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TRUE GOD'S DAY 2005



Motto: Let Us Complete the Ideal of the Internal and External Cheon Il Guk

In True Father's Speech after the Midnight Prayer, he gave an Explanation of the Motto: The internal kingdom of heaven, the external kingdom of heaven: Cheon Il Guk is a nation where two persons become one. Mind and body become one, man and woman become

one, and parent and child become one. Internal means God and external means True Parents. If you undo this phrase it becomes "the era of the kingdom of cosmic peace and unity." Cheon Il Guk is the peace kingdom, but the internal world of Cheon Il Guk has been unable to perfect itself. It can be perfected through the external world of Cheon Il

Guk. Since heaven and earth were completely destroyed, heaven and earth must be combined through the external body. This combined nation is indeed the internal and external Cheon Il Guk.

Advent of the Era of the Kingdom of Cosmic Peace and Unity

Centering on the sons and daughters,

you should create families of filial children, families of patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters representing Father and the parent who stands as the representative that connected a single line, a blood lineage in which you as individuals, who stand on this global stage, must not die in

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Second Generation Holy Wedding

December 26, 2004 • East Garden, New York

Rev. Michael Jenkins

The central purpose and mission of our True Parents is to restore the human family back to God's original intended ideal: fulfilling the three blessings - to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over the earth. The process of the blessing is central to this providence and mission. Because Adam and Eve

failed to fulfill their responsibility and formed a blood relationship centering on the words and actions of the archangel, God was blocked from participating with the first family and the creation of His ideal.

The grief of God cannot be truly understood by human beings. When Jesus came, it was on the foundation of the restoration of this heavenly lineage. Through conditions set by the women

in his lineage —Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary —Jesus could be born with a condition which allowed God to relate with him directly. There was no original sin in him. Therefore, Jesus' status and position is different from that of any other person born in history.

When Jesus' real identity was not understood by his family (Matt. 12:48-50, John 7:5) or by John the Baptist (Matt. 11:3) and John's family, it led to

the chosen people rejecting Jesus as the messiah. This blocked Jesus from establishing the ideal of the three blessings at that time, and once again God's heart was shattered, this time even more deeply than at the time of the fall.

Why? Because after the fall God labored through thousands of years of biblical history with infinite patience and long-suffering, and finally, with the coming

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January 1, 2005 - 7AM - Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth International Training Center. NOTE: These are notes through a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future for some kind of publication on Father's words. However, they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message. Even if they were notes from an English speaker to an English speaking person taking notes, there would be serious gaps and errors. Therefore, these notes should be used for inspiration and to enhance our understanding of Father's spirit and concentration. Specific directions will be communicated through national headquarters memos, and the Korean recordings of key proclamations and historic messages will be carefully translated and published. Still, even with careful translation, much is lost or not understood. The only way to really understand Father's words is to learn the original language and go to the original recordings and texts.

Father and Mother then sat down in their regular chairs and called for Rev. Kwak to read True Father's True God's Day message of 2003, in which Father proclaimed the Peace Kingdom. Rev. Kwak read the message and Father stood up and spoke:

The 38th True God's Day

Let's see what kind of people are here today. How many people are new here? I wanted some new people to come from America. Leaders shouldn't think of their own birthdays or anything personal; they should do the will of God. When I say mobilize, mobilize.

What direction should you go from here? You must know clearly two things from now: First, you must stand in the position of a king. Knowing God and how precious the Coronation for God's Kingship is, you must stand in the position of the true son and daughter. Second, you must understand how fearful

blood lineage is.

What do you bring? Money? Power? The talents of a congressman? These are not where your value lies. Your value is your ability to liberate the heart of God.

How about Japan? You must completely break through so that the water and blessing will flow. Japan has many active women. You are in the position of a global mother. Did God create human beings starting from man or woman? What if I told you that it started from woman? It would be revolutionary. Do you Japanese think man or woman is more important? You think woman is more important. Here is Rev. Oyama, a small mountain head. How about the national messiah to Burma (he is originally American citizen from Canada- his ancestors are Estonian), would you want to be born as a woman?

Why are men and women important? Which one is more important? Women have a concave part that is deep and very important. How about men? Who climbs Mt. Everest: mainly men or women? Men. Why? Look at this group from Japan. So many

women came; there are hardly any men. (To one sister seeing Father for the first time:) Who are you? I asked members to come from Japan but why so many? Hmm, mysterious. Who likes something higher and challenging? If you answered men, you are right. You have to catch the meaning of my words quickly. There is a famous story in Japan concerning Urashima Taro, who went to an undersea kingdom. I'm talking about these things because I want to draw out the true Japanese. The deepest depth of the Pacific Ocean is more than 11,000 meters. Men like to go to high places, but women like to go deep. In the past, Japanese used to hold the world record in diving. Are there any Japanese here who want to go into the deep waters? If so, come up!

How old is the earth estimated to be? Six billion years? How can you welcome whatever comes in a year of your life? I am always doing exercises. You must work out. When I was young I always worked out.

(As he spoke, Father made many comments about the people in the congregation. Suddenly he said to one sister:) You should consider making a different



JANUARY 2005

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 True God's Day (1968)
Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (11/21/?)
Sekai Nippo Established (1975)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 3 Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
- 10 Kook Jin Nim & Soon Ju Nim's Blessing (1989)
- 11 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
72 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
1275 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 13 Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (2001)
International Federation Victory Over Communism (1968)
- 20 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)
- 28 Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92)

FEBRUARY 2005

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
Segye Ilbo Established (1989)
- 2 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)
- 4 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
- 6 IIFWP Established (1999)
- 7 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 9 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
Lunar New Year
- 11 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
16 Couples' Blessing (1978)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Un Jin Nim's and Yun Ah Nim's birthdays are celebrated twice in 2005. If there are discrepancies, please feel free to contact me. A lot of work and effort goes into this calendar's creation (annually for the past ten years)--including learning Japanese to be able to read an accurate lunar-solar calendar source, and gaining an understanding of the workings of the lunar calendar--Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

CALENDAR

- 13 First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)
Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)
Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification (2000)
- 14 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
- 15 Shin Heung Nim's Birthday (1/7/01)
Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
- 16 4000 Couples' Blessing (2002)
- 17 International Security Council Established (1985)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
Montevideo Declaration World University Federation (1996)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
- 24 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
- 25 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
- 27 Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
One World Crusade Established (1972)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)

MARCH 2005

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th

- 3 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)
- 7 Middle East Time Founded (1983)
- 9 Dong Sook Nim's Birthday (1/30/55)
- 19 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)
- 21 WRIST Established (1984)
- 25 Aewon (Garden of Love) Bank Established (1994)
- 26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)
New ERA Inauguration (1980)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)
The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)
Cheon Il Guk Established (2/22/2001)
Grand Liberation of 6,000 Years of History (2/22/2002)

FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

Morning Address

face when looking at me! My eyes are small and like a camera: they take an instant snap shot and I can understand much about a person.

(Then he stopped at one person and said:) You have good fortune for money. Then to everyone: Do you want to be nameless or famous? The opposite of famous is nameless.

(Father walked all the way back to the back:) How about this person? Where is your wife? Your wife is very smart, isn't she? (Yes.)

Look at my face. How long does it take for you to commit my face to memory? Will you remember it for 10 years? It is more important to look at me directly than to take my picture. You should know my face so that you remember it for eternity.

(Father then sang "What do you think happiness is?" with the Japanese. He called on a Japanese man, a western man, and a Korean woman to sing. The Korean who sang, Mrs. Eum, was married to Father's chief of security, the Korean national messiah to Greece. She gave a beautiful testimony about her spouse who passed away five years ago. He had an important mission and was connected to the heart of True Parents. She said, "When he became ill and passed on, it felt natural that he had been called to the spirit world for another mission. After 40 days he appeared and lectured about the course that everyone goes in the spirit world. When I sing or when I experience the blessing I feel that he comes to me. That is why I feel such joy in singing." She sang several Korean folk songs. Father was deeply engaged and joined in when he could. What a wonderful True Father and Mother we have! They gave us so much love on this True God's Day. The world is in turmoil, but in God's house there is peace. Rev. Kim, the continental director based in the Philippines, came forward and sang. He reported that our members in the region were protected from the grave disaster.)

Father continued:

We must come to the conclusion now. What is the most important thing to God? Blood lineage. The most tragic thing was that the blood lineage was destroyed at the fall. Without life and love you cannot have lineage. Without lineage, life and love will flow away. If there is a true lineage, true love and true life can continue and multiply eternally. The seeds will grow, and you will see a big harvest. So the son and daughter were to create true love, true life and true lineage.

If the lineage is cut off, then love and life are cut off and God is cut off. Lineage started where God exists. God wants a legacy of true love, true life and true lineage. Instead, there was no place for God. The false lineage is the lineage of the adulterer. Everything went into darkness, and man didn't even know what happened. Where could God find them? The enemy occupied the lineage, life and love. God was like a scarecrow. What if you were in that state? You would be so pitiful.

From the darkness, God had to raise up a bride and a bridegroom until they could reach the highest summit and create the explosion of love with the greatest power -- brighter than lightning and mightier than thunder. Like lightning and thunder coming together, God's joy would have exploded at that point.

How can we restore the fall and the resultant bloodshed? Through going the way of blessing and marrying the enemy. God loves it when enemies marry each



other, but Satan hates it. Jesus taught us clearly to love our enemy. This brings the greatest fortune and most rapid restoration of enemies in the world.

(Father then talked very seriously to the Japanese leaders and members.)

Jesus was to be king of Cheon Il Guk at the age of 40. If Protestants and Catholics could have united after World War II, I would have established Cheon Il Guk at 40 years of age.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang! (Yes.) Who came with you? (Michael Jenkins.) Michael Jenkins. Come here! Michael Jenkins can stay where he is now

because he doesn't speak Korean. Dr. Yang, you and your wife should come to the front. You look like you lost weight. Your wife is more beautiful than you are handsome !!

Dr. Yang, you must lead the education of all the religious leaders (8,000 and more), until all are equalized. Do you know how serious it is in the Mid-



dle East? You must push forward, and then key leaders from America and the whole world will support you. The Crown of Peace ceremonies and all the conditions are made in order to establish peace.

A great migration is coming, a time of offering. We will hold a lottery to see if you should give one tenth, two tenths

or three tenths. You must offer what you draw. You will be lost if you don't follow. A great migration is coming.

I am a very serious man. In the future those who stain the lineage will have no way to go. Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim can see everyone who stained the lineage, and they can decide the course that has to be followed. The most serious thing is not to stain the lineage. The key to protect the lineage is to love your enemy and liberate 30 to 40 enemies by going through eight stages of living and sacrificing for your enemy. I did this. I blessed saints with the evil people as a way to overcome evil. If you do this, the walls of Jericho will come crashing down.

I know well the strategy of the satanic world. There is always a way to solve problems. First, you must lay the conditions and then restore the result. In the next four years, from 2005 to 2008, the ancestors will pour down on the earth. If they feel you are not moving the lineage toward the will of heaven, they may take you to the spirit world. If you commit sin you must set conditions so that your enemies will not accuse you. If descendants are blocking the way of the ancestors, they will be taken by their ancestors to the spirit world. Some people who did whatever they liked got cancer and went to the spirit world.



I heard of one Japanese member who sacrificed so much by wearing the same underwear for years. The leaders of the Unification Church must also understand this kind of standard. I will not use public material for private purposes. You must understand the standard clearly. When you set a goal, you should be so focused that you cannot sleep.

Unificationists should marry between ages 18 to 24. All lineages have been stained, and they must be cleared up. I left the matching up to the parents for the last five years, and they tried to marry their sons and daughters to famous people. Do you think I would do this? If you use your money to buy from your enemy at twice the price, you will be blessed many times over.

From 1/10 to 3/10 will be offered, based on your assets. Do you understand the total living sacrifice? If you stay in Cheon Il Guk successfully for four years, then ownership can be transferred to you. After I receive your donations, I will not touch them.

Each country has to build a commemorative place. Not just one person but all Ambassadors for Peace should contribute. If the Ambassadors for Peace in Korea don't do something, then other ambassadors won't either.

When you die you should not die with assets. They should all be given to others. I shared everything I had among the members. Sometimes I need to rest, but to establish the tradition of heaven and leave a way for generations to come, I must leave a WILL and a way to go. Therefore, we must quickly make the Holy Scripture, the Cheong Seong Gyeong, which contains heavenly law.



Feel a passion to pray for the mistakes of all mankind. At Cheong Pyeong, report the things that you have done even a long ago. If a crime is committed, it is connected to all the relatives as well. All of you, from the rich to the poor, must start tithing 1/10. Do this for 12 years. Ancestors can cause much suffering and trouble, but you can avoid this by obeying my direction. In ancient times, when one person made a mistake, the whole tribe would be destroyed. The first generation of Israelites died in the wilderness because of the failure of one person.

I am speaking today to give you my last will. You must create your last will and testament and create your legacy.

Once a year we will draw lots. No matter how rich you are, a 1/10 tithe must be offered. Next year it could be 3/10. Over the next four years, you must draw lots for this. The leaders shall not touch this fund but keep this 1/10 tithe in a new account. Donations are more frightening than poison. When we buy clothes I take my sons to an ordinary market. If you have hint of shame, you will perish, but those who do well will be blessed. Today we must make that pledge.

The wife of Jesus, please stand up. This is Jesus' wife. If you hang a picture of her in your house, Jesus will come to bless you. You should sell these pictures to support Jesus' wife. How wonderful to have pictures of Jesus' wife in your house!

(Then the wives of the religious founders were brought forward and they took an historic picture together with True Parents. The morning pledge concluded at 1:30. At 3:30 we reassembled for the God's Day entertainment. It ended with Kook Jin Nim's and Sun Jin Nim's couple on the stage. Father and Mother got inspired and came and sang for everyone. (several songs). It was glorious and uplifting. It was God's Day - It was like God's Day 25 years ago. True Parents seem ageless and timeless. Father is promising that all can be completed through our sincere efforts in the next four years. 2005 - 2008 is the time that we should offer our most sincere and complete dedication. First, Second and even third Generation together. ❖

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your lifetime but find that which was lost in the Garden of Eden.

On top of the foundation of liberation and complete freedom—which True Parents can champion in this heaven and earth and which has no boundaries in any family, nation or any place—your families, nations, and heaven and earth must become a liberated heaven and earth connected to the lineage of love. Please remember that only then can the kingdom of heaven on earth, and in heaven be liberated, and the era of peace come wherein we can glorify a reign of peace restored and complete while attending God. Therefore "I" am the one who perfects the kingdom of cosmic peace and unity, and "I" am the one who perfects the kingship of Cheon Il Guk.



take ownership.

Completely loving one's enemy is the way to find these two people who were lost. The ownership can be circulated in that position of love, enabling us to welcome the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, which heralds the era of the

liberation on this earth and in heaven. Now all the ancestors in the spirit world are blessed, and the spirit world and physical world will eternally and completely continue within God's era of liberation of the equal kingdom of heaven of peace. This begins today.

Inter-cultural and Inter-racial Marriage

You have to have inter-cultural and inter-racial marriages. The more we have such marriages between enemies, the more it creates an axis. No one will be

able to take that apart. God will look at this in joy and Satan will look at this in sorrow. After having children in your families, you should educate them to seek and love the enemy, and become

a representative of God and True Parents for eternity. Then the kingdom of that nation will become the nation you raise. God is doing such things, and True Parents are pioneering the way for such things.

Love your enemy more than your sons and daughters. There is hope in that place. There is no hope in places where you just privately love each other.

Meaning: In the age of the peace kingdom, we should establish a condition of having offered everything to heaven in accordance to the original order of creation of myself (family) and from all our individual (family) possessions. This offering will be used in building the new nation of heaven. Lots will be drawn, indicating an offering of one tenth, two tenths or three tenths. Amount of donation: According to the lot drawn, one tenth, two tenths or three tenths of one's total assets should be offered by March 31, 2005. Method of offering: Each nation should receive and safely keep all the offered funds until further directions are given. On the 30th day of each month, a report of the total amount should be made to the continental headquarters, and the continental headquarters will report the total amount for each nation to the international headquarters.

Now the time has come for you all to leave your hometown. Now you do not have a nation to which you belong. You must seek the original fatherland.

You have to call your ancestors and give the blessing to the spirit world.

Now is the time to call your ancestors. You are the center of three ages. You control the path of the ancestors and descendants. Your ancestors will begin to come down from January 3. As blessed families you must all devote yourselves completely so that your ancestors can return and fully cooperate with you to achieve God's will.

22nd Day of Victory of Love

The 22nd Day of Victory of Love began with Hoon-sook nim and Shin-chul nim lighting the candles and offering a bow to Heung-jin nim. On the occasion of the Day of Victory of Love on January 2, in this time of God's fatherland and Era of Peace Kingdom, Father spoke earnestly and gave guidance to members.

Everything will be over once we find the



lineage and ownership. The eternal world where this has been resolved and to which we head for the original homeland is the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven. The responsibility in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk to call for the spirit world, to embrace it within the realm of your clan, to bless them, to organize them into families and to send them off again, must be fulfilled as a task undertaken in place of the living Jesus and in place of the Lord of the Second Coming.

You should be aware that if you fail to do this, your path will not open. In



commemoration of the ascension of Heung-jin, you should know the amazing fact that the things I said some twenty years ago are related to our time today.

Centering on the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, we held the crowning of the king of peace on the foundation of the realm transcending religion and nation. What remains now is to change the satanic lineage of the Mongolian people—as a lineage, not a race—to that of God.

You are, as the Family Pledge states, families that are "the owner of Cheon Il Guk." You are all the owners of Cheon Il Guk. God is the owner and True Parents are also the owner. The most important thing is the fact that God is the first generation, True Parents are the second generation and you are the third generation. Since you are the third generation, you today were raised as the fruit of the traditional, internal and external reality of God, the traditional, internal and external reality of the parents as the second generation, and the internal-external reality connecting with the traditional thought system of the fourth generation centered on the third generation.

This must unite, going beyond the third generation, even to the fourth. In that place there is only one beginning of the nation and culture. There are no fallen traces of Japan, Korea and the United States in that place; only the nation of the resurrected people of your ancestors—the nation and culture of one's homeland. The source of prosperity in all things will be found in the fact that you all stand in this glorious position, and the true realm of three generations become blessed families as they attend the True Parents on earth. ❖



The Pledge Service and Commemorative Service

We lost God's lineage. Since the lineage was changed, the most important thing—more than love and more than life—is God's lineage. This lineage does not emerge without love and without life. Lineage is something that likes to be together with these three things. The seed of true love, the body of true love, is inside the lineage, connected with the lineage. On top of the lineage, God's ideal family and ideal nation emerges. Without such a lineage, love goes away and life goes away completely. Only when the lineage remains can that which was loved remain. The lineage is the original fruit that allows the body of a wife or father—whom life has affection for—to live and move. The lineage is the fruit of love, the fruit of life and the fruit of joy, created willingly by the parents.

God cultivates the soil in the Garden of Eden in order to harvest the crops in Autumn. God's ideal was to let the flower of true love, true life, and true lineage bloom through His sons and daughters and to raise them up as the owners of eternal love, the owners of eternal life, and the owners of eternal lineage.

God was going to transfer His entire ownership to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden after their marriage, but as they fell before that day, Satan came to



Midnight Assembly

by Rev. Jenkins

January 1, 2005, 12:01 am at the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth International Training Center. Rev. Kwak was the MC and he guided us deeply before True Parents arrived as to the great victory of fourth year of Cheon Il Guk and the attitude of faith and attendance with which we must enter this new 5th year of Cheon Il Guk.

We welcomed True Parents at 11:55 pm. December 31st. Father wore traditional Korean clothes. The jacket was a rich copper color with light colored pants. Mother came with a bright red chima choguri with a blue dress. As True Parents, the King and Queen of Peace entered the applause grew louder and louder. As they were seated the congregation broke into immense shouts of joy and celebration. True Parents are victorious and radiant and vibrant with Life, Love and Happiness. We all offered Kyung Beh. Then all was silent in preparation for the midnight prayer.

Wiping away the tears Father wrote the new Motto in beautiful Calligraphy with True Mother by his side. Rev. Sun Jo Hwang carried the ink for the Calligraphy and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak stood in support. ❖

The 38th True God's Day Midnight Speech

January 1, 2005 - Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center

The internal kingdom of heaven, the external kingdom of heaven - Cheon Il Guk is a nation where two persons become one. Mind and body become one, man and woman become one, and parent and child become one. Internal means God and external means True Parents. If you undo this phrase it becomes "the era of the kingdom of cosmic peace and unity."

Cheon Il Guk is the peace kingdom but the internal world of Cheon Il Guk did not perfect itself. It can be perfected through the external world of Cheon Il Guk. Therefore, since the body is external, and since heaven and earth were completely destroyed, heaven and earth must be combined through the body. Thus, I am speaking of internal and external Cheon Il Guk. Heaven and earth in the cosmos have not achieved peace and unity. No pairs in the world of creation have become one. The advent of the era of the kingdom of cosmic peace and unity has begun.

How? The era of the kingship of Cheon Il Guk calls upon the spiritual ancestors. For four years they could not fulfill their duty as filial children to True Parents. Not only that, they did not become a family of the filial son. The earth has to be arranged to rid the history of bitter anguish called indemnity by representing the family of the filial son, the family of the patriots representing the nation, the family of the divine sons and daughters worldwide, and the family of the divine sons and daughters representing heaven and earth. Only by doing so can the internal kingdom of cosmic peace and

unity be created where two become one to reverse the wrong. As the ancestors, the spirit world would not have been able to receive the blessing. Yet because of True Parents they received the blessing on earth. In the era before heaven, the descendants who received the blood of the archangel went to the spirit world and became the ancestors, but to them the blessing was eternally impossible for them. Yet, True Parents came to this earth, and went beyond the nation and world.

Based on the laws of indemnity, Father lost his children, four sons and daughters, and Eve. Because the history of indemnity remained in restoring Adam, Jesus and the family of the second coming that was lost, Father had to complete 40 generations in his lifetime, turn this earth upside down, establish the kingship of peace, the world of unity, and go beyond Mother's 60th birthday around the time of the second 40-year course, by the time she

becomes 62 years of age. In the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, when Mother went beyond her 60th year, hereafter man becomes the number three, woman becomes the number four. When they become one and establish a family, the number seven is made.

In Adam's family there are eight people: the grandfather-grandmother couple, the father-mother couple, the couples of his siblings, and the couples of his children. Noah's family consisted of eight people. This was all divided and became separate. They all could

not stand before heaven. Hence, this had to be indemnified, and the origin of liberation could not begin without going beyond the number, 7, 8, 9, all the way to 12, centering on the number 8.

Thus, in defiance of indescribable pain I died and was resurrected and survived the jaws of death, overcoming a position like the time God prevented the knife from striking Isaac when he was offered as a sacrifice. All

your lifetime but find that which was lost in the Garden of Eden.

