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Hyun Jin Moon's Tour of Korea

by Akiko Ikeno

he 2001 Service for Peace
Tour has come to a victorious conclusion in our homeland of Korea. With the participation of 15,000 young Koreans, more than 90,000 youths have now witnessed World CARP President Hyun Jin Moon's passionate appeal to live for the sake of others through the rallies, as well as many others on the internet and through video.

The Korean tour also included an extensive public speaking and visitation schedule, and this writer was assigned to keep a journal.

The day after his arrival in Korea, before starting any of his rallies and public speeches, Hyun Jin Nim went to visit the Suh Dae Moon prison site, where his father Rev. Sun Myung Moon had been imprisoned in his youth. In the long years of Japanese occupation, many such prison sites were used to imprison, torture and kill Korean patriots fighting for the liberation of their Fatherland. Ironically the Suh Dae Moon site is the only one that remains.



We saw historical videos and exhibitions, depicting the incredible sacrifice the Koreans endured to establish the condition to be the people to receive the Messiah. Great patriots such as 16-year old Yoo Kwang Soon, were tortured and killed here for the sake of their nation and its liberation. We also saw the cell rumored to have held Rev. Moon during his imprisonment, await-

Hyn Jin Moon, above, and the audience at Suwon

ing his day of liberation while carrying the pain of Heavenly Father.

Hyun Jin Nim, a keen historian, maintained a solemn composure throughout the visit, understanding the sacrifice the Korean people went through to become the chosen nation, yet also knowing that the failure of the people to accept the Second Advent forced True Father to walk the path of suffering and imprisonment. Still, we recognized the power of a people to move

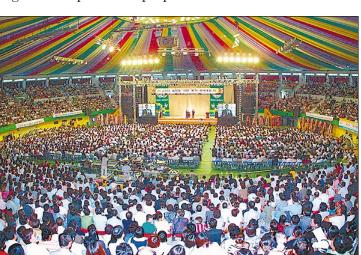
the nation by their conviction, their dedication, and their willingness to sacrifice. This is the legacy of the freedom fighters in Korea, and a hope that we must rekindle among the Korean people.

Visiting Churches and CARP Centers

After visiting the prison, we went on to the local church. The room was packed with members, attentive eld-

ers to families with young Blessed Children. The excited church looked to Hyun Jin Nim as the leader in the age of the Second Generation, as he poured out his love and desire to be one with the members. To the many elders, he emphasized the original desire of God to see a

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Interfaith Prayer Breakfast and Day of Prayer and Healing Clergy Respond to Terrorist Attack

by Rev. Mike Jenkins

n Sunday September 23, 2001 over 1000 clergy joined together for the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. The Secretary of State of New York, Rev. Preston Washington of Harlem and many important representatives of Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and all world religions attended. The head of the Queens Federation of Churches and National Bd. member of the National Council of Churches joined in the litany of prayer that was organized by Bishop Stallings. Fourteen representatives of every major religion offered prayers for the victims of the September 11th tragedy in NY and Washington. They also prayed for peace.

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak represented our



True Parents with a beautiful speech calling for peace through interfaith unity. President David Caprara brought Rev. Macklin faith based liaison for the Governor. President Caprera also introduced the One Church One Family effort to engage churches in disaster relief for the WTC victims. Betsy Orman is a super AFC hero. She literally brought dozens of VIP's including the secretary of state. She also had a hand in helping Gary Jarmin secure a letter to the event from President Bush.

Our VIP team did an excellent job as we visited the National Council of Churches headquarters and met the heads of the Methodist, Episcopal, American Baptist and Presbyterian

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This is taken from a speech given on the return to East Garden, NY on October 8, 2001. From unofficial notes taken by Dr. Tyler Hendricks.

he spirit world will come down based on their privilege of being blessed and will unite with their descendants, as Cain and Abel. Then the entire spirit world and physical world will be able to attend True Parents. This is a new beginning point to settle God's kingship on earth. Already, everyone in spirit world older than three years old have received the blessing and are entitled to come done.

To receive them, our mind and body, husband and wife and parents and children have to be absolutely one. Then they can come down freely and work

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with and through us. Also the blessed couples in the spirit world belong to the archangel realm, and the blessed couples in the physical world are in the position of sons. The blessed couples on earth are in the position of Adam, and those in the spirit world are archangel. They come to our level and are engrafted to the blessed couples on earth. Based on the foundation of oneness of the Holy Spirit mother and the children who are blessed on earth, centering on Mother, all the blessed couples in physical world and spirit world should serve and attend True Parents.

That condition was lost at the fall and we have to restore it on earth, through the ancestors in the spirit world. The spirit world has been rotating left to right, but from now it will rotate from right to left. This is the first time in history of God's providence that this will happen, and it will establish the right relationship of spirit world and physical world, with the physical world in the elder son position. It refers not to individuals, but to the entire physical world and spirit world realms.

The blessed couples in the spirit world come to their original hometown in the physical world. We are in a historical providential time period. They meet their descendants tribe where they still dwell. Therefore we all should go back to our hometown and do tribal messiahship. My ancestors will come to my hometown area, and President Salonen's will come to his hometown. They will work through their descendants. By doing so, the different tribes and clans will unite together and it will be the foundation to restore the nation for God, sovereignty.

Because of false marriage, everything was divided. For the first, and last, time, I have declared to heaven and earth to mobilize all the ancestors. This is the time, therefore, that there will be no more providence of restoration, but rather the direct dominion of God. When we pray we have to feel our ancestors and request of them to work with us and do certain projects. God's kingship has been established, so the direct dominion era is here.

By the same token, when we make a mistake, there will be no chance to restore it, but punishment will come immediately, based on the heavenly constitution. Don't pray to God or True Parents; because they have taught us enough to know what we need to know. So follow your conscience. If you say you don't know, it means you have not been doing Hoon Dok Hae. For the last 57 years, I have taught all of this and it is all recorded. Even in the secular world, if you are an American and make a mistake, you cannot plead that you did not know the law. You still have to pay the penalty. By the same token, my teaching is written and available. If we did not study enough, it is still our responsibility.

Perfection does not come through the restoration providence, but when we truly practice and follow the heavenly constitution, in the direct dominion era we can reach perfection. In my life there is no law of indemnity, just practicing and following the heavenly law. That is the shortcut for everyone to reach perfection as I have. All the human relations, of brother-sister, parents-children, there is law and a certain order. Hoon Dok Hae is the book. Even St. Paul testified that we all have to study what is given to us. Otherwise, there is no excuse when we go to the spirit world. God is my Father, True Parents are my Father and Mother; that absolute conviction and life is the mainstream thought.

Of course, Judaism and Christianity have been teaching about parents and children, but never included the

lineage issue, the life, love and lineage. True Parents and true children relationship. Unless we master this in the physical world, we have to go through a training session in the spirit world. Brothers and sisters have been enemies in the physical world. So, in this era now, the physical world and spirit world couples should embrace and be united as elder and younger, beginning on the individual level. Again, this is an engrafting process from the individual level on up, connecting with True Parents

From now on, when we pray, don't think that Satan is watching you, but remember that your ancestors are standing beside you and you have pray with them, together, and if there is a mistake we have to correct it and come forward to attend True Parents and God. Unification Church blessed couples, family, Tribal Messiahs and National Messiahs, the reversal of order takes place here, now. Because of our foundation, our ancestors received the blessing and become our descendants in the history of the blessing.

Satan cannot interfere because the order has been corrected. If the order is wrong, he can invade, but when it is in God's dominion, he cannot. God's true life, love and lineage are with us, through the engrafting of the blessing. In that, there is no concept of Korean, American or Japanese. We are one, as God's race. No one has anything to be proud of. You should not identify people by race alone, but as a ... With that concept, we can consider all people of one family. Not just "you are an American," or "You are Japanese," but "you are an American sister," or "You are a Japanese father." Don't have the concept of country.

Now is the turning point. Don't say, "I am an American," or "I am a German," or "I am a Korean." Satan's power has been inside that throughout history. Especially women. Influence your family and husband the right way. No one, including God and Satan, could explain this. Only me. We have to know this.

Even in the message of Dr. Lee was his confession that over 50 years ago when I taught him about the fatherson relationship, he couldn't feel it or understand it. But now that he is in spirit world, he came to know it, not just to think it. So we have to know it with our heart. To reach that level, we have to keep studying my words. God is our king, True Parents are the king on earth, blessed couples are in the position of regional kings, peace ambassadors. You may not fully understand that, but wait, for that kind of world is coming now.

We have to focus totally on the vertical relationship, the providential relationship. So you don't even recognize an old high school friend. That much concentration. In other words, in your tribe or clan, there can be members of other lineages, so different lineages are always mixed, but as Abel, you should be able to give blessing to them all. In other words, without the blessing process, we cannot unite tribes, races and nations in other ways, because the life, love

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2001

- 1 Soon Ju Nim's Birthday (8/15/72)
- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
- 4 Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC Established (1963) Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
- 10 New York City Symphony Orchestra Support Began (1975) Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)
- 11 Father's father's Ascension (1954)
 National Professors and Students Fo
 - National Professors and Students Federation for North-South Reunification Established (1986)
 - Opening of Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Training Center (1999)
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 21 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- Declaration Ceremony for the Liberation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Substantial Realm (1999)
- 24 Shin Myung Nim's Birthday (9/8/86)
- 27 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)
- Young Jin Nim's Ascension (1999)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)

NOVEMBER 2001

- Shin Eh Nim's Birthday (9/16/89)Shin Mi Nim's Birthday (9/18/77)
- Shin Ok Nim's Birthday (9/18/89) Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 5 Hwa Yun Nim's Birthday (9/20/77)
- 9 Shin Pal Nim's Birthday (9/24/98)
- 14 International Christian Students Association Established (1981)
- 15 True Children's Day (10/1/60)
- 18 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 20 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
- 21 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (10/7/78)
- 23 Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 28 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (1963) Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (10/14/98) Shin Chool Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

DECEMBER 2001

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World (1997)
- 2 Jin Whi Nim's Birthday (10/18/63) Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 4 Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- Supra-denominational Christian Association Established (1966)
- 18 Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 25 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)
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Heavenly Constitution

and lineage are separated, like different trees.

Therefore, from now on, if some blessed couples have different standards of life, are better off than others, then you should be able to offer help personally, directly. The spirit world and physical world should follow the same principle. Then we go to the same Kingdom of Heaven. Otherwise, you'll be stuck.

"Blessed central family Michael Jenkins" has immense value. Or you can say, "Central blessed family." It means you are not out of Adam's family foundation. Therefore, in God's providence, even if there is only one family that is absolutely united with God and True Parents, the providence can continue. It doesn't matter whether one has faith or not. God's will be done. Even if there were no God, as a blessed family we should do our responsibility. We should eliminate all the different religions so that humanity can become one family. One nation, that starts from the true original point, the family.

Saesangae talagetda (the world has been changed) our life has been turned 180 degrees, eight stages of perfection. As a mother, when you are going through pregnancy, do you feel as if you have a seed of life as Eve would have without the fall? But we still have a remnant of the fallen world. Between husband and wife, when you are pregnant, how precious you consider the child's life that is coming. The husband wants to hear the heart beating, and even God has been waiting to hear that heartbeat. Do you think the seed in your womb is that precious, sinless?

Between the attention paid by God and by Adam, which is more? God's. Even from conception, we should have a seed of life that attracts God's attention and concern, so that you can give birth to a child that can be reared in the environment of absolute husband and wife unity. That is what I mean by a true family. Can we do that? As the life goes through the eight stages from fetus to death, we have to seriously think about that issue. Does God really consider my child as His own true child? Am I at that level, myself?

God never had the privilege to be the master of true love, as He had to deal with fallen people throughout history. So we have the responsibility to prepare ourselves and make the foundation to serve God as the true maser, true parent and true king. To do so, we need to rid ourselves of our national consciousness, cultural consciousness, etc., so that we can be reshaped as totally vertical persons. We all are contaminated in some ways by the fallen world. We have to cut if off, absolutely. Or we will be in the mid-level spirit world. Then our children will complain that you gave birth to them in that mediocre stage. I want to get out of here and go up higher.

We have to turn around 180 degrees. Remember that. You sisters, imagine that you are born in the worst possible position in the physical world, such as Africa, and that is your destiny. You have to have a mind to accept that. But when you turn around, there will be God right in front of you. Go to the

worst place, and turn around and God will be right there, closest to you.

So, no more "I'm a German," but "I'm a German brother or sister." You may think this is a small point, but from the smallest point we have to change ourselves and be renewed. I empha-

sized, at Cheju do, that we have to learn from nature and return to nature. There are abundant resources there. Spring comes, the animals and birds come together and mate, the new chicks emerge and grow and multiply. We can learn myriad things. If you have more experiences with nature than anyone else, you'll become the leader.

As blessed children, once 60 or 70 years passed fromthe liberation of Korea, many geniuses have been born. Koreans create noise wherever they go. They are experts in lying; they are revolutionary and soldier-like; their brain spins faster than others. In Harlem and Los Angeles, they took over the markets and the black people felt manipulated. Another characteristic is that they are so stubborn that they cannot be united easily. I am the only one who can unite them. Koreans have to unite, because Americans and the other races do so under me, so the Koreans have no excuse. In other words, as non-Koreans, don't complain that Koreans are not united with me yet, because you have to show the example to them, and they may follow you in a few years. They may be ignorant of the value of being united with me. But once they unite with me, they will never separate; it will be absolute.

Geopolitically, Korea is located strategically. They still are surviving as a homogeneous race, even though they are now divided north and south. The Korean race has been well known for

archery for several thousand years. Also they are known as the righteous people of the east. They dominated the eastern continent, but got sick of the corruption and tried to escape the dirty seed and withdrew to the tiny corner. Korean women archers are the Olympic champions.

Some Japanese blessing candidates hesitate to be matched with Koreans nowadays. If two distant races marry, their descendants will be superior to the parents. That's why birds migrate from far distant places, and the humpback whales from Hawaii to Alaska. When the penguins mate and give birth, they walk 100 miles inland at the South Pole and huddle together to create heat. Then they give birth to the egg on their foot and sit on it and protect it all winter, and in the spring bring them out.

That's their survival tactic. We have to learn from them.

Americans, if you are sent to Africa, you may not last more than three months. What about the North Pole? Young people try to avoid the North Pole, but as the founder of the Unification Church,

True Parents celebrating The 14th
Foundation Day for the Nation of the
Unified World in Korea







an old man, I go there to show you the example. This place in America is well established, with nice food, but will you come to the North Pole to greet me, even if your feet will be frozen and you may die? The ice is over 800 yards thick. You can drill holes as deep as you want, and put a generator there, or a building. We can build the kingdom on or in the ice. We can do it as long as we have enough love.

Peace does not come where people live for themselves. Selfish life has nothing to do with the world of peace. Water flows naturally to the deeper place. It goes downward. That is why the water tends to make a hole even in rock, constantly flowing. Pure water.

What kind of water do you wish to be? Pure, from a deep well, or common spring water in the secular world, or contaminated, dirty water? Air is the same thing.

A different time is here now. We have to change 180 degrees, have a total negation of ourselves. The parents of true love are my father, my mother, and if we live that kind of life, and we will become True Parents too. To enter the Kingdom of God, we have to follow the parents of heaven and earth, not following you. When the sun rises, you don't need or want to follow the can-

dlelight. The natural world always seeks brighter light. There is no exception; Sun Jin nim too.

Even though the world has been pitch dark in my life, I never complained because I knew that once the sun appeared, everything will be lit and no darkness would remain. Light conquers everything. No darkness anyplace.

Please remember, you have to be able to mobilize your ancestors from spirit world to your hometown, even within a one kilometer boundary, millions of ancestors can be there with you. They will have a hierarchy of levels, more patriotic, more loyal are the higher level spirits. Please remember that you should be able to mobilize your ancestors. For example, if you leave NY and go to LA, your ancestors can contact colleagues there and ask them to mobilize to protect you on their behalf.

The boundary is my life of faith. Even though we are blessed couples, without living an exemplary life, through our prayer only, they will read our mind and know we are only giving lip service. We have to prove ourselves. The best way is absolute faith, love and obedience. If you are able to live such an exemplary life, then spirit world will belong to you. You can make a territory, a realm. It means that at night they come to you.

It is so great that True Parents liberated heaven and earth. If it is true, can you digest it? Can you feel that the person God loves most is me? That I am the son of filial piety, more pure than fallen Adam and Eve? More patriotic. We should be confident that we are better than Adam and Eve, that I am well-qualified to receive everything from God. That kind of life, I should live. Then I can

proclaim to the cosmos that my blessed family is the best seed of life in the world. There is a competition in good faith for everyone. Hundreds of millions of blessed families, but if we rate them, there will be a number one blessed family.

Even if you say, I am a son of filial piety, it's not just you, because tens of millions are seeking that position. Have the conviction that you will be a true prototype, such that everyone can follow my footsteps to reach true sonship. The same principle goes for patriot, sainthood, the king of the saints. We can have that ambition. Try to reach that goal without sleeping, so that no one can surpass you.

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family, to be a grandfather and enjoy his grandchildren. It is only within the family that all loves are fulfilled, and all generations are connected representing the continuum of humanity. He testified deeply about his father, and his desire to have us be close to him with a natural unreserved relationship.

Later we visited the Shin Chon CARP Center. Shin Chon is Korea's central college area, in the middle of several universities including the historical Ewha Women's' University and Yonsei University, one of Korea's top schools. The first rally in Korea would be held here with the goal of focusing on college students as a force of young people dedicated to *Service for Peace*, and revolutionizing youth culture by centering on the creation of God-centered families and the concept of living for the sake of others.

Our Identity Comes from Our Relationships

To the crowd of young faces, Hyun Jin Nim again expressed his desire to be close as family with us, conveying his heart as an elder brother to younger brothers and sisters, an elder wanting nothing but the best and wanting his younger siblings succeed. "Our identity does not come from ourselves," he said "but through relationships with people. Furthermore, that identity is not one we can choose. We do not choose our brothers and sisters, our parents, nor whether we are born male or female. We are born with a destiny, especially the second generation youth who have inherited the Blessing given to our mothers and fathers by God and True Parents.'

He also spoke of the need to rid ourselves of the concept of receiving things for free. Instead we need to take responsibility and develop ourselves,

our abilities and skills. The CARP motto calls for all of us to become Number One. Rather than creating an elitist organization, becoming Number One means each individual taking on the daily challenge of personal excellence. It is a challenge for everyone to try and keep trying to strive for that goal, but this is how we can become owners of God's providence and leaders embodying confidence through living for the sake of others.

Chung Nam Rally

Perhaps because this was 100% a student rally, the energy was extremely high and the students very ready for a revolution. Hyun Jin Nim's keynote speech rang with a clear warning. We must change the direction the youth are heading toward today in our selfcentered, individualistic, humanistic, and secularly materialistic culture Selfishness has contaminated society and we are walking a dangerous path toward self-destruction of the family, society, nation, and eventually the world. This is why we must plant a new paradigm among the youth: living for the sake of others through Service for Peace.

The foundation for this new way of

life is through the creation of God-centered ideal families, the first school of love where one learns the lessons of living for the sake of others. On that foundation we open the path to the creation of a peaceful family, a peaceful community, a peaceful society, nation, world, and ultimately liberating God.

"If we work together with a common vision, there's nothing we cannot do! Do you believe it?" Hyun Jin Nim declared, "I wish all of Korea could see this Chung Nam Rally and see the conviction and the fire of these young peo-

ple. They will truly will that there is nothing that we cannot accomplish"

A Visit to Sun Moon University

Sun Moon University was established by Rev. Sun Myung Moon with the goal of revolutionizing academia. It has pioneered new research institutes including the Purity Department and a Martial Arts Department. Sun Moon trains many of the future leaders of the move-

ment, and is a crucial link in our youth movement.

The University began in 1985 as a theological seminary. It soon expanded into the Sung Hwa University, opening the first three colleges in 1991. It was renamed Sun Moon University in 1994. The university is divided into two campuses: the Asan campus which houses the academic colleges of Sun Moon University, and the Chonan campus of the theological school and the Korean Language Institute.

Asan CARP Center was the first CARP center of Sun Moon University. At the time it was built, the center was considered to be quite large. However, CARP has now outgrown the center with potential for even more development in the near future. When Hyun Jin Nim visited the Asan center, he firmly encouraged the expansion of the building and



told SMU CARP "You will be the driving force for *Service for Peace* here in Korea!"

After being greeted by the president of the school, Dr. Kyung June Lee, and receiving reports on projects and upcoming programs, Hyun Jin Nim wanted to see student life. He visited the invention incubators, the student center, the many construction sites. Throughout his time on Asan campus he encouraged CARP members, emphasizing the need for Sun Moon University, as Rev. Moon's school, to be at the forefront of not only training our future leaders, bringing more and more young people into the movement, but for leading the nation in service.

Academic learning is very important, of course, but student life, especially through involvement with student activities is essential in providing students with experienced-based learning to nurture the heart. Unity in power among teachers, administrators, and students is key in making this campus powerful. Currently Sun Moon University is ranked 3rd in Korea in two areas: most international students and most service-oriented

He asked the students, "Can you become believable people? You need to



become people Heaven can trust. You need to become people God, True Parents, and True Family can trust. You need to become owners. The path toward achieving this is the path of living for the sake of others. It is a difficult course, often lonely. However, when you walk this path you are never alone because God, True Parents, and True Family are always there with you. This world is Satan's world, he is its owner, he is its Lord. Therefore, God is in the opposite situation, in the lowest position. To find God we must go the difficult course."

At the World Student Garden

Rev. Sun Myung Moon has often stressed the importance of understanding the language and culture of Korea. He has always encouraged us to inherit the vertical standard and cul-

> ture of heart directly through studying in the Fatherland. Hyun Jin Nim is reminding us of the fundamental importance of this message.

> Every year exchange students come here from all over the world to study Korean language and Korean culture. While they are here, they stay the World Student Garden for Brothers and Sisters dormitory in Seoul. The curriculum is divided into both a Japanese program and a Western program. Residents include first

year students studying at the Institute of Korean Studies for Foreign Students, and middle and high school students who are attending a variety of local schools including the Sun Hwa Arts School, which houses the world famous youth cultural performance troupe, the *Little Angels*.

Not only are they immersed in the Korean society, they are also surrounded by Blessed Children in a dormitory that upholds standards and nurtures the Second Generation as they seek their identity and find their relationship with God, True Parents, and True Family.

The World Student Garden is the only program designed for Blessed Children seeking to study the language and

culture of Korea. After hearing reports about the program, Hyun Jin Nim's first question was about expansion and making the program available to more Blessed Children. He looked over texts and listened to ideas being discussed about possible avenues of expansion.

