FATHER SPEAKS - BARRYTOWN SEMINARY

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Speech about Carpfishing.

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Why are Oriental people different than Western people? Do you think that American or Western people will ever accept and understand Father? In the Orient, for instance, if a man tells three jokes in one day then he is considered to be mad or insane. (laughter). But here you are considered very popular and normal if you tell jokes. In the Orient also it is extremely dishonorable to eat while you are walking - not even a beggar would do that; here it is quite common. In the Orient love is rarely expressed in public. But in America you see in public people holding hands and kissing (smack, smack) and hugging (even if they don't like each other!). And in the Orient people sleep on their backs and only the animals sleep on their stomachs (or curled up) like Americans do.

Father has just named a few examples to show you the difference between the East and the West. So can these two be brought together? Look at Unification Church members, there you can find much love and respect for Father. But your own physical parents are hiring deprogrammers to try to take you back, and all kinds of things like this are taking place. You must have relatives, friends and teachers in your life that you have loved very much, yet you deny all of them to stay with one person (Father). And as the years go on you actually feel a deeper attachment and love; what causes this?

Well, people on the outside try to figure this out - but all the usual explanations do not fit - so they just say it must be "brainwashing." Father knows that the American people try to understand but they just cannot. Here is an Oriental man from Korea(a nation that is often practically unkown) and so many American young, white people are coming to him (?). They say it must be hypnotism; and when they ask you if it is brainwashing, you answer, "It's wonderful!" (laugh). Why is it that Americans when you ask them if they like something or how they are, they always say, "Wonderful!"? But the American people are trying to observe the Unification Church and figure out why all the young people are so attracted - you can see people with binoculars, from cars, from planes, looking and looking; always trying to discover some "secrets" which would give them the answers.

When we say in the Unification Church the word "wonderful" we mean ideals and hope. But outside when they always say "wonderful" it is not so good - only good to the individual, selfish wonderful. So we see two different wonderfuls; which way do you think is the most liked by God? Our "wonderful" in the UC means pursuing God's purpose in the world today and finding true love.

Do you think there is as great a difference between this world and the - spiritual world as there is between the East and the West? For instance, could you make friends instantly with your great, great grandfather in the spiritual world? It may at first seem impossible since he may have lived on earth many hundreds of years ago; there may be many walls and barriers; - but do we want that? Of course not, we would like to live in this world and cause all the walls and barriers to tumble down - all the walls between black, white, yellow people and between all religions, etc. If they had an election in the spiritual world, if there was a man who had crossed all the barriers of race, religion, and color don't you think that everyone would vote for him? Well, here on earth we must prepare ourselves for that kind of life. We have many kinds of religions, as well as the Unification Church; do you think any religion here is like that, free of all barriers? If we could start a UC in the spiritual world in 30 or 40 years do you think all the people in the spiritual world would want to come and live with the UC? (Yes!) Then Father would say, "Wonderful!" People in the spiritual world would say, "Wonderful!" Even God will say, "Wonderful!" Then the word would express the time you had here in this world and you will never forget that word. So tonight you can enjoy this Wonderful evening and the stars and the moon (the man in the moon is my brother).

Even though people persecute us and don't understand us, still you know you are living a wonderful way of life! When you sleep, snore, breathe, eat, or even fundraise, you do everything wonderfully. You know our UC way of love - often an engagement of 3 years - for 3 years you can't kiss or hold hands, but isn't that wonderful? (Yes!) When you go to the spiritual world will you be telling them you were doing what people in the outside world were doing? In the outside world they work hard but they put the money in their own pockets, but in the UC when you work hard and fundraise you give the money to God. We do all these things so we can get a passing grade in the spiritual world. Since we are trying so hard to pass and get that qualification the world is persecuting us. It's because we are different than them. Father has been "fighting" almost all his life; but Father has a clear conscience and he does not feel depressed. But if someone else would have received the same persecution as Father he would have been terribly depressed and spiritually disfigured.