On top of the foundation of liberation and complete freedom, which True Parents can champion in this heaven and earth that has no boundaries in any family, nation or any place, your families, nations and the heaven and earth must become a liberated heaven and earth connected to the lineage of love. Please remember that only then can the kingdom of heaven on earth, and in heaven be liberated, and the era of peace can come where we can glorify a reign of peace restored and complete while attending God. Therefore "I" am the one who perfects the kingdom of cosmic peace and unity, and "I" am the one who perfects the kingship of Cheon Il Guk. In others words, it is each of our families. Therefore, centered on the pledge, our family pledge is not something that Father or God recites. You should know that it is a pledge that your family should recite.

Since Father prepared everything through the family pledge, even though it visits 12 nations as I conveyed to you, as I arranged it, without delay, going beyond race and 12 locations a day, it is like a resting place of the family of unfallen Adam, where God can stretch His legs, explain Himself, and you can say that you will prepare to attend Him even if He lives with you for three years. It goes beyond the nation, thus there is no Korea, Japan or America. How to establish this is by going beyond the position of the completion of the Cheon Il Guk ideal. I ask you to keep this in mind. ❖



of you, who have yet to fulfill your duty as a child, patriot, saint, and divine sons and daughters, should complete your duty as children and all blessed members'. It is not the age of the family. Centering on the sons and daughters you should create families of filial children, families of patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters representing Father and the parent who stands as the representative that connected a single line, a blood lineage in which you as individuals, who stand on this global stage, must not die in

True Father's God's Day Midnight Prayer

January 1, 2005 - Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center

Beloved Heavenly Father, we have passed the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, and have entered the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. I know how difficult, arduous and full of pain and tears Your path was in coming to the holy grounds of Cheongpyeong in Korea as the history of restoration through indemnity headed toward its final destination.

As all this has passed, I proclaim the era of the cosmic peace kingdom centering on the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace. We have now seen the rise of a new era of attending God as the parent on this earth, True Parents as the parents on this earth, and uniting the internal parents with the external parents. We deeply engrave in our hearts the numerous hopes in the course of history You had for the purpose of stepping on and going beyond this platform for a new beginning. This child knows well of Your lonely life course as You, the father, pioneered through the environment and longed for the garden of love based on the ideal of re-creation.

You sent this unworthy child to the land of Korea. We know how You went through this difficult path of history of tribulations to create the cosmos for the purpose of initiating another start to

establish the relationship behind thousands of years of history, and a relational condition unbeknownst to all from an incorporeal position where You, the incorporeal subject, the owner, stood unable to attain a relational form. We are overwhelmed with awe.

Although there were many races, nations and families on this earth, and many men and women have existed, this child knows well of Your bitter anguish of not having even one person as Your partner who can relate to Your lofty and precious heart, and relate with a deep heart of a son and daughter who shows respect and affection to You and lie within the deepest part of Your heart. Your son did not know of Your sorrowful heart in which You had to seek a man and woman. Nobody on this earth knew of the heavenly aspects of Your heart from this endless path of bitter pain, and this path of bitter anguish from the infinite history and eternity in which You sought Your son in order to go beyond this confusing line of limitation that only You knew of and which even Satan was ignorant of. Behind the history of the land of Korea that is between Heaven and Earth, and that goes well over 5000 and 7000 years of history, this child knows well the path of tribulations that You walked until You found the path that enabled You to take rest in this land of Korea while You went about throughout the continent

in the central field of heaven and earth.

The child that stands before You today may look shabby in appearance but knows all too well the path of sorrow of the defeated who lost their kingship as they lived in the shadow of the history of bitter anguish. I know too well how great Your bitter anguish was in being unable to pass on Your kingship to Your child, and in losing the kingship itself.

You looked upon countless peoples, countless nations and individuals and families. All these should have become a lamplight that could blossom with the flower of Your hope of love. That nation and world should have shone like the sun and moon and become a self-propelled subject partner that can move all created beings. Yet, losing these things, You were alone, imprisoned amidst the shadow of a dark heart as You searched for Your son. You crossed long distances alone, longing for the son whom You will find in the last days that lay in the distance. That history of yearning has lasted not one or two days but continued for tens of thousands of years, and beyond, to the realm of religion encapsulated in four thousand years. During Your path of groping to find the way and surmounting this hill, You had to pioneer along all the difficult paths that went before Satan. You had to pioneer while You hovered between life and death, which no man on earth would have desired for. Going beyond one side of

the boundary of freedom, You found Your own image, and going beyond the shameful sight that stood before the original creation, Your heart yearned for a son that can become the single light for the future, and moonlight while You looked back to the history You went through to become the Lord of humankind.

Now as we see off the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk and receive the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, we cannot relate to You separately with our mind and body. After achieving the coronation ceremony of the kingship of the peace kingdom centering on the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace on this earth, we must unite the realms of the lineages of the Mongolian people by going beyond the sphere of the Mongolian race. Without doing so, heaven would be silenced by the dark shadow of those defeated by the bonds to the Satanic lineage that began with the murder in Adam's family. As we welcome the new, bright and clear morning light, together with the owner of heaven and earth and with a heart of love of a patriot, this child once again must ask for Your forgiveness at this time, on behalf of the ancestors of mankind from millions and billions of generations who stood before You as You longed for the liberated realm of Your Sabbath where heaven and earth from the mineral world

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to the human world, and all the creation belonging to the pair system, can be harmonized in unity, to suffer, rejoice, and live together.

You raised this child in a position responsible for heaven and earth. Standing before the Father, I can never forget the past ages where I struggled to take on the burden of Your cross that grew heavier, greater than the distress from the path of hardships that is beyond words, and the heavy burden of bearing the failures of the responsibilities of religion and the nations on this earth. Passing through the ages of adolescence and youth, I cannot forget the course of training I went through to understand Your sadness as You had to constantly go to and fro in order to expand the local roads, the national roads and the freeway of the nation and world that enabled You to go directly to the world of heart from a position of ignorance located at the bottom of hell amidst the darkness of a thousand of years, as You went through day and night in order to fulfill Your duty as a child that should attend the Father who has form and sits in the throne by the gates of the palace of the heavenly nation for the world of Your words.

By holding the coronation ceremony for the peace king of the victorious heavenly nation on December 13, in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk based on the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, the entire history of resentment and lamentation should have been overcome. The declaration that should have been declared on this day, on this earth shall be prolonged to February 14th, to True Parents' birthday. During this time, let all the things that were liberated and indemnified by the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk become a seed and sprout that harbors a clean and flawless life force which solely focuses on Your wish. Let it grow to become a tree and bear fruit that can bring joy to the master in the garden blooming with flowers and abundant with fragrances. I know the world of Your heart which longs to pluck that fruit and prepare a feast again for Your sons and daughters.

Father, at this time I am aware that Your deep heart that I know of has a background more deep, high and broad in extent. I now understand that it is impious to try to understand that world and that it is a sin to know this world. Thus, I could not stand in a position of diligently running to You in silence, grasping You, embracing Your body and calling Your name! Reaching that position, I cannot forget the days of Your cooperation when I suffered within the path of perseverance, patience, suffering and the situation of life and death from persecution until that day of dispersing the deep shadow in Your heart.

I cannot forget the joy of that day of the Coronation Ceremony of Your Kingship on January 13, in the first year of Cheon Il Guk, before the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk. This child, who failed to gain the nation for that day and raise it before heaven, knows how great my responsibility is in achieving Your fatherland, restoring this land within the next four years with these young and immature children. Though beyond belief, I stand in a position compelled to believe

in them and stand with both hands raised before the Father. These sons and daughters, who pledged to take responsibility in completing and fulfilling their given responsibility for the duration of four years, failed in their



ways based on the foundation of this child who could not transcend the source of the evil parent that shadowed the sins of the parent. These children must raise a nation, attend the parents, reveal the great way of the heavenly principles, to reach the bright heaven and earth where the sun and moon unite, and the heaven and earth come together. My heart wrenches as I experience how vexing and bitter a history of ordeals it was in failing to attain a position of an ideal couple in love that can succeed true love, true life, and true lineage in a deep position centering on the start of a family that is the nest of love. Experiencing these things I know how heart-wrenching it was for Heaven. As we pass over the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, the nations and religions on this earth have come to this situation by setting up the foundations for conditions that barely meet the standard of Your heart.

Since we were born by the inevitable bonds to heaven, we must make the impossible, possible, things without hope into things with hope, and resurrect the child that was originally in the position of death. Such an inseparable position that must be armed with Your omnipotent authority, You came to us as we sorrowfully struggled, proved that You existed and whispered to us the command to have absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience in fear of bringing shame upon Yourself before Satan. You sought the number five at the risk of the number four that enables You to liberate the bright heaven and earth for the purpose of bringing the ancestors of mankind who were disobedient to You throughout history to this place. Going beyond 4,000 years in the age representing the Old Testament Age and in which Your sons and daughters could receive the Messiah, which was Your desire in sending the Messiah to this earth, Jesus could not usher in the age of the fifth millennium. Coming upon this earth, he left behind the task of putting heaven and earth in order. Therefore, for 2,000 years, Christianity shed blood, made individual sacrifices as well as shedding tears of defeat on the family, tribal and national levels. You had to withstand our pitiful sight as we were called before Your path of righteousness and yet compelled to stand aside. I know very well that, crying and suf-

fering, You pushed my heart again and again for this son to go this way. There never was a filial son on this earth who could fulfill the path of loyalty and filial piety. There never was a patriot or a family of a divine son or daughter. These

things that even You could not do, I had to fulfill. I had to go on this path with this responsibility into the sea of tears from indescribable suffering, all the while regarding it to be a swimming pool where I would swim everyday. I had to walk these paths forgetting that I struggled and strove to this point while gazing only at Your target desires and the sunlight You revealed. Now at this moment as we surmount a hill, in this fifth year, we have to call for all the spir-

it people who had the misfortune of going to the spirit world, based on the foundations of the blessed families on this earth whom they can have pride in as their direct lineage. They should have been the family of a filial son, the family of a patriot, the family of a saint, and divine sons and daughter who should have called all the ancestors in the spirit world, even God, to this earth and attended them. Yet they stand in a position unable to do so, despite the education I have given them throughout my



life. With this old body yet young heart I still stand before the course of fulfilling my given responsibility in opening the new gates to the heavenly world along with the task of arranging all things in the earthly world even at the moment I collapse, in order to reproduce what they should have done. Thus, I sent my sons and daughters of four age groups to the spirit world, and with the responsibility of the parent on earth, I shoulder the responsibility of the parent before these children and carry the realm of relationships in the heavenly world in order to liberate even those groaning in the abyss of hell. Gazing upon the rising sunlight in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, I cannot forget the facts that I alone know of as I stand in this difficult position where I feel inadequate despite the pain of this body.

Even as I passed through this position I know that Your heart for the nation was tens, hundreds and even thousands of times greater. Unable to comfort Your heart, even as my mind floundered when You needed me, even when You resisted to rest when You could have, and how You endured alone, braving the wind and frost at the front in pioneering the way to help this unworthy child, before You I truly pray with all my heart and body that my wife who stands before me can unite with You. I know very well that the very being that brought about the seemingly impossible conflict within Your mind and within Your body, was the same being who stained the name of True Parents. Therefore, let our two bodies be transformed into one, let us become the bright parents of the new



morning that rises explosively before Your deep heart. Let the tide of the bright heaven and earth that rides from the sun and moon that shine upon the darkness, begin from this year. I proclaim the tremendously important ranks of responsibility so that all the good and bad things in the spirit world can come to this earth and bear fruit as good things. Let us make a new determination to offer this before You. Let the people gathered here today attain one heart, one body and one core with the True Parents' heart. On the foundation of the liberated freedom, the tranquil place of rest, let the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind be attended by from one to millions of families. Let this become a family of the filial son, a family of the patriot who goes beyond the nation, the family of the saint who goes beyond the world and the family of the divine sons and daughters who go beyond the cosmos. Bless this meridian that is inclined towards the world that can freely guide and digest all things, and bring liberty and liberation to the realm of the Sabbath centered on Ahn Shi Il which can embrace heaven according to the path of loyalty and filial piety, and leap beyond through this four year period. And in the year 2008, in the 9th year of Cheon Il Guk, along with those who came to the earthly world, please become the owner, parent and teacher for eternity who can restore the boundaries between the heavenly world and the earthly world so that we may freely commute to heaven from the earthly world, and reign over these worlds while firmly grasping the throne of the world of the original palace of the free, liberated heaven and earth. We pray that You enjoy Your reign of peace for all eternity. Let me invest my sincerity without fear for those days to come in laying the foundation. Please have pity on the heart of this child who can only depend on Your cooperation until the time I can embrace the passing moon and sun and go beyond the ideal of the new year. I pray that You will be with me and guide me as I walk this path.

Father please grant Your love to Mother standing here, who goes by the name Hak Ja Han. She has truly gone through many hardships to this day. I know too well how great the strength of Mother's fate is in preparing her standard as a filial daughter before You, and the preparations for attendance in [True Parents'] family on earth. Still I have the obligation that prevents me from giving guid-

ance to her. Hence, let me be able to help Mother in going beyond her 5 percent responsibility during the remaining four years. With this heart of gratitude before Heaven, and with Mother offering her thanks to Heaven, let this become like two incense fires, like two candle lights in the dark, and protect us and guide us so that we can perfect the way of the True Parents. On the first day, as we designate the motto for this year, please unite the body of our couple which must go forth with hope and joy on this path even though our two bodies may be ripped apart and damaged as we go between the internal world of heaven and the external world of heaven. Bless us and guide us so that we may reach the position of Your victory without collapsing on the way. On behalf of two people, this I sincerely, sincerely, report and proclaim in the name of the True Parents. ❖

The 22nd Day of the Victory of Love

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We began by welcoming True Parents. Father wore a dark suit with a royal blue tie. True Mother wore a chima choguri with a light pink top and bright beautiful pink dress. True Parents were seated in their main chairs for Hoon Dok Hae.

The offering table was prepared in honor of Heung Jin Nim, who has become the Commander-in-chief of the whole spirit world. First, Hoon Sook Nim and her son lit the 7 candles in the same way True Parents do. Then they offered bows to God and in honor of Heung Jin Nim. Then all True Family offered their bows, and the whole congregation bowed.

Then we recited Kajong Mengsei, the Family Pledge.

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak as representative of all blessed central families gave a report on the background and history of this day.

Rev. Kwak's Report:

The background of the situation in Korea at that time was very tense. The difficulty and challenges from the North made the situation very dangerous. At the ICUS Conference in Chicago, Heung Jin Nim's birthday was celebrated. The Science Conference was concluded. At the airport when Father was leaving he suddenly got the direction to bring the scientists to Korea. Most of them had already left and changing their schedule was most difficult. Father told Rev. Kwak that representatives of 72 nations had to come to Korea. The reason - "I want to see them in Korea." This was a huge challenge.

However, 72 came and Father did an 8-city tour to protect Korea. The Christians at that time had opposed us and came into Cain's position. The professors in support of True Parents represented the Abel spiritual realm. At Kwang Ju, an attack came. Members throughout Korea made incredible sacrifices and conditions to support at that time. True Mother understood and felt incredible danger at that time. Conditions had to be set or Father would be attacked.

On December 22nd at 9:10 pm, Heung Jin Nim was returning from UTS. A truck driver was driving badly and Heung Jin Nim's car was struck. Two second-generation youths were with him. They testified that Heung Jin Nim steered his side of the car into the oncoming truck to protect the others. It was at 9:10 pm, exactly as Father was speaking at Kwang Ju to save Korea. Later it was discovered that assassins were present, with the assignment to kill Father. It was 20 minutes before the accident was reported. Heung Jin Nim lost consciousness in the hospital. Father continued his schedule until December 27th. He arrived on December 27th in New York. Heung Jin Nim was unconscious and could not see True Parents.

Most of you may not have had a chance to meet Heung Jin Nim. Heung Jin Nim was 17 (18, by Korean age) and was a most loyal son. He was 190 cm tall -- very tall and very healthy and athletic. His personality was so calm and kind. He was always the center of harmony for his brothers and sisters. He was so kind to the members. He was so warm. He always took care of others. In addition, he had incredible filial piety. He really would seek to take care of members. He had such a kind heart. Heung Jin Nim was not meant to go through such a tragedy. His fortune had nothing to do with this kind of thing. However, his heart's desire was to do anything necessary to protect and love True Parents. Satan's target was always to attack True Parents and True Children. When the walls protecting them are not strongly set up, then they get attacked.

We are so deeply indebted to them for taking responsibility to receive the attacks of Satan. Heung Jin Nim knew that Father was the central figure in the world to stop the movement of Communism. Therefore, Heung Jin Nim knew that Father could be attacked by assassins. One time Heung Jin Nim tested our security and checked to see if they were really protecting True Parents.

In South America, the Media Conference became a situation of concern for safety. Although there were other security guards present, Heung Jin Nim stayed awake to protect True Parents. He did the same at the Science Conference in Chicago.

Heung Jin Nim's pure offering of heart was a condition and sacrifice that made it possible to break down all the walls of the spirit world. His sacrifice allowed the Christians, Muslims and Jews and all religious people to unite in the spirit world. Of course True Parents' set



internal conditions, overcoming the anguish and suffering related with God's heart and the sacrifice of his Son Jesus. True Parents set the condition that this could be turned into an incredible offering, just as Jesus went to heaven and resurrected and then after 40 days the Holy Spirit could be brought down in a Pentecost.

Heung Jin Nim was sent to spirit world in the same way. In the same way, Heung Jin Nim could then bring an outpouring of spirit onto the earth. Now Heung Jin Nim is able to work to bring harmony between the spirit world and physical world. Through this course Heung Jin Nim could receive the Holy Blessing from True Parents. Through the conditions that were set, he could then conduct the Holy Blessing in the Spirit World. This opened the way for the spirit world to be able to work for God on the earth. This was the grace and foundation of True Parents which could then move forward in the spirit world. Then Heung Jin Nim could be free. True Father made this condition on the earth. Heung Jin Nim didn't make this condition by himself, but as the heartistic representative of True Parents he could enter the spirit world as the True Love King. No one else had received the complete true love and bonded with True Parents with such filial piety. Only Heung Jin Nim. That is why he could enter the spirit world with the heart of True Parents. True Parents could send him as his direct representative. One hundred and twenty good kings in the spirit world have been assigned to support and help Heung Jin Nim.

When he went to the spirit world the only thing he had was the ability to cling to True Parents' heart of true love. Heung Jin Nim was there with Jesus in the spirit world and Jesus completely supported him. We must realize that we are the debtors and that we should have made the sacrifice. But God chose a pure son to be offered, just as at the time of Jesus, people should have offered themselves in place of Jesus. How-

ever, God could only work to make such a condition of sacrifice by giving up His own son.

True Parents overcame this incredible suffering. Heung Jin Nim overcame death and ascended to the spirit world. Now this power is extended to all blessed couples who are united with God and True Parents as one. We are able to be blessed in the Unification Blessing and receive this incredible benefit.

Father's Address

Yesterday I taught you about the blood lineage. Today in the 5th year of Cheon Il Guk, I'm telling you that the spirit world is going to strongly come down. When I hear the contents of the speech concerning Heung Jin Nim's offering on this memorial day I am amazed. It was 21 years ago, and yet the contents are perfectly clear and fit exactly to the situation of today. Now we must unify our families -- husband and wife, parents and children. We must perfect our families and bring them up to True Parents' level, which is the true root. Many, many things happen at the root. This is the deepest place. All are trapped in hell. The individual, family, tribe, society, nation and the world are trapped in hell. Even the greatest typhoon will not release all of them. Only the way of True Parents and the blessing can restore the root of the family back to



God. The Coronation for the Peace King is established. The Mongolian Federation relates with 70 percent of the earth's people. It has a huge mission to change the blood lineage of all the people who come from the Mongolian heritage (including all Asians, all native peoples, Middle Eastern people, and most Hispanic). Centered on the cosmic parents, Cheon Cho Cheon Ji In Pumo Nim (the cosmic parents of heaven, earth and mankind), True Parents are the root. Do the Japanese understand?

Rev. Oyamada, do you understand? This root is greater than all the heritage of the Japanese lineage and people. The position of the True Parents of humanity is heavy. Anyone who stands to betray this will not be covered. I have done everything to connect to everyone and cover them all. The time is coming for the great transition to become the True Olive Tree.

We must understand that in God's eyes Satan's world and many museums of the fallen history is not something to be proud of. They will not last in the Kingdom. I don't want to hear anything of the greatness of your nations and histories. That will not be something to be proud of in God's Kingdom. Many Japan-

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Rev. Kwak led us in preparation. The offering table has 12 columns front and back (24 in all) The backdrop was the same for God's Day with the Sun and the Moon floating over a modern-art version of the creation with mountains, streams, and beautiful trees that look like the cherry blossoms.

God's throne (two chairs for the Father and Mother aspects of God), which is white, sits as it did for the Coronation. The golden chairs of True Parents sit to the right and left of God's throne.

True Parents entered at 8 AM with True Family. Father wore a white tuxedo (like the one at the Holy Wedding of True Parents opening the door to Cheon Il Guk - February 6, 2003). Mother is wearing a most beautiful gown with a white dress and a silver and white shining jacket with white cotton fluffy trim. True Parents lit the candles and then bowed before the throne of God. They then went to their places behind the offering. Then True Family and the wives of the 5 saints bowed. Then the congregation bowed and then representatives of the three primary nations, Judeo-Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism and Islam, Abel and Cain world and the spirit world. (Now all bows are done as couples). True Parents cut the cake and we sang Happy Birthday to Jesus.

Rev. Kwak read the Coronation for God's Kingship Address given on January 13, 2001. (sent separately)

Father's Guidance

Since the age has changed, your face must change, you must change your clothes. Where you lived close to one another, then you must be able to live apart. Through allowing all people to come into your home, you can make an indemnity condition to love all people. You must go out of your home and serve others to make a good family.

Your work is to plant good seeds. In your lifetime it will depend on how many seeds of goodness you planted in your lifetime. Because of the fall all was separated, and we all became like grains of sand without a partner. Without Adam and Eve fulfilling the pair system, they could not create the Kingdom of God. Do you like people who smile and laugh or people who are fighting all the time? If a couple fights, gossip about this will spread like fire to the whole neighborhood. Then they act like they don't fight in public.

Where people fight amongst each other - that is the place we go: to bring reconciliation and harmony of the people who are struggling. Where families, tribes and nations become the people that can truly be trusted, they can lead the world.

Until now you have followed Father. From now you can't just follow Father. You must bring your own parents to God. The husband donates to the wife

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and the wife donates to the husband. We have to offer gifts and donations based on the pair system. If there is one bad person in a family, what will you do? Even if a person is bad in the



family you have to share with that person. When you live together as a couple, are you the same status or not? Sometimes you might try to eat something on your own without your husband and wife knowing - that would be a sin. If you steal something from the master you will be a thief on every level.

We are entering an age in which anything that is done wrong will be revealed in an instant. Rev. Hwang, what do you think? If you live according to your own personal or individual level you will come to reap bad things. If Satan is hiding in our family, you will not be able to receive good things. We know everything about God, the internal and the external parts. Everything is revealed. Do you see birds wearing clothes? The time has come to reveal everything.