Hyun Jin Nim discussed not only the identity of Blessed Children but also emphasized the role and responsibilities that come with being born as Blessed Children. The identity of a Blessed Child is connected to the Blessing and with Blessing comes respon-

sibility. It is an inescapable fate.

"God originally wanted an ideal family, not the fragmented world we see today. God wanted to create one family under God. You as Second Generation stand in the position of Abel in relation to the outside world. Abel's responsibility is directly connected to Cain. The course of Second Generation is living for the sake

of others, whether you know it or not. Abel received the Blessing to save Cain, but because he did not understand this both of them failed."

"God invested 100%, 200% in the Second Generation, Hyun Jin Nim said, "We need to walk the same path as our True Parents. Individualism is the path of destruction. We must invest everything and live for the sake of others. If we live this way, God can work through us. Heartistically we will be different. Let us walk together the course of living for the sake of others. Then we will at last accomplish the course of God, and establish the eternal Kingdom of Heaven."

Suwon Rally

Over 12,000 youth and families packed Suwon Gymnasium for the final rally. The program opened with a video, followed by a series of speakers. When Hyun Jin Nim entered, the previously reserved crowd burst into cheers and waved flags and banners enthusiastically.

Through the speech the energy level increased as Hyun Jin Nim explained that the original ideal God had when establishing the blueprint for the first family is now within reach for all of us today, if we will but embrace it.

"Today's youth are walking on a dangerous path towards destruction," he said, "If they continue their self-centered individualistic, humanistic, and secularly materialistic lifestyles, they will only plant the seeds for individual destruction which only leads to the destruction of their family, community, society, nation and the world.

We will recover the lost and confused youth, heal broken and families and create an eternal peace through establishing a world of God-centered families. Centered on God, it is our destiny to we rise beyond nations, beyond race, and beyond ethnic and religious differences to create one human family, one universal brotherhood."

With the successful conclusion of Service for Peace 2001, attention turns to the 2003 tour which will include more nations and more people than ever before. Let's work with Hyun Jin Nim to make a tremendous success!

WE HAVE THE VISION!

by Hyun Jin Moon

This is an excerpt from the keynote address given by Hyun Jin Moon on his speaking tour of Korea.

e have to build a revolution of the heart, because if we want to change people we have to begin by changing their soul. At the core of the new paradigm of true leadership I am sharing is the message of living for the sake of others. As a leader, as a central person, you need to become someone whom God, True Parents, and True Family can trust. This trust comes with enormous grace and responsibility. You need to use the blessing of heaven to positively influence those around you, not for yourself. In other words, you need to become a True Abel. Abel was blessed not for his sake but for Cain's sake, and for the sake of saving his

True Father has been emphasizing how we have now entered a time when it is no longer enough to simply believe in him and follow his directions. After the coronation of God, we have the responsibility to directly represent God and True Parents. Therefore, we have to live for the sake of others as they do.

The idea of Service for Peace was built on the foundation of the Inheritance and Development Tour. We have entered the Age of Second Generation, the Settlement Age. We are building a whole new world, yet the Second Generation don't understand their root. Inheritance means understanding the root of history, the beginning of the movement and God's framework and time line. Development explores the possibilities of the future.

We cannot be political people who have many different constituents to please and are bound to many masters. If you work for God's providence, you can only have one master. Did

Moses and Noah of the Old Testament Age care about what others thought of them, or did they only think about God's providence? Adam and Eve were to be true sons and daughters of God. Were they? The Messiah is the true son of God. A True Son goes the path of fulfilling his father's will and God's will.

When God looks upon humanity, does he like all the different cultures, languages, nations, etc.? Does he like the fact that humans separate them-



selves because of the color of their skin? No. God wants to bring together the whole variety of children into one harmonious union as one family. This is the Kingdom of Heaven. And where does that Kingdom of Heaven begin? With ideal families. Blessed Families are the foundation on which the Kingdom of Heaven is built upon eternal, lasting relationships.

People say belief in God is ideal, but not pragmatic. But without recogniz-

ing God as the universal parent, how can we talk about brotherhood? There are many homeless people on the street. If you don't know the homeless people, would you stop? If it was your friend, you might stop. If it was your brother the question is no longer would you stop but when will you stop. The most are deep and enduring relationships are in the context of family.

We've entered an inflection point in human history. From here human history can

branch out in many directions. Service for Peace can become a mass world wide movement. Who's going to get that ball rolling? CARP is a youth movement so we have power. If we create the conviction, we have power to move this nation. If we keep living for the sake of others, they will begin to change. We have power and we have the vision. Centered on the Second Generation youth we can change history! ❖

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churches and welcomed representatives from each at the breakfast. There is a new feeling of openness to True Father. Many AFC leaders gave great support, especially Tom Cutts, Eugene Harnet, Carl Swearson, Scott Simonds, Joshua Cotter and many others.

Special thanks to the Regional Directors who dropped everything in their regions to come to NY for the MSG Blessing. The District leaders in New York sacrificed everything and now New York and New Jersey have a very formidable and real base with the clergy.

Renowned Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker

came to the rally in Harlem. CNN, CBS and many other media covered the event. The ministers feel very strongly as they heard Father's words concerning the Elder Son Nation. Father said, as the Elder Son nation America cannot attack its younger brothers. If it does it could lead to a religious war and eventually a race war. The ministers are drafting a statement to the President to pray for him and his deliberations.



Day of Prayer and Healing

The Harlem Day of Prayer and Healing attracted approximately 3000 people. Bishop Billy Robinson of the Church of God in Christ attended with full support. Rev. Galvan and the Bronx turned out over 200 ministers. Rev. Park, a major leader of the National Baptist Convention is proposing that the NBC make an official partnership with ACLC.

Dr. Wyatt Walker told Bishop Stallings that he couldn't believe that we could have that kind of event with two days notice. (He knew that our other venue closer to the WTC was not permitted and that we changed on Thurs. am.)

I really want to thank the America for your support and love.

Many western sisters, as with the 50 state tour, mobilized and sacrificed so much to work here full time. Denver, Chicago, Indiana, California, San Francisco and many other regions gave so much here.

Now we have time to build the 12,000 couple blessing of the ministers and expand on to the next level blessing. The clergy are marching in heart with our True Parents.

Special thanks to Rev. Levy Daugh-

erty, Dr. Kenyata of Harlem and Bishop Stallings and Bishop Johnson. Bishop Johnson took 40 ministers last night to ground zero. Every time we go the police and firemen are so grateful for the counseling and someone to talk to. We went after the rally with Bishop Johnson in the lead our ministers were given special All Access status to minister to the police, like Rev. Kathy Winings has been doing.

When we visited ground zero we were

there with chaplains that had come from the Oklahoma bombing disaster. They gave us good advice on the trauma that hits the police and firemen.

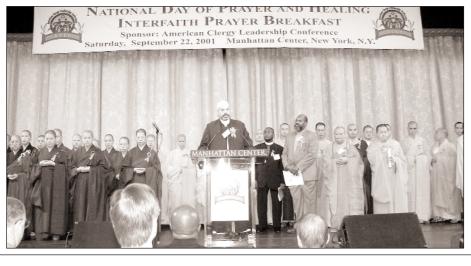
Bishop Johnson has received the nickname from some of the police as Bishop Zero. (For Ground zero). He plans on taking many more ministers to the site. We must continue to come together and support the efforts of the rescue workers every way we can.

The clergy foundation is becoming very solid. They suffered through great persecution and overcame to bring victory for September 22nd.

Again, I really thank all of our family, especially the New York and New Jersey blessed central families for tremendous support. Dr. Yang gave certificates of appreciation tonight. Dr. Wyatt Walker thought that it was the greatest rally he had ever seen in Harlem. Thank you God!! Thank you True Parents!! Thank you Jesus!! Thank you America!!!

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DR. CHANG SHIK YANG

Dr. Yang is the Continental Director of the Church in North America.

This is from a sermon delivered on October 7, 2001 at the Washington, DC. church

e cannot help but think of the significance of the tragic events that occurred on September 11. Close to 7,000 young people from all over the world were suddenly killed at that moment. When that incident occurred, we were at the 43rd St. Headquarters Building in a meeting, planning for the Blessing of September 22. True Parents would come 8 days later, but 7 days before they would come the entire country was in confusion. No one knew what to do.

I'm sure you all saw on television the film showing how the World Trade Center collapsed. Every time I saw that I thought to myself that anything that man builds is not eternal, not so strong. I felt the lives of thousands of people being taken away at that moment. From the moment of that incident until the moment that the postponement of the Blessing was decided we were extremely busy, day and night.

I immediately reported the situation to True Parents in Alaska. At that time True Parents were holding Hoondokhae. I reported through a memo passed to True Parents by Rev. Peter Kim. For the following three days True Parents did not join the members there for Hoondokhae. Instead, for those three days Father remained by himself and prayed. He did not appear in public. I heard later through a report that True Parents in Alaska and the statement of the statement o

ents felt a truly deep heart of sorrow for America and for the people who were involved in the incident.

The ministers of ACLC went to Ground Zero that evening. Bishop Dan Johnson, Bishop Stallings, Rev. Michael Jenkins, Rev. Levy Daugherty and others—the central ministers of ACLC, went to pray for the people who had been taken from us and also to help

the people who were there. The City of New York issued special ID cards to the clergy so that they could go into areas that were not otherwise accessible, in order to perform their functions as clergy.

Because this was the World Trade Center, people from many countries were involved: some reports said 60 countries, others said 80. I heard that 206 people from Columbia were killed and 96 were killed from Saudi Arabia, and that more than 500 Arabic people were killed. Some people looking at this externally might say that this represents some conflict between the United States and the Arab world but there is much larger significance. I would like to think with you today about how we are to understand this incident, as people who are studying the Will of God and are trying to accomplish the Will of God in our lives. Of course, I think the most accurate answer would have to come from True Parents themselves.

We are all American citizens but we know that the ideology, the philosophy that we are living by transcends America and encompasses the entire world. I think we must look at this from a more universal perspective and learn from this and think of how we must live our lives in America. I think we can look at this incident from two aspects. One is the external, political point of view. I don't think I need to go into this here today. This is something that a lot of political commentators from around the world have been discussing at length.

Simply speaking, this attack is also a challenge to

On the following pages you will find a selection of Unificationist commentaries dealing with the terrorist attack on America, September 11, 2001. They should be taken as expressing personal opinions and not necessarily representing any "official" position of the Unification Church or the Family Federation.

Fear the Lord Jehovah

America's position of power and dominance in the world. For people who are born in America, raised in America and who have lived only in America, it is very easy to look at this only from the point of view of the United States. But I think in order to understand this incident more accurately we must transcend America and look at what is going on between America and the Middle East from a broad point of view, climbing up to a higher level to gain a better perspective.

Why did this kind of incident occur after the end of the Cold War? During the Cold War I dealt with many leftist students and debated with them about their anti-American philosophies and through that experience I have a little bit of understanding about the philosophy of those who are opposed to the United States. The anti-Americanism in the Islamic world, of the Islamic extremists, is much stronger than I experienced in Korea. I think that one aspect, the internal aspect-the root of this incident, lies in the Palestinian problem, where the United States, which is trying to save Israel, confronts the Arab world, which is supporting the Palestinian cause.

The Islamic fundamentalists, the Islamic extremists, look at the United States and Israel as one. I believe that their thought was to strike the World Trade Center, which gives economic aid to Israel, and strike the Pentagon, which gives military aid to Israel. So we must think that although externally this appears to be a political action, internally it has its roots in religious ideas.

Samuel Huntington who wrote The Clash of Civilizations has come out after the incident saying that this is not the kind of clash of civilization that he was

talking about in his book, but that it is, in a certain bed

talking about in his book, but that it is, in a certain sense, a conflict between the Christian sphere and the Islamic sphere. Another source of anti-Americanism in the Islamic world is the fact that for the last 11 years after the Gulf War, America has had soldiers in Saudi Arabia, which is a country that has two of the three holiest places of Islam: Mecca and Medina.

About two years ago, Osama bin Laden said in an interview that in the 21st century there will be inevitable conflict between the Christian civilization and the Islamic civilization. In particular, after Ariel Sharon became Prime Minister of Israel the conflict over the Palestinian problem has become worse. Sharon was a key figure in the Israeli invasion in Lebanon in 1983, etc., so from the Islamic extremists' point of view he is an enemy who cannot be forgiven.

An Arabian newspaper published in Saudi Arabia asked the following question: Why do Arab terrorists conduct such crazy, barbaric activities? Because the United States and Israel have made Arabs go mad... have made them crazy. It has been 50 years since the United States and Israel chased the Palestinians out of their land and 33 years since the Six-day War, in which they took over the "occupied" territories. These actions have made the Arab terrorists crazy, the paper maintains.

I have gone to Ground Zero several times, to see the place where 7000 people died. to I cannot describe to you how painful it was to stand there and smell the burned bodies and to pray there through the night. I also prayed at the temporary morgue where the recovered bodies, and the body-parts recovered from the site were taken.

What is the meaning of this death? What is the meaning of this great massacre? Who did this? Was it bin Laden? I don't think so. Bin Laden cannot be the chief instrument in this instance. There must be someone behind him again. Someone has "hired" him. If we go all the way back, it is Satan or the remnants of Satan, not Satan himself. So here there were 19 instruments of Satan, and those 19 have brought about this incredible situation.

True Parents hate terrorism. Terrorism is an ideology, and an ideology is spiritual.

Behind this there is some spiritual force. The terrorists are the tools of this force. They are tools of the Devil. So if those tools are eliminated will that spirit be eliminated? No, it won't. It will still be there.

One leader in the Arab world said: "Don't be angry that the World Trade Center has been destroyed. Don't you realize that one and a half million innocent civilians in Lebanon have been killed and the beautiful land of Lebanon has been destroyed?" Iraq right now is completely sealed off except for a land connection to Jordan. There are 7.5 million refugees in Afghanistan and they are on the verge of death.

I really respect President Bush for the great leadership that he has exhibited following this "incident." In the beginning he said that he was going to wipe out all the countries that supported terrorism and all the terrorists in the world through military force. But later, by waiting patiently, he narrowed the target to those who were actually responsible. On the other hand, he is committing hundreds of millions of dollars to help the refugees in Afghanistan. I think it is very wise of the President that he is waiting and that he is bringing the UN into this so that the United Nations can take the lead in getting rid of terrorists in the world and not the United States alone. Let's give a hand to the President of the United States for his wisdom and the courage in his leadership. [everyone applauds]

Perhaps we can talk more about the external and political implications at some later time and occasion. Maybe we can ask Bill Gertz to speak since he can give a more accurate report on the subject than I.

I would like to go on to the internal aspect and how we are to understand this from a providential point of

view. That is our mission and our responsibility. We have heard that human history is the history of struggle between good and evil. After the incident, when I went to the place and prayed, and saw what was going on, for a period of time I could not understand what was going on. I struggled very much to understand: what was the significance of the fact that these tall and beautiful buildings had suddenly collapsed and

become Ground Zero? What was the significance and meaning of the cries of the many people who were killed there instantly?

I met many volunteers who were working there. Many of them had experienced one of their own relatives or friends dying there. All the firehouses in New York and New Jersey have photographs displayed of their compatriots that died there. And all the churches in the area have members or relatives of members that died. There has been an ongoing funeral atmosphere in New York and New Jersey.

Where did the first act of terrorism take place in human history? Who was the first terrorist in human history? Cain! Cain is the beginning of terrorism. Who planted the seed of terror in Cain? Adam, Eve and the Archangel. Cain was controlled by the evil spirit through the Archangel and through the fall of Adam and Eve.

All human beings are the descendants of Adam and Eve, the fallen Adam and Eve. Two thousand biblical years after Adam and Eve, Isaac and Ishmael came in the Cain and Abel positions of that period. We know about the conflict between Isaac and Ishmael through the record in the Bible. And we can trace the conflict between Judeo-Christianity and Islam by going back to this conflict between these two sons of Abraham, Isaac and Ishmael, born to two different women.

We can learn from this the importance of the role of the woman, who is in the position of mother. Eve, in the Garden of Eden, was supposed to procreate the seed of God, but by falling with the Archangel, eventually Eve brought about the fall of Adam. And Cain was the son who came from that lineage. Eve did not perform her responsibility to become true parents together with Adam and have children who were to be princes and princesses of God.

Abraham's wife was Sarah. We see in the Bible that before Abraham had Isaac through Sarah, he first had Ishmael through a maidservant. Sarah kicked out Ishmael's mother Hagar. Sarah was not able to stand in a position to love Hagar and Ishmael because Hagar had actually performed the function of wife and mother before Sarah was able to. She should have been able to love Hagar.

God promised to protect Hagar and Ishmael after

they were kicked out. But the envy and jealousy of one woman and the conflict between these two women eventually brought about the situation where the two sons were in conflict with each other. This was another example of failure in mother and son cooperation. It wasn't until the situation between Esau and Jacob, when Rebekkah, their mother, helped Jacob regain the birthright from Esau. That was the first example of successful cooperation between mother and son.

So then, where is the beginning, the origin point of America? The satanic world knows this

very well. As the Arab extremists say: same. In terms of mission, they are one. The Jews were the first Israel and the

United States of America is the second Israel. It is responsible to restore through indemnity the failure of the first Israel. In his recent 50-State tour, Father emphasized that the United States is the Elder Son nation. It is the Second Israel.

After Jesus' death on the cross God prepared Christianity as the realm of the Second Israel. This year during the 50-State tour, and even before that, at the January 13th Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship, Father said for the first time that this realm now is represented by a specific nation, the United States of America. Even before that actually, in May of last year when Father established the ACLC and 120 ministers were named to represent the 120 elders that should have become one with Jesus, Father told them this. Standing in the position of Bridegroom, Father gave gold watches to each of those ministers. He told them it was their mission to become one with True Parents and that they should accomplish the mission of Second Israel.

Father has come as the person responsible for the Third Israel, in the position of parents. So the failure of the first Israel must be restore through indemnity by the second Israel. And we can see the answer to that

in two instances. The first is the path of Adam and the second is in the path of Jacob. Abel is being restored into the Elder Son position and Jacob is being restored into the Elder Son position. That spirit must be the spirit of America.

Israel is a country of 3 million people and they are surrounded by 150 million Arabs. Without the support of the United States it would be impossible for Israel to maintain its

existence. Providentially speaking, America must protect and support Israel. Providentially, the first and second Israel cannot be divided. And likewise, the second and third Israel cannot be cut off.

Originally, the United States should have gone to Korea, but instead, Father came to the United States in 1971. The original connection should have been made during the 3-year period from the beginning of 1945. That wasn't done, so in order to indemnify and restore that, Father came to the United States from Korea in 1971. The purpose for doing that was to connect the second Israel to the third Israel.

How did Jacob become the ancestor of Israel? Jacob was able to subjugate Esau. His 12 children then became the original people of Israel. Esau represented the position of Cain and even beyond that, the position of Satan. So how did Jacob subjugate Esau? For 21 years Jacob lived for others. Who helped Jacob do that? It was his mother Rebekkah.

Before leaving New York for Korea this time, Father spoke to Mrs. Erikawa the following words: Father has recently emphasized two projects over others: one is the work of the IIFWP centering on the United Nations, and the other is the work of the Japanese missionaries to the United States. Japan is in the mother position. There needs to be unity between the mother nation and the elder son nation, in a spiritual sense.

From the providential point of view Japan as the mother country and the United States, the elder son country, must become one centering on Korea, the father country. The U.S. must go the way of the elder son. The elder son has two primary responsibilities: 1) To attend the Parents; 2) To look after brothers and sisters. The conflict between Christianity and Islam right now is a sibling conflict. The conflict between Ishmael and Isaac is a sibling conflict. Then who can stop the conflict between brothers? It won't stop until the Parents come and stop it.

The reason that Father spent 3 days in meditation and prayer and did not appear or speak at all, was because he was feeling responsibility as a parent. The first responsibility of the elder son is to attend the parents. The second is to look after the vounger brothers and sisters. In Korean tradition, the position of the

elder son is an extremely important one. The elder son inherits the property of the parents. The elder son lives in the house that the parents lived in. All the other brothers and sisters go and live somewhere else once they marry.

The elder son once a year is responsible to hold a ceremony commemorating the day the parents died. So the elder son represents the parents and stands in the position of the parents. At least half of the property is inherited by the elder son. The responsibility of the

very well. As the Arab extremists say: The root of Israel and America is the come. In terms of mission, they are one. America is on the Cross!

elder son is to look after and take care of the younger brothers and sisters. The blessing that the parents pass to the elder son is not for the elder son himself but so that he can take care of his younger siblings.

The United States is a young country, with a history of only 225 years. But this country didn't just suddenly appear out of nowhere. God gathered all the blessings from all around the world—all technology, all culture, and all the ideas from around the world are concentrated here. That is how this country called the United States was created. The United States does not exist only for its own purpose. Please remember the words that Father spoke throughout the nation during his 50-State speaking tour: "Who is the master of America? It is neither white Americans nor black Americans. The true master of America is the person who loves America as God does."

Father concluded that God's blessings to America were not given only for the purpose of America so that Americans themselves could enjoy them, but rather they were given to America so that they could be shared with the entire world.

Right now, the United States is overflowing with pros-

perity. Politically, economically, the United States is truly the lone superpower in the world. When President Bush was inaugurated and began to carry out a very aggressive foreign policy, I was a bit concerned. The world cannot be controlled through military or economic power. Throughout history, any country that tried to control the world through power was quickly wiped off the map. We see in history that anyone who tries to control the world through brute strength doesn't last very long.

The United States has many missions that it must accomplish. It has to work for other nations of the world; it has to revive the United Nations and it must act as a policeman in the world. There are many problems that the United States has to deal with. But the important thing is for the United States to ask itself how it is going to stand in the position of parents to the world. America is the oldest brother and is stronger than all the other siblings. But it cannot just beat up on the other siblings all the time. It has to think how it is going to help those other siblings and how it is going to live for the sake of the other siblings.

Father was very concerned immediately after September 11 when President Bush sounded as though he was going to begin bombing right away. Father knew he should not be in such a hurry, that bombing would not solve anything because the enemy is not someplace "outside." It is not in Iran and Iraq. There are 3 million Arabs here in the United States, and they cannot be turned into enemies. We must know that on September 11, after the incident, there were certain Arabs in New Jersey that went out and cheered when this happened! So both the enemies and the allies are here in the United States.

Father said the UN must take the lead in this. Fortunately the President is going this way. It is a very wise decision. We must still be concerned how this situation is going to be resolved ultimately. Father has often said that we must move beyond "one nation under God" to "one world under God." Not just God bless America, but God bless the world. The significance of God's blessing can be universalized to encompass the entire world. Father has, therefore, created the IIFWP and this is a report on the Convocation of World Leaders and the Dialogue among Civilizations that was held earlier this year. It is very important that we work for harmony and unity, across ethnic, racial, religious and international lines.

