises of both the Old Testament and New Testament are fulfilled. From now, the direct dominion of God's love will become apparent throughout the world. His power and authority will be recognized and respected. In this age, the East and West, and even the spir-

itual and physical worlds, will come together centering on the Parents of Heaven and Earth. This will create one world and one cosmos under God. The great family of humankind will be formed on Earth. This is the hope of the Completed Testament age. The promises of God will be fulfilled in glory.

The time has come. It is time for America to awaken once again. It is time for this country to create a new movement to build God-centered true parents, true families, a true country and a true world. In this way, America will keep God here at home. America will once again be a society that attends God. God worked a thousand years to establish America. If He leaves America, where can He go? If America attends God properly, all our problems—family problems, moral problems, youth problems and racial problems—will disappear. As a place where people of all races and nations can live together in harmony, America will be a model for the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

It is time for us to unite and open the path for humankind. It is time for America, as the elder son nation attending God, to lead the way. America can complete its mission as the pilot that guides the nations to God. I ask you to stand with us to accomplish this historic task.

I would like to conclude by expressing my hope for the beginning of a new millennial Kingdom overflowing with peace, freedom and justice on Earth and in Heaven.

Again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your presence here. May God's blessing be with you and your families. Thank you very much!



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THE COSMOS IS OUR HOMETOWN AND OUR FATHERLAND

CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING CAUCUS ROOM, WASHINGTON, DC

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Distinguished guests, Respected members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, members of the diplomatic corps, recipients of the American Century Award, whose contributions have helped make this the country most blessed by God, ladies and gentlemen:

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude that so many leaders from a wide variety of fields in American society have gathered here today to celebrate faith, freedom and family. As founder of The Washington Times Foundation, I commend all of the award winners. All of you are champions who through your service have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life for all Americans.

I also want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for recognizing my life achievements and congratulating me on my 80th birthday. I am particularly grateful to God, who has been my constant companion and protector. To Him, I offer all glory and honor given to me.

ENDING GOD'S SORROW

I have lived my entire life with the earnest desire to solve the many problems related to manifesting God's ideal of creation. When I came to America in 1972, I saw that this country was facing a severe crisis that affected the world. On my first evangelical tour of all 50 states, I declared that God had three major headaches: the threat of communism, the lack of cooperation among religious people against evil, and the moral crisis afflicting youth.

Our responsibility as human beings requires that we meet God halfway and fulfill what God has asked us to do in the areas of freedom, faith, and family.

Because God loves America, I initiated many organizations, including *The Washington Times*, to respond to these challenges. I am grateful that God gave me the opportunity to serve America, because American-led UN forces, in the process of saving my country during the Korean War, liberated me from a com-

munist concentration camp where I had been imprisoned for preaching the word of God.

Since receiving God's calling as a boy of 16, I have delved into the meaning of God's Will and fought against tremendous odds to fulfill the history of His restoration providence for the sake of human salvation.

I have come to realize that God does not sit on a throne of glory and grandeur. Instead, He is a God of deep sorrow and profound suffering, who has endeavored to save His children who fell into Hell. As a result of the fall, human beings fell into spiritual ignorance. This meant humanity was fundamentally ignorant regarding God's existence, the meaning of human life, and the entire universe. People did not understand how they should live their lives during their time in this world with their physical bodies. They didn't understand that there is a spiritual world after death. They didn't understand that life in this world should be lived so that it would properly prepare them for the spiritual world.

Because I have known God's Will and His heart, I have worked with single-minded determination to devote my entire heart and energy for the accomplishment of His Will, without regard to the time of day, changes in the seasons, or the environment around me. As I look back on the 80 years of my life and all the difficulties and persecution I have received, I realize I would not be here with you today were it not for the help that God has given me over the years.

I have spoken publicly on some 10,000 occasions in many places around the world. These speeches have been published in a series of more than 300 volumes. On this very significant occasion today when I am meeting some of the most distinguished leaders in the United States, I would like to share with you the essence of the guiding principles in my life and work under the theme, "The Cosmos is Our Hometown and Our Fatherland."

BRING BALANCE TO THE WORLD

The cosmos was created as an enormous house where human beings would live as the masters. Human beings, who are at the center of the universe, live in the context of a series of relationships, that is, the parent-child, husband-wife, and sibling relationships. The parent-child relationship can be described in terms of a vertical axis between "above" and "below." Since a husband and wife are on an equal level, their relationship can be described in terms of a horizontal axis between "left" and "right." We can say that the sibling relationship is on a third axis between "front" and "back." Every individual exists within the sphere created by these three axes. If the ultimate points on these axes are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, then God exists in the seventh position at the center of the sphere. This is how God can guide us in our daily lives, even while existing in a central position that cannot be seen.

Since the fall, human beings have existed in the satanic realm of bondage and suffering. With God's help, people can be set free. They can mature as true sons and daughters, meet their mates, and become true husbands and

wives. They can go on to have children and become true parents. This is the normal course of human life. Thus, we cannot reject the concept of true children, of true husbands and wives, or of true parents. To do so would be to violate a fundamental principle of the universe, thus destroying our own existence. Each of us must participate in building a true family consisting of true parents, a true husband and wife, and true children. In fact, the family made up of true parents, true husband and wife, and true children is the model for the ideal existence.

In the context of the family, people need to fully receive the love of true parents and of a true spouse. Then, they need to fully receive the love of true children. Money, knowledge, power, or physical force cannot bring such human relationships to their completed form. Only the true love of God, which brings balance to the world, can do this.

True love is a force that invests. It is a giving force, not a force that only receives. True love gives completely. It is total giving, to the degree that we ultimately reach a point where there is nothing left to give. After we reach that "zero point," we will have the capacity to receive much more than we gave. This process of giving and receiving will achieve a balance that continues forever. This is the reason that relationships of giving and receiving will produce a world where people live for the sake of others centering on true love.

Likewise, all beings in Heaven and Earth exist in mutual relationship with other beings so as to form a world of true love through relationships of giving and receiving. In mutual relationships every giving force causes a returning force, and this is what gives eternal stability to the central point. God exists in the central position of true love—a position of the "lucky" number seven—giving balance to the entire universe. Heavenly fortune develops in the process of receiving this and returning it. Within such relationships, the flow of love, air, water and light takes place in circular motion. And after going round and round, the flow returns to the original form.

OUR ORIGINAL HOMELAND

Ladies and gentlemen: What makes someone a good person? We can answer this in many ways. We could say that a bad person is someone who takes whatever he is given and keeps it for himself or herself. A good person, then, is someone who adds to whatever he or she is given and passes it on to others. This is why no parent wants his or her child to grow up to be something less than the parent. We all want our children to be better than ourselves. Also, a husband would like for his wife to be better than himself, and a wife wants her husband to be better than herself. Further, an elder brother and younger brother would each want the other to become better than themselves.

We all want to give back something more than what we receive. This is our fervent wish as parents, as husbands and wives, and as children. It is also the fervent wish of all things in nature. Ultimately, it is the fervent wish of the entire universe.

16 To Him I Offer All Glory and Honor

Moreover, the cosmos will welcome only those whose hearts are so wide that they can say, "the cosmos is my hometown and my fatherland." We can conclude, then, that in order to become God's true sons and daughters we must be welcomed by individuals, by families, by nations, by the world and finally by the cosmos. That being the case, where would you most like to live? I think you would like to live in the original homeland where you were born.