Those who eat five meals a day will not live very long. Many people in villages and in Japan and America are eating all the time. They become fat. If they didn't eat that much, they wouldn't become fat.

When you are in a low pressure system, the high pressure comes in. When a person is hungry naturally he will seek fulfillment. Like exhaling and inhaling.

In prison I learned that the amount you eat is so important. If you eat too much you go to a high pressure area and don't work so well. If you eat too little you will create a low pressure. If you drink too much orange juice you will get diarrhea. Everything should be in balance.

(Just then some of the most influential Korean dignitaries came in and joined the meeting at the very front)

Father said: We welcome these most influential leaders of Korea. I invited them for lunch so we will end soon. When they look at the banner they probably don't understand. The banner says the Coronation for the Kingship of God and the celebration of the Birthday of Jesus.

Chun Ji means heaven and earth. Is the West on the right or on the left? The East is on the right. That's why we emphasize the right hand. That place which is invisible is the spirit world. You must know where the center is.

There are many Japanese here. You are from a different nation. Do you like Father? (Yes). Mr. Lee. You look young for your age. How about the Buddhist

leader here, don't you want to marry? Did you know that Buddha is married? Where is she? Here is Dr. Lee, the president of Sun Moon University. She is married to Confucius. Here is Jesus' wife. Here is Augustine's wife. Here is Socrates' wife. Here is Buddha's wife!! What do you think about this? When all these saints are married to Koreans, do you think this will bring great fortune to Korea?

Mrs. Kang, who is married to Saint Augustine: You may think I am crazy, and wonder how can I be married to someone who lived 1600 years ago. However, the spirit world is real. I was blessed to St. Augustine. He lives in the spirit world. Augustine is actually most envious of the people who are living on the earth. In 1950 I was a strong Presbyterian who worked very hard to witness to Father Moon about Jesus. He witnessed to me.

I want to testify that he is the messiah, savior and second coming. It is real. This is reality. I would never lie, because I know that the pangs of my conscience would make me suffer so much. Father has always asks me to explain about my life with Augustine. This is important but I feel it is more important to take this opportunity to testify to True Father. When I first met him there were only a couple of people there and I met him in a small, small room with a dirt floor. He was talking at that time that the whole world would become one and all races and peoples would come together. Then it sounded so crazy. Sometimes I would wonder how this would happen when he would speak to us (the same three people) over and over again. How can he be saying these grand wonderful things in such a small room? At least we should have a large room!

Then when I was doubting, he asked me, "Do you have your Bible?" He said, "Open it wherever you like." It was Matthew 14. Father asked me to read verse 31. Mt 14:31: "Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

I came from famous Christian parents. My father died as a missionary. I went to the most famous Christian seminary. It was so difficult with the



persecution. I was having so much doubt. I was really thinking about saying goodbye. I came back to the church. Father was always so nice and was always worried about whether I had eaten or not. This time however, Father had such an angry look. He said, "What were you thinking today?" I said, "Nothing". He said, "Nothing?" I said, "Yes". He said, "You were thinking about saying goodbye to me!" I was so shocked. He knew exactly what my thoughts were. I then came to know who he was.

It is easy to believe in Jesus who is in spirit. But the living Messiah, Father Moon, is not easy to believe in. It challenges you deeply.

Father said: "Please talk about Augustine!"

The name of Unification Church must disappear; the name that creates boundaries of each religion must disappear. National boundaries should disappear. Think about the Kingdom of God. Would we have all different religions there? All must be harmonized as one.

This is the era of Cheon Il Guk. It means two people become one. That forms the heavenly family and the heavenly nation. It also means that the basis for all reality is the pair system. This is the fundamental and universal principle. Everything is in a pair system. For action to take place, there must be a pair system. There must be two for action. Two, subject and object, relate together. Subject and object make action. Knowledge, power, money, is that what God needs? What does he need? What is the purpose of making the human beings? Why did God create humans?

They need subject and object to develop. When they become adults, then how does God harmonize them? Through True Love. Everyone likes unchanging things. The only thing that is truly unchanging is True Love. Are your mind and body quarreling or not. Mr. Lee? Why does it quarrel. Why is it complicated with mind and body. Our ancestors' minds and bodies are fighting. This has been passed on.

Who made the battle between the mind and body? Sometimes we can feel the pangs of conscience can we not? This problem all came due to the fall.

If you have the Chinese character for three times, it means an adulterer. This comes due to the fall.

To overcome the problem of the mind, the mind must be strengthened by relating with God. In the fall God lost his children. God didn't have the experience of true love with his children. How broken hearted was God. Satan took everything. Because of the fall the blood line of Adam was different. In the family in God's eyes there is no love because of the fall.

Man and woman need each other. They must come together as one centering on God. But Adam and Eve lost this. They formed the blood lineage centering on Satan. We must completely restore the blood lineage back to God.

When I was in prison, I couldn't sleep. During that time I trained myself and overcame. We have to unite the mind and body. Through the blessing the fall can be restored and the True Family can be created in your family.

The fall occurred due to adultery. False love was introduced by the archangel. Why is there so much fighting in democracy? Because all sides think they are right. All fight, and because of this progress is greatly hindered.

Also, religions must be united. This is causing so much division in the world. United, religions can lead the world to peace. The world has a left wing and a right wing. Why? Because of the fall. The divisions occurred. The right and the left must be harmonized, center-

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ing on the headwing.

How can the religions be harmonized? By Buddhists marrying Christians and so forth. Through intermarriage the religions can be harmonized. The left wing and the right wing must be united. How? Religious leaders who teach love for the enemy can bring the right and the left together. Religious teaching must be part of the harmonization of society. Religion is crucial to bring the different parties together. Left wing and right wing must embrace each other.

Those who wish to die will live and those who wish to live will die. Now, we are here and many Christians are starting to believe that the second coming is going on now. You cannot become a central figure unless you are totally willing to give up your life on earth. Even the Greek philosophies developed into humanism. Israel developed into Hebraism, which developed into Christian thought. There is a conflict between these two trends now.

All of this has to be resolved, and a key part of resolving this is the 38th parallel. Now all the saints are standing as my disciples. How can you say that these saints are following this strange leader, Rev. Moon? If it wasn't sanctioned by God, we would be destroyed.

Unification can embrace and harmonize Islam, Buddhism, Confucianism and Christianity. Can any Christ-

ian church do this? No. Unification can do it. Why? Because of God. If I try under the banner of the True Parents, I can fulfill. You should understand that I am the great True Parent and you should stand as the small True Parent. Through this we can establish the Peace Kingdom.

You must become True Parents. If you do this and bless 12 of your children and relatives you can definitely enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Because Jesus couldn't establish the family, the second coming has to occur. Do you think I wanted to be the second coming? No. So much came against me. How did I fulfill? I blessed saints with evil people to restore both. You must love your enemy. That is the secret.

(Then one of the most famous political women in Korea -not a FFWPU member - came forward and testified to True Parents and bowed to Father for the new year!!! She then gave an incredible testimony that True Parents are the hope of Korea and will lead the way to peace.)

The Unification system will be fundamentally transformed. My direct sons and daughters will be guiding the movement. Some in business, some in religion. Please give a copy of my prayer from God's Day. It is the essential explanation of the age we are living in.

Another decree I must make. Those who went to America, did you receive

the Cheong Seung Gyeong book? This must be distributed to every congressman. It is the Holy Scripture of Heaven. When you die, you will see whether what I say is True or not. How can you do this if you are not educated. Some of you here denied the spirit world. Now you are realizing that it is true. Now you are believing in me.

What if a war breaks out between North and South? What would you do? I can stop this from happening. I have been treated like a heretic. I know God.

What kind of age has come? This is the age of victory for Rev. Moon. What will happen in the spirit world? All who opposed in the spirit world will apologize to me. Then they will advertise strongly on the earth to rectify their wrong. From this day forth I have to proclaim a new day. The day of victory has come.

Many plotted against me. Why didn't they get me? Because God warns me when they're coming and then I move. I can sense where the danger is. I know immediately what is coming.

299 congressmen must receive the Cheong Seung Gyeong. Add 61 for 360



people. If the congressmen participate in Hoon Dok Hae it will change Korea. Where are you from? Cholla do. Then you must come to Hoon Dok hae and read the Holy Scriptures with me. Do you pledge to do this? (the top leader said yes!!).

Again, Father asked for Mrs. Eum to speak concerning her relationship with her husband in the spirit world. "My husband picks me up in a limousine from the spirit world. We drive around for the day and he then smiles and waves goodbye. Our relationship is so real. The spirit world is totally real. I hope that you distinguished guests can appreciate the great chance you are having to meet Father Moon. (Then she sang). ❖

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ese and Americans made me suffer and shed blood in front of God. You should not be proud.

You have to hold on and determine to hold on in history. Though many others have fallen away, you must absolutely determine to hold on. God is not going to judge and cut it off.

Japanese people, from now on you will not be allowed into the palace if you don't speak Korean. Japanese have been looking down at Korean people. How can they be forgiven of their sins? Live Koreans were used for medical testing! I try so hard not to remember any of it. When I go there it comes to me again, and I cover it with cloth and go beyond it. You must follow me and overcome.

In America, so many blessings were given - over 8 million in 75 days. Yang Chang Shik (yes!), now the Japanese must carry this kind of blessing out to the Mongolian people. If you have good fertilizer you can go over. Your sacrifice and the blessing can be the fertilizer that will change the wild olive trees to true olive trees.

What is the change of blood lineage? It is like a heavenly injection that heals and restores the person back to God's lineage. On the Day of the Victory of Love, you need self-purification. I am threatening you. You may not forget this day when you die. I want you to be engrafted into my root and liberated to have purity and pure love so that through you God's Kingdom can be built. My own sons and daughters paid indemnity for you. Hae Jin, Hee Jin, Heung Jin and Young Jin all went to the spirit world early as a condition of indemnity.

From now on you cannot be allowed to stand with things done against heav-



en. You cannot allow it anymore. You must kick away the evil. I have sent four children to the spirit world because of you and your sin. Now we must go by the law. Those who did not fulfill their requirement cannot come in here. You have to give 30 percent of your income/ assets as a tithe. 1/3 for the church, 1/3 for the nation and 1/3 for the world.

You should do this for four years. This is love for God and humanity. Japan can be saved rapidly through the Holy Salt and the Holy Wine. Japan is like Sodom and Gomorrah. It must change direction and live for the world. It will be destroyed if it doesn't get cleansed. You cannot take the islands that belong to Korea. Tsushima actually belongs to Korea. It was a burial ground for Korean people. Tokdo is also part of Korea. This cannot be taken by Japan. They are claiming this is part of Japan. This is not right.

Japan became strong economically not just because of Japanese intelligence. It was because of God's dispensation. If they had acted properly united with the dispensation they would have come to lead the whole world. But they didn't fulfill this. What are you Japanese going to do? Will you move to Korea if I call? Will you migrate? I'm holding on to Japan

and setting conditions to prevent it from being destroyed.

In three generations national identity will be not be significant. We will have our main identity as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. We will be one family with no boundaries. How many are Korean-Japanese marriages are here? (A few hands were raised.) How can this be? Where are they?

Some Japanese in the early days tried to lure me and tempt me. Japanese women came to destroy me and tempt me. It was like a dream - unbelievable. Even one wrote to me in her blood. These are things that should be understood and studied. Do you understand? Rev. Oyamada, do you understand? Those



who waver will perish!!! What was I doing with Heung Jin. Literally speaking, I sent my son to liberate the devil. How crazy I am as a parent!!

Then Father asked Rev. Kwak to read Heung Jin Nim's report on January 1, 2002.

Rev. Kwak read. : (Heung Jin Nim's speech was sent out separately).

Father: The reading today was about the spirit world. We are participating in

this homeland and the cosmic Sabbath. You are now all owners of Cheon Il Guk. True Parents are also the owners. God is the first generation, True Parents are the second generation, you are the third generation, and your children are the fourth generation. We are bringing an absolutely new culture on this earth. We are receiving this blessing. That's why the traditions and histories of the fallen world cannot enter in.

(Father asked Mother to come forward.) True Mother is the Cheon Il Guk woman. Now as all migrate to Korea all the spiritual world pouring down on Korea will center on Hae Jin Nim, Hee Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim -- under the ultimate leadership of Heung Jin Nim.

Your family must now become a model family. We must make a single unified culture on this earth. There will be one world of Cheon Il Guk -- the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Now the spirit world is all brought together. Everything in history will be put back in the right order, and all mistakes from Adam and Eve forward will be rectified. Your families are such representative families. The spirit world will do everything to connect with your family. You must stand correctly so that they can connect, and you will have

the authority and power to restore all history. God wants to give the order now for all blessed families to march together as one. The world beyond creation is infinite darkness, but in this world your families and your ancestors are the ones who can create this kingdom now!! ❖

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Filial Children of God are Patriots Who Strive to Liberate His Heart

Father's Address at the Common Legacy Breakfast Summit Washington, D.C. • December 13, 2004

I come to this gathering today to deliver a message from God, a warning for the six billion people now living on the earth. I know all too well God's timetable and the direction of His Providence. In all of history, no one has understood with certainty God's circumstances or God's heart. But today, in this era of the providential Last Days, I can reveal them to you. In so doing, I hope to present a correct understanding of the responsibility we must shoulder and the direction we should take. I would like to speak to you on the topic, "Filial Children of God are Patriots Who Strive to Liberate His Heart."

God's Grief and Sorrow

Why did God create human beings? God is the source of true love. Yet the joy of love wells up in the heart only in the context of a relationship. A solitary being cannot experience it. Even God could not experience any stimulation as long as He existed all alone. Alone, He cannot love. For His love to blossom, God needs objects to love. For this reason, God created human beings to be His children, partners in His true love.

God is the Father of all humankind, and we are God's sons and daughters. In creating us, God invested everything — the bone of His bone, the flesh of His flesh, and the marrow of His marrow. Parents raise their children hoping to reach that most exalted place where parent and child come together — that central point where their loves converge, their lives converge, and their ideals converge. In this way, the omniscient and omnipotent God created us to grow into a position on par with Him and equal to Him in rank.

Then, what is required to complete God's ideal of creation? Beyond anything God can do, there is the human element. Because God's ideal is the oneness of God and human beings, God cannot be perfect until human beings reach perfection.

How God must have yearned that the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, would become beings of infinite value reflecting His image. Yet because Adam and Eve fell, God no longer had His own true sons and daughters. Tragically, God could not establish His family capable of possessing the deep bonds of true love and propagating a divine lineage.

Instead, Adam and Eve were seduced by the false parent. Their family was entangled in the chains of false love, false life, and false lineage. As a consequence, we — their descendants — suffer from an incessant struggle between the mind and body.

Adam and Eve fought constantly, and so did their children, resulting in murder. They did not become the exalted beings whom God could relate to as His eternal son and daughter. God could not glorify them as the true ancestors and true parents of humanity. Yet with their fall, God lost the only son and daughter He had.

What happened between Adam and

Eve that caused them to fall? Was it, as the Bible literally says, that they ate the "fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil"? Could merely eating a piece of fruit be the original sin? Could our ancestors by eating a piece of fruit doom thousands of generations of their descendants to be sinners? No. It is because the root of sin was planted in the lineage that it continues on forever in accordance with the laws of inheritance. The only transgression that can

carry out your father's desire."

Christians today may think that almighty Jehovah sits on His royal throne, and because He is omniscient and omnipotent, He can give orders as He pleases and have everything go exactly as He wants. In reality, God sits in a place of wretchedness and harbors tremendous grief.

God had intended Adam and Eve to become the ideal counterparts for His pure, essential love. Can you imagine

For God, nothing was more precious than to have flesh and blood counterparts who could share His true love. God would not have traded His beloved children for the entire universe. His sorrow upon losing them was as if He had lost the entire creation. He felt that His entire purpose for creating the universe had collapsed. He became a God whose enemy unjustly robbed Him of His cosmic throne. The fact that God invested His love so completely, in keeping with the principles of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, only made the results of the fall even more devastating. God was plundered of His ideal, plundered of His beloved son and daughter, and plundered of His sovereignty over the cosmos. And yet, forbearing all these years, the innocent God has had to endure Satan's false accusations.

Seeing the history of lamentation that befell the world following the fall, the Book of Genesis says that God grieved in His heart. The Apostle Paul said, "Creation groans, our ancestors groan, and all humanity groans, waiting in eager anticipation for the appearance of the sons and daughters of God." All creatures desire to escape this realm of lamentation.

God's inmost heart is broken as He surveys human beings struggling, leading lives of no value, having lost the glorious value with which they were originally created. God cries out in grief and agony, saying, "You are supposed to be my direct lineal children, possessing My love, My life, and My lineage. You should be enjoying all the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven. My heart is grieved to see you wearing the mask of the defeated, struggling in pain, lamentation, and despair until the end of your meaningless lives."

Do you think that God, omniscient and omnipotent and seated on His glorious throne, would say to His children: "Come on up here. I'm not going to leave this seat"? Or is it more likely that He would kick His throne out of the way and come down to where we are?

It is important for you to know that for tens of thousands of years, even millions of years, God has been wailing tearfully, crying out, "Oh, My son. Oh My daughter." You may ask how the omniscient and omnipotent God could be in such a pitiful state, but God cannot get over the shock of losing His beloved sons and daughters. If there were a way for God to solve this problem on His own, He would not have had to suffer as He traveled the long, lonely path of the providence of restoration.

Why God Doesn't Punish Satan Directly

No caring parent would stand by idly while her child suffers. Hence, it must be impossible for the all-loving God to abandon humanity, His beloved children, to perish eternally. God is absolutely committed to recovering us and the world that He originally envisioned. This is the reason that God has ceaselessly worked His providence of restoration to save humanity.

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have such lasting impact is a mistake of love, committed between two people of the opposite sex.

Eve committed adultery with the archangel Lucifer, and they became one. When Eve then joined with Adam, she bound him in that same oneness. As a

result, Adam and Eve built their family on a conjugal relationship that centered not on God but on Satan, the fallen archangel. Consequently, all human beings, because we are descended from Adam and Eve, have inherited Satan's lineage.

According to the Principle of Creation, love determines the right of ownership. In a relationship of love the partners possess a right of ownership with respect to each other. By this principle, Satan used his ties of illicit love to claim ownership over fallen human beings. Satan took over the role of the "father" of humanity, even though the true Father of humanity is God. This is why Jesus, in the Gospel of John Chapter 8 verse 44, chastised the people as children of Satan, saying: "You belong to your father the devil, and you want to

such damage. God is the original True Parent, yet He was robbed of His rightful parental position. How heartbroken He is over this! God looks upon His fallen children, who inherited the lineage of the enemy Satan and refuse even to recognize that He exists. How excruciating must God's heart be each and every moment, as He observes humanity's wretched condition!



Our Mission in the Last Days of Providential History

**Founder's Keynote Address • Congratulatory Banquet • Crown of Peace Awards
Washington, DC • December 13, 2004**

Respected leaders from countries around the world, representing all religions and nations! Let us first gather our hearts together. Let us sincerely offer glory and gratitude to God, the True Parent of all creation and Lord of true love. And let us make today a day of the greatest value, a day that will be remembered as having provided a new foundation for America.

The Cold War held humanity captive to fear and insecurity for half a century. Communist machinations and duplicity deceived people of faith and all humankind. That has ended. We live in a new century. And yet, how secure and happy are we?

Look at the world. Young people, now liberated from the yoke of communism, are enjoying their freedom to such an extent that they are in danger of running pell-mell off the cliff of debauchery. Instead of seeking God's ideal of creation, they embrace the perspective of selfish individualism and become slaves to free sex. This gives rise to all manner of social evils. Homosexual activists have hoisted the flag of the so-called "gay" movement. They advocate marriage between people of the same sex. Put simply, this is barbaric and it infuriates Heaven and humanity. Imagine, for a moment, the world that would result from what they advocate. Humanity would become extinct within two generations.

Those who turn away from Heaven's will dig their own graves in the soil of decadence and immorality. The evil of this age has its own punishing consequences. The incurable disease known as AIDS is a sign of this from Heaven. Even as we sit here, is not this cursed plague infecting thousands of innocent people? Is it not casting them onto the path of death?

Another plague, known as divorce, is destroying family values. It is throwing humanity into an unprecedented crisis. Children suddenly find themselves separated from one parent and being raised by a stepfather or stepmother. In some cases, they are even placed in foster homes and orphanages. They are not at fault, yet their tiny hearts are left with scars that will never heal. Who will compensate them for the parental love that was snatched away from them?

Then we turn our eyes to the conflict in the Middle East. What began as a struggle between religions is now grinding the entire world in a crucible of fear over terrorism and murder. Meanwhile, the Korean peninsula, my homeland, tragically remains the world's only divided nation. It still awaits its day of unification with deep longing. By what means can we possibly save today's world, where morality and family values are utterly degraded?

Leaders from around the world, tonight I would like to convey to you a new message from God to the six billion people living in this age. It is both His commandment and a revelation. The title of this message is "Our Mission in the Last

Days of Providential History."

The fall of Adam and Eve, our first ancestors, imprisoned us within the dungeon of false love, false life and false lineage. We drag the chains of a history of unfathomable damnation and resentment. All people without exception have



inherited Satan's false blood lineage accumulated through a history of thousands and tens of thousands of years. We are trapped by that history, with no choice but to lead speckled lives littered with falsehood and evil. This is humanity's fate. There is no escape from this predicament, regardless of human effort.

Humanity has waited eagerly for the day when someone would save us from our fallen condition. Humanity writhes in agony, engulfed by evil and falsehood, because due to the fall of the first human ancestors everyone is bound to the filthy and dreadful lineage of Satan. Therefore humanity awaits the coming of someone who is of the lineage of Heaven and has no relation to Satan's lineage.

This is the True Parents, who are able to liberate us from the Satan's bondage.

We must understand that humankind is in a position to consider Satan our parent. In biblical terms, we are in the position of wild olive trees, separated from the true root. The True Parents, who are sent as the Savior and Messiah of all humanity, have the mission to ruthlessly cut down the wild olive trees that have been growing for thousands and tens of thousands of years and graft them into the true olive tree. This represents the change of humanity's blood lineage. The True Parents come to complete this great revolutionary endeavor on an inter-religious and international level.

The True Parents do not appear just because someone wants it, or anywhere at any time. They can manifest only in the providential Last Days. The term "Last Days" means the moment when the restoration providence, which Heaven has carried forward throughout his-

tory, bears its final fruit. In other words, we meet the original era of the True Parents only in conjunction with heavenly fortune.

The providence to save humanity is administered by Heaven, so how can you know where you stand in it? Only the True Parents, who come with Heaven's love, life and lineage, know the providential time. Knowing the providential time, they work in line with it to bring the providence to its conclusion. Only the True Parents come with the authority to govern the spirit world. By this authority they have mobilized the leaders of the four major religions and myriads of good ancestors in order to take responsibility for your eternal life.