I would like to conclude with a few words that Father has spoken. THE UNITED STATES IS NOW ON THE CROSS, just as Jesus was on the cross 2,000 years ago. The important thing now is: how is the United States going to deal with its enemy? How is it going to conquer its enemy as it hangs on the cross? As Jesus hung

on the cross, he prayed to God, that God would forgive those who put him on the cross and those that had pierced him with spears, "Because," he said, "they don't know what they are doing."

The word "peace" could not be used under the circumstances after the recent tragedy. It is very difficult for people to speak in terms of love or forgiveness. We must not forgive evil; we must get rid of evil, even if we have to use bombs in order to do so. But we must love the evil people and give them life. Evil people are being used by evil spirits. And right now, centering on President Bush, evil people are being put more and more into a corner. They are moving into a very difficult situation. They are being given the opportunity to surrender. Several times they have been given an opportunity. In the end evil will not be able to fight back anymore. In the end, a forceful attack can be launched against evil, not against evil people but against evil itself.

Father has spoken a great deal about strengthening the United Nations. The United Nations must be able to fulfill its function to establish and keep peace in the

Father considers the people who died in this incident to be living offerings, offerings for the world. We should pray that these offerings, the first in the 21st century, can be offerings for the sake of establishing a new world of peace. Father has said that the clergy, in

particular, must stand in the forefront to establish peace in the world. That is why Father donated the Blessing Fund this time. It is for the purpose of establishing harmony between Christianity and Islam.

I believe that these 7,000 people who became offerings will have died eventually for the sake of establishing a new world of peace in the 21st century. Let us pray, as Americans, that this

incident will be an opportunity for us to establish a world of peace for eternity. Those two buildings were, in a sense, the highest accomplishment of humankind. In a sense they were the pride of all humanity, but in another sense they represented the fallen pride of humanity. In a sense they may have symbolized the Tower of Babel, in terms of the pride that humanity had before God. There were two; they were divided. But everything has collapsed down to ground zero. Now, from that origin point, we must create a new building, one building. And the foundation of the new building must be love, harmony and unity.

Mrs. Young Soon Kim, who has been receiving many messages from Spirit World, put a question to Father. She can see Satan spiritually. And she receives attacks from Satan quite often, as does Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim also. We cannot imagine how many times she been attacked and disturbed by Satan in the process of bringing Spirit World messages to the Earth. In Han Nam Dong Mrs. Kim suddenly asked Father the question: "How can we gain victory over Satan?" Father didn't hesitate a second, but answered immediately: "By doing that which Satan cannot do." What is that? It is to love. Only love can overcome Satan. This is how we win victory over Satan.'

So how can we overcome the extremists who are filled with evil? Can we do it by killing bin Laden? If we do that, there will be ten more just like him. And if we kill those ten, there will be a thousand more just like them. Evil cannot be defeated through evil. Only goodness can defeat evil. We must defeat evil with love. That is the answer we have from Heaven.

There is a saying among Christians, that we should hate the sin, but love the sinner. In the same sense, terrorism is our enemy, but terrorists must be made to repent. They must be given life. They are like the thief on the left at the time of Jesus' crucifixion. They don't know what they are doing. They are only the tools of Satan

The United States must stand in the position of having the heart of the parent, being able to encompass the entire world as the elder son, standing in the position of the father and mother. �

A Time of Tragedy: Coming Together

by Rev. Mike Jenkins

hen the disaster occurred it was total chaos in NY. The first night Bishop Johnson went down to Ground Zero where the towers once stood. I went on the second night and many of our clergy, Rev. Edwards, Bishop Stallings, Rev. Holliday and many of our leaders have gone on subsequent nights. We went again tonight. Many nights we have stayed out all night to connect with this sacrifice. All streets were blocked off above 14th street. Bishop Johnson and I walked 30 blocks into the area on the second night. As clergy we were given direct access.

At Ground Zero, I was overwhelmed by the spirit of sacrifice. Those 5000 plus men and women represented most of the countries of the world. Every race and every religion. There is a spirit of holiness around their sacrifice. The whole city as well as Washington, DC and the nation were trans-

Washington, DC and the nation were transformed through this enormous condition.

It was astonishing the level of heart and sacrifice that the police and firemen were giving forth. On the second night many officers had been awake for 30 hours straight. Many wanted us to pray for them. When they saw Bishop Johnson's clerical collar they wanted to talk to us about God.

Firemen, doctors, rescue volunteers and especially police wanted to talk about God. Repeatedly officers would say, "God is our only hope. We need prayer. America needs prayer. Pastor please pray for us. Please don't forget those who died." Then we would pray for them. Many of the rescue workers lost partners or colleagues in the WTC.

One policeman just wanted to talk. He said, "My partner died in there. I wish I could have died and he could have lived. I wish I could trade places with him because I'm not married but he had a wife and three kids."

We connected to the command center on the way down. They were happy to see clergy going to support. One officer asked me to distribute the PBJ's his children made. The bags we were carrying were full of PBJ's. We gave them out. There was such excellent volunteer support that there was no food shortage. However, something about the PBJ's gave the officers a great deal of joy. One said it brought her back to when she was a child. (Fond memories far distant from this stark and surreal environment.)

The firemen, national guard and police all were working together. Mostly they had to sift through the wreckage with their hands and small shovels so as not to risk hurting any survivors. Five gallon buckets were being passed by the hundreds in long chains of volunteers. Empty buckets going in. Full buckets of crushed marble, glass concrete etc. were coming out.

Suddenly there was a huge gathering around one area of the huge wreckage. Everyone thought they had found someone. We waited for quite sometime. Many officers wanted to talk about God. Also, many talked about how only God can save America. To

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my surprise, their atmosphere did not have any anger or hatred. Just everyone talking about God. God must guide us.

Suddenly, one by one firemen began to emerge from a deep hole that had been dug. As each one was pulled out of this small opening you could see a look of great relief as each emerged from the five story underground. They had been scouring in the sublevels for survivors. Their bravery was unbelievable. Just the day before 12 firemen had the same kind of tunnel cave in on them. Many were saved, some were not.

As we have been visiting churches the effect on NY area churches is devastating. Every church I've been in since the disaster has people who either had

relatives or friends that were lost. At Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker's church 20 were directly hit by this. One choir member, Mrs. Holmes was lost and her son Trevor is without any parent. Dr. Preston Washington has 30 members who worked in the WTC. They all escaped but now have no paycheck or job. In Rev. Davis' church a candlelight ceremony was held at the end of service. 12 candles were lit for the 12 people who were lost that were either members or directly related to the members.

Our own Dr. Kathy Winings through her IRFF work was immediately plugged into the special volunteer task force. She has been serving with a great deal of sacrifice every day. This is the spirit of the city of New York. David Caprara and our AFC team are putting together with ACLC support and Church support group to aid victims with counseling and other services. We call it One Church One Family.

A new beginning has come for America. Out of these ashes and the sacrifice and the service that

has been inspired will rise a new covenant that will advance this Elder Son Nation into a position of service and sacrifice for the world. Those whose lives were taken on this altar shall not have died in vain.

Dear American Family members. Please come together at this time with our True Parents. Father gave very deep guidance today about the meaning of this period in history.

God's providence in America is on track. It did not fail. However, Father said that as the Elder Son Nation America must embrace all the other nations as younger brothers. He said that America can completely turn around from this situation. Unification church members must become the embodiment of God's love and really give True love to all humanity. From that foundation we must move the hearts of the clergy and all leaders to have such an attitude so as to embrace all religions and races. Father cautioned today—war will not bring peace. We must have patience and make a strong effort to bring unity among all religions.

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The Incarnations of Terror

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks

e want to win the war. We want to defeat the enemy. We want to see bin Laden annihilated through any means necessary. We would love to see a knockout blow pulverizing every terrorist and everyone who ever was a terrorist or might become a terrorist. We are entertaining a fantasy.

What is the enemy? How do we fight that enemy? From a strategic point of view, we should not launch a physical war. The terrorists want war. They want us to chase them, to flex our muscle, to attack someone, somewhere. They know we will botch a war, have much of the world will turn against us, and see our own society divide. An attack, while making us feel good for a few headlines, will sink us into a morass of conflict.

Bombs might kill terrorists, but bombs cannot kill terrorism. The government of Israel cannot defeat terrorism when its perpetrators live across the street. How can we root out terrorists when they are on the other side of the planet? The battle against terrorism, physically speaking, is un-winnable; it is fighting an unholy ghost.

The real battleground is spiritual, and at this moment we have the spiritual high ground. At the World Trade Center, whites, blacks, rich, poor, Asians, Jews, Christians, Muslims and people of 82 nations died at the hand of terrorism. The nation that encapsulates the world has shed its blood. If we understand rightly the spiritual nature of the battle, we can turn the shed blood into a sacrificial offering.

Jack Wheeler, of the Freedom Research Foun-

dation, writes that Islam must contend with the "demon of envy," which is called in Arabic al-Hasad. He views this demon as the seed of terrorism. He calls Muslims to exorcise this demon from the collective Muslim psyche.

This makes sense to me. But, quid pro quo, Christians should be ready to identify and exorcise their signal demon. That is the demon of adultery, of sexual immorality. Call it Dionysus. Both demons, Dionysus and al-Hasad, are wreaking havoc upon the planet.

Terrorism is an intervention of chaos, dramatic, visible chaos. Sexual immorality is a gradual, invisible chaos. Divorce, family breakdown, the abortion holocaust and homosexuality create internal chaos, a deep disorder wreaked upon the creation. America protects Dionysus and markets his ways to the world.

Is this truly our will, as a people? This is a moment ripe for reflection on the moral state of our nation. If there are areas that are in need of improvement, this is the time to face them. The ability to do so is the mark of a great people.

By doing so, we will change the playing field in the war against terrorism. We will maintain the struggle, but we will redefine it. It will become a struggle to build meaningful, lasting unity among the people of the world. That unity is achieved by creating, together, a common cause based upon a shared moral vision.

A global culture that is more than a global marketplace can come into being through a consensus on what is right and what is wrong, on what promotes true freedom and what destroys true freedom. The freedom our government should call us

to give up is not that which allows short lines in airports, but that which allows the global justification and glorification of sexual immorality and family breakdown.

Muslims don't like what American culture does to their children. Neither do most Christians, Jews, Buddhists, or anyone of good conscience. We must bring an end to this terrorism.

The first step is for the White House to work with Muslim and Christian leaders, and with leaders of all faiths, to build a moral consensus based upon the sanctity of sexuality, marriage and family life. Note well the one place where the wall between Christianity and Islam has come down. That is where Muslims and Christians work in opposition to the American / UN global promotion and marketing of birth control and abortion. The sanctity of the family is the prime cause that unites people beyond race, nation and religion.

The second step is for these American leaders to reach out to build unity among the world's religious leaders based upon that family-centered, moral consensus. The third step is to add to this the investment of America's creative genius into a wise but exciting and energetic promotion and protection of marriage and family life, worldwide.

Terrorists will not attack an America that exports this ideal. Their religion will not allow it and their communities will not protect them. The United States will win the war against terrorism in both its forms, or it will win the war against neither of them.

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WTC: IRFF and UTS Respond!

by Dr. Kathy Winings

eptember 11th is a day that will live in the memory of people the world over. For the first time since its founding, the United States suffered a man-made disaster. However, out of the ashes of that disaster, has come a response of love and compassion in the thousands of volunteers who have come to help, the thousands of dollars donated for the effort, and the thousands of hours that will be spent in helping one another. IRFF is no exception to this.

Because the disaster hit in IRFF's backyard, so to speak, we were compelled to act as quickly as possible to respond to this horrific devastation. By the second day, Dr. Kathy Winings, IRFF's Vice President of the International Board, had gone to Ground Zero to offer counseling, prayer and support. During one of those sessions, Dr. Winings was able to connect with other partner agencies who offer aid in disasters - such as the Salvation Army and Adventist Services. It was decided that IRFF would assume responsibility for finding volunteers to prepare food for the thousands of rescue workers who had assembled at Ground Zero to look for survivors. It was at this point that UTS joined the effort. Faculty and students readily volunteered to help the disaster work as well.

From Saturday, September 15th, IRFF began to make sandwiches which were then transported directly to the disaster site. For 3 days, IRFF supported this effort - much to the gratitude and appreciation of the Salvation Army post in New York City. IRFF brought together teens, adults, and families to support this program. Included in the first day of work was Massimo Trombin, Field Director for IRFF and John Gehring, the executive director of IRFF. Word

quickly spread among the teens that there was a Leadership Conference on the "One Church/One way to help in this disaster. Soon, IRFF's phone was busy with offers of help.

Since that time, IRFF has now begun a new phase of its response for the disaster. We are working in collaboration with Christian Disaster Response, a fellow NVOAD partner based in Florida, to provide Needs Assessment for Unmet Needs. Families, victims, and anyone affected by the WTC tragedy are encouraged to come to 43rd Street to our Needs Assessment Facility to register and discuss their needs. They will then be directed to immediate help and services to meet those needs. They will also be able to simply talk about the experience and receive counseling from the staff as well. Again, UTS has supported this effort by providing the space for the Needs Assessment work. Additionally, the World Mission Center has also been extremely supportive by housing Christian Disaster Response.

In addition, IRFF has also launched "Letters of Hope," a letter writing campaign for children and youth. Schools are being approached by IRFF to ask their children to send letters of encouragement, hope and gratitude to the rescue workers, firemen, policemen, and victims of the tragedy. They will be dropped off at Boxes of Hope in their school. IRFF will then pick up these boxes and deliver the childrens' letters of hope and encouragement.

Finally, IRFF is working in cooperation with the American Family Coalition and American Clergy

Family" project. This is an effort to connect churches and faith communities around the country with those affected by the disaster. This is an excellent way to bring diverse people and families together for spiritual support, heartful encouragement, and, in some instances, actual support and aid. Churches and faith communities wishing to participate and families hit by the disaster wishing to participate, can be brought together to share and learn from each other. Already we have several cities and churches calling us to participate. As a key part of this project, IRFF and CDR will provide training to help each of the boroughs of New York as well as communities in New Jersey and Connecticut open Needs Assessment/Healing Centers of their own. This massive effort will involve the support of many faithbased organizations and community-based agencies as well as the city and state of New York.

This effort will be a long term plan for IRFF and Christian Disaster Response. We will be dealing with thousands and thousands of families conceivably. Regardless of how long this program takes, IRFF, with the support of UTS, AFC, and the public, is committed to doing what it can to provide hope, healing, recovery, and peace to any and all who need it. We pray that, in time, there will be no more manmade disasters of this magnitude and that we can once again live as a global family.

For further information or if you wish to donate,

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Blessings Not Bombs, Manna Not Missiles

by Chris Davies

o, what should President Bush do now? I cannot see how terrorism can be destroyed by carrying on using the same methods of fighting our enemies as before. I am British and as Prime Minister Blair is now using the same martial language as the USA, and as British citizens were killed on that dreadful day, it is now 'my fight'.

Apparently, war has been declared, not on a particular nation, but on a particular 'new evil'. Well, there's an oxymoron for a start; evil, or the nature of evil, is not new.

What about the evil of terrorism? Our leaders seem to think that to root out terrorism they have to find the geographical location of it, and then threaten that state or country with near extinction so that the 'evil terrorists' will be turned over to justice and that will be the end of terrorism.

I suggest that this is as impossible as trying to find 'terror' itself on the map of the globe.

We know it would be ridiculous to attempt to do so because we know that terror exists in the realm of human emotion. If we are terrified we have to conquer that situation internally; we have to fight it with our hearts, our minds, our spirits, not external weaponry.

I believe the battle against terrorism has to be fought in the same way.

I heard US Vice-Pres. Dick Cheney saying that terrorist groups cannot function without the support of states providing finance and a certain amount of security and shelter. He believes therefore that to deprive terrorists of those things through destroying or crippling the relevant infra-structures of those states will rob them of their power.

Surely, the very opposite is true!

These people are not empowered by money or protection or other resources. Rather, they are fueled by a smoldering, age-old resentment fanned by contemporary political/military actions into a blazing hatred so strong that some are willing to be consumed in the resulting and all too often literal flames.

So, what to do about it? Is there a solution? Well,

here's a little quiz for you.

Fill in the blank space in this well known phrase: – conquers all.

Is the answer

(a) Bombing

(b) Starvation

(c) Political Maneuvering

(d) Saber Rattling

(e) ...well you knew it all along didn't you?

Here's another one:

- your enemy " Is the answer?

(a) Kill

(b) Impoverish

(c) Pulverize

(d)you're right again of course.

Easy to answer but VERY hard to do, right?

Hard, but not impossible. And there are ways to do it in this instance.

As many of you may know, there are up to a million people in Afghanistan at or near starvation level. Afghani parents are burying their children every day. There may be similar situations in every other state suspected of harboring terrorists. Are our leaders seriously considering compounding their miseries by firing missiles at their already wretched lands? Do the allied nations expect to be regarded as righteous warriors defending justice and the sacred flag of 'democracy'? What will be the more likely response?

You already know the answer to that one too. But what if...?

What if those US led planes, as they flew over those parched and famine-ridden farmlands, brought life not

What if the bellies of those planes emptied themselves of grain to fill the bellies of the dying children below?

What if the billions of dollars that may be spent on ordnance were spent on aid?

What if the US could change it's image from that of the Great Satan to the Great Savior?

What if, by showing love and forgiveness, the people of America and the democratic world could inspire those same qualities in the hearts of their suspected

Would a nation so showered in benevolence wish to harbor that hatred which is expressed in the form of terrorism any longer? Could any people withstand a sustained assault on the stronghold of their pain and grievance in such a manner?

Surely, anyone with any belief in humanity, with any hope for the future, and with any faith in the power of goodness must agree that they would be defenseless against this Ultimate Weapon. And as they opened their hearts they could no longer conceal within their bosom those international criminals who, without question, should face the consequences of their evil actions.

Of course, some will say this is naïve in the extreme. Well, let them say it. I am not addressing them. Let them find comfort and security in their well-rehearsed cynicism. I am talking to all the multitudes who have offered fervent, desperate prayers in the past days and will continue to do so in the weeks and months to come. I say to them, wouldn't the strategy I've just described be the strategy of the One to Whom they have been praying? Hasn't this been exemplified in the lives of the Messengers He has sent to us?

More crucially, and more nervously I have to say, I am calling out to the families of the victims of this awful event. If there is any one of you who feels that such a campaign would be a more fitting memorial to your lost loved ones, please let your voice be heard. I ask you because the writer could understandably be accused of an unsympathetic high-mindedness. However, I'm proceeding this way because I have a strong conviction that many of your number will feel as I do.

Yes, the world changed on Tuesday 11th September 2001. There are more than 5,000 reasons why we should make sure it's a change for the better. After all, as Pres ident Bush tearfully said, thinking about the dead and newly-orphaned children.. "I'm a loving kind of guy...". Let's give him a mandate to express that Love and be the Strongest, Greatest political leader the world has ever seen and to lead the world into a new era of peace.

Send Blessings Not Bombs, Manna Not Missiles. You may send your response to this to Cjgdavies@yahoo.com �

Reflections on Jacob and Esau

by Libby Henkin

he day after the WTC attack happened and we all had been changed forever and were walking around with the same face, I heard from Rev. Lee that True Father had prayed when he heard the news and afterward said that America, not Christianity, is now the 2nd Israel. This is a subtle shift, because America has already been thought of as the 2nd Israel since America is primarily the Christian nation. So it seems to be incredibly meaningful that he made a point of saying it. The difference is America is not only all races but all religions, so this is a grander scale Israel

I have always wanted to feel God's heart of suffering in prayer, and I always wanted and prayed, and strained, as I thought I was going Jacob's course on MFT, to hear God say to me as he did Jacob, "You are Israel", so when Rev. Lee said True Father had said we are the 2nd Israel, this struck me deeply and went straight to the center of my heart. He gave us a new name. I think this is a great honor.

Jacob wrestled the archangel all night at the Ford of Jabbok, was the underdog all night, had his hip dislocated but never gave up. At dawn, he got the new name from heaven, "Israel", which means "he who prevails". Rev. Mrs. Eu explained at DP school a couple of weeks ago that what happened to Jacob that night was his heart changed. He got the spiritual victory over Esau, so when he saw him again, he was able to send his sheep, servants, wives and children, and even bow 10 times to his brother and be embraced by him. Esau was rich, powerful, had an army of 400 and had lots of wives. He did not need the things Jacob sent him, and it was not because Jacob sent him those things that he embraced Jacob. But once Jacob had gotten the spiritual victory at the Ford of Jabbok, Esau was destined to embrace him. As we learned on MFT, and did conditions for it, once the spiritual victory is won, the physical victory is assured.

Rev. Mrs. Eu also said that Jacob should not have stolen the birthright and the blessing. He should not have had to flee and spend 21 years in Haran, and he should not

have had to wrestle the angel. This happened because of the influence of his mother. He was God's chosen man, but he should have worked to win Esau's respect and desire to follow Jacob of his own free choice.

Again, at DP school, Mrs. Standard made a point last week that applies here. Why did God hate Cain and love Abel? It was only because Cain represented the first fall and Abel the second fall.

But they both represented the fall. Both falls were wrong, just one was worse. This got me thinking. Both Cain and Abel have original sin, and Cain is actually in the position of paying for the sins of both Cain and Abel. And Abel doesn't appreciate it. Cain knows this and hates Abel for it.

Cain knows Abel is not better than himself but is loved and blessed instead of him. He is the elder, who by tradition should be the one blessed. He hates and resents the one whom God loves and blesses instead of him, so much that he wants to kill him. But Abel doesn't know. He thinks he is blessed because he is better. At the Ford of Jabbok, in the position of Abel, Jacob got the arrogance knocked out of him. Finally, he understood the heart of Esau, the heart of Cain, and could love him. And could send him all those gifts and bow to him in deep appreciation and reverence for his sacrifice.

Friday night I finally could cry with Heavenly Father. I did not want to cry without processing what it means now for America, for me, to be "Israel". Friday night I was finally ready to repent and take responsibility for what happened. It was painful and full of heavy responsibility. Lessons need to be learned. Let the lesson be learned now, quickly, with me, so this does not need to continue and so those who died and their families can be vindicated. When the lesson is learned by America, this will stop. 5,000 Americans died for me to learn these lessons and take the proper response. Thankfully, it was an archangel, perhaps a resentful and fallen archangel, that attacked Jacob, not Satan. God is in control. For me, even the weather has been an indicator that God is in control. It has been encouragingly sunny and clear. If Satan had attacked America, perhaps it would have been a nuclear bomb. But because of True Father's work, the archangel was from heaven, an invisible target, a religious people, though a misguided religious people, that hit America. Only our hip was dislocated.

