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Foreword

As we stand on the threshold of the new millennium, we are blessed with this invaluable book, another of a series of books of texts on selected themes in the speeches and sermons of Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

Reverend Moon has lived his entire life in connection with the Word of God. He was born on the sixth day of the first lunar month in 1920 in Jungjoo, North Pyung-an Province, an area that is now a part of North Korea. When he was sixteen years old, Jesus appeared to him as he prayed. Following that encounter, he communicated freely with saints and sages in the spirit world and developed a plan for the realization of God's ideal of creation and the salvation of humankind. Reverend Moon teaches God's Will is to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth. This Kingdom is a world governed by the idea that all the world's peoples are members of the same extended family whose center is God, our Heavenly Parents.

This is to say that the thousand-year Kingdom that Christians expect to come is not only a spiritual event. Instead, we are to construct it on Earth as a substantial reality. It will be one world centering on the One God, or one world under God. As an extension, there will be one cosmos under God. The beginning of the new millennium signifies the end of the old history and the beginning of a new history. It is a providential turning point leading to the realization of God's Will.

Through more than 7,000 public appearances over a period spanning fifty years, Reverend Moon has unequivocally laid out for us the path for all people, both in our daily life and our lifetime on Earth, and where we stand in relation to eternal life. He and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, have held innumerable speaking engagements not only in Korea but also in Japan, the United States, Europe, Russia, South America, Africa, and other parts of the world. In each one they elucidated essential points of God's truth. Now we followers of Reverend Moon have published these speeches in more than 300 volumes in Korean and are translating them into twelve other languages.

Because these words bring to fruition the content of Jesus' teachings and prophecies, Reverend Moon refers to them as the "Completed Testament." The Old Testament and New Testament reach fruition in the Completed Testament.

This particular volume focuses on the concept of unification, the theme on

which Reverend Moon has spoken more than any other. The editors have gone through Reverend Moon's sermons and speeches given since the 1950s, excerpted passages where he addressed this theme, and organized these into one volume.

To summarize this theme, God Himself, who is eternal, absolute, unique, and unchanging, is the exemplar of unification, as the unified body of *sung-sang* (internal character) and *hyung-sang* (external form). The human fall originated in the division between the individual's mind and body. As the result of this, we stand at a midpoint between good desires and evil desires, constantly tormented by questions regarding the meaning and significance of our existence. This mind-body division appears in the family as strife between the husband and wife. In society, it appears as social conflict, and it ultimately leads to armed struggle between countries.

The problems we see today within individuals, families and among countries are not what God wanted. Through the excerpts in this volume, Reverend Moon clearly sets out the basic solution to the problem of struggle and conflict, centering on the ideal of unification. Theories of development based on the necessity of division and conflict are erroneous. They reflect a lack of understanding of the issue.

The cultural and philosophical differences between East and West, which appear to us in the form of the ideological dissonance between the collectivism of the East and individualism of the West, are brought together in Reverend Moon's *yoo-il-ron*, or theory of oneness. At the same time, closing the gap between the world's developed and developing countries—commonly referred to as the “North-South problem”—is necessary if all humanity is to live as one world community family enjoying an age of global co-existence and co-prosperity. Toward this end, Reverend Moon emphasizes the need for strategies to equalize technology. In recent years, Reverend Moon has involved himself directly in this matter through a project in Jardim, Brazil. There he is educating about ideal family life and is building a model of the ideal world with people of all races living together in harmony.

This volume makes frequent reference to the issue of North-South unification on the Korean Peninsula. The Peninsula is bordered on the north by China and the Soviet Union and on the south by Japan and the Pacific Ocean. Thus, Korea is at the crossroad of continental and maritime cultures. In addition, the ideologies of East and West are seen in North and South Korea. Even now, after the end of the Cold War, the conflict between North Korea and South Korea has global implications. It remains one of the most important issues to be resolved in order to bring about world peace.

Reverend Moon has invested heavily by building organizations and by providing education to lay the foundation both domestically and internationally for the unification of North and South Korea. In the Republic of Korea, he founded the National Federation for North-South Unification on May 15, 1987. Soon after, he created the National Federation for East-West and North-South Unification in Japan.

He went on to establish the Federation for World Peace as a forum where cur-

rent and former political leaders from around the world could discuss solutions to global issues. He also founded the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace as a way to encourage religious leaders to take greater initiative for world peace. Reverend Moon created The Washington Times Foundation and American Leadership Conference in North America and CAUSA and other organizations in South America. Thus, he has not simply laid out theoretical concepts for unification but has assumed a direct leadership role.

Throughout his teachings, Reverend Moon stresses the Divine Principle position that the fundamental cause of division—whether on the level of individual, family, society, nation or world—derives from the human fall, and that God's true love provides the prescription for healing all levels of division. Further, he views the flow of history as God's salvation providence, including God's ideal of creation, the human fall, and restoration (salvation). He thus provides a new and universal paradigm for the interpretation of history.

It gives me great joy to place this book before the reader at a time when we celebrate Reverend Moon's 80th birthday at the beginning of the new millennium. I would like to thank those who worked on the translation from the original Korean. I have no doubt that this volume will be a textbook providing the fundamental principles of unification to a humanity that has lost its way.

On the first day of the new millennium, January 1, 2000,

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