Leaders from around the world! While you were unaware of it, humankind has entered a new realm of grace. Heavenly fortune has arrived. I openly declare to Heaven and Earth that I have received Heaven's anointing and that I have been entrusted with the mission to be humanity's True Parent. We are now in the Last Days of God's providence. This is the era of the Holy Blessing, by which humanity's lineage is

changed from Satan's lineage to Heaven's lineage. Now the Era After the Coming of Heaven is unfolding within the realm of Ssang-hab Shib-seung. In the Era Before the Coming of Heaven, those who pursued evil prospered and it was difficult to distinguish right from wrong. Now Heaven no longer condones that diseased and disordered world!

Have powerful hope, as you live in accordance with the path of Heaven. You can come to resemble God, with His attributes being absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Practice a life of living for the sake of others, and you will go through a revolution of character. Following this path will enable us



to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth that is, the Peace Kingdom, where we all can live together. Heaven has longed passionately to see this come to pass.

The Mission of Homeland Liberation

The term, "homeland liberation," may sound unfamiliar. You probably think that you never lost your homeland, so you have no need to recover it. The homeland to which I refer today, however, is different from the one you usually think

of. I refer to the original homeland, the Kingdom of God on Earth that was lost at the fall of the first ancestors, Adam and Eve.

What would the world have been like had the fall not occurred? God would have blessed Adam and Eve in marriage. They would have produced children who were sinless and true, and become true parents. That family would have served as the nucleus of the Kingdom of God on Earth. The children would have formed the realm of God's third generation. Centering on God, they would have established an eternal kingdom of peace on this Earth. Adam and Eve would have been the king and queen of an Adamic tribe, Adamic people, and Adamic nation that represented the realm of three ages. Adam's kingdom would have continued eternally. That would have been humanity's eternal homeland, the Peace Kingdom.

Unfortunately, history did not start out that smoothly. The fall of Adam and Eve orphaned humanity for thousands and tens of thousands of years. We lost our homeland and lived like vagabonds drifting here and there, begging for food. Humanity was to have attended God as the vertical True Parent. All the world's people would have lived as one family in accordance with the principles of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Instead, we find ourselves divided from one another by all manner of barriers and international boundaries planted by Satan.

What, then, is the true meaning of homeland liberation? How do we begin to accomplish it? Homeland liberation means to transform this world into a new nation, the true homeland. We will not find this homeland anywhere in today's world. It emerges out of a process of re-creation through love. God's new homeland has no borders. It is a part of the original creation that bears no relationship to the fall. So homeland liberation begins with a life of true love, in which we love even our enemies.

If we sow soybeans, we will harvest soybeans, and if we sow red beans, we will harvest red beans. If we sow revenge, which is Satan's seed, we will harvest an evil fruit, more bloodshed. On the other hand, wherever we sow true love, by forgiving and embracing our enemies, a tree of goodness will grow. This is the law of the universe, and it never fails. We find humanity's true homeland, the homeland of the true God, on the path of loving our enemies. This path begins with loving our individual enemies, and extends to loving our family's enemies, our tribe's enemies, our nation's enemies, and the world's enemies. This is how we establish the tradition of true love, true life and true lineage.

As world leaders, what do you consider your mission? As long as Satan's sovereignty rules the world, you do not really have a country. I know there are some 200 countries in the world, but has even one nation brought God's will into reality? Is even one a true home-

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THE ELDER SON NATION HAS FULFILLED THIS STAGE OF THE PROVIDENCE

We have spent the days since December 13th in very important providential meetings with our True Parents.

December 13th was an historic turning point in God's providence. The top leaders of the Elder Son Nation made a positive condition of support for our efforts to educate American people concerning faith, family, freedom and peace centered on God. Based on leaders coming together around this theme, Father proclaimed that the offering was accepted by Heaven. Of course, we should always be grateful for God's grace, for we are certainly repentful that we have not been able to fulfill an even greater change in the direction of America, including greater support from American religious and political leaders for the sake of God's providence.

The other condition that we are proud to announce is that we have officially crossed over the 8 million blessing goal that was set by our True Parents!!! We have achieved over 10 million blessings as of today. The 2 million whom we have blessed recently by October 30th and the 10 million who were blessed by December 20th should ideally understand the meaning of God's providence and the need for the unity of all religions at this time.

Therefore, we must now begin a process of education so that as many as possible of those who have received the preblessing can understand the principle of the ideal family centered on true love. Each family needs to affirm that they will have faith in God. They need to come to understand the value of all religions and essential condition of purity before marriage and fidelity after marriage. This will take a process

of education and sacrifice. That is why we have requested that the focal point of your blessing outreach be the tong ban kyok pa (breakthrough on the neighborhood level) and the ACLC churches and other organizations we are affiliated with. This will enable each of us to do the clearest and most reliable follow-up.

We sincerely congratulate all regions



that fulfilled their goals and to all for sacrificing and working hard to achieve 8 million.

The special banquet on the evening of December 13th was very important providentially in that representatives of the religious realm representing Abel and the civic realm representing Cain from all over the world came together to honor True Parents with the crown of peace. The atmosphere on the evening of December 13th was one of warmth and sincerity from former and current heads of state as well as from top religious leaders from all the providential nations.

This certainly set the condition for the providence to move forward correctly and rapidly from this moment. On December 17th Father assembled a special group of 16 leaders who represent various organizations that work for education and peace. In that meeting Father proclaimed that the Decem-

ber 13th events were successful in providential terms and that through True Parents' indemnity the victory could be claimed. We are sincerely grateful to God for this grace and blessing, for we know that God's ideal and hope was that even more would be accomplished. However, because Heaven could accept the result, a new beginning could occur and a new foundation could be laid for the advancement of God's providence and the Kingdom of God on earth (Cheon Il Guk).

True Parents felt that these 16 leaders did not come together by coincidence but actually came together representing the 16 nations that fought to protect Korea during the Korean War. This new organization will be called the Interreligious and International Peace Kingdom Federation for Cheon Il Guk. It will set the foundation for launching this effort towards the Peace Kingdom, creating an atmosphere of harmony and respect for all races, religions, nations and cultures and leading them into the era of true love centering on God. We will now begin a special education program for the key religious leaders of Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and all faiths, both in America and throughout the world. Today, through a lottery type selection, each of the 16 were appointed as Branch Kings of Peace as Ambassadors from True Parents to bring God's true love to each of the 16 nations that sent troops to protect Korea in the Korean war. We are repeating history. Now our task is to once again unify those 16 nations to bring peace worldwide, in the Middle East and on the Korean Peninsula. The representatives of these 16 nations will be the first substantial representation of the Interreligious and International Peace Kingdom Federation for Cheon Il Guk. This is a great historic moment in God's providence.

During the Korean war the nations were not able to complete their commitment and Korea was divided. Therefore this new movement of 16 nations must set out to reverse that history and help to peacefully reunify Korea at this time.

On December 17th True Father proclaimed that the conditions set on December 13th could be accepted by Heaven and therefore that the providence of God is secure. However, Father also cautioned that at this most serious time in providential history, the unity of the providential religions and nations is crucial, and he said it will take tremendous focus and sacrifice from all blessed families to advance this harmony correctly.

To do this, we ask all blessed families to continue expanding the blessing. On our last Ahn Shi Il, December 15th, Father requested that the main focus of all blessed couples should be to continue to share God's blessing with all humanity. Each blessed family should become a true family, and each blessed parent should become a true parent. That's why education and blessing will be our key focus for the development of the Peace Kingdom. Father has strongly emphasized that each blessed couple must have the Crown of Peace Ceremony on its family or tribal level, including the blessing for all relatives.

We thank God for all the conditions of fasting, prayer and sincere dedication that were set worldwide. In particular, we thank all the saints of heaven, Heung Jin Nim, Dae Mo Nim, and most of all our True Parents, for truly they were able to guide the providence through these challenging times to the victory that has now been secured. Again, we thank all our leadership and all members and blessed families for offering conditions of faith and action. Let us go forward with joy to expand the Peace Kingdom with True Parents' love. ❖

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Know how intensely God has labored to make progress in the providence of restoration! God is our True Parent. As He carried out the providence, God's heart felt the pain of human beings as His own pain.

Yet it was excruciatingly difficult for God to carry out the providence of salvation, because the original human ancestors who committed the fall received Satan's false love and false life. Ever since, Satan has acted as humanity's false parent and false lord.

You may raise the question: "God is omniscient and omnipotent. How could He stand by, seemingly impotent, while humanity went down the path of destruction?" It is because human beings committed sin in a realm where they are totally responsible; therefore, they are required to fulfill the conditions needed to resolve that sin. God cannot liberate us from sin unconditionally. If He could, He would have liberated the first human ancestors in the Garden of Eden instead of casting them out. Further-

more, restoration has been even more difficult because Satan uses his ties of lineage to enslave human beings as their master.

The fall was something that should never have happened under the original standard of the ideal of creation. Therefore, God was not in a position to intervene, even though He was the Creator. Having been robbed of His position as the original Parent, He could not cover for His children's mistake.

On the other hand, neither can the omniscient and omnipotent God simply solve the problem by sending judgment on the fallen human world and Satan. Since God created human beings to be His eternal partners in true love, He cannot just annihilate them. Instead, with true love God has labored to carry out the providence of restoration. Though all the while enduring Satan's contempt and accusations, His response is always to sacrifice and give unendingly.

Satan mocks God, saying, "How can you hold fast to your principles, now that the lineage of true love, which was supposed to be the foundation of the ideal world, has been utterly degraded? Your ideal of creation — the absolute

realm of love where true people live together as one — that is something You will never see." In this situation, how can God reply? It is an impossible situation.

Why does God carry on with His restoration providence while enduring such suffering? Is it because He is omniscient and omnipotent? No, it is not. The ideal of true love is the reason that He seeks to recover His beloved sons and daughters. With true love, God ignores His own circumstances and works to understand the circumstances of human beings. If people are sad, God approaches them by comprehending their sadness. If people are angry because they have been treated unjustly, God approaches them by first understanding the reasons for their anger.

God's Circumstances and Heart

Respected leaders, in your communion with God, have you fathomed His suffering heart? Have you shed tears for God? Have you ever attempted to take on a task that would lighten God's load, even a little? Would you struggle to do it, even if it meant that each of your limbs might be torn from your body?

You haven't. On the other hand, God ever draws near to comfort us in our difficulties. Through the long ages, He has sought out the children who betrayed Him with an unchanging parental heart.

God, our Parent, remains in the realm of lamentation until every last human being has been freed from lamentation. Because He is in this position, we must comfort God and bring Him true liberation.

How are we to liberate God? God lost His beloved children. God is confined in a place where He cannot love humanity with the original love that parents give their children. Therefore, our task is to establish a realm of true liberation for God where He can freely give love to all humankind. God's confinement was brought about by the human fall, so human beings must become victorious sons and daughters who transcend the limits of the fall. This is what will bring God true liberation.

Human beings have lived ignorant of the tremendous pain in God's heart. When I first understood the pain of God, I wept for weeks. Please know that such

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land for God and humanity? The world's six billion people, through no fault of their own, were born as Satan's descendants, carrying the false lineage. Irrespective of whether you are citizens of the United States, Japan, or whatever nation, Satan's love, Satan's life and Satan's filthy blood still flow in your body. Unless you remove this stained legacy of the fall from yourselves, you will never realize the dream of homeland liberation. For this, you each must experience a revolution of character, a true love revolution.

The Three Great Revolutions of True Love

How can we accomplish a revolution of character and come to resemble God? Because we descended from the fall and are born with fallen nature, each of us must go through three great revolutions in order to accomplish the perfection of our character. I call these 1) the revolution through making atonement, 2) the revolution of conscience, and 3) the revolution of heart.

The "revolution through making atonement" means to recover your internal and external right of ownership by completely atoning for the past. After you have done this victoriously, you then live by a standard beyond that for which any atonement is required. This requires that you purge yourself completely of all the habits and thoughts that you accumulated during the Age Before the Coming of Heaven. It is completed when you accomplish it in the realms of the individual, family and nation.

On that basis you can fulfill and perfect an ideal family, a family of true love based upon the absolute values that are the standard for life in the Age After the Coming of Heaven. In God's family ideal, these absolute values are perfected in a three-generation family composed of parents, husband and wife, and children.

Only after the birth of their children can a man and woman stand in the position of owners of true parental love. Only after marrying and cherishing his wife is a man able to own true conjugal love. Similarly, it is the younger sibling that makes the older sibling an owner of true sibling love. Thus, in any relationship, it is the object-partner who places the subject-partner in the position of an owner of true love. To fulfill this position the subject-partner must live for the sake of that object-partner, invest in that person and forget that investment, and sacrifice for the sake of a greater purpose. Here we create absolute values that are eternal and unchanging. In this way, parents, husband and wife, and children bring each other to perfection as owners of true love. Thereby they form a three-generational realm in the family. The family settles into an eternal realm of unity. They live with absolute values in interdependence and eternal communion with God.

Further, you take the revolutionary step of returning all your property and ownership rights to Heaven. Give up

your lingering attachments. This cuts all your ties with the satanic world and separates you from Satan. In exchange, you will inherit all those things and more with Heaven's blessing. In other words, you will accumulate Heaven's riches, riches that have been separated from Satan and over which Satan can never again claim ownership.

What is the "revolution of conscience"? It is an inner revolution by which you become absolutely obedient to your conscience. You cannot deny that you endure an unending struggle within. Your conscience, which tends toward goodness, struggles against the desires of the flesh. To bring an end to this shame-ridden inner conflict, you need to clearly understand the conscience and its function.

Your conscience possesses pinpoint awareness of your every action, every step and every thought. It knows before your spiritual teacher knows. It knows before your parents know. It knows before God knows. And it tells you the right action to take in every instance. What results from violation of the conscience? You feel guilt. Dust settles on your soul; it becomes filthy and scarred. These scars on your soul cannot be removed for eternity. They are fearful baggage that you take with you when you enter the spirit world. I am voicing a supreme command that you work in a revolutionary way to overcome your physical desires, accept the guidance of your conscience, and live in oneness with Heaven's will. Treasure the unblemished, clean and pure state of your soul.

What is the third revolution, the "revolution of heart"? God created human beings as His children. What, then, is the tie that binds you and God together? It is the true love and true heart that exist between a parent and child. If a parent and child do not communicate with true heart, how can they possibly maintain a relationship of true love and true respect?

We have lived for thousands of years within the realm of the fall. Our hearts continue to be enslaved under false parents, false love and false lineage. To remove this yoke, you must live with true love, forgiving, giving and sacrificing continually. This is the life that Satan hates most. By doing this, you return to the realm where God's heart rules.

If your heart is still bound by selfish individualism and still pursues the vain glory of the satanic world, you are on a dark and dismal path whose end is despair and lamentation. On the other hand, if you lead a constructive life, being the first to yield and give to others, then your heart will be bound in eternal oneness with God's heart. This requires that you first sever your heart's ties to the false parent and be engrafted onto God's lineage through the Holy Marriage Blessing instituted by the True Parents. Through the True Parents, who are incarnations of the invisible God, you will secure the true love and lineage of Heaven.

The Personal Emissary

Respected ladies and gentlemen, until today you have led fairly conventional lives. Now, however, I call you to take on a mission as Heaven's direct emissary.

As individuals, there are many differences among us. We are large and small, wide and narrow, tall and short.

Despite our differences, God is commissioning us to become Heaven's direct emissaries. Let us be patriots who proudly uphold Heaven's lineage of goodness. Let us stand resolutely, with heavenly authority, and answer the call to liberate our homeland.

How can you qualify for the mission of Heaven's personal emissary? You must desire the liberation of your homeland a thousand times, even ten thousand times more than your desire for the pres-



ent reality. You must be determined to liberate the homeland even at the sacrifice of your life. Eating or sleeping, coming or going, every action you take should be for the sake of establishing the Peace Kingdom.

The Bible teaches, "Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness." Go forward with confidence, because while your body may belong to the realm of the satanic world, you have been reborn with a true lineage. You are Heaven's direct emissary for the purpose of establishing the homeland.

Do you recognize God's plight? He is a Parent who, in one instant, lost His children, was forced to suffer a history of maltreatment, and was blocked at every turn as he sought to unfold His will. Let us become filial sons and daughters capable of understanding this sorrowful heart of God. How can you be leaders unless you know the truth and practice it?

Leaders of the world, please think deeply about how you came to be here today. Did you simply come half out of sincerity and half out of curiosity, hoping to enjoy a Christmas party? Whether you like it or not, you have now received Heaven's call. I suddenly received Heaven's command when I was a young man of sixteen. I accepted His call, and ever since I have spent my entire life, over 80 years, walking a course of blood, sweat and tears. It was to rescue humanity from Satan's dominion and to bring God into a state of true liberation and complete freedom. Just as I did, you too can now accomplish the exalted will of God for harmony and peace on an inter-religious and international level. That is, you can complete the sacred task of establishing the homeland.

You and Reverend Moon are one, with the common denominator being absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. You as well as I are to be true parents and kings and queens of peace. Today, heavenly fortune is with us.

We now have the opportunity to establish our common homeland that will also be Heaven's homeland. That homeland requires sovereignty, territory and godly people. Heaven's lineage of goodness must extend powerfully throughout that homeland. The pulse of God's providential history must be felt there in a way that cannot be experienced anywhere

else. If it is possible to build this homeland right now, how can you hesitate? Please complete the mission of Heaven's direct emissary. Please live as prophets who have been given the promise of eternal life.

Ladies and gentlemen, I recently founded the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace, a movement to bring together people of Mongolian descent from throughout the world. My intent certainly is not nationalistic. This is a comprehensive movement for peace. The people of Mongolian ancestry are the descendants of Cain and Shem, the eldest sons of Adam and Noah, respectively. God called Noah's family to restore through indemnity the historical errors committed by Adam's family. Now, in the final period of the providence, Sham's descendants can accomplish their mission as the first born among humanity. Thus, it is a movement to comfort God's heart of pain over Adam's family, which lost Abel by murder and waited 130 years to establish Seth. It is a movement to make the world into one brotherhood and one family

by enabling us to tear down the walls of the heart that divide us, that all humanity might live together in a society characterized by interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. It is a providential step to hasten the establishment of God's homeland.

I think we should return gratitude and glory to God and True Parents. They have enlightened us about the incredible providential age in which we are living. They even have bestowed on us the glorious mission to establish Heaven's kingship as direct emissaries. Through all eternity, we will gratefully glorify and praise True Parents, who have inaugurated the Era of the Opening of Heaven and Earth After the Coming of Heaven. Therefore, we offer this Coronation Ceremony for the Peace King to True Parents today. This is unprecedented in history and will never be repeated in the future. True Parents have established the realm of true liberation and complete freedom.

Just as the sun rises with brilliant light in the eastern sky, heavenly fortune is now shining upon all people. The curtain of darkness that shrouded us for thousands and tens of thousands of years is drawing back at last. The divine command to complete Heaven's will is taking root in your hearts. This is a path of destiny you cannot avoid. Therefore be courageous and stand up! We have the Age after the Coming of Heaven working with us. You can experience with certainty the meaning of Jesus' teaching that those who lose their life will live and those who seek their life will die. Let us resolve heroically to do whatever it takes to complete the sacred task of homeland liberation and establish the Peace Kingdom, God's ideal of creation on this planet Earth.

Please engrave the heavenly command you received today deep in your heart. From this time forward, as a leader chosen by God to build the Fatherland, you must pledge to lead a beautiful and precious life. Everyone here without exception will eventually pass on to the spirit world. You do not want to carry with you any regret.

Today I have conveyed to you God's message for the new era. I pray that God's blessings will forever be upon you, your families, and your mission as His direct emissaries. ❖

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profound circumstances lie behind the founding of the Unification Church.

Longing for those who betrayed Him, those who were embraced in the bosom of the enemy, God has been calling out, "My son! My daughter!" But have you even once cried out, "My Father!" so loudly that it made you hoarse? Have you ever passionately called for your Father until it made your tongue dry and you began to choke?

As fallen people, what do we have that would enable us to relate with God? Our emotions and the perceptions of our five senses are entirely profane. Nothing in us is acceptable. Under the laws of justice, we have nothing that will let us relate to God, but under the law of love there is a way.

Because human beings fell, God could not be free. Hence the first human ancestors also were imprisoned and lost their original freedom. Following this, the angelic world, all religious people, and ultimately all humanity came to be imprisoned.

God lives in prison. How can we free Him? We must become filial sons and daughters of God, more so than the original children whom He lost. We must do better even than the original children were supposed to do had they been filial and not fallen. Even if we were to

accumulate ten times as much merit in every aspect and relate to God with great filial piety, it would not be easy to bring God back to His original heart, in order that He might dwell in true freedom. Yet at an early age, I made a determination "to truly liberate God with my own hands," and I have lived accordingly throughout my life.

What is the true mission of religion?



It is, with a heart of love, to truly liberate God, truly liberate humanity on earth and in the spirit world, and truly liberate the planet earth. Many people think that God will liberate us. But now that we recognize that God's heart is under confinement, we understand that we should liberate God and bring Him into complete freedom.

God has long been searching for people burning with zeal for true love, hav-

ing the faith that says, "I see now that God is in prison because of me. I see now that God is receiving Satan's accusations because of me. I see now that Jesus suffered because of me. Oh, Father, I will carry You to the place of true liberation. I will carry Jesus and the Holy Spirit, too, to the place of true liberation."

To this day, there has not been any sovereign country on earth where people of true love have established God's dominion. Despite this, people are singing praises to the Almighty. In such circumstances, how can God's heart be free?

There have been no filial children before God. There have been no social and political structures founded upon true love that would enable people to fulfill the way of the patriot, the way of the saint, and the way of divine sons and daughters in Heaven and earth. Hence there has been no way to establish and protect the heavenly kingdom. These circumstances left God with no place to stand. Consequently, God has remained until now imprisoned — in a state of virtual captivity.

How are we to resolve this grievous situation? The only way is to carry out a movement practicing the love that is God's original essence. The final stage of religion must teach in detail about

God's pitiful suffering and the injustice He has endured, and it must connect human beings to the world of His original heart.

Let us join in a true love movement to bring God true liberation and complete freedom. If we do not set this standard of love, the heavenly way cannot be set right and the ideal world cannot come on this earth.

This true love movement is bringing an end to the history of division between Cain and Abel. To that end, we are bringing together the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the Peace U.N. (World Peace Council) in the Abel position, and the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace in the Cain position, (all organizations I founded) into a single unity.

I call on America to take on the role of the elder brother, representing the free world, and lead all nations toward the fulfillment of God's will. To do this, America needs to put aside selfish and individualistic thinking. When political parties and ethnic groups place priority on their self-interest, they divide and mislead the people. America must build a true nation, blossoming with true freedom and peace. Then God will want to reside in your families and in your communities.

For this noble goal, let us all stand hand in hand and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the Peace Kingdom, where God's ideal of creation is fulfilled. There, God will enjoy true liberation and complete freedom.