Broadly speaking, "original homeland" can refer to the planet Earth within the cosmos, and our fatherland is wherever God can be found. God is the founding father of our fatherland. Our homeland is the Earth as God originally intended it to be, a place where parents, siblings, and children who did not commit the fall live together. This was to be a place where black people, yellow people and white people could have lived together in harmony. Who is the parent of all these different races? There is only one parent. The God who is with us wherever we go in the universe is the Father of humankind. Thus, it would be a mistake for anyone to think that white people, black people or yellow people are the masters of America. God is the master of America.

NO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Differences in skin color are nothing more than the result of our ancestors having had to adapt to different climates and environments in different parts of the globe. In areas with large amounts of snowfall, we find mainly white people living. In places such as Africa where the rays of the sun are particularly bright, we find mainly black people. Fundamentally, though, people are the same. The color of our blood is the same. Our flesh and bones look the same. We all have the capacity to love. Thus, there should be no discrimination based on race.

This is why the Unification Church has been working through the International Holy Blessing ceremonies to create unity and harmony among the races. In accordance with the natural principles of universal love and equality for all people, we have performed many interracial marriages. When a black person and a white person marry, it is like the North Pole and the South Pole coming together in unity. When a yellow person and a black person marry and have children, both parents contribute their good attributes and their descendants are better as a result.

Where there is love, there can be no strife. Each of us comes from a different hometown and fatherland. Yet we can all agree that the world of God's true love is the homeland of faith, peace and unity.

Nothing is more important in the human world than true love, true life and true lineage. True love leads to true life and true lineage. True love cannot be fulfilled unless it results in a true lineage. Further, love without true life is false love. True life is conceived within the context of true love and true lineage. Thus, true love, true life and true lineage open the way to eternal life. God's ideal for creation is for each to become true individuals and pass on true love, true life, and true lineage to our descendants.



Reverend Sun Myung Moon at the Cannon House
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EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN

God is the ideal being and the master of eternal true love, eternal true lineage and eternal true life. Those who resemble God become His true sons and daughters living in the Kingdom of Heaven. Why do men and women get married? They do so to link together the past, present and future in the tradition of true lineage that I have described.

Before the fall, Adam and Eve could relate to God freely and directly, but this was not so after the fall. Likewise, because of the fall Cain and Abel, the children of Adam and Eve, could not inherit God's blood lineage. They inherited Satan's lineage instead. This is why Jesus said in John 3:3, "... except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

People need to know that they have inherited a false life through a false lineage, which originated in a false love relationship. God feels pain and sorrow when He sees the promiscuous sex and homosexuality that are so prevalent in our world today. When they realize that they have inherited the position of the enemy of love, enemy of life, and enemy of lineage, people will be filled with shame. God's nature, though, is to love the sons and daughters of His enemy even more than His own children. He has invested Himself

completely without expecting any return, and He will continue this process until He has restored all the children who were taken from Him. This is God's providence of salvation.

For God to bring a fallen human being back to life, He must provide a life force even more powerful than that of our false life. How pitiful God is, tormented by the misery of each baby brought into this world through the false seed resulting from the fall! Such children have multiplied to the point that now there are six billion fallen human beings in the world.

Human beings are created to pass through three stages of life: in the mother's womb, on Earth, and in the spirit world after death. The planet Earth, where the physical body lives, is similar to the mother's womb. In the same way that a fetus grows by receiving nutrition through its mother's womb, we grow on Earth by eating food taken from the creation. That is why we should love the Earth as our mother.

In the spirit world, light as bright as the sun shines continuously. If a person were in space somewhere in the solar system, the sun would shine on him continuously. That is the way it is in the spirit world. The light of love in the spirit world is constant and unchanging. Love does not change, whether it is day or night, at the North Pole or South Pole. The spirit world is the world of love filled with the true love of God. The spirit world is also like a storehouse in which the fruits of our hard work on Earth are stored. Our life in the spirit world will reflect our accomplishments on Earth.

GRAFTING INTO JESUS

During the course of God's providence of restoration, Jesus was the only one born with true life directly connected to God's true lineage. Accordingly, no one among fallen humanity has ever entered the direct dominion of God's love, either on Earth or in the spirit world. That is why God has been alone, leading a lonely and sorrowful existence. Hence, the world is a place where people and all of nature are often sad.

God has been searching for one person whom He could trust—one man who could purify the fallen lineage of humanity and transform it into true life. That man is the Messiah who inherits God's true love and brings liberation to all humankind. The Old Testament age, after Adam's fall, is the history of the people chosen to receive the Messiah. God's Will was for Jesus to come as the Messiah through the chosen people of Israel, for all people to be grafted onto Jesus' family, and for this to be expanded to encompass the world. However, due to the disbelief of his contemporaries, Jesus died on the cross, leaving this process as an ideal to be accomplished at the time of the Second Advent.

Thus, the returning Lord must stand in the position of the True Parents of humankind and recover the position embodying God's true love. He must fulfill the position of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and bring God's providence of salvation for all humankind to completion. The Messiah must begin by forming a family that attends God more gloriously and with greater filial

piety than that of the family that Adam and Eve would have formed had they not fallen. The Messiah is the head of the family that represents the core of the ideal for a new humanity. It must begin by linking to the lineage of true love through the life of true love. He must expand and complete the Kingdom on Earth and in Heaven by connecting blessed families together.

Therefore, as the True Parents of all humankind, the coming Messiah should renounce the love of the fallen satanic world and fallen human ways. He must establish the path and tradition of a perfected man and woman, perfected family, clan, people, nation, world and cosmos linked to God's true love. All humankind must receive the new blessing through the love of the True Parents and inherit the new family lineage. Humanity must understand that there is no way to do this except through true love. This is how the hellish world of Satan's dominion can be supplanted and overcome.

Thus, all humankind must go through an eight-stage process of restoration to recover their position as God's sons and daughters. Everyone must restore the eight stages of the womb, infant, sibling, engagement, husband-wife, parental, grandparent, and finally reach the status of king and queen. We should understand that we were born with the ultimate purpose to become princes and princesses who inherit everything in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ladies and gentlemen, it was originally intended that each man would meet a woman as his wife to become a king, and that each woman would meet a man to become a queen. As a prince and princess of Heaven, they would inherit everything in Heaven. To restore the Kingdom of Heaven, every person must start at the bottom of Hell, and work his or her way up through the eight-stage indemnity process until unity is established at every stage. This is possible only through the Blessing of the True Parents, who come as the Messiah.

THE MORE INVESTMENT, THE MORE GROWTH

Therefore, "blessed couples" should become "plus couples" who contribute for the sake of others in the world. To become completely reborn, we should practice absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience centering on God. I have personally practiced this throughout my life.

When God created the universe, He acted with absolute faith. God created us to be His absolute partners of love. Absolute obedience means that we invest ourselves completely, to the extent that we give up all self-centeredness. Furthermore, one totally forgets about the investment that one makes and invests all over again. Such a process continues until one reaches a zero point without any concept of one's own self. Since God poured out all of His faith, what is left is zero; since He poured out all of His love, what is left is zero; since He poured out all of His obedience, what is left is zero. Nevertheless, Heaven's true love is such that the more it is invested, the more it grows. We must come to resemble God in this way.

Even if our love is rejected, we should continue to love even more. Even if we invested everything that we have, we should continue to invest until we

can make our enemy voluntarily surrender. Our Heavenly Father walked such a path, and the Parents of Heaven and Earth walked such a path.

The person who invests love continuously without expecting a direct return becomes a central being, the one who inherits everything, and is the person of greatest filial piety. In a family of ten people, including a grandmother and grandfather, the one who lives most for the sake of others will be the central person. The same principle applies with respect to patriots in the nation or to saints in the world. The more one invests without expecting a direct return, the higher one can ascend as a patriot, a saint, and a divine son or daughter of God.