I've been very interested in how enormous our devastation is compared to other countries' past sufferings of war and famines. They, like we, were devastated by unprecedented loss of life. America has never before been stopped in her tracks. Life came to a standstill for two days, and it will be a long recovery. We will never be the same again. We've been changed. When I look at absolutely anyone, even newscasters whom I have always considered the most arrogant, their eyes look like they feel like me. We are one. I can begin (only begin) to understand what makes Korea the land of the heart: under all their give and take, they have their suffering in common, this feeling I have under my skin now. I am no longer a moonie. America is me and I am America. There is no longer any boundary between them and me. There is no in the church and out of the church. No member and non member. No Cain and Abel. No difference between my husband and myself. Some equalization has occurred. Equalization of heart.

Second Israel

Now America is the second Israel. Not the Unification Church, not Christianity. What is our responsibility? What would True Father advise the Palestinians and Israelis? Their war of retaliation is an endless war. We have to learn from the lessons of history. We, as the 2nd Israel, need to set an example for the Palestinians and Israelis. What would True Father advise Bush now? I can only hear Father saying to get the world's leaders and people together and educate them. And then he would Bless them. These are the two things True Father does to change the world, education and Blessing. Education changes people's hearts, and Blessing changes the spirit world by breaking down the boundaries in spirit world, as well as rooting out the original evil. This is what gets at the root of the world's problems. In the past, Father has been attacked. Forces have sought to seek and destroy him. We could have been his Hamas and trained to retaliate. But he is our example, and we have the same responsibility he had in his hour of suffering. This is a holy war.

The important thing as we go through our Ford of Jabbok is our heart and how our heart and the heart of our nation comes out of this. It must be centered on God and

God's will for blessing the whole world as One, beginning with us, America, but not ending with us. One World Under God.

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by Dr. Andrew Wilson

ecently I was re-reading Father's speech, World Unification and North-South Unification Will Be Accomplished by True Love (which is found repeated twice in True Family and World Peace). I was struck by how perfectly Father's guidance in that speech applies to America in the current crisis. Anyone seeking guidance for America in the "war" with terrorism should read this speech.

And this led me to thinking:

Father has long expected that the Korean people, and Korea's political leaders, will take his advice and pursue the project of North-South Unification based upon Jesus Christ's principle to "love your enemy", waging peace through the spiritual principle of self-sacrifice. The example of unity on the Korean peninsula would then be replicated all over the world, bringing about an end to war and the inauguration of the veritable Kingdom of God on earth.

The American movement has been only a supporting player in this peace-making providence, by supporting Korea and creating the international environment to favor unification. Conditions that Father made in South America were likewise seen as supportive of Korean unification, creating the enabling spiritual conditions.

Yet until now, Korea has not responded to Father's call. Suddenly, America finds itself in mortal danger, facing an intractable foe with an ideology that contains elements of both communism and religion. Suddenly, the conflict between communism and democracy, as represented by the war between the two Koreas, seems like ancient history, replaced by the fresh conflict between the West and Islam. Years ago, Father predicted that the war with Islam would be the next stage after the war with communism.

Meanwhile, here at UTS, Father is sending the cream of the new generation of Korean leaders, who have cut their

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teeth by working in Japan. Father is telling the new Korean and Japanese students that they need to learn English by all means, because only through knowledge of English can Father use them as leaders on the world stage.

Moreover, the providence in America has harvested a strong cadre of Christian and government leaders who listen to Father. And all over America, we can find sentiments about how to deal with the current crisis that are in accord with the message of "love your enemy" that Father is promoting. I believe that America, with its Christian cultural background, is far more ready to heed Father's call to wage peace with Islam through love and service instead of retaliation, than is Korea, whose cultural background is not Christian.

Could it be that God is running out of patience with Korea, and He has decided to give America the chance to establish the model of peacemaking through love and service that is the key to establishing world peace? Is this the providential reason for the WTC disaster?

Ponder with me the possibility that this is an unparalleled providential opportunity for America to take the lead in world restoration.

What shall we do?

* Support Pres. Bush in his war against terrorist groups, while discouraging him from engaging in a wider war against Islamic countries, including Afghanistan.

* Promote America's new spiritual identity as a Godcentered nation of diverse religions, as exemplified by the frequent scenes of religious leaders of all faiths praying together at public gatherings. Make "God Bless America" the national anthem. Let Father's vision of "One world under God" which America represents in microcosm become part of America's public persona, a more-than-Christian America that includes all faiths united in community. Let "faith" stand alongside the values of freedom, democracy, and opportunity that define America. Then work on moral renewal to match this identity. (This is important if Islamic peoples are to recognize our righteousness and not continue to regard us as secular infidels.)

* Help Americans to understand that world peace is indivisible, that as long as nations languish in poverty there can be no peace. America should recognize its role as the elder brother nation and repent of its callous and arrogant attitude towards the nations of the Middle East and South Asia. America should engage in a "Peace Offensive" that rewards moderate Muslim nations with economic support and aid. Provide aid to Afghan refugees.

* Promote understanding and compassion for Muslim peoples, and put this compassion into action through a revived Peace Corps and other people-to-people projects (IRFF?) to build a brighter future for impoverished Muslims around the world. Let Muslims know that America cares about them and that they can work with America to improve their lot.

* Mobilize IIFWP to educate Muslim and Christian leaders around the world in the Principled path to peace.

We have the opportunity to lead America to rise to this occasion and become a victorious Abel, ultimately winning the heart of the moderate Muslims who are not extremists and thus making extremism unpopular even in the Islamic world.

If America is victorious in this, the Koreans will look to America as the model for peace-making and unification on their peninsula. Wouldn't that be a sweet irony?

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Arts in the Aftermath

by David Eaton

ppropriateness. Linkage. Soul searching. These buzzwords have being echoing throughout the American arts and entertainment community as the national debate intensifies in response to the horrific events of September 11, 2001. I can remember no time in my life when the dialogue concerning appropriateness in the arts and entertainment industry has been as passionate and necessary as it has been in the aftermath of the tragedy.

Being in New York, home to both "ground zero" and the "Mecca" of Western culture, has provided a unique opportunity to hear perspectives offered by some of the world most prominent artists, producers and entertainers as to how the recent events might impact the arts.

In its September 23rd edition, the New York Times solicited opinions from artists representing a wide variety of disciplines of what an appropriate response should be by those who create, produce and perform. From the enlightened discourses of pop icon Paul Simon and television producer Tom Fontana, to the infuriatingly misguided linkage analogs of composers John Corigliano and Karlheinz Stockhausen, the debate is now raging in full cry.

Appropriate Responses

In the immediate aftermath of the events of September 11, I was struck by the temporary respite from the normal programming on local television and radio as I sought information from the normal media outlets. The constant din of popular culture had ceased as networks decided, rightly so, that much if its normal programming was deemed inappropriate for the moment. Even as adver-

tisements for the next, best SUV reappeared on the airwaves, the superficiality of the enterprise was not lost on the moment. Things are different as we all know

Opinions from the arts community are obviously diverse and impassioned. Some more well reasoned than others.

In a very insightful article, singer/songwriter Paul Simon called for "a higher standard of honesty" and an "artistic and spiritual rebirth" in our society. He also called for a move away from corporate, bottom-line motivations and encouraged a reexamining of ourselves as people and a culture. His thoughts have found a great deal of resonance in the debate about the arts and entertainment industry and how they may need to change in a heightened climate of pain, suffering, rage, anger, healing and hope.

HBO producer Tom Fontana opined that the events of 9/11 "means figuring out where the United States fits in the global family...examining the roots of intolerance, fanaticism and hatred."

Conversely, Time Magazine contributing editor, Lance Morrow, viewed those seeking root causes for the terrorist attacks on America, as being "too philosophical for decent company."

Pulitzer Prize winning composer John Corigliano (whose music I've performed and find very engaging) spuriously linked religious fundamentalism and political fanaticism (Nazism) to the orthodoxies of dodecaphonic serialism, which in his view, "oppresses the true spirit of art." The gross hyperbole of this view speaks for itself; as if there was ever a "jihad" of serialists or jackbooted atonalists holding neoromantics and minimalists hostage. It was a linkage that belied any credibility.

Perhaps the most unfortunate comments about the tragedy came from avant-garde composer Karlheinz Stockhausen, who referred to the attack on the World Trade Center as, "the greatest work of art that is possible in the whole cosmos...something in one act we could never dream of in music." In an attempt at damage control he has since said that he was misquoted, but needless to say this was a very disturbing analogy.

The Causal Dimension

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of 9/11, a moral revolution, or what Paul Simon called a "spiritual rebirth" in the arts and entertainment industry, may be a significant factor in America's attempt to maintain any moral high ground in its dealings with those who may oppose the ideals of altruism, liberty and peace.

Unificationists have an understanding that there exists a historical rift between Abel-type and Caintype spheres and that both the resentment and rage of the disenfranchised as well as the arrogance and insensitivity of its polar opposite is at the root of many of the world's struggles. Disunity of various religions has been at the center of many of the world's most serious conflicts.

A central tenet of the Providence of Restoration in the Divine Principle is the understanding that loving and embracing Cain is Abel's great challenge. In taking up that challenge it becomes paramount for Abel to exercise extreme humility in a mode of self-examination and self-effacement. Perhaps Paul Simon's call for the entertainment industry to examine itself is exactly what is needed to assist in the amelioration of the resentments that exist among the disenfranchised of the world family.

Rev. Moon's definition of love as being "the union of truth, beauty and goodness" has never held more currency at is does now. Unificationism teaches that Christianity is "the bride religion" and that America, as a Christian nation, has a unique roll in prepar-

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ing world Christianity to accept the Lord of the Second Advent.

Beauty in the aforementioned love equation corresponds to the feminine element of God's nature, which in Christianity is ascribed to the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity we now have a unique opportunity to give beauty (art and culture) a more prominent role in the process of bringing the ideals of Unificationism into the national debate and provide solutions to solve the problems now before us.

Art is often considered superfluous and non essential to the process of furthering ideals. Yet music corresponds directly to the function of the Holy Spirit in opening the hearts of men and woman and can be far more effective than "the word," which can often be a polarizing element.

Whither Music and Art

Whither music and art in our attempts to offer the world a solution to its current dilemma?

There have been numerous articles appearing in a wide variety of publications about Islam's resentment and anger towards the United States. A constant in all of these articles was the citing of the pervasiveness of America's morally bankrupt, depraved and nihilistic popular culture and its corrosive effects throughout the world. That, combined with what Paul Simon referred to as the "hyperbolic and aggressive selling" of such, makes holding a position of moral integrity difficult if not impossible.

Any culture that considers desensitizing disaster films depicting massive carnage and destruction, pornography that is sold on cable or the Internet, or the practice of necrophilia in a recent Broadway musical, a mode of benign entertainment, cannot be considered one having a high degree of moral integrity. That we claim ourselves to be a God-loving, Christian country, yet justify this behavior in the name of free enterprise and civil liberties speaks volumes about the current moral climate in Western societies. The erosion of our moral and ethical perspectives as well as the insensitivities towards others, has led to a moral relativism, that many in the world community sees as being contemptible—or worse.

In this regard the entertainment industry, which is the third largest corporate industry in America, must take a hard look at itself. To win the hearts and minds of the disenfranchised, a morally fit society must be humble enough to look at itself and examine its culture endeavors. History indicates that "Cain" will never follow a corrupt, arrogant, insensitive "Abel." Christian cultures must be self-effacing enough to recognize their culpability in the process of creating a culture of peace.

A Balanced Perspective

As a movement that believes that art should manifest qualities of altruism, nobility and godliness (truth, beauty and goodness) we should be at the forefront of the "moral revolution" in the arts. Gaining influence and the position to make the case for a new cultural paradigm should remain our strategy, but perhaps it's time to modify our tactics. In the current climate, the arts can, and should play a significant role in the process of change; and change is a process, not an event.

It is troubling to see that any scrutinizing of art and artists conjures cynicism, ridicule or sophomoric attempts to belittle those of good conscience by pundits on both sides of the political spectrum. On a recent visit to Rome, Cardinal Egan of New York suggested that American's might do a little "soul searching" in the aftermath of 9/11. Predictably, the liberal media is attempting to paint him as intolerant fundamentalist and conservatives are calling his remarks unpatriotic.

This begs the question: Do creators and producers bear any responsibility for the antagonisms that causes resentment, hatred and envy? There exists a fallacious notion that freedom of artistic expression is somehow sacrosanct and artists should not subjected to any culpability in how their art influences social mores or that art should be exempt

of any moral assessment. It is as foolish to think that that which we create is somehow above scrutiny as it is reprehensible not to condemn any radical extremists for their acts of vengeance.

Looking again at causal dimensions, it is apparent in Western societies that lowest common denominator motivations and bottom line corporate mentalities are now juxtaposed in very coercive ways. This gives rise to cultural expressions that are impossible to defend in any assessment of moral integrity.

Calls for censorship are not the answer. Defending civil liberties and freedom of expression is a sign of a healthy society. Yet pluralism cuts both ways, thus calls for a higher creative ideal should not be considered acts of oppression or intolerance. Why settle for less than that is beneficial to one's society? Why create that which denigrates our collective humanity? Artists have choices to make and the raising of consciousness among the arts community is one way to begin the process of ascertaining what might be considered a morally upright cultural perspective.

The following statement by 20th century German composer Paul Hindemith, whose moral fortitude was in great evidence as he stood up to Nazi terror in 1939, has often stood as a moral imperative for me as a go about my work as an artist.

"The composer who has become aware of the beacons that lead to truth and perfection, will then know about musical inspiration and how to touch validly the intellectual and moral depths of our soul. All the ethic power of music will be at his command and he will use it with a sense of severest moral responsibility. His further guides will be an inspiring creative ideal and the search of its realization, an unshakable conviction in the loftiness of our art, a power to evoke convincing and exalting forms and to address us with the language of purity. A life following such rules is bound to exemplarily persuade others to become associated. This life in and with music, being essentially a victory of external forces and a final allegiance to spiritual sovereignty, can only be a life of humility, of giving of one's best to one's fellow man. This gift will not be like alms passed on to the beggar; it will be the sharing of a man's every possession with his friend."

Hindemith, like the ancient cultures of China and see ARTS on page 12



Paul Carlson

s I write this article, America is hurting. First and foremost, my deepest condolences to anyone who lost loved ones and associates in the terrorist attacks. At least twice as many people perished on September 11th than did at Pearl Harbor. Ordinary citizens died in the heart of our largest city, and it happened on live TV.

Terrorism tends to come in bunches, but as this article goes to press, law enforcement has done an amazing job of tracking down the perpetrators. Let's hope this success continues.

Closeness

Here on the west coast we've been deeply affected. My pastor was invited to San Francisco's official prayer service at Grace Cathedral. The boss of a medical company I do many deliveries for (Mr. Burnett of Thoratec) died a hero in one of the hijacked planes.

A writer friend in New York City sent me a heartrending personal report. Her father, a construction worker, was one of the rescuers.

These events have united America in a way that hasn't been seen since World War Two. Our diverse religious leaders have shown a unified front.

Still, as a free people, Americans have expressed a variety of opinions. Some urged inviting hostile leaders to (what amounts to) picnics and group hugs. Other pushed the extreme of "kill 'em all and let God sort 'em out," even mentioning nuclear weapons.

Fortunately, America's leaders have demonstrated political wisdom, and military expertise, in this tricky situation.

Writer's Perspective

As a writer I have a certain perspective on these events. The events surrounding the World Trade Center were not unexpected. Tom Clancy's thriller *Debt of Honor*, published in 1994, has a scene in which a hijacked 747 destroys the US Capitol building. Below is an exchange (edited for brevity) I had with Clancy in 1996, when he spoke online:

Sushiwritr: You write about the future. What about when reality overlaps your story line?

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Greece and the early Christian philosophers, Augustine and Boethius, possessed a profound awareness of the moral and ethical power of music and art. Understanding that artists don't create in a vacuum, these societies encouraged artists to exercise a moral responsibility for the benefit of the greater humanity. The dissolution of Roman civilization was due as much to its own internal moral proclivities and the resulting social disintegration as it was to hostilities from its enemies.

There is plethora of great music and art all around us; art that was born out of the "inspiring creative ideal" that Paul Hindemith refers to. To continually lower our moral standards in the production and marketing of art and entertainment that, in the name of a culture that professes to have a sensitivity to the welfare of the disenfranchised, erodes the very ideals we profess to believe

If there is a silver lining in the tragedy that has befallen us, perhaps it is the window of opportunity that will allow for serious mode of self-effacing in assessing the role of art and artists in creating a culture of peace. To paraphrase Mr. Fontana, that may mean figuring out where artists fit in the global family. In the Truth-Beauty-Goodness love paradigm as defined by Rev. Moon, it would seem that artists will have a significant role to play. How we play it remains every artist's challenge. ��

Challenging Times

Tom Clancy: Sushi, that means I did it right! Dale Brown's novel Storming Heaven, also published in 1994, has a similar premise. In that story, the targets included San Francisco International Airport. (I had a brief email exchange with Mr. Brown which mentioned that novel.)

Another writer told me about a thriller novel called *Empyre*. Though rather comic-bookish, it almost exactly foretells the World Trade Center incident.

Was it a case of life imitating art? My writer's group was already discussing the possibility of "writers causing bad things to happen." As usual, we had divergent opinions. Copycat crimes are sometimes prompted by intense news coverage. Over a longer time period, petty criminals may imitate a crime (kidnappings, scams, etc.) they saw in a movie or read about in a novel.

Several of my friends thought that writers ought not describe terrible (fictional) crimes, because that could upset people, and even provoke a couple of sickos to actually carry them out. Others disagreed, saying that criminals will do their thing without prompting from any novelist.

Our general conclusion was that realistic depictions of misfortune can make society conscious of them, and thus, able to face them squarely. The TV show *All In The Family* and the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* were mentioned.

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I think Mr. Clancy would defend his portrayals of terrorism. Mere descriptions leave out almost all the (highly sophisticated) steps needed to actually pull off such an operation. The Trade Center attack was long and cleverly planned, and carried out by trained men, including at least four suicidal guys who learned how to pilot that specific type of jet.

Clancy and Brown may well be Cassandras, but many people did listen to them. (Clancy even lec-

tured at the CIA.) I'd say that's what he "did right" with his novel. Both authors made the point that it's almost impossible to defend against sudden airborne attacks. (From Brown's

1994 Author's Note: I hope it all *remains* a fantasy.)

Officials at all levels made serious preparations. Hence the smooth and rapid disaster response in New York and Washington, nationally, and even worldwide.

Responses

As the shock wore off, reactions poured in. Spontaneous expressions of grief were seen in virtually every nation.

Bill Gertz has become a recognized expert in this field. He has named the supporters of terrorism, even when most reporters kept silent, declining to ruffle certain long-favored feathers.

Experts such as Colonel Geoff Metcalf are finally getting a serious hearing. (See www.geoffmet-calf.com.) Our military and intelligence communities will gain new, and much needed, strength.

In the twelfth century

the Order of the Assassins, who were based in the Middle East, inspired terrible fear. Rumors of a stealthy visit once caused a panic in far-away Paris. And they didn't even have guns! Modern terrorists are trying to obtain a whole list of nasty 'weapons of mass destruction.'

By the time you read this, actions will have been taken. The British ruled the Middle East for decades, understood that culture, and were not afraid to take stern measures. Of course, indiscriminate attacks by the United States might cause a massive backlash

On the other hand, people imbued with those macho cultures regard pleas for reconciliation as a sign of weakness. Many of those desert and mountain dwellers have a brutal mindset straight out of primitive times!

America's leftists actually blame the United States for the attack, claiming that our policies caused the terrorist's resentment. Supposedly, if we didn't support Israel, the bad guys would leave us alone.

If one reads the terrorist's own statements, they accuse us for supporting *all* of the 'moderate' regimes over there, including Saudi Arabia. They condemn us for repelling Iraq, and for spreading our democratic and tolerant way of life across the globe. There is also an unspoken element of raw jealousy.

To sum up, the real fanatics hate us for simply

existing. They'd kill every American they could, and drape every surviving woman in a *burqa*. (Bizarre side note: while in flight school, two of the suicide pilots liked to hang out at a Florida strip joint.)

Unificationists are doing their part to heal the nation. We're in a good position to expand our ecumenical contacts and programs. We can work against blind prejudice, and help

Americans understand the noble heart of Islam. As has often been said, Osama bin Laden is no more a Muslim than Timothy McVeigh was a Christian.

Conclusion

No one respects personal rights, and dislikes governments controls, more than I do. Yet, terrorists cannot be allowed to operate with impunity. These days, officials could go from being a Barney Fife beat

cop to an Orwellian monster literally with the flip of a (hi-tech) switch. As I've said in previous articles, the 'heart' and 'intentions' of these guardians are what really matters.

These are challenging times. Our members, along with people of vision and faith everywhere, yearn for a better world. We've worked very hard to build the Kingdom, with wonderful results on many levels. No one thinks it's an easy road. The Last Days won't always go smoothly, and certain unsavory remnants of the past are not just going to fade away.

Let us continue our prayers and support for this good nation and its people. Let's hope they catch every one of those terrorists and bring them to justice. Hopefully, patriotic American Muslims will take some resolute actions, and help root out the extremists that have been hiding in their midst.

Last but not least, as Rev. Moon and Billy Graham both said, let's hope that from this terrible misfortune springs a great new spiritual revival.

Statute of Liberty Sept. 11

I wonder what she thought As she stood there, strong and tall. She couldn't turn away, She was forced to watch it all.

Did she long to offer comfort As Her country bled?

With her arm forever frozen High above her head.

She could not shield her eyes
She could not hide her face
She just stared across the water
Keeping Freedom's Place.

The smell of smoke and terror Somehow reduced her size So small within the harbor But still we recognized...

How dignified and beautiful
On a day so many died
I wonder what she thought,
And I know she must have cried.

Chris V. Davies, England

The Marriage of Archbishop Milingo and Maria Sung and its Outcome

by Rev Phillip Schanker

he unexpected and dramatic vents surrounding the return of Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo to Rome, his personal audience with the Holy Father, and his eventual decision to end his fourmonth marriage to Maria Sung and recommit to his vow of celibacy have captured the attention of Italy and the world. For many in the press and general public, this was the summer "soap-opera" or telenovella that provided entertainment during the sleepy vacation month of August in Italy. Lurid tales of kidnapping, hypnosis, and mental manipulation, all without basis in fact, fueled the image of an attack on the Holy Church by a sinister and diabolical cult. This is an image that serious journalists and objective observers will quickly reject.

