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November 29, 1997 Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium in Washington, D.C.

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An aerial photograph of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium in Washington, D.C., taken from an elevated perspective. The stadium is filled with a large crowd of people, and the field is covered with many small, light-colored objects, likely candles or flowers, arranged in a grid pattern. The stadium's white, curved roof is visible, and the surrounding area includes parking lots with many cars and trucks, and some greenery. The sky is overcast.

On November 29, 1997  
the 40 million couples International blessing  
ceremony was held at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial  
Stadium in Washington, D.C..





At the 3.6 million couples blessing ceremony on July 16, True Parents proclaimed that the 36 million couples blessing would be finished in four month.






The 3.6 million and 36 million couples blessing were distinguished as the 40 million couples. The 400 second generation couples were also got the blessing at the same time.





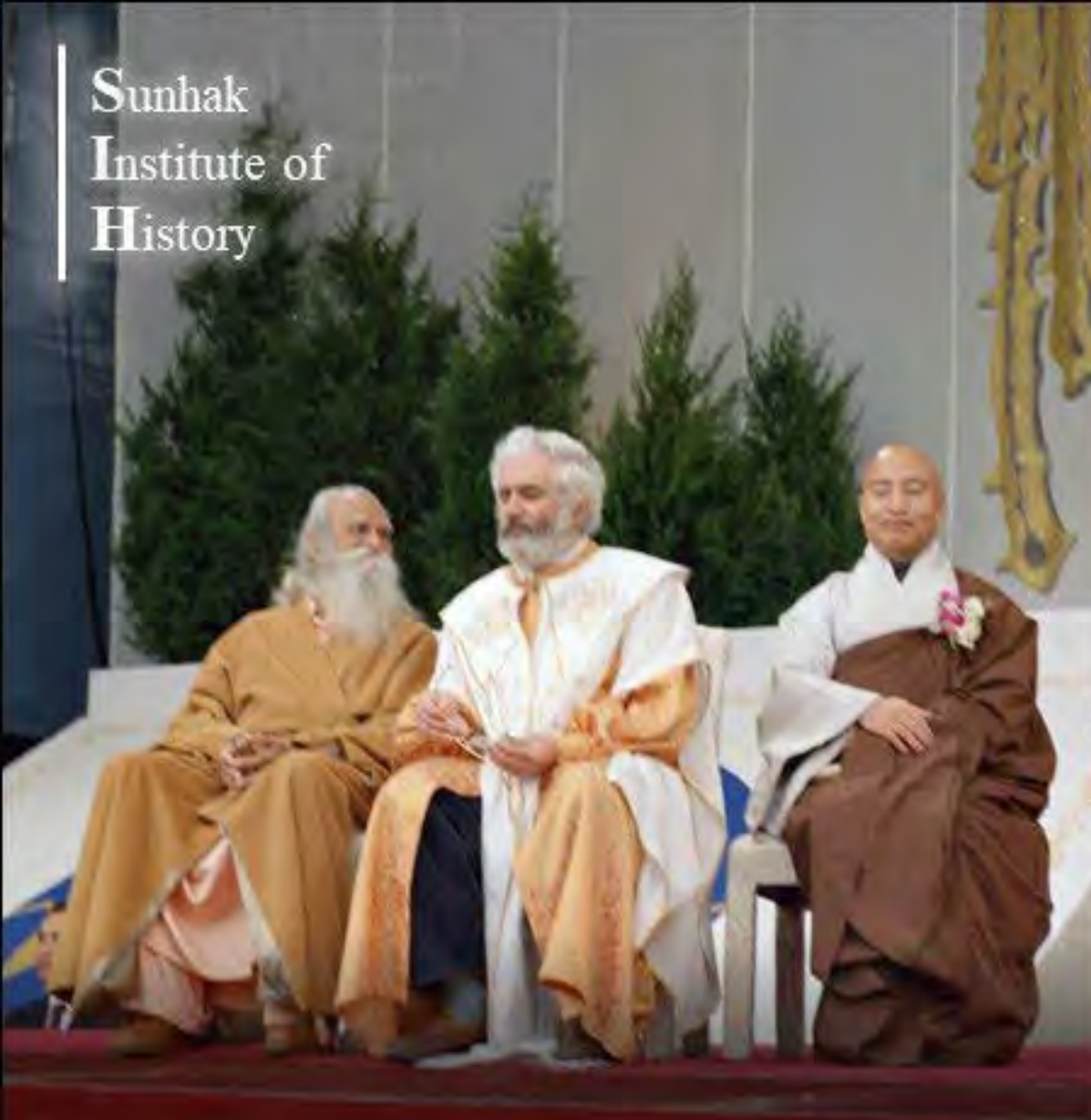
**T** rue Parents mentioned that 40 million couples blessing is the gate of peace with the foundation of past twelve blessing ceremony.





On the 3600 couples blessing ceremony, a blessing for people in the spirit world also held for the first time. Through this time, True Parents hold the blessing ceremony in both physical and spiritual world.





Furthermore, the 40 million couples blessing recorded a lot historical moments. From this ceremony other religion leaders came to give the benediction.





This ceremony was held at Washington D.C., so the participant in Korea by satellite relay, they participated in the blessing ceremony in the early morning in Korean time. This is the first blessing ceremony which held in the early morning in Korean time.





**T** rue Parents proclaimed holding the 360 million couples blessing ceremony after 40 million couple blessing ceremony.



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True Parents have undergone 12 courses. The 3.6 Million Couples was the 12th course. We have to surpass these 12 courses. I interpret the word Arirang with the Chinese characters ae (愛) meaning “love,” the character ri (里) meaning “distance,” from the word “village,” and the character ryeong (嶺) from the word for mountain. Thus it means “looking for the village that we love.” In the Korean song “Arirang,” there are 12 mountain peaks. Passing over those mountain peaks is hard work. Now that I have passed through those 12 courses, everything has been leveled all at once. That is why we can now freely go anywhere. (289-263, 1998.01.21)

True Parents Words [CBG4.2.5:14]





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