Since the beginning of human history, God has surpassed all other beings in living for the sake of others. He has continuously invested Himself without expecting direct return. And because He will continue to do so for eternity, He can be the king and ancestor of all those who live for the sake of others.

THE RESULTS OF LOVING ONE'S ENEMY

The reason the Unification Church that I lead could become a worldwide religious group in such a short time is that its members have worked hard according to this principle. When I reflect upon my life totally committed for the sake of humankind, I can testify that it truly has been the focus of opposition from billions of evil, satanic forces in both the invisible and visible worlds, as well as from numerous religious leaders and many governments. Yet because I lived for their sake, I eventually came to stand as their center.

As I lived for those who opposed me because of their inability to understand the truth, and as I invested myself for their children, and lived for the sake of governments that persecuted me, they eventually came to respect me. From this, we can learn God's strategy in contrast to that of Satan. God's strategy is to take the blow and initial loss, then regain everything in the end. Satan often is the first to strike, but he loses in the end.

Under this principle, I blessed many millions of young couples from all continents in International Holy Blessing ceremonies, as a means to save all humankind and establish one world under the one God. When the West and the East come together as one, the greatest cultural conflict in the world will be overcome. When an American and a German marry each other and become husband and wife, then perfect harmony will be created between these two nations, even though they were once enemies.

Furthermore, I gave the blessing even to those now living in the spirit world. In order for the Kingdom of Heaven to be realized on Earth, the cosmic realms of the spirit world must also be liberated, and only the True Parents on the Earth can do that. As false parents, the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, sowed sinful seeds. The Messiah should liberate humankind both on Earth and in the spirit world, by coming as the True Parents.

INTERNATIONAL BLESSING CEREMONIES

Even God, although omniscient and all-powerful, cannot by Himself untangle the problems brought about by the wrongful blood lineage of humankind. If God could have accomplished this alone, He would have saved His children a long time ago. Indeed, He would not have allowed the fall to occur in the first place. However, God is a God of principle. This means He cannot interfere in the responsibility given to human beings. Accordingly, the returning Messiah who comes as True Parents should give rebirth through true love to humankind, whose blood lineage was defiled by the original sin.

When viewed from this perspective, the International Blessing ceremonies are not conducted simply to bring young men and women together as husbands and wives. In fact, they are holy ceremonies in which people are reborn as God's true children through the original seed of life from God. The principle is that restoration requires indemnity, and we have passed through the stages of individual indemnity, family indemnity, tribal indemnity, people's indemnity, national indemnity, worldwide indemnity and universal indemnity. Now, finally, we have arrived at the time of liberation for both the spirit world and the physical world.

The world is divided into tens of thousands of ethnic groups. Relationships between parents and children, husbands and wives and brothers and sisters have been divided. Even the religious world has been divided into the four great cultural spheres of Christianity, Buddhism, Islam and Confucianism. However, we have now entered the age of cosmic unification by entering the age of the Realm of the Fourth Adam, passing the Old Testament age, the New Testament age and even the Completed Testament age, which is the era of completion.

In other words, we no longer live in an age dominated by nationalism, or even in an age of globalism. These have already passed. National purpose and global concerns still exist, of course, but we now live in an age when the universe is to be united with the one God. Moreover, by becoming the hometown of blessed families, the planet Earth will become one with the spirit world. Then, the Kingdom of Heaven will come about on Earth and in the Realm of Eternal Life.

THE HOUSE OF TRUE LOVE

Ladies and gentlemen, with the arrival of a new millennium at midnight on New Year's Eve, I proclaimed a message for the new year titled, "The Cosmic Expansion of True Love is the Completion of the New Millennium Kingdom." By "Cosmic Expansion of True Love," I mean that Heaven and Earth should become a "house" of true love. The new millennium must be a time in which we complete the building of God's Kingdom throughout the world.

The cosmos originated from God, so families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world must work to complete a House of Love that stands in a position

of reciprocal relationship with God. They can do this by each establishing their own house of love according to the principle formula and by becoming one with each other. The nation must be a house of love where all families can enter, and the cosmos must be a house of love that embraces the world. Here, the family of true love is particularly important, because it becomes the core of the cosmos, which is our enormous house in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Within the family, the husband must be the house of love for his wife and the wife must be the house of love for her husband. The parents must be the house of love for their children, and the children must be the house of love for their parents. God's Kingdom is the place where the ideal of true freedom blossoms, and where humanity's hopes are fulfilled. It is a place inhabited by true families that are the products of true love, true life and true lineage. It marks the beginning of the millennial kingdom overflowing with eternal true love and true happiness.

I have promoted true family values, because the family formed by a union between a true man and true woman where God can dwell is the center of the cosmic realm where Heaven and Earth can rest. This is the reason the Garden of Eden mentioned in the Bible must be realized on Earth.

ONE COSMOS UNDER GOD

The new millennium is the time to complete the 6,000-year history of the providence for the salvation of humanity and build the original heavenly kingdom centered on the ideal of creation. It is the Completed Testament age, when the promises of the Old and the New Testaments are to be fulfilled. This means there will come a new Heaven and new Earth, where "God shall wipe away all the tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death." (Rev. 21:4) It signifies a time of unconditional true love, when all people will be able to drink the water of life that is as clear as crystal.

It will be a time when the spirit world and physical world will be open to each other, and God's Kingdom is established. The direct dominion of the Living God is to begin through restored elder sonship, parenthood and kingship, opening a new era of God's transcendence, imminence, abundance and sovereignty.

As I have mentioned, the planet Earth is the hometown of all humankind, and the spirit world is the eternal fatherland where all humanity will eventually arrive. Finally, the time has come for the global family ideal to be realized on the planet Earth centered on the Heavenly Parent, moving us beyond "One Nation under God" to "One Cosmos under God." Therefore, I request first that you understand that the fundamental relationship between God and humanity is that of parent and child. On that foundation, I ask you to take an active role to transform the cosmos, that is, the spirit world and the physical world, into "our hometown and fatherland."

Once again, I thank all of you distinguished American leaders for your presence here. I would like to conclude by expressing God's desire that the people of the world of all colors and races will come to live as true brothers

and sisters and build a new millennial kingdom of love, peace, freedom and righteousness. I believe that God prepared America for this very time, to help lead the world into this new era.

May God's blessing be with you and your nation. Thank you.



The main stage at the Olympic Gymnastic Stadium,
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**WORLD UNIFICATION
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Distinguished guests whose fervent desire is for North-South unification, ladies and gentlemen.

The new millennium that just began is a time to clean away the divisions and conflicts of the past century and to manifest the ideal of a one world family of harmony and unification. I would like to begin by thanking you for congratulating me on my eightieth birthday. Most of all, I would like to return to God all the honor and glory given to me, because it is He who has watched over me until this day.

As I look back, I am reminded that my life has never been easy. My life has been intertwined with the suffering history of our people and the numerous difficulties that our people have undergone in the midst of the great powers. As a boy of 16, I came into contact with the Will of Heaven through prayer, and throughout my life after that I have devoted all my spirit and energy to accomplishing God's Will.

I came to understand that the fundamental cause of human unhappiness is that the fall severed our relationship with God. As a result, human beings fell into a state of spiritual ignorance. In an effort to resolve the fundamental problems this has caused among human beings and in the universe, I have spoken publicly on more than 10,000 occasions in many places around the world and set forth a true view of humanity, a true view of the world, and a true view of history based on Godism.

These speeches have been translated into twelve languages and published in three hundred volumes. The contents of these speeches are not the result of a comprehensive study of historical documents. My conclusions are not the result of scholarly research. Instead, I arrived at these answers to basic and fundamental questions through my communications with both the visible and invisible worlds.