On a more thoughtful level, some analysts and theologians have viewed these events within the framework of a confrontation between the Roman Catholic Church and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Such a characterization is embarrassing for the Vatican, which does not formally recognize the FFWPU, and frustrating for the Family Federation, which, while affirming the ideal of marriage and family as the holiest and highest value beyond all religious tenets, did not intend to "attack" the Catholic faith or any faith in particular. While the international press was incessant in the search for evidence of hostilities and accusations, a more thoughtful analysis reveals the inevitable positions, interests and misunderstandings by all parties involved.

The Roman Catholic Church

While the FFWPU cannot presume to speak for the Catholic faith, certain religious and doctrinal realities are clear. To the Church, the marriage of Emmanuel Milingo and Maria Sung on May 27, 2001 was invalid and could not be recognized. From this standpoint, the Archbishop had but one path to follow in order to maintain the standing in the church that he clearly desired to preserve: renounce the marriage and recommit to celibacy. This was an issue between the Bishop and his church, and the church did not originally intend to have to deal with Maria Sung. The Vatican's reluctance to facilitate a meeting between the Archbishop and Maria, and their seeming unwillingness to negotiate, though criticized by Maria's supporters and others, stemmed from this non-recognition.

Maria's demand to have the right to speak with her husband, and the Archbishop's consistent public announcement that he intended the same, were unexpected. The thrusting of a union that the Church considered both illicit and heretical into the public eye was an embarrassment. Maria's determined act of fasting, which added moral weight to her cause, was an unexpected pressure. The calculated use of media to publicize and dramatize her situation did indeed seem like an attack. For those in the Church who had only a caricature of the Family Federation as a cult, or had no grasp of the spiritual principles underlying the Marriage Blessing that brought the Archbishop and Maria together, the whole affair was incorrectly perceived as a calculated promotion or a shallow facade.

Far more profound are the issues

raised by the Archbishop's marriage: questions of the value of celibacy and the priesthood, as well as the moral indiscretions, previously hidden, that are increasingly coming to light. These are issues discussed by Archbishop Milingo himself as a major part of his motivation for marrying. They are important yet sensitive topics, and their discussion is alive within the Church even now. The public marriage of Archbishop Milingo has brought fresh attention to these concerns, and their further consideration is not necessary here.

The Family Federation

It is important to understand the FFWPU view of marriage and family and how it contrasts with Roman Catholic orthodoxy in order to fully grasp the misunderstanding that took place. On the surface, the Family Federation view of God-centered marriage is entirely consistent with the strong principle of family that lies at the heart of Catholic faith. Belief in the sanctity of life, and opposition to abortion, euthanasia, birth control, or any other attempt to interfere with the divine process of life are principles shared by both groups. There are clear sacramental differences in the ceremonies, but the real contradiction lies even deeper.

At its simplest level, the Marriage Blessing ceremony that Archbishop Milingo and Maria Sung participated in is an interfaith affirmation of the family as God's first institution, established in the Garden of Eden, and the foundation in all religions and societies for individual moral development, social harmony and world peace. Both clergy and followers of many faiths participate in these ceremonies on this universal basis. But why would the Federation allow a Catholic prelate, pledged to celibacy, to participate?

At the core of the Marriage Blessing ceremony is the Unificationist insight that the fall was, in fact, not merely the alienation of the individual from God, but the destruction and fall of the family as the vessel for God's true love. Adam and Eve, once blessed and embraced, were cursed and ejected from the Garden. Even as they were alienated from God, husband and wife were also separated from each other by mistrust and accusation. Parent and child, brother and brother were also alienated, and God was no longer present in the first human family.

Religions have been the vehicles to transmit love and morality, traditions and values to humanity throughout history, but their role is transitional and limited. It is the conviction of the Family Federation that the ultimate work of all religions is the restoration of God's ideal of the family, and that this new millennium begins an era of interreligious cooperation, centered upon the family. The Federation in fact has deep respect for the tradition of priestly celibacy, as it protected the ideal of purity and chastity throughout man's history of sexual immorality and false love. But the solution to immorality is not to cover or avoid it, pretending it doesn't exist, but to cleanse it through lasting love and Godly marriage. It is time, we believe, to transcend the limited traditions of all faiths, and reestablish the original tradition of holy and God-centered families, as Jesus spoke of in Matthew 19: 4-8:

The Family Federation respects all religions that teach living for others and moral purity. The Roman Catholic faith in particular is a global example of these virtues in practice. Pope John Paul II has been a model of compassion, reconciliation and unity, and is loved by federation members everywhere. But we recognize that the solution to humanity's problems lies not in the traditions of the Roman church, Rev. Moon's church, nor those of any one religion, but in the reestablishment of God's primary institution, the family, where human beings are meant to learn love, morality, and living for others.

The Confrontation

It is important to note that, despite media claims of "bitterness" or "attacks," the only criticisms ever expressed by FFWPU representatives during this cri-

sis were

those directed at the Vatican's apparent unwillingness to negotiate, and at promises made that were not kept. On two occasions Maria Sung, upon seeing a letter or a videotape of her husband, cried out in understandable emotion with claims of drugs or brainwashing. But no FFWPU spokesperson ever made such inflammatory charges, nor did anyone encourage Maria to do so.

Although Archbishop Milingo was clearly separated from his wife deceitfully, through a plan publicly acknowledged by its perpetrators, no suggestion has ever been made that this plot involved Catholic Church officials. No plan was ever conceived or implemented to legally denounce or accuse the Catholic Church. An early statement by an Italian FFWPU spokesman that classic techniques of deprogramming were possibly being used upon the Archbishop was not aimed at any Catholic official or institution, and was based upon information from followers of the Archbishop himself.

As the days passed and the intensity of the confrontation increased, the Family Federation began to receive phone calls and written testimonies from many who claimed to have been victimized by affairs with priests, illegitimate children, forced abortions, and countless other scandals. We made a clear and calculated decision to avoid all such scurrilous and scandalous allegations, out of respect for the dignity of the Catholic faith and the simple purity of Maria's cause. From the beginning, her request was clear, and compellingly just: the right to meet her husband in private, with no interference, to decide the future of their marriage. And from the beginning, the FFWPU position was also clear: to support the right of Maria Sung to meet her husband, and the publicly stated intention of the Archbishop to meet his wife, with the promise to honor the result of such a meeting. These intentions never wavered, and the promises were kept. The South Korean diplomats who mediated the situation can attest to the sincerity, flexibility, and integrity with which Family Federation members approached this difficult and problematic situation.

Archbishop Milingo and Maria Sung

At the center of this tragic story lies this couple, whose love and concern for each other was clearly shown from beginning to end. In every public appearance since his return, the Archbishop revealed his tenderness and feeling toward this woman. Shallow claims that the marriage was fake melted away in the knowledge of their three-hour, tearful farewell. No recriminations were uttered. No accusations were exchanged. They held hands, they embraced for just a moment. And as the Archbishop explained his unchanging love and loyalty to the church and the irresistible call of the Holy Father,

he told her that he would love her forever as a sister, while Maria struggled to let go. Everyone present was moved by the sincerity and depth of the feelings expressed. This was no simple brush-off, no cold formality. The church can rightly reclaim the devotion of one of its sons, but Maria deserves the acknowledgment of and respect for what was a real and loving relationship.

And what of Maria Sung's past? Though she had shared her former life with the Archbishop, she refused to discuss the growing awareness that she had lived in Naples, and that there was some secret she was protecting. Her reason? She did not want herself becoming the issue, and did not want to distract attention from finding her husband. She promised that once they were united again, she would tell Italy and the world who she was and all that had taken place.

When the couple decided not to be together, but to part, Maria continued to protect her past. However, determined journalists unearthed the truth: she had indeed been married before to a man in Naples. Yet as the entire truth was uncovered, it became clear that once again, Maria had been the victim. She was betrothed to a man who, unbeknownst to her, was not yet divorced from his previous marriage. After learning this, Maria waited months and years for him. When he failed to free himself and commit to her totally, Maria moved on. This was her secret, held to protect Archbishop Milingo more than herself.

Did the Archbishop know Maria before they married? She has always acknowledged openly that she had treated him months before, and in fact cured him of paralysis through oriental medicine. Her claim that no discussion or idea of marriage existed until just days before they were wed, however, is true. The Archbishop himself has publicly acknowledged that marriage had been the furthest thing from his mind.

Was Maria controlled? Was she used by those around her for their own organizational ends? Once again, as in the baseless conclusion that the Archbishop himself was brainwashed into marriage, this is a convenient answer designed to avoid the questions raised by Maria's protest. But John Allen, correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, after

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by Nadine Andre

n August 5-17, 2001 eighty young adults from twelve nations volunteered to take part in an innovative and challenging peace initiative, the Fourth International Island Friendship Service Project (IFSP) in the nation of Trinidad and Tobago. This project also launched the First Ambassadors for Peace Youth Initiative that will pave the way for many other such initiatives in the future.

The youth-based peace project is designed to build leaders of character and vision who are willing to get into literal 'trenches' in an effort to serve the people of the community. The action oriented program combines public service, character education, interreligious and intercultural exchange. The program includes a practical examination of issues regarding development and empowerment and graduates return to their home communities with a better ability to lead others on a path of peace and co-prosperity.

Call for a Culture of Peace

The environment for success was created by the collaboration of organizations from both the NGO and government sectors. The projects' co-sponsors, the Religious Youth Service (RYS) and the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) offered experience in the field of interfaith work and cross-cultural cooperation. The hosting organizations in Trinidad, the ROSE Foundation (a nonprofit organization) and the Ministry of Human Development, Youth and Culture (a government agency) offered housing, transportation, staff and program support. In addition, working with the Trinidad chapter of Habitat for Humanity, participants could experience and learn from a successful, world-renowned faith-based volunteer organization.

The UN designated 'Year of the Volunteer 2001,' has brought sustained and substantial efforts to promote activities that directly lead to 'Building a Culture of Peace,' another UN desig-

nated theme. The Island Friendship Service Project embodies the ideals of the UN goals while the Ambassadors for Peace Initiative draws together participants from a diverse cross-section of faith and cultural traditions and sets them on a path to model the heart of a volunteer and 'live for the sake of others.'

The Religious Youth Service (RYS) recruited international volunteers and built its interfaith service

program based upon 16 years of facilitating projects in forty nations. Throughout this time, RYS has successfully upheld its motto "World Peace Through Interfaith Action." Founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon of Korea in 1985 at the Assembly for the World's Religions, RYS has held nearly one hundred projects since its maiden project in the Philippines and its work has involved youth from 140 nations.

Trinidad and Tobago

Youth Ambassador's for Peace Launched in Trinidad and Tobago

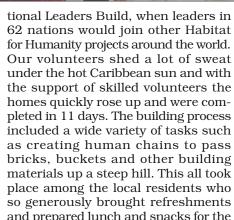
with its numerous ethnic and religious groups and its unique level of tolerance and cross-cultural cooperation provided participants with unique personal encounters in cultural diversity. The participants (16-19 years of age) came from twelve nations and created an environment of intercultural living and learning. Participants from various Caribbean nations, the United States, Japan, Korea, and China, joined twenty participants from the hosting nation. Many of these nations sent their youth leaders to the project in hopes that they would bring back home a deeper understanding of the qualities and challenges needed in order to build a culture of peace.

Work Service Within a Community

The work service component of the project mobilized the volunteers and members of the local community at three different work sites. The central work project took place with the gracious support of Habitat for Humanity and their Guaico Affiliate where participants joined numerous volunteers in the task of building two homes during the International Leadership Build. A sec-

ond work project brought our volunteers to the Saint James Mounted Police horse stables where the foundation for a stable wall was dug. At the third site in the impoverished Aripo Heights area participants refurbished and painted a neglected community center.

The staff had the opportunity to join with the Acting President of Trinidad and Tobago and a host of community leaders in breaking ground at the start of the project to construct two modest homes for low-income families This project was held during the Interna-



so generously brought refreshments and prepared lunch and snacks for the



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At the closing Habitat Ceremony, in which the President of Trinidad and Tobago attended, it was moving to see the new homeowners ask for the young workers and thank them personally with tears in their eyes. Ann Maria Thomas, one of the new homeowners, took a picture with the young people in her new home and told them any time they visited Trinidad and Tobago, "they definitely had a place to stay."

At the Mounted Police Site in Saint James, the policemen were particularly grateful. The Branch is known for

> their community service, so the fact that young people were giving back to them was especially appreciated. The site was visibly located on the road that was traveled frequently by Members of Parliament and the Prime Minister en route to their offices. Everyday you would see the official cars pass by and they in turn would see the youth working hard by the side of the road. This prompted Channel 6 to come out and do a story on the RYS and the work of the young people. The story heralded a

media frenzy that paved the way for a radio interview and two half-hour segments on primetime television shows in Trinidad and Tobago where International Director, Rev. John Gehring and Dr. Ron Burr, the Program Director were interviewed along with a number of youth participants. Miss Mi-ae Schanker and Mr.









by Twisibile Nthakomwa, Tanzania

Healing the body and spirit is integral to the medical field but it is also an important element in building an environment for peace. The human body requires a healthy way of life in order to maintain its fitness. For a nation to thrive in health, harmony among its people and among its neighbors is a prerequisite. The IIFWP's 2nd Ambassadors for Peace initiative went to work with the IRFF and RYS in creating an international service project that would build a medical clinic but also pull together diverse ethnic and cultural groups in a program of community building. The following is a report from one of the projects participants.

rom August 9th-22nd, the Kenya chapter of the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) in cooperation with the

Religious Youth Service (RYS) organized the 5th Africa Rising Project with a the theme of 'The Special needs of Africa: Implementing the Culture of Peace Through Health.' Our peace building effort included working to construct a medical clinic, sharing various education activities and learning through inter-faith sharing.

This project is part of a continued effort to promote development and peace within Africa under the banner of Africa Rising. The project was also in part sponsored by the Ambassadors for Peace and served as a way to begin training young

adults to step up to the responsibility of becoming Youth Ambassador's for Peace.

The Kenyan participants were male and female youth leaders representing various institutions that included universities, youth organizations and churches. Faiths represented in the project were Roman Catholic, various Protestant denominations, the African

Inland Church, and Islam. Similarly, all major and minor tribes in Kenya—Kikuyu, Kamba, Meru, Embu, Abaluya, Luo, Maasai, Kalenjin and Somali-were equally represented. Adding to the project diversity were international participants who came from Luxembourg, Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia. In total there were 33 participants joined a 2-day orienta-

IRFF/RYS Build a Medical Clinic in Lugari Western Kenya

United Nations Millennium Declaration

tion program in Nairo-

The opening ceremony of the Africa Rising Project took place on the 9th of August at the Wida Hotel in Nairobi. It was attended by a number of leaders including the Honorable Mr. Isaac A. Ruto, the Minister for Labor and Human Resource Development youthful Minister of Voca-

tional Train-

ing, Dr. Massimo Trombin, Executive Director of IRFF (Europe); Dr Chris M. Nyamai, Director of IRFF (Kenya), Reverend Yim Do Soon, the Continental Director of the Family Federation for World Peace (Africa) and Mr. Fred Wamisi, the Secretary General of IIFWP (Kenya).

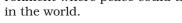
In his keynote address, Mr. Ruto called for cooperation and unity among NGO's who while working together should maintain strong moral standards. Kenya has become a nation filled with numerous NGO's and the perception of the work of these organizations performs is mixed. The Minister warned that 'nongovernment organizations must not be viewed as a journey for trade and economic benefit but should be recognized as contributors to society.'

The Minister noted with great admiration the volunteer participants who were gathered together from various countries and faith traditions. "You willingly give without pay, your own time, your energy and resources through service for the achievement of a health project. In order to have lasting peace, special individual interests should never overshadow universal interests as you are demonstrating through your work with IRFF. This work will

> stimulate individuals to live for a higher purpose."

Dr Trombin shared with those gathered the objectives of IRFF and with a special focus on the role it has in giving youth a greater opportunity to shape their destiny. He outlined the twenty five year history of IRFF and then shared the purpose of the RYS which has been an IRFF partner since in began in 1985. Both these organizations were inspired and in part funded by Reverend

Sun Myung Moon to create an environment where peace could take root in the world.



Orientation in Nairobi

The projects orientation on August 10th-11th was held in Nairobi and served to prepare us for the upcoming work. An additional program component was guided by Dr. Trombin as he encouraged small teams to gather and take part in team discussions on issues affecting the youth of our world. These discussions touched a range of subjects including, 'The role of youth in solving problems', 'Causes of conflicts in Africa and paths to resolution'; 'Learning how to implement a culture of peace'. Various leadership and communication exercises were also woven into the orientation in order to help each of us have a better understanding on how to be a good leader.

Participants left Nairobi in order to travel to the project site in the Lugari District on the 12th of August. On the way we toured Lake Nakuru National

Park and were inspired by the beauty of the pink flamingos and the wide diversity that exists in nature. Among the animals we saw were buffalo, black rhinos, elephants, baboons, zebra, monkey and antelope.

The Lugari **Experience**

The whole village of Marakusi in Lugari District warmly joined to welcome us on an opening ceremony at a local school. The ceremony was sponsored by the Women's Fed-

eration for World Peace-Japan who have for years been running that school and were bringing in a medical team to help during the project. In typical Kenya style, the District Officer, Mr. Sam welcomed the participants and thanked IRFF

ect. He urged the residents of Marakusi village to cooperate with the participants for the successful accomplishment of the building project and this they did! Construction of the clinic took

for the medical health clinic proj-

9 days with participants working extremely hard and managed to complete building to the lintel level and poured concrete work for the ring beam. The roof of the clinic was later put up by workers form the community.

On Monday the 21st, a team of Japanese members of WFWP arrived at the project site to offer free med-

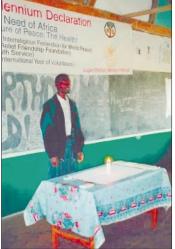
ication to the local residents. On the same day, a cultural program was organized for the participants which was very entertaining, inspiring and lively. The program included traditional songs, dances, sketches and poetry. In response, participants in their respective teams returned with entertainment of their own making. A local band from Lugari also played an entertaining the participants with such songs like Karibu Wageni wetu (meaning: welcome our visitors), Cinderella, Maraika and many more.

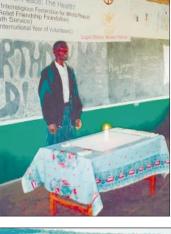
Apart from the community sharing during the cultural programs local residents jumped in on various sports activities. During the soccer games it was fascinating to see players share and cooperate in the friendliest way.

In the evening participants made presentations on issues of importance to the region. Talks varied and included titles such as: 'How to practice sexual abstinence'; 'Using your mind to control your body'. Presenters came

from various religious backgrounds and they also shared their own experiences and beliefs. Through the process of taking part in presentations, talks, work and sharing we could come to

an understanding that went well beyond the barriers of religions and ethnic origin. From our personal experiences we could realize how a culture of peace is to be implemented. ❖













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Kevin Brabazon, both children of interracial couples spoke movingly about their experiences growing up in America and how the RYS and Trinidad project had changed their outlook on life.

The participants also engaged in two additional service projects but of a very different nature. Teams of volunteers visited a local orphanage and a home for children with the HIV virus. Participants sang lighthearted action songs and presented gifts they had brought especially for the children. The interaction between the volunteers and the children was a deeply moving experience. Through the exchange the young adults took time to play and listen to

some of the children's stories. Undoubtedly, this was a special moment of happiness for many of the children but it was also a time of reflection for all the participants, something that will not be forgotten.

Youth Rally Promotes Moral Uplift

Midway through the project, a youth march and rally was organized at Sangre Grande under the banner of: Renewing and Rebuilding Our Youth. The march cele-

brated the U.N. International Day of Youth. Project participants stood sideby-side with local youth groups and marching bands calling for the healthy and moral empowerment of youth. This was the largest youth rally ever held in Trinidad. Various religious leaders exhorted the youth to "take a stand for goodness and virtue, as the future leaders of the next generation." Young people spoke from their hearts and Mr. Roger Bowles, the youngest Member of Parliament, gave the concluding speech. His talk highlighted the importance of youth training, going over and through difficulties and taking a leadership role that will help them to become role models for other young people.

The rally was topped off by music and dancing. Trinidadian youth and the international participants danced side-by-side showing each other the latest steps, moving and grooving to the beat of the island. The international participants loved the music of the steel pan, the official instrument of Trinidad, the only new instrument invented within the last 100 years.

Project Coordinator, Ms. Rhonda Thomas, who serves as a Youth Officer in the Ministry of Human Development, Youth and Culture shared the following observation. "This kind of celebration of purity, family and fidelity in marriage is important for our culture and we would like to mobilize the entire youth population of Trinidad and Tobago to participate in the future."



International youth experienced and enjoyed the culture of Trinidad and Tobago through music, indigenous crafts, sightseeing and meeting the people of Trinidad. As one of the young participants from China stated, "I want to connect with the heart and soul of Trinidad." The emphasis was also on building long and lasting friendships between all the participants.

Visits to Religious Sites

As part of the RYS interreligious focus, the group-visited places of worship of different religions, exposing the participants to different faith tradi-

tions. These visits included question and answer periods, discussion and sharing. The first visit was to the Bethel Spiritual Baptist Church in the San Fernando region. The Spiritual Baptist's blend of traditional African religion, centered upon Christianity with the flavor of the indigenous traditions of the island made for an interesting service unlike the Christian churches in the U.S.A.

The Sunday service that the group attended was known as a day of pilgrimage. This is when one church sojourns and trav-

> els to join in worship with another church. The two congregations, all dressed in white,

meet each other in the street in the form of a procession where there is singing, chanting and dancing before the two groups come in to worship together at the host church. The spirit is lively and high and the young people were acknowledged as honored guests of the service.

Trinidad has a large Indian population with many Hindu's and a substantial minority who are Muslim. It was important for the participants to have an expe-

rience with these faiths so a visit to a Hindu Temple was arranged that included being graced by an explanation of Hinduism through the Temple's spiritual leader. Islam plays an important role in the Trinidad culture and the participants visited as

in the Trinidad culture and the participants visited a Mosque, which included a talk and lively question and answer period. For many of the participants, even local participants, this was their first experience to be in a place of wor-

ship of another faith. More importantly, this was a rich opportunity to learn about other faiths through those that held those beliefs as sacred.

Cycle of Life

The program provided numerous opportunities to experience the wonders of nature and the beauty of Trinidad, yet the trip to Moruga the nesting place of the 500-pound leatherback turtle stands as a clear highlight. Once a year, huge female turtles migrate to this area of Trinidad to lay their eggs. Since they come out of the water during the cool of the night we walked the beaches around midnight and saw four of these gigantic turtles lumbering out of the ocean. The nesting process takes from one to two hours as the turtles dig holes about three feet deep, lay between 80-100 eggs, bury them and then slowly go back into the ocean. At a certain point each turtle goes into a trance and it is at this time one can safely touch them and marvel at the beauty of nature. The group also saw hatchlings, the little 3-4 inch long turtles that had just come out of their shells. The whole cycle of life

was on view to the group's enlightenment and delight.