Father does so many things that other people simply do not understand. Like tomorrow, we are going to go out in the Hudson River and catch hundreds of carp. So people have to criticize and say that a religious leader should not be going fishing. Most people in this country "turn their noses up" at carp - they say that it is a dirty and lowly fish. Father always tells the story of an old UC member that kept a handkerchief for 23 years - that handkerchief became old and worn, like an old rag - yet it had so much value to that member because it once belonged to Father. So if you, a special person that is working so hard for God, eats just one carp (one fish) then wouldn't that fish be special and wouldn't it be glad to have been caught and eaten by you? Why do you sacrifice for God? By your sacrifice you add to God. We are always hoping we can become part of God, the "blood" of God. Then even more isn't the carp happy to be sacrificed for you?

If people are starving to death in the country of Cambodia, for instance, and we feed the carp to them, do you think that God would complain if you and Father spends so much time fishing? Even if we took all the carp out of the river, down to the last one? (No!) Who started the order of nature then, the survival of the fittest - where the larger fish eats the smaller fish? Do you think it was the largest, big, bad fish that started it? No, it was God who made the laws of nature, so God must be a natural hunter. When your parents give you up or you sacrifice yourself to the UC and Rev. Moon, then don't you become small Rev. Moons? (laughter - Yes!) Then can't you see when we sacrifice ourselves for others then we increase our value; the same is with the fish or the carp.

What about you Seminarians - maybe Father can call you "rascals?" Why didn't so many of you come down to fish when Father put out the nets? Is fishing beneath you - beneath your intellectual position? Didn't you know that Jesus was a fisherman? And most of his disciples? In order to become good ministers and well-rounded leaders you need to know how to do many things. You women, for instance, what kind of husbands would you like to have, only men who sit and are intellectual? Or do you want husbands who are the kind of men that can start businesses, can fish, build boats, and do many things? (The second kind). If Father was like a Catholic priest, just saying Mass and then going home - would the UC have survived today? (No!) Because Father was willing to do everything the UC survived. If you Seminarians become the kind of minister that is just gentle and carries a Bible and lets his congregation support him with donations, then you will never build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. No - you must be "pushed" and "kicked" by Father - so I want to teach you how to fish so you can learn to feed many people

I think that the sisters are too weak and little to go fishing, don't you? (No!!) Well, o.k. then when you sisters try to catch a carp you must go into the mud and dig after it and go after it with all your might, then you scoop it up into your bosom and carry it into the sack! (laughter). It is the same as when you will be witnessing on campuses, you must meet someone and then go after them with all your heart and might - then you become a heavenly "CARP." Jesus said that you must become "fishers of men! The practical-minded Seminarians wonder why Father doesn't just cast out a line from a reel and pole and fly-fish and sit down on the bank for 4 or 5 hours? If you really want to be great men you must put everything you have into fulfilling your goal - such a person is a great man. This is the quality of the persons that will save the world. All of you will be witnessing; even if no one will respond, you still cannot change your goal; you must keep on witnessing until you have victory - don't forget that.

Father is so persecuted - you too won't be welcomed wherever you go. So you must know and understand that from now on you must not become the kind of ministers and leaders that just give sermons and live from the donations of the people -never! Someday you will have a whole congregation or your Home Church people to feed - you must know how to do everything, make nets, set them out, get in the mud, pick up the fish with your hands, and endure long hours in the sun. Never dream that other people will support you. Father has been known to buy things for some of the older blessed couples, so you might say, "Oh, Father will you also buy me a house?" No you as Seminarians will never live off donations and support from someone else! So don't say, "We must study for exams or we can't get our hands in the mud." If you don't learn to fish, you will starve!