The issue of unifying the Korean Peninsula is the solemn desire of our

people and the final act of bringing the global Cold War to a conclusion. So today, as I express my gratitude for your having prepared this meaningful forum, I would like to share with you on the topic, "World Unification and North-South Unification Will Be Accomplished by True Love," and lay out the basic answer for how to bring about unification.

SATAN'S TARGET IS GOD HIMSELF

The unification of our country involves more than the mere unification of national territory. It begins with the unification of the human mind and body that were divided against one another as a result of the fall. This is the model for the unification of a world that has been divided in two. Thus, this issue must be understood from the perspective of God's salvation providence. It must be resolved on a providential level.

What is Satan's ultimate target behind the history of struggle between good and evil? Ever since this conflict came into being as a result of the fall of the first human ancestors, Satan has had his sights set precisely on God Himself. God is eternal, unchanging, absolute and unique, and the standard of the ideal that He held at the beginning of creation must also have these qualities. If you were to ask God directly, I think He would confirm what I am saying.

How can God reply when Satan says to God, "God, when you made me an archangel in the beginning, were you acting out of a love for me that was temporary or eternal?" I think God must say that He made the archangel out of a love that was eternal. If He were to say that His love was temporary, that would make Him an ephemeral God. Unless He maintains a standard of loving Satan eternally, there will eventually come a time when He will no longer be able to exercise His authority as God with respect to Satan. Thus, no matter how much Satan may oppose Him, God has no choice other than to establish the condition of loving Satan.

Satan says to God, "I became an evil scoundrel as a result of the fall, but you and good people can't use methods that are similar to mine, can you? I may like to fight, but you're not supposed to enjoy fighting. Even when you take a blow, you have to endure, don't you?" Thus, God's philosophy is one of non-resistance. Why is that? It is because, until the world of the heavenly ideal is manifested on this Earth, God must love the archangel who became Satan, regardless of the circumstances. No matter how much trouble Satan may cause, God cannot punish him or cut him off. He must establish the condition of having loved Satan regardless of where He found Satan. God can only have complete victory when Satan confesses to Him, saying, "O, God really is God. I surrender to You." This is the problem.

JESUS FELT NO MALICE

Because of this, God is in the position of being tied up by Satan. Since the principle path of the providence of restoration is for God to bring about Satan's surrender by loving him, we who are His children must walk this same

path. It doesn't matter if a person is persecuted around the world and is considered an enemy worldwide. This person must establish the condition of having loved those who oppose him. From this aspect, there is amazing truth in God's council to "love your enemies." In fact, this is one of God's battle strategies. These words sound simple. No one realized, though, that they have marked the boundary line between victory and defeat in the battle between God and Satan.

If God were to adopt a philosophy of looking on Satan as His enemy, and seek revenge against him, then God would never be able to stand on the pinnacle of victory. Thus, God has said, "love your enemy," and has carried out a strategy of love. The words "love your enemy" also represent the culmination of Jesus' teaching. It is remarkable that Jesus, the only begotten son of God, stood before Satan and prayed for him despite the fact that Satan was trying to kill him. If Jesus, as he hung dying on the cross, had held any feelings of malice toward his enemy, God's providence would have been turned completely around. It is because Jesus overcame death with a heart of praying that his enemies might be blessed and of loving his enemies that Satan surrendered in that instance.

This is where the qualification to be God's eternal child is fulfilled. Even Satan recognizes this qualification and gives his signature. You, too, will be able to stand before God and say, "Hey Satan, am I not unmistakably the son of God?" and Satan will reply, "Yes, that is correct." We must conduct ourselves in such a way that if we say to Satan, "You have no problem, if people who live as I do expand God's reciprocal realm, starting from the individual and moving to the family, clan, people, nation and world," Satan's answer would be, "That is within Principle, so I can't do anything about it."

THE ENEMY NATION

It is under these conditions that God has pursued the providence, with the Christian cultural sphere at the center. Whether we find ourselves on the path of sacrifice, in the position of martyrdom, or in the midst of a bloody battle, we must carry out a movement of loving God and loving even our enemies. We must carry out this movement in our families, in our societies and in our nations.

The Roman Empire severely persecuted Christianity, but it was forced to surrender in the face of the love that Christianity gave even to the country that was its enemy. This is how Christianity came to be a worldwide religion. The starting point for the path to Heaven was within the country that was Christianity's enemy. Until now Christians have only thought about loving their own personal enemies, but this is not enough. We must love the country that is our enemy, and even the world that is our enemy.

The starting point on the path to Heaven is within the country that is our enemy. Unless we create the foundation of the tradition of true love and set out on the basis of this foundation, we cannot bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. There can never be a philosophy or ideology greater than



Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon receiving a gift
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the tradition that is established in this way.

When Korea was under Japanese imperial rule, the four providential countries—Korea, Japan, Germany and the United States—were enemies. Given the circumstances of that time, Japanese and Koreans were enemies. Japanese and Americans were enemies. Americans and Germans were enemies. Yet, I practiced the way of the true love of Heaven by taking Japanese and Germans to America, their enemy country, and telling them that America was falling into ruin and that their help was needed to revive it.

I emphasized to the Japanese and Germans that they could not establish a new thinking capable of leading humanity into the new world that Heaven desires unless they set the condition of having loved their past enemy, America, even more than their own fatherland. I set forth this tradition of true love and created a new beginning. Unless people erect a base and tradition by which they love the countries that are their enemies, the Kingdom of Heaven cannot be realized on Earth. It is only within the true love of God that such a historic tradition can be constructed.

MY TESTIMONY

When I was humiliated by the United States federal government and unjustly brought before a court of law, my response was actually to work harder to give life to America by founding the conservative newspaper, *The Washington Times*, and a broadcasting station. Recently, I have been pursuing an effort to gather prominent strategic planners from around the world in order to assist China. This is one example of how all the organizations that I have founded are ready to involve themselves in any effort of Heaven that requires love.

In the future, even those with superior ability will find themselves ruled by others if they have not accumulated accomplishments in true love. Everyone here needs to bear this in mind.

I was involved in the anti-Japanese resistance movement under the Japanese imperial rule, and from that perspective the Japanese people were my enemy. This was true for the Korean people as a whole and for me individually. Yet, after Japan's defeat in World War II, I gave love to Japan. After the war, I could have reported the police who had taken me into custody and tortured me severely for my activities in the underground independence movement. Had I done this, they all would have been executed. When I came across a Japanese policeman who was running for his life, however, I packed some things for him and helped him escape to safety under the cover of darkness.

Do you know why so many young people in Japan place their eternal lives at stake and pledge their loyalty to me? This is because there is a principle of cause and effect which dictates that they must return what has been given them. It is because I planted the seeds of true love in the world, transcending national boundaries and in accordance with God's heart. It is because I planted the heartistic foundation that leads people to a life of loving the countries that were the enemies of their own country. Thus, Japan today is my prisoner. Without even realizing it, Japan is fulfilling its heavenly calling.

Under Japanese rule, I had reason to harbor resentment even toward the Emperor of Japan. But he has already been defeated. Heaven does not strike a person who is defeated. In fact, Heaven shows mercy toward those who understand their sin and apologize. Because this is Heaven's way, a person who raises a sword and strikes a defeated person will find his own descendants driven to ruin.

The United States is also a country that considered me their enemy. However, I left my family behind and diverted my attention from my Korean fatherland to bring salvation to America. I threw away everything that belonged to me in order to bring salvation to the world under Satan.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHRISTIANS

Think, too, of how much hatred the established Christian denominations have directed toward the Unification Church. It might be said that we are enemies. We must not fight each other as enemies, however. We must come together in love. What would happen if we were to come together in love? The two coming together in love would lead the Republic of Korea into fulfilling the Will of Heaven so as to digest North Korea. If the established denominations and the Unification Church had become one immediately after Korea's liberation from Japan, everything would have been solved.