Closing Ceremony: Ambassadors of Peace

The closing banquet and program of the two-week project served as the penultimate moment of the hard work, dedication and sacrifice of all those involved. Attended by a variety of dignitaries, the keynote address was offered by the nation's former Prime Minister, H.E. Patrick Manning. Joyful and excited participants performed by singing,



dancing and sharing traditional songs from their countries. The event was highlighted by a presentation to all the participants of the Young Ambassador for Peace Awards. The Ambassador for Peace movement is an integral part of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) and their efforts to promote family, community and global harmony.

The Young Ambassador for Peace Awards will for many of the graduates mark a major step in a training process that seeks to guide a new generation of peacemakers in this vast and interdependent world. The award signifies that the bearer has demonstrated the desire and the ability to work with groups of people from various nations, cultures and traditions.

It is clear that participants and staff grew from their efforts to serve Habitat for Humanity, the Mounted Branch of the Police Service, the Aripo Heights community and by sharing with orphans and children with HIV. Through their rallying together in the public square and drawing together in conversations, games and sharing, a new level of friendship developed that knew no boundaries. These friendships are a true sign of the projects success and provide hope and inspiration for the future leaders of tomorrow. ��

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two weeks with Maria each morning at her 6:00 prayer, hours of observation and personal interviews, wrote: "[Maria] Sung wrote her own script. If the Vatican, if anyone, doesn't like it, their beef is not with Sun Myung Moon. It's with Maria Sung."

Conclusions

An honest analysis must recognize the conflict within the heart of Archbishop Milingo, which he announced publicly on August 8, 2001. From the time he married Maria until he renounced her, the Archbishop proclaimed his undying loyalty to the Catholic faith, and made it clear that Rev. Moon was not asking him to convert. The Archbishop and those who supported him may have been naïve in hoping the church would change to accommodate his newly defined role as a married prelate. But when forced to make a choice between marriage and the church, Archbishop Milingo chose what he had always maintained was his priority- to follow the Pope and remain Catholic. The Family Federation, as promised, will support his decision, and the Roman Catholic Church seems to have prescribed a path for his forgiveness

and reconciliation.

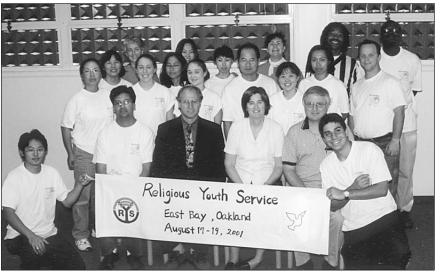
Many ask the question of who won or lost in this situation. Some point to the Archbishop's return to the bosom of his faith, while others consider the worldwide exposure given the FFWPU during this incident. Such concerns, while interesting, are secondary. The real losers are Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, whose future in the public arena of the Catholic Church activity is still a question mark, and Maria, who made a commitment of faith and stuck to it, yet was victimized by forces and decisions beyond her control.

But the Archbishop and Maria, in the midst of their pain, are winners as well. Monsignor Milingo, always controversial, has raised profound questions that will reverberate within the walls of the church from now on. Yet his high devotion to the church and the Vicar of Christ on earth emerge as his strongest value. Maria's simple devotion is similarly stirring, for she has announced that she will have no other husband, but will support and wait for the Archbishop until all eternity. This is both a statement of her respect for the archbishop's devotion to the church as well as a testimony to her conviction that their marriage blessing is real and eternal, and transcends the traditional, "...till death do us part." 🍫

RYS Bay Area team supports Operation Dignity

by Kevin Brugman

nspired by Hyun Jin Nim's vision for creating a youth service movement, and by the personal desire to work alongside religious youth and young clergy m to find solutions to social problems, the local CARP leader (Markus Voneuw) and I wanted decided to create a local RYS program. We contacted the International Director, John Gehring, to get his input; and we were grateful and inspired by his support for having an ongoing RYS program in our





local area. Markus also worked together with members of our local interfaith committee to get advice and work with our clergy contacts to find participants. Our first project was held from August 17-19. Youth from the Muslim, Christian, and Unification community worked side-by-side to clean and refurbish rooms for lowincome families who needed temporary housing for an organization called "Operation Dignity".

of religious or national background, we were all moved with compassion to help the small children who would stay in the rooms that we prepared. With equal importance, the RYS participants became friends and felt a bond of heart despite our religious differences.

Regardless

The leadership of "Operation Dignity" and the Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center, where we worked, were also moved and inspired. We will definitely work together in the future to help more families. Markus Voneuw is currently working with the city of Oakland to organize a project in November. Oakland city officials were inspired by our work with "Operation Dignity", which is in Oakland, and the vision of RYS; and they asked us to help them refurbish a local high school.

The upcoming RYS project with the city of Oakland will be held November 10-12. We are currently working to organize a local RYS Community Gathering for religious youth, which will be modeled after the Bay Area Family Church Prayer Breakfast, which brings religious leaders together once a month to our church facility. Through this ongoing gathering of religious youth and our service projects we will advance the cause of service for others, family education, and inter-religious dialogue in the San Francisco Bay Area.



by Rev. R. Thillairajan

RYS in Sri Lanka: In a Land Where The Religious Youth Service (RYS) is a project of the International Interreligious Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) and is active in working on creating projects that can help heal and reconcile people of diverse and often antagonist backgrounds. The 97th RYS project was recently completed in Sri Lanka, which has been torn by a violent civil war. This project was organized and run by the Sri Lanka RYS chapter an is the eighth project hosted in the nation since 1992.

he Eastern part of Sri Lanka is very special in many ways. It has many lagoons and waterways and look very pretty to visitors. The place consists mainly of Tamils who are Hindus and Christians and Muslims. Even the Batticaloa Tamils and the other part of the Tamils have difference in their speaking ways also have some animosity in the field of employment opportunities and marriages.

Muslims have their own distinctive way of living. Animosity between the Tamils and the Muslims in many ways has increased in recent years in part because of the increased animosity towards the government for its use of intelligence officers from Israel. In recent times the Tamil insurgency has gone in to a mosque and killed all in attendance and several clashes between the two communities have since arisen since that event in an environment of growing distrust and misunderstanding

Zone of violence

Our RYS service and peace project was held on August 23-26 under the theme, "Youth working to build a culture of peace." Hosted at Manresa, a Catholic Jesuit retreat center the project was carried out on what is called a 'Cleared area' which is bordered on the other side of a lagoon by an 'uncleared' area. In the cleared area the Main roads closed around 7 PM and

Blood Flows we Work for Peace moving after this time is at best risky

and troublesome. Wise locals remind visitors that they "really don't want to go into the 'uncleared area". The idea of working in this zone of

violence started to take shape two years before during an international RYS project in Kotagala which is located in the peaceful high country of Sri Lanka. The Kotagala, RYS project received the support of Dr. Henry Victor of Eastern University and he sent five capable graduate students of the Comparative Religious department to work with our international and interfaith team. These participants were deeply moved and when they returned back to their university they feverously helped to promote the ideals of RYS in their war torn region. This August, students, along with the project co-director's, Ravi Galhena and R. Thillairajan and Fr. Saminathan of Eastern University were finally able to accomplish their dream by bringing a working project to the Eastern region.

Work project

Our work project was found through Dr. Ganesh who is a psychiatrist as he asked our volunteers to help create a garden for the patients in the front and back of the ward. We also agreed to help him to make a pond and hut and landscape and beautify the whole area. The hospital staff volunteered to help on many of the preparations including arranging lunch and tea. The work in front of us was more then enough for our thirty volunteers and an eager

The project co-director shared this about preparing for the project.

"I would stay at the Director of Comparative Religion Department; Fr. Saminathan's church when working on the project. On one of those nights Sri Lanka's insurgents (LTTE) went into the highly secured international airport and the Air Force Base and destroyed and damaged half of the air fleet in a few hours. The whole country went into a state of shock which we are not sure when would recover."

Yet despite this environment of fear, Vijendren and several of the RYS alumni at Eastern University who are currently lecturers helped to find twenty qualified participants for the project.

The interfaith component of this program was diverse and strong. The Ramakrishna mission under Swami Ajarathmagananda sent several participants and they led one of the morning meditations for the RYS. The Franciscan Community sent two young nuns as participants and were very supportive since the IIFWP had already conducted a one-day seminar for the entire Franciscan nuns in Sri Lanka in their Provincial house on the theme "Building a Culture of Peace".

Also joining the program under the direction of the Sufi Muslim Maulavi were three participants from Kathankudi, which is within a couple of miles from the mosque that had experienced the carnage by the insurgents. With the support of a wide range of religious leaders the basic ideals of RYS being understood and appreciated in a profound manner.

The one shortcoming in our selection was the limited level of Buddhist Singhalese participation. This was in part of the mounted tension in the region due to the attack on the air force. Participants and staff are determined to increase this representation on the

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next program.

Terrorist Strike Before the Project

On the 21st I, Vijendren and Rev. Gnanaponrajah departed to the Batticalo town from Nuwara Eliya after knowing the news that the rebels have attacked the Central Police camp in Ampara and six-tractor load of weapons had been removed. This location is just two hours by road from the project site. On our way we were delayed at the first check point as they insisted that we shouldn't take any things in our van. They delayed for about two hours as none of us could speak fluent Singhalese to communicate properly to the police officers.

Finally when they found that we are priests and going to a program and let us cross the Mahavelly dam to proceed. We arrived at the Manresa and spent the next day meeting to make sure of the work preparations and prepare for the arrival of the participants.

When the participants arrived they represented a diverse religious and educational background and most had been involved in previous community service activities. The qualities of the participants helped make this project very special. Some were specially curious for as students they had taken comparative religion and they were eager to know first hand about the faith of others.

The Project

The first night introduction was very warm and the following day every one woke up to the Islamic Meditation at 6:30 A.M. It was conducted by one of the participant who is a Maulavi (Priest). The morning Meditation was conducted at the rooftop with clear blue sky with birds flying in groups and the Monkeys playing at the treetops. Then after breakfast the participants created their visions.

We had three dynamic groups led by capable leader and assistant leader. The groups were very enthusiastic about their discussions and were very eager to present it to the whole group. By the late afternoon leaders and their assistance and the site coordinator went to the site to mentally prepare for the next days work. As we were discussing some said that they thought it is going to be a small garden and they didn't expect such a scale of work to be accomplished in a day. The evening was devoted for the preparation for the cultural night as well as the preparatory discussion for the next days work.

The next morning we were at the roof top for the meditation and eagerly waited for the Swami Ajarathmagananda arrival. Promptly he came and led the meditation in a pleasant, spiritual and intellectual manner that most people who have questions were answered and the Swami himself enjoyed the encounter. We had a quick breakfast and went to the work site. The pond the RYS has donated has been completed. The entire place has to be cleaned, the pond has to be cleaned, a hut to be made, pathway to be laid with old bricks, soil to be prepared for gardening and planting the plants and seeds. The removal of garbage, weed and stones took some time and then soil was leveled and brought in for landscaping.

All participants were on a line passing sand and bricks and worked very hard. The lunch was ordered from the neighboring shop and served with such a love and care to the participants by the doctors and nurses. The participants commented that they have not worked like this in their life and felt that it was easy when they do it together. One of them commented, "When we unite and work not only the work could be easily done but I feel love and compassion for all the participant regardless of what religion they come from."

Around 5 P.M. we had a gathering to thank the hospital staff and the hospital staff thanked us for the valuable contribution.

Every one returned to the Manresa for a wash and was in the room at 6:30 P.M. for a Video show about the Little Angels Children's performance in North Korea and the North Korean Children's visit to Seoul. The beauty of the performance and the meaning of the encounter energized the tired bodies before the dinner. After the dinner some wanted to postpone the cultural night as they were feeling very tired. With the persuasion of the group leaders we had the cultural night at the rooftop with the emergency light on.

The cultural program provided a wonderful occasion to see other hidden talents and enjoy the group and individual performances and despite our tiredness it went on till past 11 P.M. though the night restriction at the retreat center was until 10 P.M. The Anglican Priest, two nuns and the Christian participants led the morning devotion the next day. It was lively with the bible readings, songs and prayer. After breakfast we had the reflection. Many of the group's vision have been accomplished during this period. Then the certificates were awarded and we had the final lunch.

Many of us wrote in our reflections that we have gone through profound change by listening and appreciating others who are not like us and who have a different view point. We felt that the misunderstanding between religions can be rectified and that each religion is seeking to guide us to be a better person showing compassion towards others. One Christian realized deeply that the other religions are not against Christianity. Some memorable experiences of participants include: 1. How quickly they over came shyness and felt the brotherhood. 2. They came to interact with the different religious people and learn and know more about them in a short time. 3. The resentment towards another religion because of the past conflicts in the areas vanished from their heart. 4. They found something about their own personality and others and how one can look at people in a positive way even at the people who are so different from their personality. 5. They felt that the morning meditation had tremendous influence in their understanding and experiencing other religions. One Christian stated that he is going to read the bible in his home because of this

experience. 6. The service at the Psychiatric ward had a great impact. Many participants had not been to the ward in their life. Talking and working with the patience they learned some thing about mental illness. Dr. Ganesh informal encounter and short talks about the mental health of the patients was quite educational. They felt that if we work united that we can accomplish any hard work. The ladies felt that they can work equally hard as men and gain a certain confidence. 7. Some said they were touched by the video and cultural evening program. 8. They all want this program to continue and possibly have another opportunity to participate. 9. Some want to do some small service projects on their own in the villages. 10. One Assistant Director of Education who came to the work site to meet the Vice Principal was moved to see all religious people worked in harmony. He asked me how he could help me. So I asked him if he could get the students from the 30 high schools we could do similar program in the future. He is fully supportive. 11. The local media was supportive and promised to publish an article with the pic-

That evening we went for a dip in the sea and enjoyed a nice meal prepared by the wife of the Assistant Director of Education. Later that night I and Rev. Gnanaponrajah, though very tired, reflected how we could bring this programs to other places in Sri Lanka. We have decided to go from the eastern part of Sri Lanka to the western part of Sri Lanka to do the feasibility studies to have a RYS project in Mannar.

MEDITATION

Heaven is...

by Rygo Foss

eaven is just another one of those mysteries on this earth that we can never be sure of. It is fascinating to think of what is going to happen to you after your time on this earth is done.

As much as I want to name the fantasies of what heaven will be, we can never be sure, so our imagination will have to do. I believe we were all put on this earth to serve a purpose, to be the best person we can be. After helping God on this planet and being a good person, you eventually have to die. Many people who have had near-death experiences have often said that they go back to different times of their lives, have flashbacks of the many things that happened to them.

I believe that, to an extent, that does happen to a person, before you enter the gates of heaven. Once you actually enter heaven, you are among your family and the great people of this earth. Gorgeous weather and the greatest golf courses will surround you. Oh wait, maybe Arizona is heaven? I think that a person's greatest joys and pleasures will be waiting for them in heaven, a place among the clouds and God.

You have to earn your way into heaven. I think it's kind of scary to think of doing the wrong things here on earth and paying for it for the rest of eternity. I don't believe in reincarnation. I couldn't imagine myself coming back as someone else or something else. If you ask me, I think it's

ridiculous but I guess I won't know till I know.

Many people often say that they don't want to live till they're old and want to die when they're fifty, but I don't. I think I'll die when I'm eighty to ninety years old, lying in bed looking up at my kids and satisfied with my life. I want to see my kids have kids and their kids have kids. Enjoy retirement and play golf every day. When my time

comes to go to heaven, I'll be ready. Heaven motivates; it gives you incentives to do the right things while you are here on this earth. Heaven is a place where you'll meet grandpa again and learn from everyone there and enjoy yourself for the rest of eternity. I just hope I make it there.

Rygo is a 17 year-old 2nd Generation in North Dakota. ❖

Sri Lanka Launches another RYS Peace Initiative

by Rev. Ratna Thiliagaraja

reparations are now being made for a national RYS project in the Western part of the country (Murungan). RYS alumni are working with the Assistant Director of Education to put together a suitable work service project which will be to make a play area for the local school.

We are expecting 40 to 50 participants selected by the Department of Education and the National Youth council. We are planning to use a Methodist Church Residence for our housing.

In Sri Lanka's sensitive political situation it is important work with organizations and individuals that are respected by leaders from both sides of the civil war. In this region of Sri Lanka the education officers are considered neutral in the conflict for they work fairly with people on both sides. The project is taking place close to the zone of conflict and it seeks to provide public service, religious cooperation and a model of community building.

This is the ninth project RYS has held in Sri Lanka since the 1992 regional project. Since January, 2000 four projects have been held and their has been a continuous interest and follow-up after each program. Projects have drawn support and worked in cooperation with organizations such as the Rotary and Lions Club, various religious organizations and the inspiring Sarvodhia movement. •

INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE

Turkey: International Leadership Seminar New Vision for Peace

by Prof. Eliezer Glaubach-Gal.

nitiated and sponsored by the IIFWP in partnership with the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO), the World Media Association (WMA), and the World University Federation (WUF), the conference, "A New Vision for Leadership through Public Service: Toward Peace in the Family and Peace in the Nations" was held July 13 - 15, 2001, in Istanbul, Turkey

While the Middle East is immersed in hostility and belligerence, with blood shed daily in the Holy Land, a large group of Peace activists courageously met in Istanbul to talk Peace. Over 100 delegates came from countries close to the core of the Middle East conflict, i.e. Palestinians, Israelis, Syrians, Lebanese and Iranians, as well as from countries including the Gulf Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Tunisia, Morocco, Somalia, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Finland, Iceland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Malta. Also in attendance was a distinguished delegation from the host country - Turkey.

A central purpose for the Seminar was orientation and leadership training for those actively leading IIFWP national chapters.

This Seminar continues in the line of three types of preparatory meetings. First were the International Education Programs sponsored by IIFWP and WANGO for more than 180 countries in the last two months of the year 2000. These conferences focused on moral renewal, the reinforcement of the family structures, responsible citizenship, and the development of a global attitude and consciousness of caring for the fate of others. These are the basic goals

ers. These are the basic goals, vision and ideals of the IIFWP and its Founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

Secondly are the major conventions in New York and the United Nations. In January of this year, the IIFWP sponsored the "Convocation of World Leaders", conven-

ing 800 world leaders at the United Nations and dedicated to the theme of "Dialogue and Harmony Among Civilizations".

Finally, are the series of conferences of which this Istanbul seminar are a part. IIFWP leaders have convened core national leaders in 6 previous meetings covering every major region, and all nations. Thus this seminar explored through 5 major areas of consideration the essential vision, guiding principles, and current programs activities of the IIFWP.

Sessions featured panel debates, training workshops, and discussion groups

all carried out with the end goal of information and guidelines for carrying out IIFWP work at local centers of activity.

IIFWP Chairman, Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, delivered an inspiring speech stressing such universal values as the family as the school of affection and morality, and furthermore the wellspring



from which people learn to care for the fate of others. This essential impulse makes it possible to overcome the self-ishness and barriers that separate people along lines of race, nationality, religion, language, ethnic groups and culture. Herein lies a unique take, and a genuine key to taking up world problems at their very root of origin.

History teaches us how tragic these deep-rooted divisions can be, it is imperative at this stage to evolve a global consciousness capable of underlying a Global Culture of Peace.

The IIFWP conducts its affairs in the context of a wide range of institutions

and branches whose goal is the advancement of peace among nations, such as:

* Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace - IIFWP

* The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

* Women's Federation for World Peace

* Youth Federation for World Peace - YFWP

* The Professors' World Peace Academy - PWPA

* The World Media Association, including United Press International, The 'Washington Times,' The 'Middle East Times' in addition to a wide range of publications

* The World University Federation
The activities within this framework
carry an unrivaled vitality and intensity driving such projects as Peace Zones;
Humanitarian Service Projects; International Education Programs towards
Democracy and Peace; Environmentalism & Ecology Seminars; The Renewal
of the United Nations; launching of The
World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO); Training
Seminars for Ambassadors for Peace; A
major AIDS initiative and other projects
of international scale.

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Helping Developing Nations Cut HIV Transmission

by Karen Judd Smith

uilding on years of grassroots work by many IIFWP Affiliates, IIFWP is intensifying efforts to rally the support of civil society to focus on HIV/AIDS prevention strategies with a special focus on developing nations most affected by the pandemic.

Realizing the value of each human life, long term goals target zero transmission. But the most immediate concern is for maximum prevention of transmission of the virus with minimum cost in terms of human, monetary or natural resources.

The UNAIDS Declaration of Commitment ratified at the Special Session of the General Assembly on June 27th, 2001 "acknowledged that prevention of HIV infection must be the mainstay of the national regional and international response to the epidemic;"

Amongst many facets of this complex issue, the document:

* Recognizes that poverty, underdevelopment and illiteracy are among the principal contributing factors to the spread of HIV/AIDS and notes with grave concern that HIV/AIDS is compounding poverty and is now reversing or impeding development in many countries and should therefore be addressed in an integrated manner;

* "Emphasizes the important role of cultural, family, ethical and religious factors in the prevention of the epidemic, and in treatment, care and support, taking into account the particularities of each country as well as the importance of respecting all human rights and fundamental freedoms,"

* "Affirms the key role played by the family in prevention, care, support and treatment of persons affected and infected by HIV/AIDS, bearing in mind that in different cultural, social and political systems various forms of the family exist;"

Just prior to this UN General Assem-

bly Special Session (UNGASS) on HIV/AIDS, IIFWP held one of its International Leadership Seminars in Nairobi, Kenya entitled "A New Vision for Leadership through Public Service: Toward Peace in the Family and Peace in the Nations." The urgency of the HIV/AIDS epidemic naturally brought to the forefront, discussions of the kind of "strong leadership that is needed at all levels of society for an effective response to the epidemic."

In relation to HIV/AIDS there were two outcomes of this seminar. First, Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, President of IIFWP committed IIFWP to focus more intensively on helping solve HIV/AIDS crisis. Further, the seminar generated its own "Nairobi Commitment," to which most of the participants gave their clear support. This document was then circulated at the UN Special Sessions and to each country's Permanent Mission to the UN. These were the first steps of the IIFWP HIV/AIDS Initiative.

Shortly after the UNGASS on HIV/AIDS, IIFWP kept the momentum going by convening an "Expert Working Group" in New York City on July 11th. The purpose of this was to broaden the base of expertise and resources to be made avail-

able to those who need information, expert support, access to promising practices, educational materials and so forth.

The Expert Working Group brought together people from twelve internationally active organizations with expertise in limiting HIV transmission and cultivating alternatives that help youth avoid risky behavior. The consensus of this group is that scientifically and ethically sound projects and programs having a clear message of abstinence outside of marriage is the most strategic focus for sex education intended to curb HIV transmission.