Someday people from all walks of life will need Father - sometime everyone will be in the same circumstances and Father will open up a way. Most people if they see a fight on the street will walk on by, but if Father sees a big man fighting or persecuting a little man, Father will interfere and fight for the small man! All of you are taking the defense art or Karate (Won Wha Do) aren't you? If any of you are <u>ignoring</u> taking the classes in Won Wha Do then I give authority to the ones that are to strike that one in the back. Why is it necessary to take the defense art? If you are out on campus or up against violence in your church are you just going to pray to God? If your people can say, "Our minister will save our lives!" Well, that's good. Shouldn't ministers master the defense arts? What if a cow, or a lion, or a bear should attack you? Can you just stand there and pray? No - you should be able to defend yourself - God is concerned about you but He would want you to use your own muscles.

If the Communists attack you what will you do? So is it good or bad to be the kind of person that can catch carp? (good!) Then learn to do it with all your strength and all your might! Did you know that the carp really taste good if

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people are willing to try them and they are cooked right? Sometime you may have someone who will want to join the Church only to eat carp! So Father has started a fishing industry, is that good or bad? (Good!) If there is anyone in this country or this Church that has ever known <u>real</u> starvation then they would say that is good! You hear of people starving all over the world, even in Africa or India. But did you know that fish and animals are always available - even snakes are good to catch and eat! So people need to be educated about how to catch and find the abundance of nature. Father is so anxious to make the kind of people out of you that would never starve and could teach others the same! Even it's good to know the kind of mushrooms and certain plants that are fit to eat. There is no guarantee that you will never get into the kind of situation where you will need to know how to get food for people and yourself. If you go to Africa there are always big hippos and alligators; you must figure out how to catch almost anything - it's better than starving.

The point is that you just don't know these things without training. So you need a leader to teach you. So who among you Seminarians is now ready to repent? Who of you might have thought before that carp are no good? If a guest should come along and you catch a carp and you barbeque it for him over a fire, right on the spot, he will really be impressed! If you asked a carp where he would rather be, in the Hudson River or in the UTS pond, what would he reply? (Here!) When the carp jump they make the pond very beautiful, is that bad? Also a carp will live a very long time - if someone comes here 10 years from now he may catch the very carp that you put in the pond - isn't that of value?

There will come a time in the future that people will be living near the seashore more than ever and they will prize fish (protein) more than anything. So think how much we will benefit the world by making the fishing industry sucessful! Maybe someday all ministers will be having fishing expeditions. Maybe Father will have all Seminarians go out on Tuna Boats for one year - would you like that? We might even get aircraft carriers out of the auctions and use them for starting a whole fishing industry right on a boat - you could catch and process the fish right on the spot - that would be a way to feed the whole world! Father might send out all Seminarians to fish for 5 years in the oceans; you might love it and you wouldn't want to come home! We could have a "Seminary Underwater Fishing Division"! Is that a good idea? (Yes!) We need to find ways to start a practical religion on the earth - that is the way to really bring people to God - not just praying and reading a Bible. The people of the world and you must understand one important thing: the way we will do things will be so we can survive and prosper! Are people just born to be able to do these things? No - you have to really try to completely dedicate yourself to accomplishing those kinds of things. Wherever Father goes don't you think he will be able to bring many people and much prosperity? (the word money - mani - in Korean means much). How about you? Whether Father is in a labor camp or in a singing group he can make friends almost instantly; how is it humanly possible for one man from Korea to win over so many people all alone? In order for you to take care of your many members someday you have to be able to know about and experience many things; and Father will chase you out to learn many things.

You expect Father to know and do many things, don't you? Then you must not be "dignified ministers" but you must be like Father and know and do many things. You have to be a whole lot different than just "conventional ministers"; you must take interest in everything that Father does, mend, make nets and catch many fish. Most women would <u>never</u> think of going out in a river, in the mud, and and catching carp with their bare hands, but you sisters respect and love Father so I know that you will go straight into that water and mud and catch those fish! You need to know all these things so that you can teach your own members. Soon Father will assign 10 boats here so you must learn how to steer, set up nets, be able to run everything. When you have your own Centers sometime then you must buy your own fishing boat. All this that I am saying is not a dream; we will be doing all these things in just a couple of years. Our purpose is to participate in as many activities as possible so you can be helpful to the people of the world. This is the way we will be able to go to the "ideal" spiritual world.