Because that did not happen, we have had to make extraordinary sacrifices to overcome enemies of the individual, enemies of the family, enemies of the clan and enemies of the people in order to attain the position that we would have reached in the first place had there been no conflict. We have worked to overcome the path of suffering where we were not able to strike at enemies.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, all the people in North Korea have armed themselves with *fuche* thought. We must arm ourselves with the philosophy of True Love that is capable of digesting them. North Korea is a part of the northern culture that has been influenced by the cold winds of the Soviet culture. We must work to naturally melt them with our warm region civilization. Otherwise, both countries will go to ruin. Thus, we must thoroughly arm ourselves philosophically.

This philosophy must not be one that seeks the fulfillment of individual desires. Rather, it must seek the salvation of all humanity. It must not be centered on the self. Communists have the idea that everyone should work for the sake of a few top Party leaders. This is why they eliminate any person who stands out as a potential rival. We are not that way. Our idea is to unite with the reciprocal environment in order to establish a reciprocal standard of a higher level. That is Cain and Abel becoming one in order to receive their parents on a higher level.

LIBERATE WITHOUT FIGHTING

I do not believe South Korea should attempt to overcome North Korea militarily. Instead, we must love our nation more than they love theirs. We must have the philosophical strength to love Heaven even more than they love communism. We must become capable men and women of character who can bring about their natural surrender. There is no other way for us to absorb North Korea. In other words, we must become able to impress them with how we live. We must be able to amaze those people armed with communist ideology in terms of our outlook on life and our standard of character.

We cannot restore the Cain-type nation unless we maintain an environment by which we are able to exert influence over them. If we cannot restore the Cain-type nation, we cannot establish the restored country capable of entering into a worldwide nation centered on the Kingdom of Heaven.

Although North and South Korea are divided against one another, we must liberate North Korea without fighting them.

The Korean people in both North and South Korea fervently desire to see the country unified, but how can this be accomplished? Unification can only be accomplished when a sophisticated method for unification is put forward that will allow both sides to live together. When the South goes to the North, or the North to the South, and says, "Let's do it our way," unification will not succeed. Thus, we must find a love that will benefit both sides.

Ladies and gentlemen, at the moment North and South are going in different directions. One is trying to go south and the other trying to go north, and they are on two divergent paths. Their purposes are at odds with each other. If both sides insist on their own position, it is certain that the situation will again result in breakdown.

So the question is: what is to be done about this? There must be a South Korean person who loves North Korea with a greater love than any South Korean person has for his own country. Also, there must be a North Korean person who loves South Korea with a greater love than any North Korean has for his own country. There is no option or solution other than this.

If there is one person whose patriotism is greater than any South Korean's and greater than any North Korean's, then this is where the path to unification can come about. Can there be another way? No matter how hard you may think, there is no other way.

What are the Korean people to do, then? Our country straddles the boundary line between left and right centering on the 38th Parallel. We are the ones who have been placed on that line, so what are we to do? This is the question. The issue is how to resolve this problem. The answer is that we must suffer even more than North Koreans and even more than South Koreans. How are we to uphold such a standard of patriotism, established through suffering and transcending nationality? This is the way to give this country life and to solve its problems.

THE HEART OF WANTING TO LIVE TOGETHER

The same principle applies to uniting the world of goodness and the world of evil. Someone must appear in the world of goodness that is a greater patriot to the world of evil than anyone in that world. A person must appear that can set a higher standard of loyalty to his nation than anyone among our ancestors who pursued goodness. This is the only way for a divided history to be resolved.

Jesus was particularly remarkable in this regard. He realized that it would do no good for both sides to fight. The only way for him to live for the sake of God and for the sake of the people of Israel was for him to die for God and for his people. This was the reasoning behind the crucifixion.

Jesus' love for humanity was greater than anyone else's since the beginning of history, and his love for God was greater than anyone else's in history. Because of this, his death caused a history destined for destruction to take



Reverend Sun Myung Moon with
former United States Vice-President Dan Quayle.

a new direction toward a world of purpose. This was the Christian cultural sphere. This is historical fact. Thus, the only way to unite North and South is to become a people who can die for the North and the South. There is no other path to achieve unification. There has to be a heart of truly wanting to live together in harmony with the other side.

When a person considers how to lead his life, the most basic: fundamentals can be expressed as the path of a filial child, the path of a loyal patriot, the path of a saint, and the path of a son or daughter of God. Isn't this the heart of wanting to live in harmony with others eternally and of wanting to be with others without regard to whether they are higher or lower, and transcending front and back and left and right? This is the logical conclusion.

What is the common denominator among those who say, "I want to live in harmony with others?" It is not power. Power cannot transcend history. Power is limited to a specific period in time. The same is true with knowledge. The world of knowledge has an innate tendency to develop. Does knowledge give us the heart to say, "I want to live with this particular piece of knowledge forever?" Clearly, we cannot keep either knowledge or wealth with us forever.

What then is the common denominator that transcends above and below,

front and back, left and right, and the time differences between past, present and future? This cannot be anything other than true love centering on God. Thus, a filial child is one who lives in his family giving profound love to his or her parents. Also, a patriot is one who lives a life of profound love for his or her country. A saint is one who lives a life of profound love for the people of the world. A son or daughter of God is one who lives a life of profound love for all humanity and God.

Thus, the problem is to develop a true foundation of heart by which a person can want to have the heart of a patriot. Such a person would want his or her life to be in concert with the fortunes of the people. Such a person would look upon any difficulties faced by the people as his or her own personal difficulties. This person would look upon any joys experienced by his people as more than temporary joys but eternal joys to be shared with everyone. The person who possesses relationships of true love and true heart is given special authority to participate in the realm of unification.

Ladies and gentlemen, even if a woman lacks any formal education she can marry a man with a doctoral degree and suddenly become the wife of a scholar. Isn't that true? Anyone who possesses a great deal of the relationships of heart based on the desire to live with others in harmony has the right to participate today in the realm of unification. God Himself is such a being. So if a person attains the life content enabling him to form a unity, this person is automatically given the qualification to participate.

A PRACTICAL MOVEMENT FOR UNIFICATION

Where should we begin the process of unification? Where should we start in order to achieve North-South unification? What is the first step? Do we begin by using our fists or physical force? If we subjugate the other side with force, then eventually they will develop a force stronger than ours and the conflict will begin all over again. We cannot achieve unification by this method. The way to unification will open when each of us has the heart to say, "Even though I live in the South, I truly want to live in harmony with those people in the North. I truly want to become one with them."

Suppose people in the South were to look upon our compatriots in the North and shed tears to see the miserable conditions in which they live. Suppose we were to tell them, "I am living my life in a way that I can share in your difficulties." Suppose we were to promise them, "Someday soon, I will appear before you having completed the preparations for your day of liberation." Suppose, then, we were to carry out a practical movement for unification based on such a heart. If we did these things, I believe the day of unification would not be far away.

Ladies and gentlemen, we must think how we can live in harmony with our compatriots. No one can be a patriot if they do not want to live with their parents or with their compatriots. Any claim such a person might make to being patriotic would be a lie. A person must first be able to live in harmony with his own country before he or she can live in harmony with the world.

Further, a person must first live in harmony with the world before he or she can live in harmony with God. Thus, a person cannot be a patriot unless he first loves his compatriots and gives love to that particular regional society.