I pray that God's blessings may be with you forever. ❖

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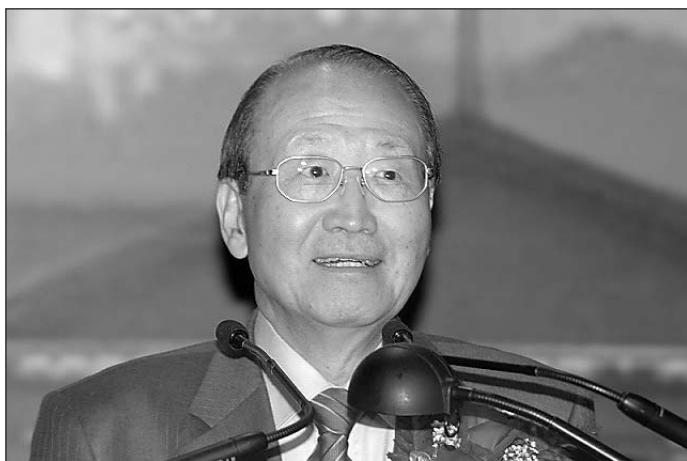
work to be done.... The children are being shot down today by drugs, bullets, sex, immorality. My men are weary. They need support. Yet I have no body. I need your heart, your hands, your feet. Come, my daughters, and let me live through you to comfort them. Rise up, daughters, I need your heart, your hands, your feet. Let me live in you, for I have called you and destined you for a time as this. When you are tired, draw near to me, and I will comfort you and give you rest."

"Women all over the world are fighting for freedom-to be at peace with themselves and with God," proclaimed Jennifer Mohammad, a Nation of Islam woman who came with her husband from England to participate in the conference. "The women whom I have met here have such an awesome presence. I can feel the spirit of God with them. Shake off that coat of heaviness and get to the essence inside. It is the duty of women to civilize the world. It is time for us to step out and do the work of God. We have to come to birth as women of God."

Reaching the youth

Rev. Mark Abernathy, of New Life Assembly, Snellville, Georgia, is excited about youth ministry. "Young people want things that fire them up and motivate them," he said. "What they

want you to do is love them. They want you to show them that they love them. This generation is too enticed with stuff. Young people are broke, busted and disgusted. In America alone every 22 seconds somebody is beaten, stabbed, robbed. Every 9 seconds another suicide attempt by a teenager. Three out of four children say their parents don't care about them. Our children want to



see a change in you."

Rev. Dannie Holmes, pastor of the Greater Hope Baptist Church, echoed his appeal and suggested that parents cut off the television and eat with their children. "Our children want to know that they are loved," he stated.

Strategic vision

Dr. Lonnie McLeod, pastor of the Church of the Living Hope in East Harlem, New York, challenged leaders to think and act strategically. "Assess your community," he said. "Know your congregation. Set goals and objectives.

Decide what kind of work you have to do in order to get to the next level. Increase your capacity. Identify your financial needs and resources (if you want to build something, have everyone donate \$100 and meet monthly to carry it out). Provide ongoing training for yourselves. Rev. Moon is trying to get us to take the streets back from Satan, take our government back from Satan, and take the world back from Satan."

People in the audience wanted to know ACLC's strategy to put prayer back in schools and to reach out to young black males. In response, Dr. McLeod explained the original intent of the American founding fathers to protect the church from the state and promised educational materials on the issue, and Bishop Nelson described how his congregation is going to the street corners where young men hang out and building relationships with them.

"Don't think that if you don't agree with every part of ACLC you can't be part of it," Archbishop Stallings said in conclusion. "You need to stay and help make this body representative. There are three positions you can take in life: make things happen, watch things happen, or wonder what happened." Bishop Joseph Showell, pastor of the Gospel Ark Temple Church in Randallstown, Maryland, envisions God leading ACLC to "places we have never been before." Rev. Carl V. Rawls, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church in

Selma, Alabama, challenged people with two words: No excuses. "It's up to use to bring heaven to every family, city, and nation. It's our charge to build with bricks of love, of peace, of kindness, and of understanding." Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, pastor of New Prospect Family Worship and Praise Center in Washington, DC, warned, "If we fail, heaven has made no other provision."

Father and Mother Moon were being honored as king and queen of peace by religious and political leaders from five continents. For several months, Imam Haitham Bundakji has been calling Father and Mother Moon "their majesties" since March 23, 2004. To objectors he says, "These terms have been wrongly used for leaders who have brought nothing but bloodshed and war. Rev. Moon man was unjustly jailed, deprived of food and water by the communists, but he came to teach us love and forgiveness. We have to follow the footsteps of the righteous ones who are investing everything they own."

Rev. Hayes testified, "I tell you the Messiah is already here. It takes faith to say that. I never saw anybody in the Christian faith do what Father has done. I never saw anybody in the Islamic faith do what Father has done. I never saw anybody in the Jewish faith do what Father has done."

Rev. Moon said to the audience, "Your time will come and you also will be crowned." Rev. Daugherty explained God's intention for His children to become rulers of the earth and exercise dominion. "We should love and serve our family so well that they would crown us!" he exclaimed. ❖

ACLCL Drawing Together the Family of God

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by Joy Schmidt Pople

When an imam and a Jewish scholar walked side by side down an aisle and sat down beside Pentecostal preacher, perhaps they were answering some altar call to repent for strife in the family Abraham. Rev. Jesse Edwards from Philadelphia looked pleased when Baruch Shalev and Mohammad Jodeh sat by him during the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLCL) gathering in Washington, DC, December 12-14, 2004.

Nearly every session concluded with a diverse group of religious leaders on stage, holding hands and praising the one God. There was clapping, singing, joking, shouting, hugging, praying and crying throughout the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel as the spirit of God stirred people's hearts, both individually and collectively.

After a divisive presidential election campaign, people assembled in the name of common moral values that led to peace. "Can you love a right-winger?, how about a left-winger?" Rev. Michael Jenkins asked. "A plane cannot fly with just one wing." The ACLCL National Co-convenor reminded the religious leaders. "It needs two. Fasten your seat belts." ACLCL Secretary General, Rev. Levy Daugherty, added: "When you come to a conference like this, bring your rubber band mind and be prepared to be stretched."

Speakers applied lessons from Biblical figures to modern times. Rev. Jenkins referred to King Saul, who lost the anointing when he thought he no longer needed the prophet Samuel, who had anointed and advised him. "Our nations and our leaders need prophets to bring God's anointing and guidance," he declared. "Imams, rabbis and ministers, rise up and build this nation together."

Imam Jodeh, from Denver, Colorado, stated that God blessed America for two reasons: (1) separation of church and state and (2) religious, racial and cultural diversity. Countering common misconceptions about Islam, he quoted the Qur'an's declaration that God created humankind from a single pair, Adam and Eve, and made them so that they may know each other and not despise each other. "This is the diversity we should protect and celebrate," he concluded.

Breaking down religious walls

"God did not construct walls," Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr., stated. "Since we constructed them we must tear them down." The National Co-convenor of ACLCL and founder of Imani Temple in Washington, DC, observed that some people use religion to bind people to doctrine rather than connect them to God. "But we can call out to God using the name from another religion," he added, "and love what is in another's religion. We can be comfortable with the way each other believes, without wedding ourselves to doctrine."

Racial and religious barriers have been separating God's people, and they are breaking down. Rev. Edwards, chair of the ACLCL Executive Committee and pastor of Pentecostals of Philadelphia, stated, "I never imagined I'd be traveling the country with a Catholic priest, let alone an African-American Catholic priest. I grew up in Tennessee, where there were separate water fountains for blacks and whites. I thank God for meeting Bishop Stallings as a friend and a brother."

Bishop William Wayne Pugh of Bridge Builders International, Atlanta, Georgia, warned people that when they cross the Jordan River, things change. "We dis-fellowship over stupid stuff, like hairstyle, color of clothes, shoe styles," the bishop remarked. "Watch it, brother!" some of the audience answered back, in the call-and-response style. "We are brothers and sisters," he continued, "so we should get together and fellowship on what we can agree on."

Describing himself as a "recovering Fundamentalist," Rev. Carlton Pearson of Azusa International Ministries in Tulsa, Oklahoma, announced that unity of faiths is the ultimate spiritual destiny of humanity. "Is God going to burn millions and billions of people for sin?" he asked. "If so, that would make Him worse than Hitler, who killed only 6 million Jews. If you assume that God is sending all these people to hell, you don't mind bombing them!" In contrast, the Bible speaks of mercy triumphing over judgment and God throwing people's sins into the sea of forgetfulness.

Quoting Isaiah's prophecy that the lame will walk, Dr. William Johnson, a Christian Methodist Episcopal pastor from Pasadena, California, said, "Jews, Muslims and Christians have



been walking around lame when they fail to recognize their brothers and sisters. Can we understand that even though we are not all in the same fold, we're still God's sheep?" Rabbi David Ben Ami, president of the American Forum for Jewish-Muslim-Christian Cooperation, quoted the prophet Malachi, "Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us all?" In honor of the rabbi's 80th birthday, a bishop and two imams presented him with a bouquet of flowers. At various times, rabbis, imams and Christian leaders embraced, demonstrating the reality

of the family of Abraham coming together in forgiveness and love.

Rebuilding families

"It's time to be bold about the family!" Rev. Walter Fauntroy, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, DC, announced. "Every child needs a man and a woman for procre-



ation and a man and woman to be bonded to for socialization."

Dr. Gloria Wright, pastor of Simmons Chapel AME Zion Church in Atlanta, Georgia, calls the family a moving target: "It has changed so much over the years, and there are so many needs: grandmas raising grandkids, spare-key husbands, negligent wives. We need to focus not just on the problems but on the solutions. We have so much to do!"

"I Feel Like Going on," Rev. Bennit Hayes, of Gloryland Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, sang before explaining how the family structure was broken when Adam and Eve fell during their growing period. "This growing period was necessary for them in order to become the temple of God. Mankind united with Satan instead and became his dwelling place. Instead of having a divine nature, we had an evil nature.

That is why we have problems in the family. We have to go back to the status where Adam was before he sinned and get right with God."

In contrast with values, which are changeable, Archbishop Stallings emphasized virtues, which are eternal principles worth striving to embody. "Virtues are permanent, virtues are constant, virtues are eternal. We may not necessarily measure up to them, but we should shoot for them." People in the audience nodded in agreement, and subsequent speakers echoed the theme

of unchanging virtues. Archbishop Stallings referred to the triple blessing God bestowed in Genesis 1:20 and talked about how Adam and Eve lost their way but God desires to bind people back to Him in oneness. "Our true identity is not flesh and blood but spirit. We are incarnational beings, as it says in John 1: 'The word became flesh and dwelt among us.' There was an enfleshment of a spiritual presence dwelling among us so we might find our way back to God." Archbishop Stallings quoted an Ethiopian proverb: "The ruin of a nation begins in the

homes of its people," and proposed that the reverse is also true: "The healing of a nation begins in the homes of its people." The challenge begins with husband and wife getting right with God and right with each other and then parents being parents and letting the children know they are parents. "Let's claim our homes for God, based on virtues that are permanent and eternal," he concluded.

"If America abandons its morals, they don't have anything to stand on, because they lose their foundation," Bishop Floyd Nelson, pastor of Lively Stone Worship Center in Landover, Maryland, stated. "God gave me my bride, and it has lasted 40 years. I would not be the man I am if He had not given me the woman he gave to me. Because God blessed us I am still in love." Bishop Nelson challenged each pastor to extend the marriage

blessing to 12 couples in their church, blessing them so that they in turn will bless others. He referred to Numbers 11, in which God said He was going to take the spirit that was on Moses and put it on the 70 elders. "The blessing is so important," he explained, "because it causes people to be committed to ministry. When you are committed you are not shaken by the situations you face. When you bless couples, let them know where you got the commitment. Go out and multiply yourselves."

Giving birth to the world

On March 24, Rev. Moon commissioned women, especially American women, to give birth to the world. The wives of many American ACLCL leaders stand by their husbands in ministry. Rev. Ethel Hayes repeated the question asked of Queen Esther, "Who knows but God has chosen you for such a time as this?" She gave examples of women used by God as catalysts to move history forward. "Women of faith are coming together, because we want to do something for God," Reiko Jenkins explained. Rev. Catherine Ono from Boston, Massachusetts, reminded people of Rev. Moon's call for women to rise up as Ambassadors for Peace.

Claire Daugherty added, "We are the female aspect of God, the nurturer, the comforter, the teacher. Without us, God is only half represented. We call the daughters of God to fulfill the vital role for which we are created: to bring God alive through us." Rev. Tanya Edwards added, "If we find our place lifting our husband up as he is supposed to be lifted up, he can do the work of God. If we find our place, our children will find their place. Pray for all our children." Rev. Tessie Willis, from Dallas, Texas, quoted from the book of Proverbs, "When a man finds a wife he finds a good thing." She challenged the men, "If you don't have a wife, prepare yourself."

Rev. Debbie Taylor, from Washington, DC, spoke prophetically about stepping out on faith to answer God's call. "Arise, oh women of God: mothers, daughters, wives, sisters. There's

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of Jesus, He could establish one man as a pure Adam. Jesus' rejection and crucifixion caused God infinite grief. The ideal once again could not be completed.

However, because Jesus fulfilled the first blessing of becoming fruitful and perfected in love as an individual, he could establish the four-position foundation in the spiritual realm with the Holy Spirit in the bride's position, and Jesus and the Holy Spirit could then establish the True Parents' position in spirit. From that position, rebirth could be given to those who embraced Jesus. However, this salvation was spiritual, and Jesus had to return again. Because of this rejection the family of Jesus (Isaac and Ishmael) instead of being united as one and building the Kingdom of God at that time divided. Christianity emerged from Judaism and they remained separated. God raised up Muhammad and Islam to guide the people of Ishmael and



other relatives. At the time of the return these religions will come together to welcome the prophesied coming of the Messiah or Imam that will fulfill God's will for all mankind.

At this time those prophecies are being fulfilled and wider and wider circles of prepared Christians, Muslims and Jews are coming to understand that Father and Mother Moon are fulfilling the second advent. This is rooted in the fact that in the spiritual world Jesus, Muhammad, Buddha and Confucius and Hindu leaders as well as myriads of saints are testifying and proclaiming that Father and Mother Moon are the ones anointed and "chosen" to fulfill the prophecies of their faith traditions.

Father and Mother Moon's blessing of marriage in 1960 established the True Parents' position. The fulfillment of the True Parents and True Family's mission has secured the foundation of God's ideal. Jesus anointed True Parents and called them to the mission. When True Parents fulfilled their mission, Jesus, Muhammad and the other saints and founders of the great religions proclaimed from heaven that

True Parents are truly standing in the position of the messiah, savior and Lord of the Second Advent.

True Parents' role is to restore the ideal of the family by extending that blessing and anointing to every family, until eventually all of the world is cut off from the wild olive tree and grafted onto the true olive tree. This is the meaning of the blessing. Since the fall occurred through a blood relationship between Adam and Eve centering on the archangel, the resulting blood lineage could not be recognized by God. That is why Jesus said in John 8:44, "You are of your father the devil."

Restoration of the blood lineage requires the complete restoration of the fall. Since false families were formed centering on the archangel Lucifer, who became Satan, true families must be formed centering on God, reversing the fall. To accomplish this God had to restore one family first, starting with Jesus. Jesus came as the Second Adam and completed the restoration of Adam's individual position as the Son of God perfected in love.

Because of the rejection by his family and ultimately the chosen people, Jesus could not establish the True Parents on earth. A spiritual engrafting took place on the individual level through the communion that Jesus instituted in the Last Supper, in which we become one with Jesus in blood and body, representing spirit and body. This first stage of engrafting prepared for the completion of the family. But until another Adam appeared, the family could not be restored. That is why Jesus indicated that there is no marriage in heaven (Matt. 22:30). The next step of engrafting, the blessing of families, could not occur until Jesus returned and established the True Parents. The return of Jesus is now being fulfilled through his anointing of Father and Mother Moon. As Elijah returned (in spirit)



through John the Baptist, Jesus is returning (in spirit) through Father Moon. He "returns" through a man born on earth as the third Adam. This means that Father Moon is not God or Jesus but rather stands in the "spirit" of Jesus.

Since Adam and Eve were to obey God's word and harmonize the three archangels in support of their blessing, it was essential that Jesus have three disciples who would support him unconditionally. The three disciples falling asleep at Gethsemane was a tragedy beyond measure, as

it meant that the three archangels were not in full support of Jesus at the crucial moment, and therefore, Jesus had to go the way of the cross instead of the way of the family. This is why at the crucifixion darkness covered the earth. If the family, disciples and representatives of the chosen people had believed, Jesus could have lived. This is a revolutionary theological understanding. It does not diminish the providence of atonement through Jesus' sacrifice. It just establishes God's request that the people believe (John 6:29). Belief reaps the blessing, and unbelief reaps suffering.

Therefore, critical to the establishment of True Parents was the faith of the first three couples blessed by True Parents before their own blessing. These were the couples of Rev. Won Pil Kim, Rev. Young Whi Kim, and President Hyo Won Eu. Because they stood as blessed couples in faith and total support under great trial and persecution, True Parents' blessing could occur in 1960. Having fulfilled the archangelic role, those three couples could become part of the 36-couple blessing that was established in May 1961.

From there, subsequent blessings occurred according to providential numbers. The 36 couples represented 12 disciples who were restored and blessed from the Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament levels. Next,

the 72 couples were restored; 36 representing Abel and 36 representing Cain united as one, as well as the 72 disciples of Jesus. Then 124 were blessed, symbolizing the world. The providential number was 120, but because there were 124 nations in the United Nations at that time, Father extended it to 124 to represent every nation of the world. However, 120 was the world-level condition that was needed.

The 430 couple blessing represented the Israelites' 430



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years of suffering in slavery in Egypt as well as the 4,300 years of Korean history. Then 43 couples from 10 nations were blessed in 1969, expanding the ideal of the family to the world. The 777 couple blessing was established, opening the way for the world to return to God. On that basis, the 1800 couples were blessed. This symbolized the number 6 being restored three times, so the restoration of 666 occurred through the 1800 couple blessing.

The subsequent blessings extended the blessing to interreligious and interracial couples throughout the world. In 1992, the blessing was expanded beyond the boundary of Unification Church membership, and the way was opened for people of any religion to maintain their religious faith and still receive the blessing, as long as they could understand and acknowledge the value of that blessing from heaven. Muslims, Christians, and Jews as well as non-religious people began to receive the blessing.

Throughout the 40 years from 1960 to 2000, the first generation of blessed couples continued to have children. Reversing the human fall, which established families based on the archangel's self-centered words, blessed families are commissioned by God's word to keep pure before the blessing and faithful to their spouse in the blessing. The 2nd generation coming from these marriages is based on their parents' partaking of the holy wine; this is connected to the same condition Jesus gave at the Last Supper. However, this time the condition is not for the individual but for the couple, and husband and wife share the holy wine or holy juice together from the same cup.

Therefore, the era of individual salvation has ended and we have entered the era of family salvation. The children from these blessed marriages are born without any claim or condition by which Satan can call them his own, and thus they have the potential to become true sons and daughters of God very rapidly. Being born without original sin does not mean being born perfect. Rather, it means that God needs no condition to relate with that person. Because there is no false lineage or claim over them, God can freely relate with them just as He did with Adam and Eve before the fall and with Jesus during his life.

The blood lineage established by the fall was Satan's, because it was based on the angel's word and illicit love relationship. Therefore, all children descending from the fall are born outside of the realm of God's principle. Satan needs no condition to relate with fallen people, but God does. Fasting, self-denial and prayer became necessary conditions of faith and substance through which God could then act conditionally.

Through the blessing, children are born from "restored families" who reverse the fall by being obedient to God and forming a family with the Blessing of the restored third Adam and Eve. Therefore, there is no barrier between God and these young people, and God needs no condition to relate with them.

However, Satan needs a condition to relate with these children. Because the world is still under Satan's dominion and the



environment is so heavily dominated by false teachings and a fallen lifestyle, it is not difficult for Satan to influence pure young people to make conditions that allow him to have give and take with them. Therefore, though they are born without original sin, a religious lifestyle and upbringing is essential.

This blessing on December 26 was very strict. If it was the first blessing of second generation that was based on the fulfillment of the Coronation of God, Jesus and our True Parents. It was the first blessing of our True Parents in the Peace Kingdom which is based on True Love. Only couples who could truly stand before heaven and proclaim their purity with the confirmation of church elders could qualify for this blessing. Any sexual experiences before the blessing meant that the person could only receive the blessing later.

This blessing of 121 couples was also based on the victory of the December 13th Crown of Peace ceremony, in which True Parents were affirmed as the King and Queen of Peace by people of the Abel religious realm and the Cain secular, civic realm. With that confirmation, True Parents could initiate a new dispensation toward the Kingdom of God on earth.

They established the Interreligious and International Peace Kingdom Federation of Cheon Il Guk, and this blessing was the first stage of the development of the Peace Kingdom. Therefore, not only did True Parents guide these couples very personally and very deeply about the blessing, but they also raised the standard closer to the ideal of the Principle.

For many decades, True Parents promised that when the Kingdom of Heaven finally came, conditions would not be easy. They said that although the gates of the Kingdom would be wide for a certain period in order to allow everyone an opportunity to receive heaven's blessing and grace, heavenly law would require an absolute standard for true sons and daughters of God to establish a true family.

No one decides our destiny but we ourselves. Therefore, each young person had to make his or her own decision about being willing to receive the match they were given and step through this gate. It was not easy. The struggles were enormous.

At 9:00 a.m. on December 26th we began the rehearsal. The young people were all shapes and sizes, some still in high school and some in college. The invi-

tation to participate in the blessing made it very clear that they must be absolutely pure, with no sexual encounters whatever, and furthermore, that once they stepped into the position of a candidate they should have absolute faith in the match that Heaven prepared for them. If they were not committed to such faith, they should not be there.

As the young men in dark suits and red ties and women in beautiful white wedding gowns lined up, East Garden was filled with an atmosphere of holiness and purity. The rehearsal continued for one hour and 45 minutes, as the attendants and participants repeatedly walked through the steps of the blessing. Everyone had a serious attitude and heart in preparation for the most beautiful blessing. Nevertheless, many different struggles were going on during that time.

At 10:00 a.m., Dr. Yang suddenly came to the room, and to our surprise True Father came right behind him. Father wanted to check on the preparations. He walked carefully up and down the aisles, smiling at the couples, checking the red carpet on the central aisle where the blessing procession would take place. One young man who was struggling deeply

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shared with me later that the moment he saw Father's face during this rehearsal, his heart and mind became completely peaceful. He felt an overwhelming sense of peace and confirmation that everything was settled for him. He felt that perhaps the spirit world had been testing him, or perhaps even some were trying to block this blessing from occurring. Once he saw Father smile, everything changed.

Looking at the decorations, Father suddenly said that each of the front two corners of the room should have a palm tree that reached from the floor to the ceiling. This was one hour before the blessing was to begin. With absolute faith, Paul Fontaine and other key East Garden staff members went out at 10:00 am on Sunday, the day after Christmas, and found two palm trees. Within 40 minutes, he came back in the door with trees that fit perfectly from the floor to the ceiling.

