

True Father Proclaims the Completed Testament Age

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Belvedere International Training Center, Tarrytown, New York



After proclaiming the Completed Testament Age on January 10, True Parents toured the nation and spoke on this theme.

On August 24, 1992, at the first World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) and on the foundation of the Cold War's end, True Father declared that he and True Mother "are the True Parents of all humanity ... the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah."

It was hard to imagine how True Father could proclaim anything more dramatic than that. However, he may have succeeded in doing so by proclaiming the beginning of a whole new historical epoch. In a speech, "The Reappearance of the Second Coming and the Completed Testament Era," delivered at Belvedere International Training Center, Tarrytown, New York, on January 10, 1993, True Father announced "the transition today to the Completed Testament Era." Details as to the precise nature of the new epoch were as yet sketchy, but it was understood to involve a fundamental shift in the order of salvation. As one church leader explained, "Previously, religious organizations have always been centered upon the salvation of the individual, but we have now progressed to the salvation of the family."

The implications of this were momentous. Essentially it signaled a radical new beginning for Unificationism and rendered all previous religious expressions, including that of the Unification Church, obsolete. Within a few years, the church began to reconfigure itself as a "Family Federation," developed theological concepts and terminology reflective of the shift, and launched efforts to realize a restored and purified Garden of Eden. The gateway to the Completed Testament Age (CTA) was the Blessing, which extended far beyond the Unificationist community during the 1990s.

The immediate concern was to proclaim the message of the new age. On April 10, 1993, the statement "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" was published in the newspapers of 160 nations. Then, in May 1993, True Parents began a tour of thirty-three U.S. cities under the same theme. True Mother spoke on Capitol Hill and in the United Nations, which served as a springboard to proclaiming the CTA message worldwide.