How much do our political leaders love their country? Any politician who lacks a heart of truly wanting to share in the life of common citizens will soon disappear. It doesn't matter how well-bred or educated this person may be. He will disappear like an air bubble formed on a surface of water. Any leader who does not love the citizens will not be able to escape judgment by the citizens of his country and by history.

Healing the division between North and South is not a simple process. As fellow patriots struggle to bring this about, they will need a determination of heart to work through many sleepless nights, transcending time, and overcoming all manner of difficulties. "I truly want to live with them. I don't want to die unless I can die with them. I don't want to live unless I can live with them." The movement for North-South unification begins when both sides have such a heart toward the other.

THE WORLD WILL FOLLOW

When North-South unification is accomplished, this will be the beginning point in the effort to unite the democratic and communist worlds. Each of us must consider the future of our people and of the world as a representative of the world, a representative of the six billion people of the world, a representative of the three billion people of Asia, a representative of your school, and a representative of all the students you have ever taught. We must determine ourselves to carry out a movement that will truly enable us to share in the lives of our compatriots.

When such an effort connects you to the way of the saint, then you will come to resemble a saint. If you practice this with respect to God with the loyalty of a son or daughter of God, then you will become "God's heir," and "successor to God's Will." I tell you these things today because I have already confirmed their truth in my own life.

Once North-South unification is accomplished in Korea, the unification of the world will follow automatically. Do you think that political power, military force or economic wealth can bring about unification? There isn't even the slightest chance of this. That is the reason I am speaking to you in this way. Can weapons, wealth, or knowledge do away with rotten philosophies? No, they cannot. Only true love can do this. This love is love that comes from God.

When a person enters into a relationship of true love with God, he or she is absolutely given special authority to have dominion, ownership and the right of inheritance. In the world of mechanics, the energy produced is less than the energy put into a system. However, in the world of true love, greater energy is produced than is put in.

What is true love? It is love that lives for the sake of others. It is love of unlimited giving and forgetting. No memory is kept of how much was given.

It is a love that never tires of giving. A 90-year-old mother can turn to her 70-year-old son and say, "Be careful when you cross the street," and there is nothing strange about that. Even if the mother has repeated those same words countless times over several decades, she will always say them one more time.

If this is true with parents in the fallen world, how can we ever grow tired of giving and receiving God's love in the essential world? When we establish God's true reciprocal realm in our own lives, we will understand the unchanging glory of true love for the first time. Then we will be able to justify the ethics of eternal life centering on the true love of human beings. Who in the world is aware of such things?

THE GREATEST LOVE

In 1984, I was lying in bed in an American prison where I had been unjustly incarcerated. God came to me and said, "You are the only person I can trust. I want you to resolve the situation in Nicaragua." Am I really the only person to whom God can come with such a command? America is said to be a great country standing at the forefront of all developed countries, with a population of 240 million people and a large number of religious leaders. How helpless God must feel that He could not go to any of those people but came to me. At least it is fortunate that God knows how to find a person by His love. If I had not worked for the sake of the world at that time, by now South America would have been completely ravaged by war.

North-South unification is the fervent desire of the Korean people, but it is also the earnest desire of God in this age. It is Heaven's desire that North Korea and South Korea be united and that God's resting-place can be established in our homes, in our churches, and in our worldwide church, centered on God.

How, then, are we to attend God? The problem is, how can we wipe everything clean? What can we use to wipe away everything so that God will say it is completely clean? The answer is simple. True love. We must clean the surroundings centering on a true love that is greater than our love for our parents, greater than our love for our spouse, and greater than our love for our children. It is only when our offerings are placed on the altar centering on such love that the ideal North-South unification will be manifested.

This is where the ideal blending of eastern and western cultures can occur. This is where the ideal unification of the divided physical and heavenly realms can occur, where the liberation of Hell and Heaven will come about. We cannot unlock this without true love. We need the key of true love.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Unification brought about by the love between a person's mind and body can always be manifested as the unification of love in the family. A loving husband and wife with a harmonious family will always see their love manifested within their clan. If a loving husband and wife unite as one, who will dare

try to tear them apart and defile their relationship?

A world made of the harmonious family, harmonious people, harmonious government, harmonious world, harmonious Heaven and Earth, harmonious true human love and God united as one—isn't this world the utopia of true love? In such a world, there will be no possibility of discord. Love will be the life element for all people, in the same way that plants receive life elements by absorbing the rays of the sun. Our fervent desire is to build a Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven, where we can resonate with true love eternally. How many people are there in this world, though, who are the subject partners or object partners of true love, who can stand as people of character qualified to be the master of all things, and who possess both the value of a remarkable life and the special authority that comes with such a life?

I sincerely hope that each of you here today will remember what I have said and will work to unite your mind and body. I hope that each of you will become a person who lives for the sake of your spouse, and will go on to become a true person who lives for the sake of your family, people, nation and world. If you do that, then North-South unification will be as good as done. Even communist ideology is easily absorbed and disappears when it is placed in the midst of God's love. Until now we did not know this, but once we develop our hearts of love, North-South unification will be no problem at all.

That is not all. Problems between East and West and the worldwide North-South problem involving differences among rich and poor nations can also be completely resolved through the true love of God. We must digest the ideal for the world centering on God's ideal that I have described, and go on to digest the ideal of the nation. Then we must move on to the boundless realm of peace of the ideal world that links the ideal of the nation to the ideals of clan, family, and individual. This is, without a doubt, the way that the utopia of true love that God has desired can be built on this Earth.

INCLUDE EVERYONE

Distinguished guests: We cannot fight the communist world with guns and swords or any other means of physical force. We must fight them with love. Communists seek to destroy the democratic world in order to build a communist world. By contrast, we must build a structure that will bring salvation not only to the democratic world but to the communist world as well.

The 38th Parallel is the deepest point and final resting-place where North and South can be united by means of God's true love. When it comes to doing away with this demarcation line the North says, "There's nothing we can do about it." Russia says the same thing. China, too, says the same thing. The government and opposition parties in Seoul say, "There's nothing we can do about it." Even the United States and Japan say there is nothing they can do about this. If this is the case, then it will be the end of everything. But if unification comes by true love, will we prosper or will we be ruined? If we can

do away with the separation, it will be the end of everything evil and a new beginning for everything good. This is the reason we must unite the citizens of our country.

Millions of people in Korea, Japan and the United States have worked through the International Federation for Victory Over Communism and CAUSA to lay non-governmental foundations in each of these countries. I declared the fundamental principle for unification more than 40 years ago. Since then, I have carried out a movement of ideas, centered on Godism, both domestically and around the world. I have worked in the four major countries surrounding the Korean Peninsula to lay the international groundwork for unification.

Over the years, leaders of many countries and in the philosophical world have recognized Godism as the only philosophy not only capable of uniting materialism and atheism, which are diametrical opposites, but also capable of liberating secular humanism.

My patriotic compatriots filled with passionate hope for North-South unification: let us together establish our value systems on the basis of Godism, and join forces in arming the people of this country with this new philosophy. Let us make North-South unification a matter of faith for the sake of ourselves, for the sake of the Korean people and for sake of world peace. Let us stand and answer the call of this historic age and of Heaven. Let us be leaders and people of righteousness standing at the forefront of the movement for World and North-South unification.

History took a mistaken course as a result of Eve's error at the beginning. So in the Last Days, women in particular need to take the lead in overcoming conflict and strife. Their motherly love can create a new history of reconciliation and unity. The mission of women is to educate and restore the young, who are in the position of being their children and even their husbands in order to realize the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven.

I pray God's blessing may be with you and your families.
Thank you.



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EVERYBODY WANTS TRUE LOVE

WORLD CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL OPENING BANQUET

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Distinguished world representatives and guests, I would like to welcome you to this Opening Plenary Banquet of the World Culture and Sports Festival in Seoul, Korea.