The practical reaction to Father's last-second request would be that it could not be fulfilled in time. However, that was not the position the East Garden staff took. There are so many lessons to learn from every encounter with True Father, but one thing is sure - Father only gives directions that can be fulfilled. Furthermore, he does so based on his spiritual knowledge that preparations have been made to yield the fruits of his request. Many times we fail to fulfill what Father asks us to do because we think only in practical terms; thus, we defeat

ourselves before we even try. My heart was deeply moved when I saw palm trees exactly the right size arrive 15 minutes before the blessing the morning after Christmas. Father gave a direction and knew in his spirit that the palm trees had been prepared. Because our brothers set the condition of faith, they could be led by the spirit to find the prepared trees. When Father gives a direction, we should absolutely go forward in faith, regardless of external appearances. This reminds us of Jesus telling his disciples to go and fetch a donkey for him to ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Jesus gave that direction knowing that the donkey had been prepared.

The blessing ceremony began with the entrance of the True Family. Welcoming remarks were given by myself

(Rev. Michael Jenkins) as the MC, noting that 121 couples of the 2nd generation were going to be blessed on this day and that these were pure couples representing all of the world. The MC also noted that our gratitude for this ceremony must go not only to True Parents but also to True Family, for it is through their fulfillment that True Parents could carry out this providence.

Rev. Jesse Edwards, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, gave the invocation, indicating that the clergy have come to the same level of understanding of the blessing and of True Parents as that of members who have been 40 years in the movement. Rev. Edwards also affirmed that these young people were being blessed by True Parents and

engrafted into the true olive tree. He also stated that True Parents were anointed by Jesus and all the saints of heaven as the returning lord.

The blessing address was given by the chairman of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace in North America, Dr. Chang Shik Yang. Dr. Yang described very deeply the ideal upon which these couples are being blessed, their crucial role in creating the cornerstone of blessed families for the Peace Kingdom, and the long line of providential blessings that True Parents had established.

Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, as the national co-convenor of the ACLC, emphasized that each young person was chosen by God and that the blessing of True Parents is eternal and forms the central purpose of life. He guided the young people to understand that the blessing will also entail trials and tribulation, for out of the blessing we are forging a new world in which we are reconciling all the people of history and forming the Kingdom of God on earth. The True Parents are the lord, messiah and king of kings, and therefore these precious couples are standing at a most significant point in history, a point that will be studied and remembered for eter-

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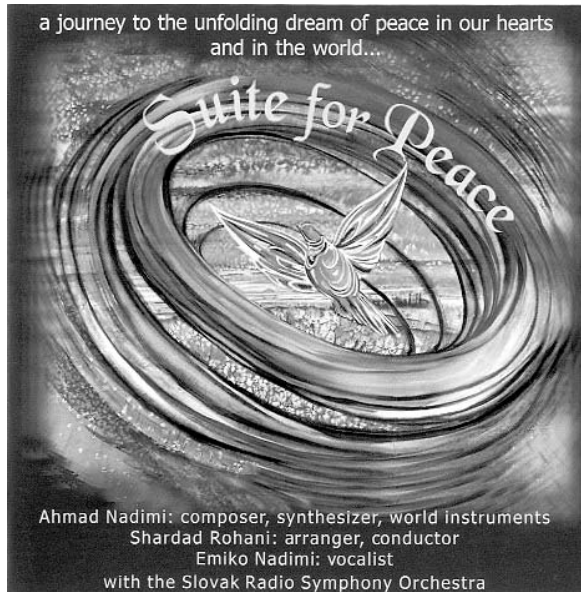
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nity.

Then the attendants entered to the holy song, "Song of the Banquet." All the attendants were 2nd generation blessed couples. They entered wearing their holy robes with beautiful pink sashes, with the men lining up on the right and women on the left. Their procession was flawless.

Then the entrance of the officiators was announced, to the "Hallelujah" chorus of Handel's "Messiah." True Parents entered the room, Father wearing a black tuxedo and Mother wearing a beautiful white suit. With grace and glorious dignity, True Parents came to the stage for the blessing.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang gave the "Report to Heaven," reporting that 121 couples that were absolutely pure were being blessed as the first providential blessing of the Peace Kingdom centering on the King and Queen of Peace before the world and cosmos in this fourth year of Cheon Il Guk.

True Parents then conducted the holy water ceremony as four representative interreligious and interracial couples came forward. In the holy water ceremony, the water signifies that the blessing is absolutely pure and the marriage is absolutely holy, the pinnacle of the experience of true love, true life and true lineage. The children born through these families will be direct heirs to the Kingdom of God. Twelve attendant couples carried out the holy water ceremony, sprinkling all the brides and grooms.

Then True Parents conducted the affirmation of vows. Upon the completion of each vow the congregation said, "Yea." More than 150 nations were represented in the grand hall of East Garden that day.

After the vows, True Parents turned to each other and offered the prayer of blessing. Father's voice was soft and gentle, but deep and rich. We could see that

each word was being carefully offered to heaven as he prayed that these young people will fulfill their responsibility to become true sons and daughters and true families of God. Father prayed that in this fourth year of Cheon Il Guk this blessing could be received by heaven and become a foundation for all future generations.

Then the holy ring ceremony began. Father and Mother gave each of four representative couples their rings, and the brides and grooms helped each other put on their rings. At the same time, all of the couples then exchanged rings. The ring was especially designed by True Parents with the Unification symbol and made of gold. Gold represents the purity of marriage and the everlasting nature of the commitment. Being round, the ring represents the circles that have no end, indicating these blessings will have no end, but last for eternity. Then the four representative couples returned to their appointed positions.

True Parents gave the proclamation of blessing, announcing before heaven and earth that these 121 couples were now blessed for eternity as husband and wife in this 4th year of CIG.

Flowers were presented by Rev. Dong

Woo Kim's son and daughter in law. The gift presentation representing all blessed was a beautiful porcelain sculpture of two cranes, representing man and woman facing each other in love. The gift was offered with the following dedication: "On the Foundation of the Victorious Crown of Peace Ceremony of December 13, 2004 we the Newly Blessed Couples of Cheon Il Guk and the Interreligious and International Peace King Federation offer our heartfelt gratitude for our True Parents in giving us True Love, True Life and True Lineage for Eternity and for the True Love and Unification of All Humanity."

Then a trophy was given by the blessed couples as a gift of congratulations for True Parents' victory on December 13th, when the religious and civic realms honored Father and Mother Moon in Washington, DC, as the King and Queen of Peace. Then the officiators were invited to sit during the blessing finale.

A congratulatory address was given by Dr. Neil Albert Salonen, president of the University of Bridgeport. He emphasized four points - He beautifully emphasized four points: This is a day of joy, a day of commitment and dedication, a

truly the fulfillment of what was prophesied in the Koran, that Mohammad is with them, and that their blessing represents the fulfillment of all religions. "We congratulate you on this day," he concluded.

Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary-General of IIFWP International and recently appointed by True Father as Peace King for the United States, gave congratulatory remarks encouraging the couples on their new journey of blessed family life:

"Let me add a word of congratulations to all of you, on behalf of Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, the Chairman of the IIFWP and representative of our True Parents to our worldwide movement.

"I want to thank Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Rev. Michael Jenkins and the entire team who have worked so effectively to organize this wonderful blessing today. It has been so beautiful to behold, and yet we all know it takes a lot of hard work and organization.

"Most of all, we thank you for responding to our True Parents' invitation to participate in this matching and blessing. We are all proud of you and so uplifted to observe your faith, your spirit and

your readiness to carry on this precious tradition.

"Our True Parents are working on so many levels in order to transform this world. Their mission is to reach every level and every sector of human society. This includes outreach to all religions, to governments and political leaders, and to civil society. They are working to restore and transform the media, academic and educational institutions, sports, the arts, business, etc.

"But if we look to the core, to the

essence of this radical and revolutionary movement, we come down to this great event today, the blessing. This is the essence of True Parents' mission, to create God's true love lineage, through the blessing. In this respect, by your decision and your actions today, you are leading the way to world transformation and true peace. This is the foundation of restoration. We are proud of you, God bless you. We love you. Thank you."

This formally concluded the day's program. The atmosphere in East Garden exploded with joy. Parents who had to watch the blessing ceremony on closed-circuit TV at a nearby hotel because there was not enough space at East Garden flooded the East Garden area. Laughter, celebration, hope and joy filled the air as each couple then spent the next two hours having their official photographs taken as a couple on the stage on which True Parents stood. This will be a treasure for their lineage eternally.

We thank God for the Peace Kingdom and for our True Parents who have created it, with the blessing of marriage and the power of true love. ❖



day of hope, and a day of gratitude. Mrs. sang gloriously, "You Raise Me Up." Tears flowed throughout the grand hall of East Garden as these beautiful blessed couples were receiving such love from True Parents. The officiators were then invited to give the celebratory cheer of "Ok Mansei." True Parents traditionally offer three cheers of "Ok Mansei" at that point. Clearly True Parents were pleased.

However, Father did something we never saw before. He called upon Dr. Peter Kim and gave one more message of love to the young couples. Father said, "This was a beautiful ceremony today, and I feel good. I want you blessed couples to know that for the next 50 days, until True Parents' birthday on February 14, you must set the condition of being absolutely pure and holy. During these next 50 days you should not embrace or have any physical affection whatsoever. You should stand absolutely pure. After the 50 days you will then be qualified to begin your blessed family. This is a most serious time, and I want to ask you and all blessed couples throughout the world to give your absolute best during this next four-year period. From 2005 to 2008, the world will change so dra-

was chosen, representing all races. In front of True Parents, the young couples cut the wedding cake. Pictures were taken of the couples together with True Parents and the religious leaders, and then True Parents and True Family left to applause and gratitude.

The couples reassembled for the final moments. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, our continental director, gave very serious and deep guidance. Father asked Dr. Yang and Rev. Young Joun Kim, head of the Blessed Family Department in Korea, to pledge to take absolute responsibility if any of these couples make a mistake. They pledged before heaven that they would be responsible. Dr. Yang gave a message that penetrated into the blessed couples' hearts: "Please be holy, please be responsible, for you were chosen by God for this time."

Rev. Dr. H.G. McGhee, as one of the clergy couples blessed by True Parents on September 14, 2002, offered congratulations to the new couples and testified that the messiah had just blessed them. "You must know the hour in which you stand," he said. Imam Pasha Salahuddin, representing the Islamic world, gave deeply encouraging guidance and testimony that Father and Mother Moon are

Matching at East Garden

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The central purpose of our True Parents is to establish True Families that are blessed by God. There is nothing more beautiful on earth than to see True Parents matching the second generation, who were born with lineage of heaven. Workshops and testimonies are being given to these young people who are now entering the realm of fulfilling the second blessing.

At Hoon Dok Hae Father called the matching candidates in who had arrived already. He asked who had a birthday on that day. Then he asked who had a birthday that week. A brother and sister appeared. Father then looked at them and matched them and asked them to discuss with each other whether they would accept. Education went on through the day as candidates continued to arrive. Father asked that all parents stay somewhere else and not attend the matching. Last night Father came and gave incredible love and guidance. Then the great providence and central mission of True Parents once again witnessed to by heaven and earth. The matching of couples by True Father is based on profound communion with God and the heavenly realm and keen spiritual insight into the character of the ancestors. People are matched by combining the best of ancestral traits while at the same time working to compensate for shortcomings by bringing strong points from the ancestry of one spouse to compensate for weak points of the other's ancestors, and vice versa.

This way the heavenly fortune and meaning of these couples is profound; these blessings that Father is conducting are based on the concept of "exchange" marriage. "Exchange" means that the desire of God is that we marry beyond our race and beyond our nationality. The ideal is that enemy ancestral lines are brought together. Through this blessing, reconciliation and peace are achieved not only within the couple but between the races and former enemies. This is an essential component of building the Kingdom of God on earth. We must dissolve the enemy feelings and conditions that have existed throughout history and still reside in the hearts of our ancestors and all others in the spirit world as well as those on earth. The substantial feeling

of dissolving and resolving historic enmity is achieved through the exchange marriage and blessing. Father explained that he calls it "exchange" marriage because it is as if the families involved are "offering" their son or daughter to their "enemy" family as a condition of sacrificial love. Much the same way, God gave Jesus to save humankind, who actually stood in an enemy position to God. This "exchange" is an offering and sacrifice. Though the path for these couples who are crossing the boundaries to love the enemy and resolve history is filled with challenge and difficulty, this history is the one that True Parents have continuously guided us to fulfill. Father teaches and the results show that through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience these couples ultimately receive an enormous outpouring of blessing not just for themselves but for their generations to come.

Do you remember when you were matched by True Parents. When was it? In the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, the new Millennium? None of us can ever forget this moment in our lives. The journey we took with our spouse from that moment is profound and deep. It is not simple. Ancestry, nations and

It is not simple. Each individual is responsible to commit based on their own faith. The young people realize this.

One thing here is quite clear (even though many of the new matched couples don't realize it), there is no one that is here that wasn't called by God. If you stepped through the door at East Garden—God called you directly. Even those that came and were not qualified and were not blessed were called by God here. We are all here to learn of

the Way of Heaven. I realize here once again that no matter what kind of encounter we have with True Parents, the face to face meeting with the Lord is not a simple matter. History and destiny are in full force. Therefore in counseling some who weren't ready they needed to be here and go through something with True Parents so they could elevate their life of faith. Many are here in tears and struggle. God is guiding each and every one if they can receive it. Every experience here is set up by God to give us the best possible lesson directly for our own life of faith.

The matching was again a moment in heaven. Do you remember what it was like for you. When you were standing in a line or when Father's finger pointed directly at you ?? What a moment. Sometimes, from an external view, it seems that Father is just picking at random or based on some feeling. It is infinitely deeper than that and our Blessed Families are the evidence and fact of this matter. When we look at our blessed families and now their children we realize how deeply the providence of Heaven was at work to create our families. All of them have deep restorational histories going on. Always, we have our own responsibility. We can never deny this. No matter how much God has brought us together and prepared our ancestors for this marriage, our sacrifice and investment to peel away the layers and barriers between ourselves and our spouses is the only way that True Love can occur. However, when we go through this sacrificial course and overcome through faith in the Divine Principle and God working through our True Parents we restore our ancestors and our own characters. We dissolve the histories of division as we bring races, religions and cultures together beyond all boundaries. We are creating on family of God. It is incredible when I see these young people suddenly matched and the look of wonderment when they first look at each other.

Or the look on our young sisters face when Father begins to ask her questions and then suddenly makes a deci-



cultures are merging through your chosen families.

The Second Generation that were recently matched are younger than we were on average. Many are just 18. Yet we are so proud of them. They are struggling, they are nervous, they are searching and yet, so many of them are absolutely clear that God is bringing them the most precious gift of all. The most precious gift in history. The Blessing of Marriage. We were made for this. This is what it is all about. It is incredible - the spirit here at East Garden for the last few days is like nothing I have ever seen. Many of our second generation are seeking counsel and many elders are guiding them.



sion that will effect history and eternity. Then when the couples bow to each other, do you remember what it was like? It is such an indescribable feeling and we know that much suffering will come.

However, when we look at the children of the families who went through this blessing providence, we are greatly encouraged. This children are the fruit of your tears and your suffering. They were forged in the same fires that the Israelites and the early Christian martyrs were formed in. They are created in the heart of God himself.

So many had profound spiritual experiences. One sister was praying that would have a spouse from Austria. Then out of all the candidates her spouse came forward as he was picked by Father—he was from Austria!!

There was very amazing. Blessed Families, your tears are not in vain. These blessed families are emerging from this and a new generation will rise. I counseled some of the young people. I weep for them. They are struggling. Mainly they are struggling because they know that once they commit they don't want to make a mistake. They are serious about the blessing. The blessing is the central point of all of our lives. Many beautiful European brothers and sisters are here. Rev. and Mrs. Song the continental director of Europe came to help them, he poured out his heart for these young people. We will be spending Christmas together with them. We will never forget this Christmas. We sincerely thank all the blessed families for your endless sacrifice and tears to follow True Parents and instill in your children the way of faith.

The atmosphere was profound. It is one of the most amazing moments with True Parents. Father is guiding everyone to expect to struggle, he said that 80% won't like their match but they can't see that God is bringing the very best together so that the greatest happiness will come to them and their families for eternity. Father is guiding everyone today that they are great because they overcame the struggle to be here and get matched. Next they must overcome the struggle of "bringing two worlds together and COLLIDING". The two worlds that come together in them will create a lot of heat and friction but Father is guiding them to understand that by living for the other - they will find the most precious happiness and True Love.

New families for the Kingdom of God are emerging through these beautiful children. These young people were born without the original sin. They were born with a special position and destiny. Please pray for them. They begin the journey of the Blessing on December 26th. They are our hope and the hope of Heaven. ❖

Holy Wedding of the Second Generation in the New Era of the Interreligious and International Peace Kingdom Federation for Cheon Il Guk

Blessing Address • East Garden • December 26, 2004



DR. CHANG SHIK YANG

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

Distinguished leaders and guests representing all the world. To the precious young couples from throughout America, Europe, Asia and all continents who have gathered here to participate in this Holy Blessing ceremony. It is my privilege to address you today on the occasion of the Second Generation Holy Wedding Ceremony. This blessing is the coming together of absolutely pure young representatives of the Second Generation of Blessed Central Families.

On December 13th of this year our True Parents were affirmed by the World's Religious leaders representing the Abel world and the World's Political leaders representing the Cain world as the King and Queen of Peace for all Humanity. This historic and victorious Coronation opened the way for a new stage of the path to the Kingdom of God on Earth which we call Cheon Il Guk.

To expand that providence True Parents, on December 17th established a new dispensational organization called The Interreligious International Federation for the Peace Kingdom for Cheon Il Guk. (IIFPK CG) This new organization is a global alliance of leaders of nations, religions and the institutions of civil society, dedicated to building a world of freedom, harmony, cooperation, co-prosperity and freedom and peace based on absolute faith, true love and God-centeredness.

IIFPK affirms several core values. The first is God-centeredness, namely, an attitude and disposition of complete responsiveness to the will of God

as the ultimate reality and origin of true love. The essence of true love is living for the sake of others, and this is the second core value and guiding principle of the IIFPK. The third core value is that the sanctity of marriage and family are the sacred cornerstones of the Peace Kingdom. The Blessing today is the substantial embodiment and of this third and central core value of all – the sanctity and holiness of marriage and family. This is God's Ideal and Principle.

This blessing of pure young second generation is now being offered to heaven to set the standard for the future families of the Kingdom of God. These couples who were directly matched and guided by our True Parents are here exhibiting Absolute Faith, Absolute Love and Absolute Obedience toward the power of God working directly through our True Parents to create a new world based on Ideal families.

Through this ceremony today, with the support of Jesus and the saints from spiritual world, these precious couples will receive the Blessing from True Parents whereby you may become spouses of eternal true love. True Parents have taught that the family is the beginning point and root of love, life and character. The family is the school of True Love.

The blessing based on the providence of restoration which is also the providence of salvation. Because of the fall the first human ancestors were not able to fulfill their responsibility to become a True Family and embodiment of God's Ideal. They fell by entering into a relationship of false love and were expelled from the Garden of Eden. They could never receive the blessing. From this moment, the central path to restore that fall has been through the blessing of marriage. This substantial restoration of God's Ideal through the



blessed families who represent the blood lineage of heaven. Therefore these young people are truly walking the path that Adam and Eve would have walked in they had not fallen. The path to create the image of God – male and female through the blessing of marriage. These blessings are based on the concept of the "exchange" marriage in which marriages are created by heaven as an act of bringing historical enemies together beyond race and culture thus dissolving the root of division in history.

This Blessing extends not only to this physical world. True Parents' grace now extends to the spirit world where our ancestors also participate in the Blessing. A cultural revolution of heart and true love, which did not exist before in history, is now taking place.

Today is particularly important because True Parents are conducting this blessing as the King and Queen of Peace. This means that through this blessing today the Peace Kingdom can be substantially expanded centering on the King

and Queen of Peace. This blessing is a Peace Kingdom blessing and will be a cornerstone for the new era leading to Cheon Il Guk or the Kingdom Of Heaven on Earth.

Therefore, Blessed Marriage is the most precious desire of all humanity. The series of Blessed Marriage Ceremonies started with three just three families in 1960 and now has extended and been supported by hundreds of millions of couples of all races and religions. As the scriptures prophesied – through the blessing all are being engrafted to the True Olive Tree.

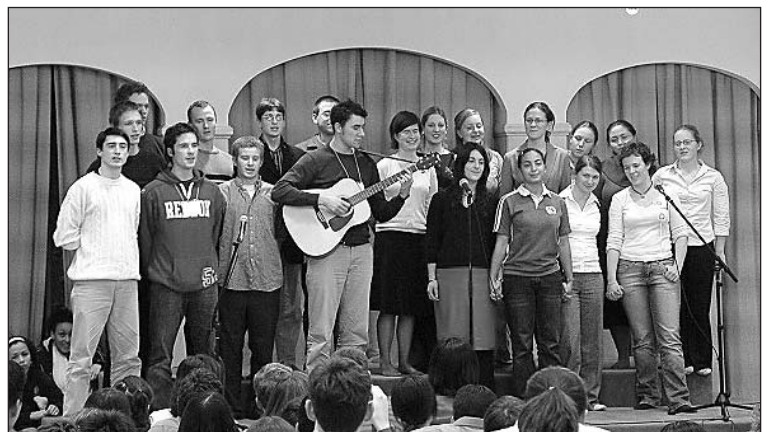
Today this holy Blessing of marriage is taking place with the second generation who are descendants of already

affirm True Love based on True Family. This is a great and historic day in heaven and on earth. May God's grace be with you, your spouse, your children, and your nation. ❖

Together on this day, we open the way for all humanity to enter the Peace Kingdom. This is the fulfillment of the Prophecies of the Scriptures that one day the Lion will lay down with the Lamb. The ideal of the true love of God applies not only to the physical world on earth but to the spiritual world in heaven. True love is eternal. Today we



and were expelled from the Garden of Eden. They could never receive the blessing. From this moment, the central path to restore that fall has been through the blessing of marriage. This substantial restoration of God's Ideal through the



The Road to Ramallah Has Now

REV. MICHAEL JENKINS

Rev. Jenkins is the President of the American Church



January 9, 2005, Dr. Yang, Mr. Taj Hamad, Imam Haitham Bundakji and I were guided by a friend named Muhammad throughout the election polling places in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. As international observers for the Central Election Commission of Palestine our IIFWP contingent were totally welcomed in all polling places we visited. The polls were well organized and the spirit of the people was one of guarded hope. The people had their last election experience in 1996. It was clear as voters lined up and timidly presented their ID that they were apprehensive. It was all so new to them. Especially in East Jerusalem. Many shared with us (in Arabic to Taj and Imam Bundakji) the fear that they would lose their Israeli IDs for voting and their ability to go back and forth to family in Ramallah.

Dr. Yang and Taj Hamad and members of our party met President Jimmy Carter along the way. He made a great contribution representing America's concern for free and fair elections giving tremendous credibility and support for the process. He expressed concern for what he perceived as obstacles or hindrances to the voting process in East Jerusalem. Checkpoints mean it can take hours for people to return from their work back to their homes. Lack of clarity of which polling place to come to was a major difficulty expressed by voters.