If everyone is studying Rev. Moon, then after he is gone to the spiritual world who will they want to study next? You! So tonight that Father is here under this tree speaking to you, this will be a memorable time that you will remember for many years to come. All of you are the witness of what is being said and what will take place tomorrow. So when later all the scholars and writers will want to find out about Rev. Moon then you must help them. You must not only remember all about what Father has told you but you must do it and practice it! You can not only tell the scholars about your personal experiences and relate what Father is saying, but you can show them how you have brought victory with these things also. You would feel terrible if you didn't pay much attention here tonight and then after Father is in the spiritual world someone asks you to share what you heard and did here. You must be the ones to be inspirational to everyone about what Father is saying here tonight! All of you Seminarians will have 2 years experience at the UTS and tomorrow's historical fishing expedition to share with people - you will be ashamed if you have not participated or paid much attention to Father tonight. You have the burden of history right on your very shoulders. Things like Father's walking cane and fishing sneakers will be valuable in museums some day. It's true what I am saying - all scholars and historians will later come to you to learn all about Father.

For instance, if you have a fishing pole that you have used to go fishing with Father, you can preserve it in varnish or lacquer and then someday you could take it with you fundraising and tell people all about the history of that fishing rod; even the pants or shoes that you wore when you went fishing with Father will someday be precious. Then to your posterity you could tell many interesting stories, you will have many, many memories that will be personal museums of your life. You have to have some "material" that you can use to remember UTS later; do you all understand? (Yes).

Let's compare this situation with that of Jesus 2000 years ago. Jesus spent only 3 years on the earth in his ministry. With Father it has already been much more, and which is more powerful the Bible or the Divine Principle? In the future even Kings will want to visit Barrytown - really, it will be that famous! So now how do you feel? Do you want to get in the mud and catch carp now? (Yes!)

Carp are very smart fish - if there is one hole that they can get through, then almost all of them will get away! Now we have 7000 feet of net, but a carp can swim against a waterfall; they are also very fast. They are not liked nor respected here in this country, but in the Orient, they are considered a spiritual - fish and a delicacy. They come in and go out with the tide; they won't come into the shallow water. So we all have to work together; picking up a carp is easy, it's laying and setting up the nets that is hard. You have to swim with long nets on your shoulders. When the tide goes out if you run then you won't sink in the mud so easy. So we have to unite and organize into teams; we give each other signals; we don't want any accidents so we have to do everything well. Before the tide comes in you drop and set the nets - then when the water goes out you have to catch the fish within the nets. So we have to work hard - there are 3 bridges in the . river where we will be fishing. All the stakes need to be put in to set the nets. We use communication to work - we use walkie-talkies. After the water recedes from the nets, then we take them off the stakes and put them in a deeper place. After the fish are in the nets then we don't have much time so we have to respond quickly to the instructions.

Within <u>one hour</u> after the tide goes out we have to catch all the fish. The psychology of most people is that they always want to catch the biggest ones, but all the carp will grow in the pond. Even if you yourself don't catch a carp, ask to carry someone else's back to the pond. But remember to treat them gently - if their scales come off they will die. If you put your finger in the mouth of a wiggling carp it will become like a baby. Don't worry they will live an hour after they have left the water. They like to hide in the mud, so to catch them you have to rake the mud with your hands and feet and dig them out.

So now, do you have a pretty good idea of how you can catch some carp tomorrow? (Yes!) O.K. you have to treat those precious carp good, treat them just as well as you would your own fiancee! (laughter). See you in the morning, good night.

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