We see today that people in all fields of society are doing their best to prepare for the new millennium in a variety of ways according to what they believe is right. In my opinion, however, a sober and serious examination of human life reveals that understanding the Will of God, who is our eternal True Parent, is the most pressing task we face at this time, just forty days before the new millennium.

Over the past fifty years I have communicated the Word of God in public settings nearly 7,000 times. My followers have published many of these speeches in a series of over three hundred volumes. Tens of thousands of families around the world are reading from these volumes daily.

From this vast content, I would like to share with you a sermon given to the 360 million newly blessed couples, delivered in New York on March 14, 1999. Through reading this together with you prominent religious leaders from greater Chicago, I hope we can realize that we are responsible to build the ideal world by building the ideal families that God has wanted to see for so long.

THE WAY OF LOVE

Ladies and Gentlemen: What is the most important thing, that which we need more than anything else? It is not money, power or knowledge. It is true love. True love is more precious than life itself and more important to us than air or water.

Why is true love so precious and important? It is because it is the means by which we can meet God. Just as human beings desire to meet God, God also wants to meet true human beings because of love. The love by which God can see, touch, and share with men and women at the same time, is the love by which men and women love each other. If anything other than love were to be recognized as the most valuable thing in the universe, men and

women would fight each other to try to claim it for themselves. Once we realize that love is the highest value, however, we can strive to live for each other and become one with each other, sharing the happiness of possessing love together.

Everyone desires love. Love is the only thing that can satisfy all human desires. It is humankind's, and God's, unfailing attraction to love that makes God's providence of salvation possible.

Fundamentally, love belongs to God. Yet even God cannot possess love all by Himself. Love requires a mutual relationship. A man by himself or a woman by herself cannot experience love. Women exist for the sake of men's love and men exist for the sake of women's love. Regardless of external appearance, in our heart each of us desires a mate with whom we can give and receive the highest level of love.

When we examine the universe, we see that all beings exist in pairs relating to one another as subject and object. In the mineral world, we observe the relationship of plus and minus. In the plant world, the animal world and the world of human beings, we see the relationship between masculine and feminine. This is because God created the universe in order to fulfill the expression of love. All beings desire the experience of true love through a mutual relationship. Love is the one power in the universe that absolutely no one can possess by himself. Once we have a partner, however, love gives us the power to share the entire universe. Likewise, a husband and wife need children in order to experience the profound joy of parental love.

WHY HONOR ONE'S SPOUSE

Thus, we can say that God created human beings and the universe as His reciprocal partners in order to bring about true love. All types of love—including love of children, love of siblings, love of husband and wife, and love of parents—come about through the unity of subject and object partners. When two partners become one in true love, it is impossible to separate them. If for any reason separation occurs, true love is destroyed. Therefore, in true love there is no concept of divorce.

When a man feels love, the feeling is not generated on its own. The feeling awakens in his heart because of a particular woman. Likewise, the fire of love is kindled in the heart of a woman not by herself alone but by the man she loves. In other words, our love belongs to our partner. Thus, we should honor our partner's love as being even more precious than our love. Each person should be grateful to his or her spouse, and should live his life for the sake of the other. This basic reasoning will make it possible for the 360 million blessed couples to live together eternally. When husbands and wives live for each other, respect each other, and become completely one through true love, it will be possible for the fallen lineage of Satan to be rooted out completely.

True love comes through both horizontal and vertical reciprocal relationships. A horizontal relationship of true love is gradually elevated in a vertical direction until it eventually reaches the pinnacle. This pinnacle is the

position of the "King and Queen of True Love." In this position, everything is synthesized, everything is embraced, everything is crystallized into love, and everything blooms. This is why all beings in the universe want to be transformed in love and live in the midst of love. We are born for the sake of love, live for the sake of love, and finally die for the sake of love.

THE CREATION WANTS LOVE

Not only people but all beings desire true love. This is why human beings, as the highest beings in creation, should embrace and love the masterpieces of God's creation, and teach creation how to love. All creation is longing to receive and experience God's love through men and women who have become one with God at the pinnacle of true love. It is a shame that we have not yet realized this degree of love.

All beings exist at a certain level in mutual attraction with another. At the same time, all beings want to be absorbed into higher levels of love. Thus, minerals want to be absorbed into plants, plants want to be absorbed into animals, and finally all of creation wants to be absorbed into human beings. Through this process they ultimately reach the position where they can experience the essence of true love, which is the love that is nearest to God—the origin of love. God created everything with an intrinsic nature to provide value to a higher level. For example, creatures such as eels, and worms which fish like to eat also provide ingredients for natural medicines for humans. Creatures on a higher level are meant to consume beings on a lower level. Without this process, the universe could not exist.

Darwin's theory regarding the survival of the fittest needs to be reexamined in the context of this logic of love. Even ants and microorganisms want true love so much that they will die to become part of an entity of greater love. Because of this principle, human beings, created as the highest partners of God's love, can consume all creatures. We can enjoy everything we desire, on one condition: that we do so with a heart that represents the love of God, the Creator.

God's ideal was for one couple, Adam and Eve, centering on true love, to become the seed from which all the world's families, clans, nations and, finally, the multitudinous citizenry of the Kingdom of Heaven would be descended. Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven can be created only in accordance with God's tradition of true love.

The view I'm sharing is very different from the theories of Charles Darwin. Yet it is through this perspective, and not Darwin's theories, that we will achieve a world of peace. This is because my words witness to the fundamental principles of creation.

Darwin proposed in his theory of evolution that species evolve through a process of natural selection based on random mutations. Such a theory implies that there is no fundamental meaning, order or goal in the development of the natural world. Today, scientists and others debate the theory of evolution vs. the creation theory. The word "creation" acknowledges the exist-

tence of God the Creator and that there is purpose embodied in God's act of creation. Each subject and object partner unites to achieve a higher purpose.

Together with Darwinism, communist theory, based on materialism, also lacks the element of purpose. God's creation embodies the purpose of true love, whereas communism posits only struggle and destruction. Thus, it is destined eventually to disappear.

HAVE ONLY ONE PARTNER

In all creation, the most precious entities are human beings—men and women. Furthermore, the most precious part of the human body is not the nose, the eyes, the hands, or even the brain. It is the sexual organs, the main organs of love. Everything in the universe can be recreated through the sexual parts. Most living things, whether plants or animals, multiply through sex. The most precious and outstanding family begins with a husband and wife who are one with each other. Our love organs are the main sanctuary of life, occupying a position of incredible value where blood lineage and history are connected.

God's fundamental principle is to create through male and female. For a man and woman to share absolute love, however, they should have only one partner. We must not have two or more partners, but only one, eternally. There is absolutely only one man for each woman and one woman for each man. That is why God did not create two Adams or two Eves. Tragically, in the world today we see children who have had as many as ten stepfathers. How false and degraded love has become!

When men and women uphold and preserve chastity, they are protecting the universe. The discipline of love between men and women is the foundation of the universe. We must not abuse our love as if we were animals. Our love can only have one owner. The word "true" in true love does not allow for the possibility of more than one partner. There can be only one. This is an absolute law.

Not just anyone can say they have "true love." Only God can really love with true love, and only God absolutely owns true love. God's true life, God's true lineage, and God's true conscience emerge from true love. In this way, the most fundamental essence of God is true love.

Therefore, to connect with true love, we must first relate with God. A child might say, "My mother and father don't fight and we live well," but that doesn't necessarily mean that this is a family of true love. A young man and woman may say, "We are so much in love that we could die," but that doesn't mean this love is true love. If God is not present, then it is not true love. True love always centers on God. To become God's son or daughter, we first need to connect with God's love, life and lineage.