To be effective, some of the organizations had developed character education components in their programs as their method for effecting the sustainable "behavioral changes" needed in effective prevention, care and treatment strategies. One organization, the International Educational Foundation was fully focused on the work of character education and so is a valuable resource in this area.

Other organizations contributing their expertise included: Free Teens, USA; World CARP; the Pure Love Alliance; the Center for Educational Media; the Women's Federation for World Peace International; HIV Avoidance Program (Nigeria); Religious Youth Service; World Peace Institute; World Association of NGOs; American Family Coalition; Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International.

The range of expertise and years of experience available through the Expert Working Group is very encouraging and covers many areas including:

* HIV Avoidance Programs for Africa; * the integration of HIV/AIDS and vocational training programs in Africa;

* seminars on Sexuality, Character and Family Education and Love, Marriage and Sexuality;

* material development for educators;

* curricula development for schools; * tours and activities targeting high

* tours and activities targeting high school and college students with an emphasis on service for personal transformation;

* abstinence education, public awareness;

* peer mentoring for abstinence education;

and more.

The urgent need to fund the clear and effective solutions already available was

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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

A Teenager Hears God's Voice: A Revelation From Jesus

by Linna Rapkins

ather was a teenager. He was 16 years old. Even though no one told him to do it, he always got up early to pray before he went to school. He was very serious.

One Easter morning he awoke before the sun came up. He put on his clothes and climbed a nearby mountain. Then he began his morning prayer. He didn't pray for new clothes or fancy foods or even a bigger bowl of rice. Instead, Father prayed for the suffering Koreans. He prayed that he could understand all about God, all about Jesus, and all about the world.

"I pray that I can be very wise so I can help other people," he prayed over and over. "I pray that I can have the greatest faith in all the world. I pray that I can have the most love, even more love than Jesus."

After a long time, something happened that made this the most important Easter of all. Suddenly, standing there before him was a man! He seemed to have appeared out of nowhere.

"Hello," said this man, "Do you recognize me? I am your friend, Jesus."

Father was shocked. He couldn't speak. "Can this be true?" he thought. "Is this actually happening, or am I dreaming?" Jesus looked real enough, but Father wanted to be sure. Then he was able to understand that it really was Jesus, because suddenly, like a movie before his eyes, Father started seeing all the things that had happened in Jesus' life. He saw how Jesus was born in a stable, how he preached on a mountainside, how he healed the sick, how he died on the cross—everything!

Then Jesus said to him, "I came to earth almost 2,000 years ago to save the world from Satan. I was the Messiah. I wanted to make this world into a beautiful and loving place where everyone could be happy. But they killed me before I could finish my work. Now, another person must be the Messiah and finish my work for me. I will help that person. I have come to you today, Sun Myung Moon, to tell you that God has chosen you to be this very special person."

Father listened very carefully, feel-

ing a bit stunned. He had asked to understand all about God and the world. But to be the Messiah? This was much more than he had asked for. He felt humbled. He took it very seriously."

This is an enormous responsibility," he prayed with a most sincere heart. "I want to do Your will, God, more than anything else in the world. I do want to live my life for You. But I don't want to take this responsibility lightly. If I say I'll do it, then I must be absolutely determined to really do it." He prayed for guidance. He wanted to understand what God really wanted of him. He prayed for a long, long time. Then Father began to feel achy and miserable all over. He began to cry. The tears came faster and faster. Soon he was sobbing. "Oh, it hurts so much," he cried to God. "My heart is aching. I feel like I can never stop crying. Why is this?"

He bent over in pain. He was feeling the pain that had been in God's heart for so long. He was feeling the misery of all the people who had suffered while on earth. He was feeling the pain of the Korean people who had suffered for many, many years. He began to really understand why God needed him so much. He knew he could never turn away from God's sad heart and all the unhappy people in the world.

That day he made a commitment before God. "I WILL take responsibility for this important work. I will use my whole life for overcoming evil in the world. I want it to be a beautiful, happy garden again." From that moment, no matter how much he suffered or how tired and discouraged he became, Father never changed his mind. He never said, "It's just too much for one man to do." Instead, he always said, "I'm determined to do it."

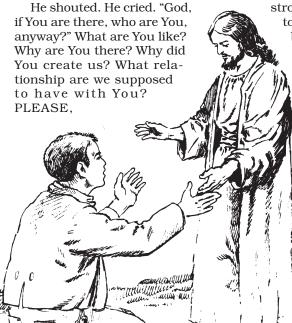
More Revelations

After that Easter morning, even though Jesus said he and God would help Father, they left him on his own for many years. Father had to do the first part all by himself.

But what should he do first? He said to himself, "I've agreed to finish Jesus' work. But how do I start? Do I just tell everyone I'm the Messiah?"

Every day he prayed and prayed and

prayed. He would often go to a certain mountain to pray. Even when he was sleepy and hungry, he would keep on praying. Sometimes he walked along a riverside—thinking, praying, thinking, praying. Other times, he felt so desperate, he would kneel down and pound the earth with his fists." HOW do I save these people from Satan? GOD! Please show me what to do."



PLEASE tell me!"

His fists kept pounding the earth. His tears flowed. Finally, one day God gave him an answer. "We're supposed to be like a Father and a son."

As Father prayed he began to understand how important this was. "Oh, yes! God is our Father. He is Heavenly Father. I am His son. All people are His children. That's it! The most important truth in the whole universe! Oh, thank You, my Heavenly Father. Thank You."

Then came his next question. "So what went wrong? Why don't we have a close Father/son relationship? Why aren't we one big happy family? Was it Satan? But who is Satan? Where did he come from? You are only good. Satan is bad. You wouldn't create anything bad, would You?"

"No, I wouldn't," answered Heavenly Father, but He had to leave it up to Father to find out what had gone wrong." Then how did evil get here? Couldn't you just destroy it? You're all-powerful. Why do you let evil stay here? Why? Why? Why?"

He had so many questions, and it was so hard to get answers. God couldn't just tell him the answers. Father had to figure it out himself, and then ask if it was true. Little by little, he was able to learn many things about God, about the world, about Jesus, and more.

Then he had another problem: Satan. As Father learned more and more, Satan became more and more worried. "Hey," he snarled, "If this guy learns about what happened in the Garden of Eden, I'm doomed. I've gotta put a stop to this nonsense. Not since Jesus came to earth have I had such a headache."

Satan tried desperately to stop Father. He told him lies. He tried to deceive Father and make him think there was no such thing as Satan. He tried to tempt Father to stop his work. He tried to make Father see how much he would suffer if he kept this up, and how much happier he could be if he just went home. Satan was very clever. But Father was always more clever. He would catch Satan at his tricks.

Satan even tried to beat him up. He tried to crush Father. He was very strong, and he got other evil spirits to help him. They fought a bloody

battle. But Father was so determined and so strong that he won!

Father really started questioning Satan then. "What did you do against God?" he shouted. "What did you do to Adam and Eve?" Satan refused to answer. He just folded his arms and stared at Father with an ugly smirk on his face.

So Father had to guess. "Were you a person?" Satan just shook his head and sneered." Were you an angel?" Satan looked very angry, but he had to admit that, yes, he was an angel. Father was too much for

him. He got more and more of the truth out of Satan. He even began to understand how Satan had felt in the Garden of Eden."

You must have been lonesome, right?" asked Father. "Yes," admitted Satan." You must have wanted to be with Adam and Eve, right?"

"Yes!" Satan was squirming. "You were happier with Eve than with Adam, weren't you?" "Yes, yes!" Satan was very upset. He tried to escape. But Father fought with him, made him listen, made him answer. Bit by bit, Father got the whole story out of him. Satan was furious. Father had learned all about his secret crime, and not even Jesus had been able to do that before!

A Man of Tears

For nine years—starting at age 16—Father worked on learning all about God's universe. He even learned about spirit world. He was the first person to understand that God had been suffering because of what Satan had done.

"Oh, Heavenly Father," he prayed. "You had no mouth for telling us how You felt. You had no arms for hugging us. You had no legs for chasing after us when we ran away with Satan. If one of Your children was hurting, You couldn't do anything about it. All You could do was feel the pain Yourself and cry and cry. Oh, poor Heavenly Father! I'm so sorry no one could comfort You all these years!"

Over and over he cried to Heavenly Father, "I'll never leave You. I just want to work for You and make You feel better." Father couldn't stop crying. Day after day, night after night, he cried. His face became so swollen from the tears that, at times, his neighbors couldn't even recognize him.

This was all very important to Heavenly Father and Jesus. Father's tears helped them feel a little better. At last, someone understood how they felt. They loved Father very, very much. ��



DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

How, Where and When Christ is to Return

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ecause of the prophecy in the 26th chapter of Matthew, the historic position of the Christian Church is that Jesus' return will be effected spectacularly: he will arrive on the clouds of heaven, accompanied by myriads of angels trumpeting his momentous arrival. At that moment, all true disciples—both dead and alive—will be caught up to him in the heavens and be taken away to dwell with him eternally in joyous bliss.

For Divine Principle, as for much of modern scholarship, such a scenario is improbable in the extreme. As prior volumes have indicated, the Messiah is the one who comes to restore the lost ideal of God and fulfill the original purpose of God's creation. Since this divine ideal is to be fulfilled on earth, it is inevitable that the Messiah will do his work with his feet on solid ground.

The Second Coming will therefore take place much as the first coming. The Lord will arrive not announced by angelic trumpets, but born of woman on earth. He will establish a kingdom which, in the words of Jesus, is coming not with wondrous signs to be observed (Lk 17:01), but which is to be an earthly reality founded among the peoples, races and nations of the world.

Supernatural arrival

Regardless of such logic, the supernatural arrival of Christ is still the expectation of many conservative faithful today. Many are the stories of the fundamentalist believers who wake every morning with their eyes toward heaven, anticipating that this might be *the* day.

It can hardly hurt us to be aware that this was also the anticipation of many Jews at the time of Jesus. The cause of their assumption was a prophecy in the Book of Daniel: *I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man.* (Dan. 7.13)

As we know, Jesus did not arrive on the clouds. Not only did literalistic interpretations of the prophecy in Daniel thus not prove helpful, they actually had the opposite effect. Influenced to expect a supernatural manifestation of the long-awaited Son of Man, pious Jews rejected the actual Messiah who came in a much more terrestrial manner.

Less dramatic prophecies

It is interesting to note that there were other, less dramatic Old Testament prophecies concerning how the Messiah would arrive. Given the apocalyptic atmosphere of the times, however, they were perhaps not so appealing. One such prophecy is that of Micah, where we learn that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem—on earth. Micah writes: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from old, from ancient days. (Mic. 5:2)

Regardless of the manner of the first coming, not a few people today still insist that the prophecy of Daniel 7:13 should still be taken literally—but only with reference to the Second Coming. We are told that the author of Daniel was looking beyond the first advent to the second, and this is the one which will take place on the clouds.

While such a line of argumentation is somewhat ingenious, it collapses quickly under serious consideration. Prior to the advent of Jesus, no one even thought of a second coming. Indeed, the Gospels tell us that Jesus himself mentions it only at the end of his ministry. No Israelite at the time of Jesus would have thought that Daniel's prophecy applied to anything other than the advent of *the* Messiah. As Jesus indicated (Mt. 11:13), all the prophecy of the period prior to him was to be fulfilled through him.

A symbolic expression

That the writer of the Book of Daniel had the vision he described is not in question. However, Divine Principle advocates that such a vision be understood as a symbolic expression of spiritual reality. As we have mentioned previously, heaven is frequently used as a metaphor to connote great value, sacredness or goodness. Representing and embodying these qualities, we may say the messiah would come on the "clouds of heaven" or, in other words, with the power and presence of God.

Contemporary research on dreams and visions is pertinent to all of this. Whereas Freud understood dreams as cloaked expressions of human drives and instincts, many thinkers since him, including his disciple Carl Jung, see both dreams and visions as efforts of the subconscious to communicate with the conscious ego, using its own language—the language of visual symbols.

The key to understanding the meaning of these spiritual, psychic events is to understand the symbolism that their various images possess. The inner meaning of a dream or a vision, whether it be from the subconscious or from God Himself, is thus carried in its visual symbols. Its significance is often not to be gained without thoughtful reflection.

When Jesus came two thousand years ago, it seems there was great faith—of a sort—among the Jewish people. Some prayed day and night in the temple. Many memorized the Mosaic Law. Most made honest efforts to keep the commandments and laws which had been handed down to them. In addition, they honored fast days and offered tithes. In all these behaviors they demonstrated sincere faith in God.

Yet in some critical way the devotion of the Israelites went askew. When the Messiah came, he went unrecognized. Because many of the chosen people anticipated that the Messiah would arrive supernaturally, they failed to recognize Jesus as the Promised Deliverer.

By relying on this same apocalyptic expectation, conservative Christians today may make the same mistake. When the Lord comes again, he will appear as a man on earth, not a divine figure descending from the skies. Such an awareness is critically important for, as the philosopher George Santayana has said, if we do not know our history, we may be doomed to repeat it. ��

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underscored by those who had just flown in from Africa. The emphasis is therefore, to provide simple yet compelling solutions that can be effected with least resources. To this end, and in order to support the efforts of the UN to achieve its prevention goals, especially among young men and women, the Expert Work-

ing Group will continue to meet. It will also further develop the seminal "HIV/AIDS Prevention Tool Kit" proposed by IIFWP as a mechanism to make widely available, the educational tools, training and information essential to limiting HIV transmission. Various aspects of the Tool Kit are already under development and the Kit will be available to interested persons in the upcoming months.

Other recommendations came out

from the working session including a clear call for partnerships between those present so as to more effectively make a wide range of resources available to educators and other African based NGOs. The American Family Coalition confirmed its interest in making its access to America civil society a resource for the HIV/AIDS effort in Africa.

Perhaps more than any one particular outcome alone, the working session did elicit commitment to a more united

and coordinated effort to renew personal commitments, to pool resources, and to make them available to assist the urgent work of transmitting clear understanding of the "principles of healthy living" thus blocking the transmission of HIV.

If you are interested in receiving information and updates about release of the Kit, please send your contact information indicating your interest in the Tool Kit to: toolkit@iifwp.org or fax to: 1-914-381-1868. ��

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by organization Secretary General, Dr. Thomas Walsh, Dr. Frank Kaufman, director of the World Peace Institute expounded upon the interreligious aspect of international conflicts. WANGO director Mr. Taj Hamad explained the inner nature and mission of NGO's in world affairs. Fulbright Fellow Professor Kenneth Gray of Al Akhawayn University in Morrocco presented on scholarship and education, Dr. Jeoung Myoung Kim, from the Mohammad V University in Morocco, presented on Media in that session.

Most inspiring at the Istanbul Seminar, in sharp contrast with the ongoing bloody conflict in the Middle East, was the profound brotherhood and unity of purpose concerning the need for reconciliation and peace between nations, for the benefit of the present and future generations. As customary in international conventions, business was conducted via plenary sessions and discussion groups; the striking thing was that in the Middle East discussion group

all the participants upheld unanimously the view that "we all have more in common than we have differences." A friendly and favorable atmosphere prevailed.

Bearing in mind that President Saadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Rabin of Israel were assassinated by murderers from among their own people by reason of their dedication to the cause of Peace, it is more than ever befitting to undertake this series of conventions in the Middle East, bringing together delegates from both government and nongovernment sectors.

There can be no question that the attendants at this assembly coming from the hostile countries have shown great personal courage even at the minimal level of even participation. Surely these very people will rise to become the best and most dedicated emissaries for the long- awaited Peace.

The European delegates in turn devoted much attention to solving conflicts on the continent. These delegates hoped to transcend the failures following the seeming end of the cold war, with a new and workable vision for peace in Europe. •

Song for a True America

The love of god enrays our shores, more bright than the brightest sun. From every land upon the earth the yearning people come

And people from around the world in all their different ways Were made to come here by their Lord for love and better days

Here men in joyful friendship live and children shout with glee And all partake of God's good grace, the gift of liberty

Here in God's true america you're free to love your lord In aspects He reveals to you to make you true and good

Here hearts are joined and spirits sing and wars of hatred fade That makes of γ ou a better man and a better world is made

For every man has hopes and dreams like yours and just as strong And joined together heart to hand will work to right all wrong

For 'tis God's will that men should live in peace and brotherhood And truely it's this way of life that makes our nation good

What, then, makes the might of america when all is said and done Why it's all the people gathered here, the love of everyone

God Bless our True America

Jon Schuhart

40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Michael Mickler

uring the Years 1972-1974, the Unification Church emerged as a national movement in America. Not only did all the missionary groups merge by the end of this period, but national membership multiplied ten times, evangelistic crusades were held in all fifty states, substantial properties were purchased, international conferences held, and a controversial "Answer to Watergate" statement circulated in full-page advertisements bought in most of the nation's major newspapers. By the end of this period, the church's rapid growth had provoked controversy and confrontation. However, prior to considering that, it is important to understand how the movement achieved rapid growth, stability and prominence in the 1970s.

to the national movement. In this sense, it is appropriate to date the birth of the Unification Church of America from his arrival.

The Third World Tour

In late 1971, Rev. Moon returned to the United States as part of his third world tour. Accompanied by Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Won Bok Choi, Mr. Young Whi Kim (President, HSA-UWC, Korea since Mr. Eu's death in 1970), and Mr. Ishii (Director, HSA-UWC Business Enterprises, Japan),

the party arrived in Los Angeles, December 11, 1971. Denied United States visas, ironically because of alleged communist affiliations, the group flew to Toronto,

A National Movement

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or Japan, the birth of the American movement coincided with the beginning of a new phase in his ministry.

The plan required not only individual commitment but also coop-

eration among missionaries, existing centers, bus teams, newly appointed state representatives, and itinerary workers. As David Kim put it, "This time, all groups will work together to expand our Principle Movement centering in existing chapels, centers, churches, and their members." Leaving little to chance, Rev. Moon announced that personnel from all three groups would be transferred to other places and a rotation system enforced. In any case, the seven-city tour was the first project ever carried out by the national movement. Although the plan was clear enough, it awaited implementation. Not only did pioneers have to be selected and trained, but a revival meeting itinerary

had to be arranged, halls rented, a program set up, posters made, tickets printed and buses purchased. Later, state representatives had to be selected and assigned, bus teams formed and itinerary workers appointed.

The first step of preparation for the

Area, Rev. Moon also visited the Berkeley Center. Although Mr. Choi's Re-Education Foundation contributed fifteen pioneers and the Berkeley Center thirteen, of more significance was the coming together of the two groups on January 11, 1972. As reported in Miss Kim's New Age Frontiers, "That night, history was made as the San Francisco and Berkeley Families came together at the Re-Education Center to share a meal and to hear our leader speak."



Previously, Rev. Moon journeyed to New York City where he rented the Lincoln Center for three nights (February 3-5, 1972) and charged the local center with making plans for the first of seven revival meetings. By January 8th, the New York center chose its theme, "The Day of Hope: The Day of the True Family," designed what would be the tour's official poster, and set about finding a church to rent for the pioneer training program. On January 14, 1972, the pioneers arrived. Housed in the three-story, stone and stucco Bronx center, seventytwo pioneers and staff traveled daily to St. Steven's Methodist Episcopal Church, where they were accommodated more comfortably for meals and lectures in the basement social hall. The training session focused on building solidarity, a difficult task, given the factions which had developed in the American church.

One pioneer wrote: "There are about eighty of us. We come from different centers throughout the United States. We didn't know each other when we first started. Each of us had different songs, different ways of praying, and different ways of applying the Principle. It was hard to unify at first. But we knew it was necessary."

Unity became increasingly necessary as the opening revival date drew nearer. With less than three weeks to go, training moved from St. Steven's Church to the streets of New York City. It became increasingly clear that Rev. Moon's training program and style of uni-

fication were decidedly experiential. Under his direction, the attainment of solidarity within the ranks would come as a result of shared experience. In January, 1972, that meant hitting the streets of New York City in mid-winter to sell revival tickets at \$6.00 each (\$18.00 for three nights) to hear an unknown evangelist. That training was emphasized as much as visible results was evident both in that pioneers were not allowed to sell in pairs and in the rule that tickets be sold only for all three nights.

One pioneer well expressed the existential burden borne by the ticket sellers:

"New York City! Your streets are filled with emptiness. How much of our blood is going to be claimed by Satan? Were we really equal to the task? Then we began to try. And it didn't work. And we would pray for strength and courage.... Then we would be faced with ourselves again. Sell a ticket....we had to go out on the streets by our-



Father speaks at Carnegie Hall

Basically, this development was the result of the Church's organizational initiatives, favorable conditions of American national life, and most importantly, the presence of Rev. Moon.

In terms of organizational initiatives, the three-year period between 1972-74 divides into two eighteen-month phases. The first, beginning January 1972, focused on the attainment of internal solidarity. Consisting of a series of pioneer training programs, this phase culminated in the achievement of a viable national structure in all fifty states by July 1973. A second phase, building on this national network of support, focused on the attainment of public visibility. A series of highly successful "Day of Hope" speaking crusades culminated in a full house at New York's Madison Square Garden on September 18, 1974 and a triumphant eightcity tour concluding in San Francisco and Los Angeles in December 1974.

Favorable conditions in American national life, particularly a ready supply of youth disillusioned both with American society and with the countercultural alternatives of the 1960s also contributed to the church's development. In addition, the crisis of the Nixon Presidency afforded the movement an opportunity for national exposure. However, of far more importance for the emergence of the Unification Church as a national movement was the unifying and energizing presence of Rev. Moon. Just as the early missionaries shaped the character of their groups, Rev. Moon gave substance

Canada, the following day. As a result of efforts of the three missionary groups and their contacts, the situation was clarified, and Rev. Moon was granted visa clearance extending until March 14, 1972. On December 18, 1971, he arrived in Washington, D.C.

Speaking almost every night from December 21st through the 30th, Rev. Moon assembled members for a four-day training program from Friday, December 31 until Monday, January 3. Conducted by Mr. Young Whi Kim, who "taught the Principle as it is taught in Korea," it was out of that weekend that what later became known as "the plan" emerged. As reported in Miss Kim's New Age Frontiers, the plan was "to hold revival meetings in seven major cities-New York, Philadel-

phia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Berkeley." While Rev. Moon indicated his desire to hold public meetings on his arrival in Los Angeles, it was not until the four-day training program that the plan was activated, and on January 4, 1972, a joint meeting was held with East and West Coast leaders to launch the movement's first national campaign. Since Rev. Moon had never spoken publicly either in Korea



En route to the U.S., December, 1971

tour was the selection of pioneers for the two-week training session scheduled to begin in New York City on January 14, 1972. On January 9, Rev. Moon flew to the San Francisco Bay Area for consultation with Mr. Choi who, in David Kim's words, "still had many things to readjust to the new development of our Principle Movement in the U.S." While in the Bay

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pairs. People were in a hurry or would stop and tell us it was great, but they never come in the city at night. Or that we were good salesmen but they had another commitment. And nothing worked. Weren't we giving everything? Something deep inside reminded us that there was something we were holding back, something that we were yet embarrassed about or afraid to do. Then we did this thinghonestly, totally—it still didn't work. We couldn't even pray then. It was as if we were entirely deserted.... We were struggling our absolute best and losing before we had even started. It was agony... hell. We weren't "we" any longer, but lost and rejected individuals, each person in his private desperation."