President Carter described the situation in the early morning in East Jerusalem as one of chaos. Checkpoints were not eased. People didn't know where to go. He called Prime Minister Sharon to ask for more support for the process. The Israelis made more effort, and President Carter felt that problems were eased. When Imam Bundakji asked President Carter about the situation, he said it is being taken care of.

All in all, it was a new day in history for Palestine and for the whole Arab world. The hope is there and the commitment is there from the people who have integrity from America, Palestine and Israel. It is a very delicate situation. The formation of a new nation is never simple or without turmoil. What was it like when America was founded? One key is that it was guided not only by belief in self-governance but a reliance on faith in God to light the path. Faith is one of the most profound things in the Middle East. This new nation has the great potential to be truly founded with faith in God. Whether you are a believer or not, as the Muslim call to prayer gently floats through the air in Jerusalem, Ramallah and Gaza you are embraced by a culture that is founded in faith. Jews, Muslims and Christians are all part of one fabric here. When you visit Bethlehem to celebrate the Orthodox

Christmas (January 7) you see the people of faith who profoundly guide the spirit of this city in the West Bank. When you drive through Jerusalem at dinner time on Shabbat you see thousands of families intermingled with the rabbis walking to synagogue and then pouring out on to the streets to walk home for this moment of prayer and



dinner with the family - in faith. Faith is inextricably part of the very essence of the communities here. It is the fabric that ties us together, for the threads of this fabric all lead back to Abraham and finally back to God. The historic time has now come to mend the fabric and heal this family.

International observers came from all over the world: Japan, America (Senator John Kerry, Secretary Christine Todd Whitman, Senator Sununu and many others), South Africa, Australia and the European Union, to mention a few. The observers would ask questions to the poll workers and the voters alike. How many voted? How many can vote here?

How do people find their polling place? The turnout in East Jerusalem was very low in the morning but picked up in the afternoon. All the polling places in Jerusalem were post office locations. Some were extremely small - the first one we went into in East Jerusalem was so small, Imam Bundakji joked, "This is not only a post office - this is the size of a postage stamp." (Only about 10 people could fit in the room before the counter.)

Then we went to the main site in

Jerusalem. Over 1000 voters were eligible to come at that location. By 10 am only 50 had voted. It changed a great deal in the afternoon. Then to another site and another and on to the West Bank. We went to Abu Dis, Bethany and then to locations throughout Ramallah. The pace in the West Bank, which was without hindrances, was brisk.

By the evening the results were clear. Mr. Maumoud Abbas has a clear majority and will be the president. Celebrations went on in the streets of Ramallah. A valid and totally well-organized election with a number of candidates had now been given the stamp of approval by the international observers as well as the international community of nations. Self-determination and self-governance were now being introduced by Palestine to the Arab world. President Arafat must be congratulated on this day. The people he raised, unified and loved saw him standing behind Maumoud Abbas - both in the posters all over the streets and in spirit. Mr. Abbas dedicated the victory to President Arafat. The great Palestinian people conducted themselves with dignity and sincerity. People were encouraged to vote. The factions that sat it out also acted with dignity and restraint. They could have disrupted the process, but they also felt that they would give it a chance. (The amount of time this window will remain open is a most serious question). Mr. Abbas is ready to follow the road map. If America totally commits to the map, Israel may be able to follow. Enormous obstacles stand in the way, however; they must be addressed and solved. People of faith with help from God can bring solutions where none seemed to exist.

When Father Moon sent us on to the Holy Land in May of 2003, the purpose was to begin with the reconciliation of Jews, Christians and Muslims. He commissioned us, saying, "Through this process peace will come in the Middle East." All went forward in faith but with little understanding or conviction as to how this would really be achieved. When we arrived in Jerusalem on the first pilgrimage the idea of elections could hardly be discussed. There was little hope and no movement. There was little communication and dialogue between decision makers. Trust had disintegrated. Everything was static and had ground



to a standstill.

Now through the continuous interaction of Muslims, Christians and Jews we are seeing tremendous hope and movement for peace. As one Ambassador for Peace, Dr. Eliezar Glaubach said, "Through the last 20 months of the Pilgrimages the atmosphere has completely changed. The attitudes and the hearts of people are opening toward one another. This change came because of this effort. I believe it, I know it, I could see it with my own eyes." Great Jewish leaders are emerging at this time who see that Ishmael and Isaac must come together. We must live together as brothers.

Through this path key Israeli leaders gave support and advice along the way. Dr. Joshua Ben Ami risked his life to say that Jews must reconcile and embrace our brother Jesus. He didn't



just say it, he did it - he gave Jesus a crown. (As did Mr. Hod Ben Zvi). That's why he and Imam Bundakji could weep together and even exchange the Jewish kippah with the Muslim cap. They walked with Father Moon when no one

believed. Now they proudly are telling their family and friends that this path is the path to peace. It is a path of absolute respect for Christians, Muslims and Jews. Palestinian leaders also advised this movement for peace. "Heart to Heart for Peace" it has been called.

This Heart to Heart effort just concluded a beautiful and most successful futbol (soccer) tournament in the Gaza strip the day before the election. It was developed by IIFWP and WANGO. Top officials and religious leaders advised and gave support as well as worked to help our representatives (Mr. Kamal Thabet and Stephen Gabb) identify competitive teams. 16 teams competed. It was a thrilling championship that led to an overtime finale in which each team would have one player go one on one with the goalie. Heart to Heart is what bound us to the key leaders there.

One person who was the key coordinator for the elections in Rafah told me that the elections are a turning point. We are ready for peace. If America supports Mr. Abbas and helps him show real results and improvements



Become the Road to Peace

in the lives of our people, all factions will come to the table peacefully. He said if we don't see results, it may quickly deteriorate and become a violent cycle once again.

Now the chance is put before us at this moment in history. People of faith in cooperation with elected officials, who are people of principle and character, must quickly come to the front in Palestine, Israel and America. This is the time for people of great vision, faith, integrity and courage to quickly come to the table to help the process of supporting the self-determination of people who love God.

The World Peace Pilgrimages brought 10,000 leaders to the Holy Land in the last 20 months. Members of parliament, religious leaders, NGO leaders from over 150 nations have come here and are now seeing themselves as part of the process. All want to involve their nations in support, most want to return with more legislators. Why? Jerusalem is the Holy City, the City of Peace: the city where Jesus and Muhammad made the transition to the world of the spirit, where Abraham offered his son, where God's heart weeps for humanity.

Because Jerusalem is an epicenter of the convergence of the Abrahamic faiths, reconciliation achieved here will create a wave of change throughout the world of faith. A change that will bring cooperation, unity and understanding between Muslims, Christians and Jews and all people of faith worldwide. When cooperation and understanding based on faith is achieved, conflict can and will be resolved without bloodshed. Not only we who reside on the earth but our ancestors are now pouring down as the scriptures predicted - as myriads from heaven - with the returning Lord.

Palestine is now in a position to be a model of hope for the world. Father Moon is calling all Ambassadors for Peace from 191 countries to come to the Holy Land and pray and work for peace. We pray for Palestine. We pray for God's people - the Muslims and Christians in Nablus, Ramallah and Gaza. We pray for the Jewish people who have been called by God. We pray for the City of Jerusalem.

Father's teaching is that the efforts for peace must be led by an interreligious spirit. This is the key. Recently we held an Interreligious

Council leaders' meeting for our IIFWP. The testimonies were just amazing, from Jewish, Christian and Muslim key leaders who are Ambassadors for Peace. One by one they gave astonishing accounts about the changes that have come since the first Pilgrimage conducted by ACLC in May 2003. There is no



question that the relentless visits village to village in the Holy Land, going into homes and hearts, have created a momentum in which everything that was stuck or stagnant before has now been freed up and is in motion. The World Peace Pilgrimages (as reviewed by our Peace Ambassadors) were the most amazing movement that touched the top leaders, religious and political, from the top sheiks (imams) and rabbis to the members of the Knesset and the office of the president and prime minister on both sides.



Grassroots efforts by our youth as Youth Ambassadors for Peace also have created new hope for the Palestinian and Jewish youth. The movement of women really began with the WFWP Pilgrimage, which

brought visits to Hadassah and other hospitals and moved on to the Bridge of Peace, where members of parliament and religious leaders (women) from 150 nations found their Palestinian and Israeli "sisters." So many tears were shed, especially as the Jewish and Muslim women crossed the bridge, month after month, making bonds of heart that is creating an interrelated fabric from family to family.

Having taken in that we attended President Arafat's funeral and have participated in numerous ceremonies, the hearts of the people have come to trust Father Moon. He is a man of God coming to bring respect and love for the children of Abraham. His message is one of deep conviction that God stands with his people.



And his people are the true believers of Islam, Christianity and Judaism.

When we arrived in Bethlehem for the Midnight Mass we went to a special reception with key officials. We were treated with the highest respect everywhere and given a full police escort. When we arrived for one meeting prior to the mass, one of the key officials remembered "Reverend Linda," (Rev. Linda Triggol) who led our Peace Task Force with great success. The impression was so strong because Rev. Linda and the young people cleaned and decorated the Bethlehem plaza. At the same time they also did a major clean-up and restoration of a Muslim cemetery along with educational programs for young people in many schools, encouraging them to know that the world cares. This is the reason we are given such respect. It is now widely known that Father Moon brought over 150 nations' representatives (from prestigious backgrounds) to the Holy Land to connect their nations to the peace process.

When we arrived for the celebration of Christmas (January 7 in the Orthodox tradition) at the Church of the Nativity (commemorating Jesus' birthplace) we were deeply moved by the religious spirit there. How incredible that these traditions have continued unchanged for 2,000 years! The people's reception of Father Moon clearly indicates that the saints in the heavenly realm have prepared our way. Earlier in the day we had a special meeting to officially greet the Patriarchs of the Greek Orthodox, the Assyrian Orthodox and the Coptic Orthodox churches. They know us. Our presence in the Holy Land has become widely known. The interreligious strategy was most beautiful.

We entered through the ancient door of the



Church of the Nativity. (It is only four feet high, and you have bend at the waist to go through.) When we entered we were met by a traditional honor guard with red fezes and beautiful traditional clothing -- including staffs that they stamp on the ground to announce anyone's approach. In such a procession, we were led to the patriarch and officially announced. (This is where we were also welcomed on two occasions to meet Mr. Maumoud Abbas, the person that is sure to be the next president of Palestine.) He warmly welcomed us and was so happy to see us. We enjoyed the beautiful Greek Orthodox mass, which eventually went into procession to the very small area commemorating where Jesus was born.

God is with us and the power of heaven is working to bring all these great traditions together to welcome True Parents. Jesus is here, as is Muhammad. They are guiding us with each step. A special reception was held for 12 people. Dr. Yang and I were included. It is so great to see how God has made the way for the Peace Kingdom, in which all of God's people will respect and love each other. ❖



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True God's Day in NY

The Women's Federation for World Peace, USA and the New York City Symphony presented a special True God's Day Family Celebration held in the Grand Ballroom of the Manhattan Center on January 1, 2005. The concept of renewing the tradition of celebrating our church's high holy days in a grand manner was at the heart of the motivation for producing the event.

The program, organized as a benefit for both WFWP and the New York City Symphony, highlighted several talented Second Generation performers including Jena Eisenberg (CA), Kia Victoria (DC), The United Family of Strings (GA), Misako Sato,



Chris Alan and Aurelia Derflinger (NJ) as well as Culture Machine producer Diego Costa and newly commissioned Ambassador for Peace, Laleh.

Music on the program included the Chris Alan and Laleh performing "On Common Ground" which was the featured song at the Washington Times Foundation Breakfast Summit on December 13 and Jena Eisenberg's "In God's Eyes," an award winning song in the 2004 IIFWP Peace Song Writing Contest CD.

The finale of the program was the

WFWP Bridge of Peace Ceremony in which dozens of couples crossed the bridge in the spirit of love and peace.

Door prizes included an Xbox, a Mini Ipod and a home theater sound system.

The sponsoring organizations donated a part of the ticket proceeds and the concession receipts to the Tsunami disaster



relief effort.

WFWP is producing a DVD of the event and it is the hope of WFWP and NYC Symphony to continue the tradi-

tion of presenting cultural events on church holy days with an emphasis on Second Generation performers.

(Photos by Greame Carmichael) ❖

San Diego Free Teens Day

by Marcus Beresford

San Diego Family Church and Victory Lighthouse Christian Church held a very successful Free Teens Seminar on Saturday, December 11, 2004. The event took place at the Victory Lighthouse Christian Church and was well attended by teens from across the county.

Rev. Majadas opened the program with prayer at 9.30 am. Then the guest speaker, Rev. Jack Ashworth, gave two dynamic PowerPoint presentations on the Free Teens program, each lasting



about 50 minutes. His presentation gave depth and seriousness while maintaining a lightness of spirit that reached

out to the teens. They were followed by a pizza lunch and concluding remarks on the value of purity and marriage by Rev. Walter Frank of San Diego Family Church.

Twenty-five people came, which included 11 teens. Already two other churches have asked for the program to be given to their teens, so we have a good start for the new year. We plan to build Free Teen groups and develop the program in the San Diego faith commu-



nity. We also want to develop true family values programs for adults alongside this program. ❖

Student Exchange Program with City of Jerusalem

We need 10 volunteers age 16 - 30 who can join the upcoming Student Exchange Program between the USA and Israel / Palestine, organized by the WAIT ACTION team from Washington DC, Service For Peace and the City of Jerusalem.

Thanks to an invitation from the City of Jerusalem, the fee for the two week trip is just \$400 (\$300 for students) and airfares are at yearly lows. You can learn more about the program by visiting www.globalpeacemaker.org

Having received and accepted this gracious offer from the City Of Jerusalem, we need your help to make sure we put our best foot forward. We are accepting applications on a first - come, first - served basis. In the

first instance, email an information request to info@globalpeacemaker.org making sure that you include: Name of Applicant (age from 16 up, with parental permission) and all contact information. Short statement (<200 words) explaining why you want to come and what skills and abilities you can bring to the team.

Closing date for applications will be January 31, 2005. Michael Balcomb, Executive Director, Service For Peace, (914) 373 9671

Holy Blessing for Clergy Couples in Los Angeles

by Rev. Henning

On Monday, December 27, the Pasadena Headquarters held a Holy Blessing for six clergy couples. The Holy Wine Ceremony began at ten o'clock. Pasadena House had been totally transformed overnight. Members working around the clock had beautifully decorated with lace and handmade crepe-paper flowers until the atmosphere was that of a wedding palace. Couples emerged from the dressing rooms wearing holy robes of white, hand-sewn satin cloth, tailored for them by the sisters of the Pasadena House staff. Those minister couples that had already been blessed in last year's ceremony for clergy became attendant couples to help form the gateway for this year's couples to enter the hall.

The feeling was like that of a small

family wedding, even though with staff and guests more than seventy were present. All had participated in at least one course of Divine Principle presentations in a two-day seminar, followed by several internal guidance meetings on the meaning and value of the Blessing led by Rev. Ku, the regional director. (Some graduates attended the Blessing only as guests; although they had totally opened their hearts to the Principle and the True Parents, they were not able to find matches in time.) The atmosphere was one of total joy and liberation for the clergy who were being blessed and for the staff and the guests who witnessed an historical moment.

When the Holy Wine Ceremony was completed, brides donned their veils, and grooms adjusted their dress coats and red ties for their grand entrance to the Blessing ceremony. An awesome

procession of couples down the corridor of white-robed clergy attendants emerged while Mrs. Nomoto played the familiar wedding march. A ceremonial address was delivered by Rev. Henning before the entrance of the officiators, Rev. and Mrs. Ku, acting on behalf of the True Parents. The holy water ceremony took place, followed by the affirmation of vows, exchange of rings and proclamation of the Blessing.

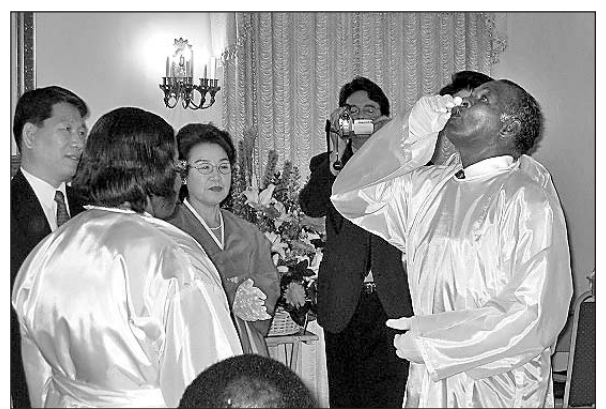
Congratulations began with a special address by Dr. William R. Johnson, district elder and superintendent of the CME churches and the co-convenor of the ACLC in the Los Angeles region. Then there were congratulatory songs by Mrs. Nomoto and by Keith Williams,

with Wesley and Magdalene Mill-sap singing together as the Sadoc Christian Singers. Bouquets of flowers honoring the officiating couple were received by Rev. and Mrs. Ku and then placed on special chairs underneath a huge portrait of the True Parents. A celebration cake was cut while everyone present sang "Happy Blessing Day to You!" The ceremony closed with the recession of the officiators and all the blessed clergy couples.

The banquet that followed was truly a radiantly happy occasion. A wonderful spread of gourmet cooking greeted the buffet line, and plates were brimming over with the bounty. As the tables filled,



glasses were raised for a toast by Rev. Henning and the celebration was underway. During the concluding moments each couple shared their testimony of their experience that morning. One said his couple had actually met the True Parents in New York and were so glad to be blessed on this day. Others said the experience had revealed in practice what they had learned in theory through the Divine Principle classes.



All agreed that it had been a transforming experience; as pastors of churches, they would accept the invitation to participate as Peace Family Churches in the providence for restoration in the greater Los Angeles area. ❖



IRFF Tanzania Youth Service Project

Implementing the UN Millennium Declaration: "Eradicate Poverty in Africa Through Adult Education." The Project was held in the city of Dar es Salaam and specifically in the Jangwani-Mnazi Mnoja Primary school in the Jangwani ward which has a population of about 35,000 according to the 2002 census.

Crime is rampant in the area and the youth engage in deviant behavior like drug abuse and prostitution. The IRFF through the Tanzania chapter decide to support the rehabilitation of a school block which has seven rooms to be used as class, workshops, stove and office. Each class has an ability of accommodation about 20 students. The students enrolled up to this time moment are former drug addicts who received medical counseling at Muhimbiti Referral Hospital. The project assist them to reform and become responsible citizens and let the young adults to a new way of life. At the center they are learning the handicraft work with carpentry and welding.

The beneficiary of this project are at the moment residents of the Jargwani ward and priority will be given to those who are being rehabilitated, and also people with interest in having vocational education through this center.

The restoration project was coordinated by the international field director of IRFF in cooperation with the local IRFF chapter and volunteers from Zambia IRFF, Kenya IRFF student club and a volunteer from Australia join residents participants coming from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tuneani University, Institute of Financial Management and local NGO's volunteers from TAREA and IRFF Tanzania, plus 9 volunteers that joined us at the working site.

In order for the volunteers to be in tune with the task ahead, there were two days of orientation at the



Uvikiuta youth rural center, out of town. The aimed was to mobilize the volunteers and creating a team spirit. In this period the volunteers were able to know the history of IRFF, they learn the basis of how to do a project, the requirement for making an organization work, service and how to do a youth service project, the art of listening plus about themselves and priorities in life.



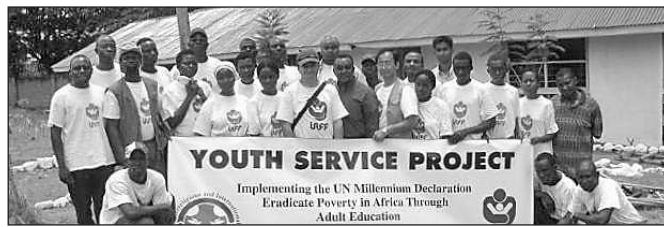
Several things were discussed. Above all, they were able to discover the chances that they may have in society in making a difference, with the role

of youth in planning and bringing sustainable progress by acting and taking responsibilities. Also by this process, the project become a big challenge to the youth, in the sense of learning how to serve people, build cooperation, having a sense of self reliance. It awakens also the intellectual leadership on how they can use their knowledge connecting professionals and to join together with the youth and build a culture focus on commitments and responsibility. After the proj-



ect the local volunteer students and NGOs member's grew up with on idea of forming an IRFF youth club, and this due to what they experience together in the full participations of the project.

The purpose of the club will have the task of helping university students learn how to cooperate, serve and have a sense of self-reliance, character building and for various ways of starting pro-



grams and projects. The main focus of the club will be to awakening the students about a vision of serving people and the nation. This is based on the fact that a country where intellectuals have no vision, has no future, it increase the possibility for the country to collapse. University students are the intellectuals of the future, they hence have to be a benefit to the future. So we agreed to create a club that can become an initiator in those areas.

Only one book can make the difference: In the month of October the club was

formed, based at the University of Dar es Salaam and we are in the process of creating a students library. If you like to help please see the book list under IRFF Student Club-Tanzania project

At the work site the volunteers were divided into three teams and each group decides a team name: Hope, the Candle and the Wiseman. The work was agreed before going to the site. It involved replacing the iron-sheets ceiling board, painting the internal and external wall, roofs and ceiling. Landscaping, door and window fixation.

On the last day also tree were planted for the memory of the project as well as environmental protection.

Every morning there was a "motto of the day" from one of teams member and this help to made each day to be focus and constructive, by strengthen one another, building up our minds and hearts and feeling good every day.



All members work very hard, hand in hand, helping one and other in all aspect. At the end of each day, team did evaluation and the different approach and experience were brought up on how to overcome problems and difficulties. This exercised help to see what has been done and what was yet to be done. This also helps team members to be energized, engaged, giving courage to one another and raising the spirit of self commitment and responsibilities.

As a part of the project programs the volunteers had some moments of reflections. Some of the days they were watching movies, just to refresh the mind.

Not only that but they got an historical tour at Bagamoyo where they were able to know and see the local historical building and history of this slave and trading center. The group also enjoys the splendid beaches and tasty lunch at Paradise Holiday resort. Volunteers were able to be more connected to each other and it was a time of relaxation.

On the last day the group went to Coco-beach for a time of reflections and evaluations of their experience in the all project. This by reviewing all that was done from September 1st to the 13th. In the last evening each team prepared a cultural program and in closing each participant received a certificate of appreciation from the IRFF International Executive director and the International filed director. ❖

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IIFWP Confernece in Guatemala: A Peaceful and Unified Nation

by Chung Hee Bessell

A new era has dawned. On May 5th, 2004, the founders of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, declared the "Era of the new Millennium." Now is a time of great changes and development for the entire world, a time in which peace will be established as the whole world unites as one global family.

With the purpose of declaring this new era on a national level, the VI National Conference of the IIFWP was held on the 11th of June in the Peace Embassy of Guatemala. The event was the result of a united effort of the IIFWP and the weekly newspaper *Tiempos del Mundo* (TDM) as sponsors.

More than 40 representatives of several embassies, the Guatemalan Congress, the media and diverse NGO's, as well as numerous community, religious and political leaders came together to participate in and contribute to this historic event.