GOD HARVESTS TRUE LOVE

Power, knowledge, money, and military might cannot ensure that a person will be welcome in the world of true love. Everyone wants true love, but such love is only possible when we live for others. We need to sacrifice for and serve our partner. Everyone avoids a person who relates to others with the mindset that says, "You should live for me." This kind of selfish individualism is Satan's strategy, purpose, and tool. The result can only be hell. We must live for the whole. If a person lives for others, sacrificing himself or herself and serving the whole, then everyone and everything will come to love him.

We are created as God's children. As we grow in love, relating to brothers and sisters, becoming husbands and wives, giving birth and raising children, God is present each step of the way, harvesting true love. God observes and guides us as we develop, and He becomes the owner of love at each stage. In this sense, it can be said that human beings, through whom God comes to own all love, are more precious to God than He is to Himself. In the same way, we attach a thousand times more value to the person we love than to ourselves.

God invests Himself for those He loves and then forgets this investment. Then He invests again. He invests Himself one hundred percent and then forgets one hundred percent. That is why He can continue to invest.

In the same way, a wife who wants her husband to be a success invests herself in her husband and then forgets this investment. By investing herself and forgetting, she enables him to achieve his full potential in life. When we as partners continue to invest in each other and forget, the level of our love is elevated, and we will ultimately find ourselves connected to God. This is how we can fulfill our parent-child relationship with God and have eternal life.

Everyone wants to go to Heaven, but those who have the attitude that "Everyone should live for me," will not get there. True love begins with embracing and living for the sake of all God's masterpieces of creation. The way we can reach Heaven is to live for all humankind and ultimately for God.

During our lives, each of us should have at least three experiences in which we dedicate our lives to someone or to some higher purpose. This is how we can indemnify the selfish acts involved in the fall of Adam's family, the crucifixion of Jesus, and in the persecution directed against the family of the Lord of the Second Advent.

And then even after we figuratively pass through death and resurrection three times, we should not ask for God's praise but instead pledge our lives to Him even more. This is how we can meet God. When such people populate the world, this will be the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. This is the path that I am teaching, and this is the kind of world that I am building.



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FAMILY: THE FORM OF LOVE

Distinguished Children are the fruit of the love of the mother and father. We need to understand that children embody their parents' love, life, and lineage. Little children often say "This is mine," but parents are the origin of everything that children refer to as their own. Parents are the root and the trunk. Without parents, we would all be orphans. We cannot live if we break the ladder of love that connects us to our parents. We are the sons and daughters of God, the parent who is the origin of true love. Parents are the highest masters of love for children.

The parent-child relationship is vertical, and the husband-wife relationship is horizontal. The lines of these two relationships should cross at right angles. The relationship among siblings forms a third dimension, a front-to-back axis. When all are equidistant from the center, and are freely circulating in love, their relationships form a sphere. That is why all beings existing in love, and the universe as a whole, are spherical. The entire universe achieves balance centering on these relationships.

All love is united and achieves a peaceful dynamic harmony in the central point of this sphere of love relationships. This center, where all these rela-

tionships intersect, is where God resides. If we picture this three- dimensionally, we see that God is the ultimate origin of love, life, lineage, and conscience. In the God-centered family, vertical and horizontal loves are united as one. Such a family will multiply to become a clan, society, nation, world, and cosmos of love. The fundamental center though, is always the one God.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, they would have realized the ideal of the God-centered family and become the True Parents of humankind. As True Parents, Adam and Eve would have provided a model of true husband-wife love and true parental love. God's providence of salvation has been a providence of restoration. Throughout human history, God has been working to restore True Parents who can establish, as a model for all humanity, the ideal of true love, true life and true lineage.

THE TRADITION OF MARRIAGE

After Adam and Eve had children, who would have overseen the marriage of these children? Adam and Eve, as their parents, would have done this. We need to look seriously at the deficiency of parental involvement in their children's marriages in today's society.

The Unification Church, which has True Parents, is standing in the position of parents to give the marriage blessing to all the peoples of the world. These marriages transcend racial, religious and ethnic differences. By knowing True Parents and being engrafted to them, even saints and evil persons are being blessed in marriage with each other. The True Parents reject evil love, evil life and evil lineage, but they do not cast out Cain, who murdered Abel. Everyone, including Cain, receives the same blessing.

In the ocean, there is a point during the changing of the tides when the forces of outgoing and incoming tide are at equilibrium. There is a similar turning point in the Providence of Salvation in the balance between the forces of good and evil. By blessing good and evil people at the time of this turning point, Satan can be expelled completely.

The human fall occurred when there was an error in the Garden of Eden that involved marriage. Now, the True Parents have corrected that error and are blessing marriages with the original foundation restored. By clearing up the problems created by Adam and Eve as fallen parents, the True Parents are eradicating hell and giving the blessing to tens of billions of ancestors in the spirit world. In other words, by centering on true love and restoring the original true love, true life and true lineage, we restore the true parent-child relationship.

In this way, we come to perfect the master of love, the model of true love in the eight stages of God's ideal of creation. That is, we establish the eternal unchanging true love tradition by going through life in the womb, infancy, life as brother and sister, as an adolescent, which is the engagement period, as newlyweds enjoying conjugal love, as parents, as true parents and finally as true king and true queen. Upon this foundation, we can perfect the true love model, the parent-child relationship.

TRUE FAMILY VALUES

In God, love, life and lineage are absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Humankind is to inherit this as the model of true love. This model will not change through tens of thousands of generations. Centering on true love, we can reach oneness between parent and child, between husband and wife, and between brothers and sisters.

A father becomes the owner or master of love through his son. A husband becomes the owner of love through his wife. An elder brother becomes the owner of love through his younger brother. On the other hand, children without parents, women without husbands and elder brothers without younger brothers cannot find the central position, the position of the owner of love.

In order to become the owner of true love, we must serve and honor our parents. By doing so, we will attain mind-body unity as individuals, conjugal unity as husband and wife, fraternal unity as brother and sister, and world peace as nations. In this way, we can perfect the realms of love defined in the eight stage ideal model.

Again, the ideal family and ideal nation are the places where all of us—as parents, children, couples, brothers and sisters, and nations—want to establish ownership of the eight-stage model, centering on true love. From there, eternal world peace will emerge, the Kingdom of God on Earth will dawn, and the Kingdom of God in Heaven will blossom.

Beginning from the year 2000, in every corner of the globe, countless blessed families united with the Parents of Heaven and Earth will initiate a new family revolution and worldwide moral revolution, centering on true love. God is longing to see the eternal ideal Kingdom of God built on Earth as well as in Heaven. Let us join in this holy task. I pray that all of you will become the owners of God's True Love. May God's blessing be abundant upon you and your family.

Thank you very much.

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon is a man devoted to God's word. We have gathered four landmark speeches given on the occasion of his 80th birthday together in this book. He used each event as an occasion to declare the word of God. They are a summation and setting forth of new vision for the unification of nations through true love. We invite you to share the richness of God's word to humankind today. And, just as Reverend Moon does, let us offer the honor and glory to God.

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The Path for America and Humanity In the Last Days

The Washington Hilton and Towers, Washington, DC

January 22, 2000

2

The Cosmos is Our Hometown and Our Fatherland

Cannon House Office Building Caucus Room, Washington, DC

February 2, 2000

3

World Unification and North-South Unification Will Be Accomplished by True Love

Olympic Gymnastic Stadium, Seoul, Korea

February 10, 2000

4

Everybody Wants True Love

Lotte Hotel, Seoul, Korea

February 10, 2000

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