While pioneers hit the streets, local center members in each of the seven cities set up speaking dates, rented halls, did mailings, printed programs, bought ads, put up posters and sold tickets wherever possible. In this sense, the tour required movement-wide coordination as well as increased individual commitment. Each revival stop featured opening remarks by local directors, music by the Unification Chorale, introductions by W. Farley Jones, President, Unification Church, U.S.A., and three nights of talks by Rev. Moon. Translated from the Korean first by Young Whi Kim and later in the tour by Bo Hi Pak, Rev. Moon's topics were: "One God, One World Religion," "Ideal World for God and Man," and "The New Messiah, and the Formula of God in History."

Despite the efforts of pioneers and existing centers, the tour was a constant battle against anonymity and, in the Eastern cities, against the elements. In New York City bitter weather limited attendance to between 350-450 people for the



Day of Hope Tour, Washington, D.C.

three nights even though many more tickets had been sold. In Washington, a blizzard not only hindered the turnout but stranded pioneers in Frederick, Mary-

land, when the bus carrying them to California broke down in heavy snow. On the West Coast, the weather was not a problem. Still, it was not until Berkeley that the tour had its first full house. There were a number of reasons for the Berkeley success. Perhaps most important, it was the last stop on the tour, and the center there had the longest amount of time to prepare. Following Rev. Moon's visit to the Bay Area in early January, 1972, the Berkeley Center rented a large room (capacity: 700) at the Claremont Hotel and of various types, and prior to the tour's arrival, neutral to positive articles appeared in both the Berkeley Gazette and Oakland Tribune. In addition, the tour had become more polished, and ticket prices were reduced to \$6.00 for the three nights.

mobilized five committees—Tickets, Literature, Publicity, Physical Arrangements,

and Follow-up—to prepare for the March

9-11, 1972, revival. Berkeley traditionally was fertile ground for new movements



Family members prevent a heckler from disrupting Father's talk in Alberquerque, New Mexico

Finally, Rev. Moon, who had suffered with the flu during the first six cities, was in good health for Berkeley. For these reasons, the pioneers finished the seven-city tour with a "feeling of having triumphed."

> Although the Berkelev stop-over was gratifying, that particular success was less an end than a beginning of the movement's active evangelizing. Far more ambitious crusades were to follow. At the same time, the first priority of the movement continued to be the attainment of internal solidarity. This was especially clear at a meeting of Bay Area members and pioneers in San Francisco following the Berkeley revival. In response to a question on how the San Francisco group and the Berkeley group would relate in the future,

one pioneer recounted Rev. Moon's "hurricane-like fury at Satan and the division of the American family": "They are one!" he thundered. "There is no Miss Kim's group and Mr. Kim's group and Mr. Choi's group. There are no groups. They are all

Mr. Moon's group. Missionaries will be recalled to Korea. Members will be interchanged, and all members will go through my training, even your president, Farley Jones."

What Rev. Moon's training called for was a three-year period (1972-74) of total mobilization. The first step in this training involved the selection and assignment of "state representatives" (SRs), "itinerary workers" (IWs), and evangelical bus team members. To coordinate these groups, an entirely new organization was born. •

by Dr. Mose Durst

This article first appeared in the Daily Review, Hayward, CA:

s our nation reflects on the tragedy in Littleton, Colo., let us ask ourselves what kind of children we want, what responsibilities we all have in raising them and what special responsibilities schools bear.

As families, communities and a nation, there is general consensus as to what we want our children to be: caring, respectful, compassionate, honest, responsible, loving kind, and generally virtuous.

For children to act in these ways and for them to grow into virtuous adults, all of the institutions of our culture must work together to reinforce these ideals.

As a family has the primary responsibility, it must be helped by schools, religious communities and the larger culture, especially the powerful vehicles of popular culture which strongly impact young people. The institutions

Sustaining a Virtuous Society

of culture comprise a moral world.

Children need to experience the coherence and consistency of their moral world. Meanings and values need to stick together (cohere) if their world is to nourish them properly and if they are to grow into healthy adults.

Schools are an important moral bridge for young people, since the school must reinforce the best of what a home values and also strengthen a child to understand and to act well in the larger cul-

As character educators have emphasized, schools must teach students "to know the good, desire the good and do the good."

Schools face an especially difficult job if parents have not provided clear moral values for their children and if the larger culture is indifferent or hostile to the virtues I outlined above.

The parents, the schools, the communities and the larger culture all share some responsibility for the tragedy in

Littleton.

Schools, especially, must re-evaluate their responsibility, for children are in school to develop into good citizens who can in turn nurture and sustain a virtuous society.

We must ask ourselves honestly if our schools are in fact succeeding in this goal.

The tragedy in Colorado shows the need for schools to provide a principled education that clarifies and reinforces the Judeo-Christian ideals which are the source of our country's values. Do young people learn that the core of Judaism is "Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God"? Do they understand a central teaching of Christianity: "Love your enemies"?

If we want our children to mature into just, merciful and loving human beings, they need to be taught what has motivated the best of American culture from the Mayflower to Martin Luther King Jr.

Public schools must no practice religion, but they must not run from it. We teach the political, economic, social and scientific dimensions of culture, yet we avoid the religious.

The Supreme Court and the major teachers' organizations explain the importance of teaching about religion in schools.

It is not an easy thing to do, but then neither is educating young people into mature adults, whom we admire for their loving-kindness, for this is also a responsibility of schools.

[Mose Durst is chairman of the board of the Principled Academy in Hayward]

(Note: The Principled Academy, like New Hope Academy, was set up by members of our movement to provide education to 2nd generation BCs as well as to children of others seeking such a healthy environment. Dr. Durst is actively involved in the teaching and administration of the school, and recently published a book on Principled Education.)

This is from the Seung Wha Address given by Rev. Henri Schauffler

n September 11, 2001, our National Messiah Missionary to the nation of Pakistan, Thomas Edward Wojcik, slipped into speechlessness in a hospital in Richmond, Virginia, a hospital he has visited many times in the last three years. 9 -1-1. World Trade Centers. United States. Afghanistan. Pakistan. Chong Goo "Tiger" Park. Lee Shapiro. Tom Wojcik. Last Friday, Sept. 28th, with his family gathered around him, Tom Wojcik ascended into the World of Spirit.

Now, I'm not one to easily attach significance to everyday lives, but the life we are honoring today is not an ordi-

nary life. So, just why are we here today?

We are here today to be with his family to joyfully offer Tom to Heaven as he begins his Eternal Life and his new mission in the Spiritual World. In the tradition of the Seung Wha Ceremony, we celebrate Tom's passing. We are not mourning his passing, but celebrating and honoring the life he lived on earth, and the life he will live forever in Spirit with his family.

Who was Tom Wojcik? You can read the details of his life in the program. What we want to do this morning is get into his Heart.

From the Bible: Matt. 5: 6-Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Tom Wojcik is a man who hungers and thirsts for righteousness. Indeed, he is a righteous man. How did he hunger and thirst for righteousness while on Earth?

He hungered and thirsted first and foremost to be a True son of god, after the example of our True Parents. He hungered and thirsted to do God's Will everyday of his adult life. He hungered and thirsted to be a True Husband to his wife Kitty, and a True Father to his six beautiful children. And, he hungered and thirsted to be a True Brother to all of us.

"Tom, today, according to the promise of our Lord, be filled. You lived it, Brother.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Edward Wojcik

thirst for righteousness?

Actually, have not known Tom very well personally. But, since 1979, I have known Tom through the countless people who have told me of his righteous life, and how he helped them, raised them, trained them, challenged them, loved them. Tom and I were pioneer CARP members in America, but we rarely met. I, in the East and he, in the West. We had in common a love for America. a love for the brothers and sisters we were responsible to help, and the loving training and guidance from our Elder



Brother, Tiger Park. Mrs. Park is here with us today.

In his continuing hunger and thirst for righteousness, Tom offered himself for the matching and Holy Blessing, and was Blessed to Kitty Jenkins in 1982. Kitty told me, "No question, God matched us through True Father. Tom is the only man who could have been strong enough to subjugate Kitty Jenkins into the object position!"

Tom was always on God's Frontline. He fought communists in Germany. He volunteered for missionary work in Zaire. He was a missionary in Russia. He volunteered again to go to Pakistan. He fundraised, on the street, up until very

How can we see Tom's hunger and recently. Tom certainly had the perseverance and determination needed to run a business or excel in some field. But he hungered and thirsted for righteousness, for the Indemnity Front Line of God's Will. He wanted to be free and flexible to go where God needed him next. He had an unquenchable passion to do God's Will. And he persevered through all difficulties and challenges.

Tom Wojcik was also a solid family man. But not in the way some might expect. He set the tradition. He set the conditions. And he set the example, out on the frontline. Kitty said recently,

> Tom was amazing. He spirit was ever present in our family, but he was rarely home. He was always out, working for God or for the family"

> When I look at Tom's beautiful children, Tath, Misun, Gil, Sonny, Tommy and Natalia, and I think of his wife's deep, deep love for him, I am reminded of Jesus telling us in Matt. 7:16, 'You will know them by their

> I'd like to note that Tom and Kitty are both American born of European descent. Many in their Blessing group are international and interracial marriages. In that sense, they are an exemplary American Blessed couple and Blessed family. Tom was a Vietnam Vet. He suffered untold Hell in war before meeting God and True Parents. He loved Amer-

ica with all his heart. He was proud to be an American son of True Parents, traveling all over the World teaching God's Word and God's Love. "We're proud of uou. Tom."

I know that Tom's only worry on Earth is the well being of his family and the victory of his children. That's why he hung on to his physical life for so long. He wanted to make sure they would be strong and victorious. In the past, hundreds, from all over the World, have poured out support for this beloved fam-

"Tom, don't worry, we're with Kitty and the family. We'll be with them and help them remain. We are all one familu in God and True Parents. Go and do God's Will!"

Tom Wojcik truly loves Pakistan. He told people all the way to the end, as sick as he was, "I'm going there soon, to work." He felt it was his destiny. Pakistan. Afghanistan. United States. Tiger Park. Lee Shapiro. Tom Wojcik. 9-1-1. Coincidence? I do know that America and the World are forever changed since Sept. 11th. I know our movement will never be the same. I know that the future of World peace lies in the hands of America, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Pakistan is absolutely key to solving the problem of terrorism in Afghanistan, and, therefore, terrorism in the World. I know that Tiger Park, also in the Spirit World, is a National Messiah Missionary to Pakistan. I know that our dear Brother, Lee Shapiro, per-

Kitty believes Tom was waiting to go to Pakistan as he lay in the hospital for his last two weeks on Earth. "Tom, God's speed! We're with you! God and True Parents are with you!"

ished on mission in Afghanistan in 1987

during the war there.

Finally, I feel humbled to be here delivering these remarks. I aspire to live as righteous a life as Tom Wojcik. I sometimes draw back, where I know Tom presses on and preservers. I dream of a family legacy as solid and beautiful as his. Tom Wojcik's life is an example to us all. We all hunger and thirst for righteousness. Tom lives it.

"Thank you, Tom. Thanks for your example of righteousness, perseverance, love and faith. Thank you for your beautiful family, that brings joy and hope to our community of faith. Thank you for loving America. Thank you for loving Germany, Zaire and Russia. And, thank you for loving Pakistan."

John 11:26 says, "And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die!"

Tom Wojcik lives on as he ascends to the world of spirit. Let us send him off with joy and hope!

"We are with you, Brother Tom. Your family is with you. God and True Parents are with you. Go, our Brother, to your new life in Spirit. We look forward to hearing more about your righteous perseverance for Heaven, in Pakistan, or wherever you may work. And work we know you will! We'll see you in the Kingdom!" 💠

World CARP Leadership Workshop in Lithuania

by Alexander Yershov

The 3rd Special 21 Days Workshop, A New Leadership Paradigm for the Settlement Age, took place from May 28 till June 17 in Druskininkai, a town in the southern part of Lithuania, near the border with Poland and Belarus. The town is famous for its picturesque nature, natural mineral springs and has many resort facilities, including the workshop venue, the Vilnius sanitarium

here were over three hundred participants at the Workshop. More than half were young leaders from the Northeast Continent and missionaries to NEC, 75 came from Japan, 45 from Korea and 25 from Europe

The general schedule was the same as that of the first 2 workshops with Hyun Jin Nim's speeches at the beginning and the end of the workshop, Rev.

Sudo's lectures, testimonies of Church elders, reports from CARP Chapters, sporting events and Special Challenge Days. Of course there were exams on the contents of the lectures, a repentance and re-determination night, and a graduation ceremony with signing of the Leader's Pledge. A new feature of the Workshop was larger number of elders' testimonies, including Continental Directors Dr. Joon Ho Seuk and Rev. Sa Kwang Kee, Rev. Ahn, Rev. Su Won Chung, Rev. Hyun Shil Kang.

The staff of the workshop faced many fficulties in organizing the event. Due to a last minute cancellation of the original venue in Moscow, the new workshop site was decided literally only a week before. The membership foundation in Lithuania is very small, so we had to bring all staff volunteers from other parts of NEC. Therefore all the staff members were strangers in the country, sometimes not knowing very well how to get necessary things, unacquainted with complicated visa formalities and other general affairs of various kinds.

Victory through Challenge

The problems increased once the workshop was underway. Just one day before he was supposed to start lecturing, Rev. Sudo fell down on the slippery floor of his bathroom and broke a rib. Naturally we had to postpone his lectures for several days until he became better. Luckily he was very courageous overcoming physical pain and determined to give all the contents he originally intended to give. Many people told that they were so moved not only by the content of Rev. Sudo's lectures, but also by his stoic attitude.

Despite all these difficulties it was a great workshop. Hyun Jin Nim was very happy to see young leaders and feel our spirit.. Most of us felt much

closer to him and realized new bonds connecting us to True Family. Since this was the main goal of the workshop, we can say that the workshop was a success. Many participants shared that they received much grace and had new determination to work for their missions.

Although there were some difficulties with overcoming language barriers and understanding of other cultures, participants shared that they had good experience with their brothers from other countries. For example, many Koreans shared that they w touched by purity and devotion of young members from the Northeast Continent and felt greater responsibility as elder brothers, while many young members testified that they felt very warm heart of their elder Korean and Japanese brothers. �

An Otherdimensional Primer The Spirit Body and the Physical Body

by Kerry Pobanz

uestion: According to St. Paul, human beings are meant to become aware that they not only have a physical body but also a spiritual body. If we all possess these two bodies, how are they related to each other?

Answer:

Tt is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

I Corinthians 15:44

And yet, man after death is as much a man as he was before, so much so as to be unaware that he is not still in the former world. He has sight, hearing and speech as in the former world. He walks, runs and sits as in the former world. He lies down, sleeps and awakes, as in the former world. He eats and drinks as in the former world. He enjoys marriage delight as in the former world. In a word, he is a man in each and every respect. From all this it is clear that death is not the extinction but the continuation of life, and it is merely a transition.

-Emanuel Swedenborg

Where is your spirit now? When you sleep, where is it? In your head? Where? Once you leave your physical body, you are in the spiritual realm. This is like coming out of water into the air. God is omnipresent, He is everywhere. So you can be everywhere in spirit. . . . After you die, your spirit can come back right here, but it does not occupy space in this air as you do now. Your physical being occupies so much space in the air. But your spirit can go right through my body and out the other side. It still has form, but it can go through anything material. It is not restricted by the physical. . . . You may see spirit forms as life-size. But that spirit can live and work in the realm of an atom. -Sun Myung Moon

Discussion

"t is probably best to begin by pointing out here that many of the world's Imajor religious traditions incorporate the notion of the human person possessing, in addition to the physical body, some kind of ethereal, non-physical soul-body that continues to survive after death. In Christian mysticism, as aforementioned in St. Paul's writings, it is the spiritual body; in Tibetan Buddhism, it is the bardo-body; in Judiasm, the coach-ha-guf; in Hinduism, the linga-sharira; in Sufism, the jismi-i-misal; in Theosophy, the astral body. Clearly, spiritual experience around the world and across the ages affirms the existence of a distinct spirit-self which indwells the physical self during life on earth, and which continues to exist and grow after the death of the physical self. Our major questions here, then, are: How is this true? and Why is this true?

Let us begin by proposing that the universe is structured on the principle of expression, that is, of an inner

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dimension that is present through an outer expression, or of an invisible internal which becomes manifest through a visible external. Thus, we know that the mind, which is invisible, exists because it is expressed or represented through our external facial

expressions and bodily gestures, as well as through our manifest efforts to communicate using certain words and ideas.

As it turns out, the mind-body relationship in human beings, in more general perspective, exists as the spirit-flesh relationship, or as the cosmic relationship between spirit-self and physical self. The spirit-self, which is eternal and causal, is designed to achieve critical expression through the phenomenal physical self, and while on earth, the human person lives through the dynamic give-andtake relationship between these selves, otherwise existing as the unity of these selves.

The spirit-self, while ethereal, is not at all insubstantial but is, rather, composed of the same subtle substance as one's thoughts and feelings. Again, it is probably best to begin by recognizing that the spirit-self has the same shape as the physical self and its vibrational quality is so refined that it directly and wholly interpenetrates and indwells the physical body, though as Sun Myung Moon and many others have noted, the spir-

it-self has an astonishingly protean nature, enabling it to indwell molecular, atomic and even subatomic spaces. For instance, Peter Thompkins in The Secret Life of Plants (1973) reviews an anecdotal account, first related by Marcel Vogel, of how a young girl psychically/spiritually projected herself into the circulatory system of a plant and traveled throughout the plant body; she and numerous others participating in this research demonstrated the ability to make remarkably consistent and scientifically accurate observations of the plant's internal structure, which otherwise could only be verified through using a high-powered microscope. From these experiments, Vogel concluded: "We can move into individual cells in our own bodies and, depending on our state of mind, affect them in various ways. One day this may explain the cause of disease."³

It is important here to further appreciate that there is a one-to-one correspondence between every point in the physical body and every point in the spiritual body (an insight, for instance, especially utilized by Tibetan Buddhists, Chinese acupuncturists and many of the New Age healing therapies).

detached from the physical body and, ideally, continues its growth and development in a higher dimension, though this option for growth is not chosen in certain cases, as we will describe in greater detail in later discussions. In brief, however, the foregoing sketches the "how" of the relationship between the spirit and flesh.

Why human beings are designed to function via this relationship

between spirit-self and physical self is a question of cosmic importance, and deserves to be elaborated in a larger context. While it may be difficult for some people to accept, we must here

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affirm, together with Jesus and all great founders of religions, that the core of human being is love. Far beyond rec-

ognizing the human being as simply "homo sapiens" (man of wisdom) or "homo habilis" (tool-using man), we affirm that humans are in their origin and most essentially homo amans, i.e., beings of love. Swedenborg and Sun Myung Moon both affirm that, since humans are made in God's image, the highest realization of human being is the realization of true love and, on that foundation, the achievement of wisdom. The foundational meaning of the understanding that human beings are made in God's image is that they are designed with the potential to love as God loves which, further translated, means that human beings are designed to grow in such a way that they can fulfill a divine potential for loving, thereby authentically participating in God's divinity. Just as the physical self requires

At death, the spirit-self is definite physical nutriments, like air, food and water, to develop, so also in parallel, the spirit-self requires certain spiritual nutriments to mature. Spiritual growth is, in reality, the growth of character, which most fundamentally is growth in one's ability to love and care for others. (This, however, also necessarily entails the concurrent development of one's knowledge and wisdom.)

> It almost goes without saying that the spirit needs to receive and digest God's love and truth in order to develop. But, beyond this, it is most critical to grasp here that spiritual growth is not a matter of the spirit alone; it is not designed to take place (at least ini-

tially) apart from the physical self and physical life on earth. The spirit-self, or spirit-person, grows through receiving nutriments, called "vitality elements," from the quality of life lived while possessing a physical body. In other words, the stunning realization here is that the human person can only grow spiritually by receiving both nutriments created by God and the "vitality" nutriments created by the person throughout his or her life on earth. Hence, we arrive at a paramount insight—the understanding that the spirit-self matures on the foundation of the physical body and one's physical life on earth. From a cosmic perspective, then, we must acknowledge that the purpose of the physical body is to provide the means for the maturation of the spirit-self; the overarching purpose of life on earth is to practice loving and serving other people. In truth, a human person's physical lifetime represents the most precious opportunity he or she will ever have the opportunity to love and serve others. In this way, to the extent we have spent our time unselfishly caring for others, and in loving service to others, we will have ful-

filled our most fundamental purpose as human beings made in God's image.❖

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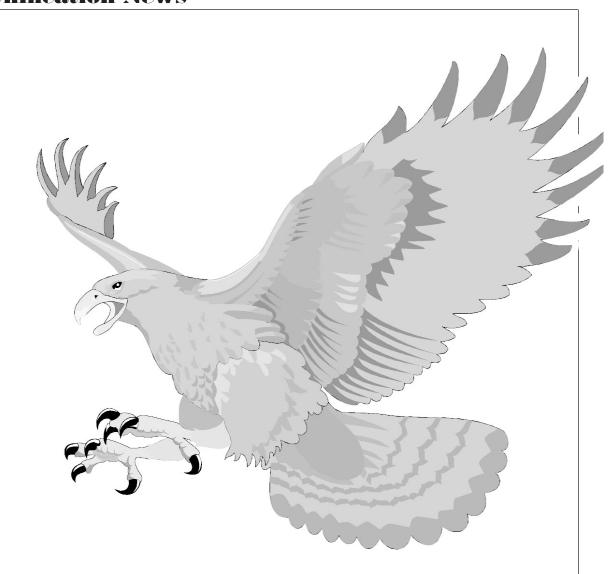
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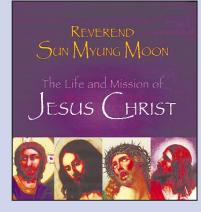
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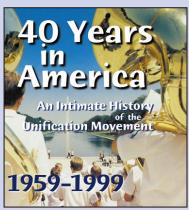
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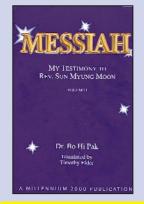
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