Mrs. Catalina Soberanis Reyes, president of IIFWP Guatemala and former President of the Guatemalan Congress,



and Mr. Katsumi Kambashi, General Manager of TDM in Guatemala, welcomed the participants and gave an introduction to the event.

The program continued through several sessions, dealing with such diverse subjects as: "Access to Information as a Tool for Transparency and for Strengthening Democracy," "Adjusting Taxes and the Responsible Role of Rulers and the People" and "The Geo-political Constellation of the World and the Process

of Change," by Lic. Roberto E. Landaverry, Lic. José Guillermo Garcia Fuentes and Rev. Gerhard Bessell as experts in the respective fields. The speech "God's Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom," given by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the IIFWP on the first of May this year, was read as a highlight of the conference.

The participants could also join actively in the different sessions through question and answer sessions. There were also talks by special guests, such as a representative of the Embassy of Venezuela and the national representative of WANGO (World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations).

At the conclusion of the event, four new Peace Ambassadors were recognized. Peace Ambassadors are leaders who understand the vision of the IIFWP and its founders and who, through their lifestyle, are

examples of living for the sake of others and establishing strong families. Ambassadors for peace thereby are an essential part of overcoming religious, national and racial conflict.

Adjusting our nation starts with ourselves and therefore concerns every single one of us. This conference has been a valuable step to bringing about a "Peaceful and Unified Nation." ♦



CARP Brings Hyun Jin Nim's Vision to Chicago

by Rev. Sutchar

On Saturday, December 18, Rev. Joshua Cotter, president of CARP USA, and Rev. Phillip Schanker

conducted a seminar for Chicago-area members. Its purpose was to share Hyun Jin Nim's vision of an educational pipeline for our second generation that begins with their primary education in the blessed family and continues through youth ministry, STF, college life, family tribal messiahship and leadership in our movement. As well, it shared a witnessing strategy to bring together home church and tribal messiahship.

Rev. Cotter offered a PowerPoint presentation that dealt with the ideal, explaining Father's vision for blessed families. In particular, our second generation learns about living for the sake of others as they experience their entire family offering sacrificial service and unconditional giving.

The 100 participants then broke into five discussion groups, which really turned into the heart of the seminar, as brothers and sisters from every background shared their hearts, hopes and ideals for building the ideal family, church, and community. These discussions were extended to include the elements necessary to educate our second generation in a heavenly and holy manner.

Our group, which I am sure was typical of the others, consisted of a Japanese National Messiah, an African state leader, a pregnant South American member, a Japanese UTS student, a Japanese state leader, a young Filipino center member, several American members, and two STF members assigned to Chicago.

Our discussion, which took many twists and turns, included some of the following concerns: how to raise blessed children when our mission is suddenly changed and our family has to move to



another locale; how to inherit True Parents' tradition in our own family; what to expect after having children; and how to improve our families and bring them more in line with True Father's vision. I shared that we need of a family guidance manual and opportunities for parents to share together to help each other find solutions.

We very much appreciated the contributions of our two STF brothers. They explained that before STF, they did not really have true faith in God, who, for them, was a concept or an ideal rather than a reality in their lives. In this respect, they felt that STF really provided a means for them to develop their own faith. Another critical point was the testimony from one STF brother that his learning of the Divine Principle has helped him develop his relationship with his own parents.

A second point that emerged was how important it is for each child to feel loved on an equal basis with their siblings and valued for more than just what they do or their accomplishments.

It came up that second generation children develop resentments toward parents who have always been on the front line. One STF brother shared how his experience on STF had genuinely helped him understand the sacrificial lifestyle that his parents had lived while he was growing up.

Our discussion (which wasn't near-

ly long enough) concluded with two points. The first was that second-generation members must be allowed input. There are few forums within our movement where the second generation feel that they can be heard.

The second point dealt directly with the process itself. Someone in our group mentioned that it had been 12 years since he had been involved in a small group discussion within our church. Usually, one member noted,

there is lots of time for long lectures but very little if any time for group discussion. Certainly these small group discussions and especially the input of the second generation were two of the main highlights of the seminar.

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Comfort for Tsunami Victims, Survivors

Our world family has suffered a terrible blow. Confirmed deaths from the South Asian tsunami exceed 150,000 with thousands still unaccounted for, millions homeless, and dehydration and disease threatening to raise the terrifying death count. Firsthand accounts of incomprehensible devastation sear our hearts.

Pledges for history's largest-ever relief effort have topped \$4 billion. Nations have shown great generosity. Former U.S. presidents came together in a bipartisan effort to spur private giving.

Governments, the United Nations and relief agencies have responded with

remarkable speed and are coordinating delivery despite enormous complexity and difficulty.

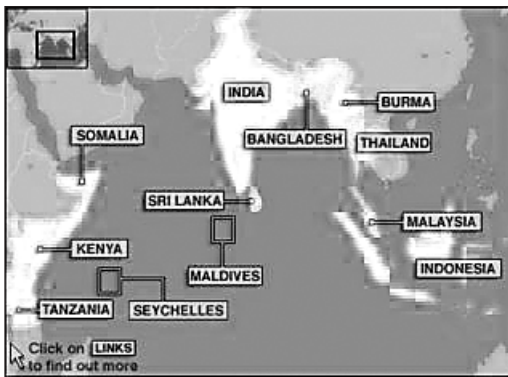
Religions also responded quickly. Prominent leaders spoke out and religious groups gathered huge amounts of money. Sadly however, though the disaster engraved knowledge of our oneness onto our hearts, religions still spoke from a fractured ground, generally isolated from one another. Small interfaith services have sprung up here and there but are far from the norm. A D.C. interfaith meeting of just 100 believers attracted major media. Aren't there religious and spiritual guidelines that address us as a single human family?

In the days after the disaster, millions became experts on suboceanic geology. But how many in that same period learned more clearly about life and death?

This sudden transition from temporal life to eternal life by such a great number affects us all. The two communities hardest-hit are the victims, who find themselves forced to deal with eternal life suddenly and without time to prepare, and "survivors," who just as suddenly, lost loved ones. We of the global family must care for their spiritual needs just as we care for them physically.

How are we as a family to support our brothers and sisters who are starting their new life in the spiritual world? What spiritual support can we give those who similarly must suddenly make a new start in life without precious loved ones?

There is guidance from the world's religions for times such as these. Such shocks are



times to pray, reflect and repent.

Of course, every person needs the wisdom and comfort of his "home tradition." But as we look to God for compassion, peace and understanding, it is most natural we do so as one.

The Muslim, hearing of a life lost, is required to recite the short statement, "From Almighty God we come and to Him is our return." With perfect clarity, the Qur'an insists: "Do not say, 'They are dead' about one who dies for God's sake. Rather they are living, even though you do not notice it." (Qur'an 2.154)

Catholic Christians are guided to pray: "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Jews and Christians know from Ecclesiastes 12.7 "The dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it." In the New Testament, Christians are reminded to be "always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.... We would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 4.16-5.10)

Unification followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon recite a prayer to God each day, saying "Our family, centered

on true love, pledges to strive for greater unity between the spiritual world and the physical world."

The I Ching, in the Great Commentary 1.4.2 reminds us: "Birth and death form one recurring cycle, like the alternation of the seasons. Spirit comes from the invisible realms to the visible, then returns to the invisible realms again."

Hinduism says, "As a man passes from dream to wakefulness, so does he pass at death from this life to the next." (Brihadaranyaka Upanishad 4.3.11-14, 35).

Buddhists have peace in the knowledge that "Man's real nature is primarily spiritual life, which weaves its threads of mind to build a cocoon of flesh ... the physical body is not man but merely man's cocoon. Just as the silkworm will break out of its cocoon and fly free, So, too, will man break out of his body-cocoon and ascend to the spiritual world when his time is come. Never think that the death of the physical body is the death of man." (Seichon-je. Nectarean Shower of Holy Doctrines.)

In an increasingly modern and secular world, many question the need for religion. Yet nowhere can we find what is most needed to comfort, encourage and uplift both the survivors and those who have passed. All traditions insist loved ones retain an active, ongoing life with God after leaving this world. In this most important of all matters, we have no need for despair. Teachings from the loving God are abundant in every tradition.

But religions should seize this opportunity to begin forging an alliance that will allow them to speak to the human family from a more unified place, especially in times of need. Let our prayers and compassion help dissolve our last divisions. ❖

Tsunami Appeal from IRFF & WANGO

IRFF, CDR (Christian Disaster Response), and WANGO have formed a coalition to respond to the terrible tragedy in South Asia. We are mounting a major funding appeal with a goal of \$1.5 million to purchase water purification kits, kitchen-in-a-box (field-based cooking sites), and other needed relief supplies for a 6 country response. We will be working closely with local NGOs that are part of the WANGO network to respond effectively and quickly to those in need. Volunteer teams are also being prepared to work in the field sites.

To contribute to this massive effort, go to www.irff.org and go to the Donations page. Once there, click on the "Disaster" button. All donations coming through will be used solely for the tsunami disaster project. For further information, contact Mr. Ichinori Tsumagari, executive director of IRFF or Dr. Kathy Winings, VP of the Board.

String Quartet Promotes the Positive

Twelve years ago, the Rev. Elayssandria Kasongo, or "Rev. Elay," founded the United Family of Strings, a quartet of three violins and one cello.

This is a woman, born in San Francisco and raised in both northern and southern California, who has lived a singular life in her own right. She's a harpist and pianist with classical training, and a vocalist fluent in opera, traditional Christian hymns and black gospel.

For a time, she played the role of real life early-19th century slave "Miss Katie," re-enacting the woman's grand storytelling and gospel-belted persona at Stone Mountain Park.

She and her husband, Congolese-born Jean Kasongo, moved to Stone Mountain from New York City seven years ago. Although she has three biological children, she and her husband have long opened their homes to kids from diverse faiths and economic backgrounds. Some stay for a few weeks, some remain for years, with the Kasongos serving not in an official adoptive or foster capacity but, in the Rev. Elay's words, as "parental mentors."

From this perennial pageant of children came the origins of United Family of Strings.

"I had this conscious idea," Kasongo said, "of having young people play classical music for other young people."

"But the main emphasis behind this idea," she said, "was to create a positive image for African-Americans. Oftentimes the image of African-American youth is one of violence, decadence, of terrible disrespect. We want to show there is much more to life than drugs, violence, and this intense self-centered lifestyle."

Playing everywhere

By its very definition, the United Family of Strings, a classical quartet in which musicians pay constant attention to one another, is the antithesis of self-centeredness.

After a decade, the group now has a stable roster of violinists Shirley Mawejje, 20, Marlena Nkene and Angie Kifufu, both 24, and cellist Cynthia Mulat, 23. Nkene is Elay's daughter, though all of the four have known each other for years and at times all have lived with the Kasongos. All of them are students at DeKalb Tech.

When it comes to venues, the musicians have few limitations. They play

at elementary and middle schools, Underground Atlanta, groceries, and restaurants like Decatur's Piccadilly Cafeteria.

Often they play for tips, or for a straight fee if they're performing weddings, banquets or corporate events. Sometimes, however, if they're at a homeless shelter or at a senior citizens home, they play for nothing.



Their repertoire consists primarily of Mozart, Bach, Vivaldi, and Schubert, along with (this time of year) a generous sampling of Christmas music.

"For the most part, the kids who hear us are great," said Mawejje.

"Many [of the African-American children] don't even know what our instruments are. They say, 'What's that - a guitar?' It opens their minds."

"The little kids sometimes just zone out when they hear our music," Nkene said. "Some of the bigger kids will ask us to play [rapper] 50 Cent or other hip hop. They might say, 'Hey, you're supposed to be ghetto - this isn't black music.' But we just smile and say, 'Yes,

but doesn't it sound so pretty?'"

Jean Kasongo, who books the group and tracks finances, says the United Family of Strings earns \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually. A portion of that pays the quartet's expenses, but most goes toward charities the Kasongos support: homeless shelters, battered women's shelters, or buying food and clothing for the many children who pass through their home.

Both Kasongos are ordained ministers and belong to the Atlanta Family Church, a branch of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, the movement founded 50 years ago by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The movement founded by the Korean-born and sometimes-controversial Moon has often been called a cult.

Jean Kasongo, who joined the Family Federation in 1977 (Rev. Elay joined in 1974) said that Moon "is not trying to steal messiahship from Jesus. He is a mainstream Christian whose ideas center around peace and a family-based and intercultural-based ministry."

It was church-related mission work that brought the Kasongos and their classical aggregation to New York City

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FULL EARTH

In this article we'll examine humanity's situation on this busy planet Earth, and also the potential of other planets. In a second installment we'll discuss the best ways to reach, and settle, alien worlds. An earlier version of this article appeared in 1997.

In 1798, Thomas Malthus wrote an essay on population. He believed that God, as a method of punishment, strikes lazy humans with famine. In 1838, Charles Darwin read Malthus' essay. He decided it was partially correct, but with natural causes only, such as inadequate food supplies.

In the two centuries since, the world's population has increased dramatically. Scenes of hunger in Biafra and elsewhere galvanized many people. By the 1970s, books such as *The Population Bomb* were predicting massive starvation, plus dire shortages of virtually every resource—in the 1980s. Zero Population Growth became a popular cause.

That alarmist mindset has since fallen afoul of 'political correctness' and 'multiculturalism.' The concern remains, largely unspoken, in the background of many sociopolitical debates.

The American government is always debating whether to fund birth control programs in poor nations. In fact, prosperity is the surest brake on population growth. Where children have an excellent chance of reaching healthy adulthood, couples will plan their family, and provide their kids with the best upbringing possible. Including college, each American child requires almost half a million dollars; a huge investment, but well worth it.

In the poorest countries, most women bear numerous children. In part, this is because her kids will cost relatively little to raise. Typically, she'll consider herself lucky if half of them survive, and grow up to labor in nearby fields.

Is the world overpopulated, or even close? Anyone who's flown across the United States knows just how vast, and largely empty, this nation really is. Some areas of the Great Plains are actually depopulating, as farming towns decline, and the land reverts to prairie.

Parts of Asia are far more crowded. Still, the Green Revolution has enabled China and India to feed themselves. Ocean farming is opening up a new source of food, and genetic engineering another. How much further can human-

ity increase?

There are limits. Roughly, the Earth has fifty eight million square miles of land area, and seven billion people. That comes to about five acres per person. But this includes Antarctica and Greenland, mountain crags, sand dunes, Arctic tundra, and other inhospitable areas. On average, then, each family of four "has" about ten livable acres.

To a family with a minuscule city dwelling, ten acres may sound big. However, that includes parkland, industries, and the farms which provide their food. Modern agriculture, not to mention timber and mining, requires large tracts.

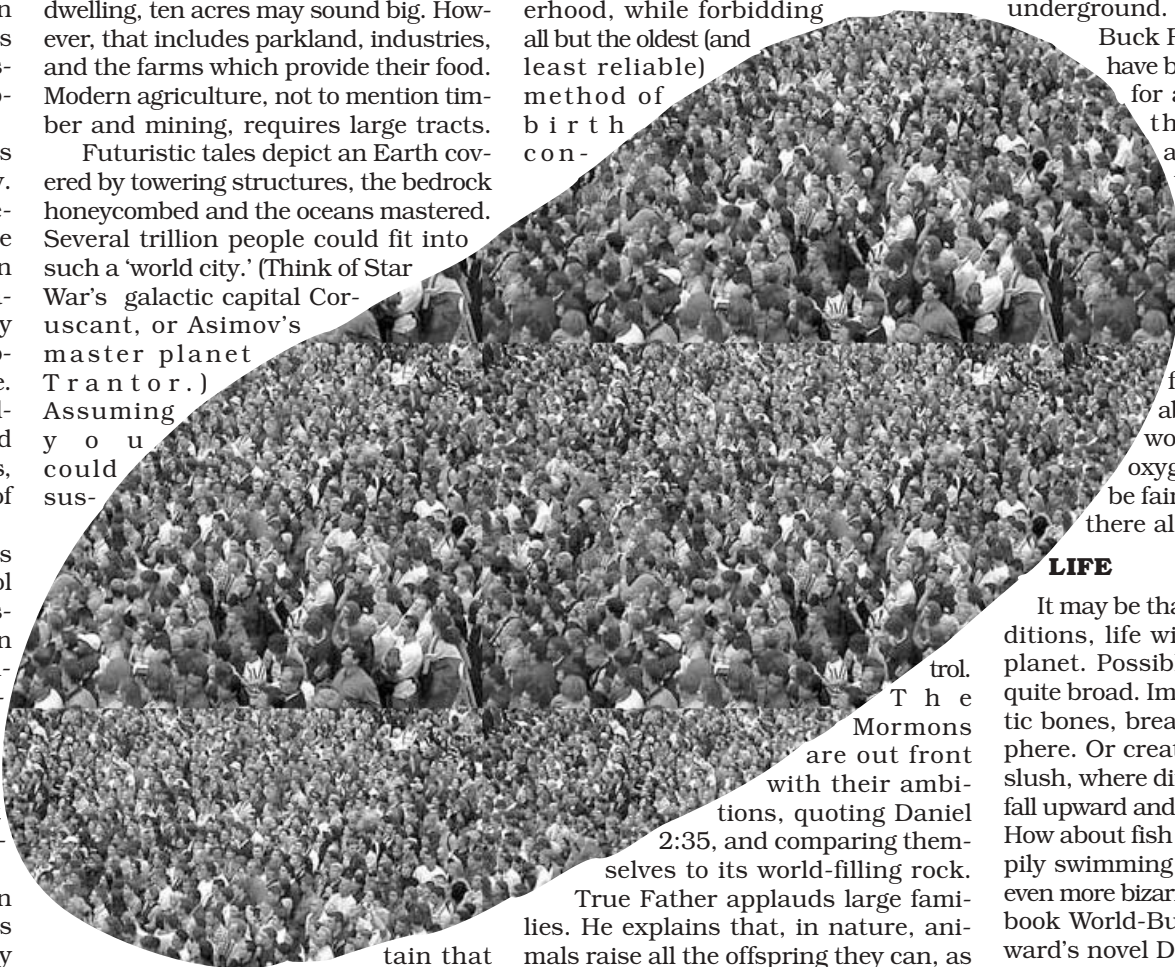
Futuristic tales depict an Earth covered by towering structures, the bedrock honeycombed and the oceans mastered. Several trillion people could fit into such a 'world city.' (Think of Star Wars' galactic capital Coruscant, or Asimov's master planet *Trantor*.)

Assuming you could sustain-

to outpopulate them.

Zoroastrians are not known for large families, and some insist they don't even want new converts. Israeli Jews face a local Arab Muslim population with a much higher birth rate, yet most have small families. While Israel does accept converts, as recounted in *Jerusalem Report* magazine, their leading Orthodox Rabbis make it a very difficult process.

Catholics are subtle, rejoicing in motherhood, while forbidding all but the oldest (and least reliable) method of birth control.



the Amazon basin. In every case, the aboriginals were driven back, or worse...

Now those frontiers are gone. However, in this same time period, we've developed aviation, then space flight. New worlds beckon.

A famous scientist once said, "The Earth is our cradle, but humanity cannot remain in the cradle forever." There are many reasons to spread out. Deadly plagues have swept the world. The dinosaurs were wiped out by a gigantic asteroid. Tsunamis, and other natural disasters, affect entire regions. These can happen again.

Mars is relatively close, but no one could live on its surface without substantial protection. The twin Mars Rovers have found that water once flowed there. Microbial life may yet survive, deep underground.

Buck Rogers and Captain Kirk have been "visiting alien worlds" for a long time, but only in the past decade have astronomers confirmed the existence of planets around other stars. Gradually they're refining their methods, and spotting smaller planets.

When better telescopes are developed (and funded), scientists will be able to observe Earth-sized worlds. If liquid water and oxygen are detected, we can be fairly certain that life exists there also.

LIFE

It may be that, under the proper conditions, life will arise quickly on any planet. Possibly those conditions are quite broad. Imagine animals with plastic bones, breathing a chlorine atmosphere. Or creatures living in ammonia slush, where different types of snow can fall upward and down—at the same time. How about fish with silicone blood, happily swimming in sulfuric acid? It gets even more bizarre. (Read Stephen Gillett's book *World-Building*, and Robert Forward's novel *Dragon's Egg*.)

Is life common in the universe? We'll soon know! Yet life does not imply intelligence, much less technology. After all, the Earth itself was without both for 99.999% of its history. (If you posit that dolphins, chimpanzees, and maybe giant squids are intelligent, it's still recent.)

Astronomers are listening carefully for extraterrestrial radio messages. They have detected nothing. Despite the Hollywood hype, there is no solid evidence that alien spacecraft have ever visited this planet. Modern claimants are either confused, or frauds, or they have a screw loose. They may have had spiritual experiences. (Also, the Air Force is testing classified 'wingless' aircraft.)

If there are technologically advanced beings out there, they're leaving us humans the hell alone. Perhaps rather literally . . .

Barren, lifeless worlds wouldn't be very appealing to prospective settlers. Neither would planets with poisonous air or inedible plants. We could 'terraform' such worlds, making them habitable, and even pleasant, but that would require centuries at least. As noted above, we'll soon be looking directly for verdant, earthlike worlds.

Any such worlds are extremely distant. Next month we'll discuss how we might reach them, and how best to settle there once we do. ♦

tain that many people, in reality, such a planet's waste heat would be difficult to get rid of.

FAMILY PLANS

The family is central to human existence. Every traditional faith holds the marriage vow sacred, and honors mother and child as the closest bond of all.

Most faiths encourage large families. There are many reasons for this. At best, every person is seen as a unique expression of God's nature, and each new child brings that much more beauty and joy into the world. At worst, organized religions are beset by rivals, and thus, seek

in those buildings."

Elayssandria Kasongo said that whether they're playing in New York on Sept. 11, or delivering a Mozart lullaby at Piccadilly Cafeteria, "These girls have become seasoned artists with character."

Her daughter Nkene adds, "Of course we'd like to become famous, to gain professional recognition. But the main point always has to be that we're not out for ourselves. I think if we had one main goal, it would be to see these kids learn the history of these instruments, and these composers, and start playing for themselves." ♦

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in September 2001.

"On the morning of September 11," said Mawejje, "we were playing at Grand Central Station. And suddenly people started coming out of the subway in tears. At first we thought it was because we were playing so good.

"But then somebody said, 'Didn't you hear that planes have crashed into the twin towers.' We wound up staying up there for a month. We actually met children whose parents worked

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HYUNG JIN NIM'S BOOK

A Bald Head and a Strawberry

In his preface, Hyung Jin Moon sets out at least one of the questions that his book, *A Bald Head and a Strawberry*, answers: "Many, in the past few years, have noticed my going from stylish suits and fashionable hairstyles to a shaven head and traditional Eastern monastic robes. Most, however, do not have any idea of why such a change took place."

In the course of answering this question, Hyung Jin nim gives us a new appreciation of True Parents as well as of the course that True Children have trod. Going beyond ideological catchwords, the author shares his personal story of the last several years as he lived through the loss of a brother, studying at a liberal college, and discovering anew the faith and love of True Parents.

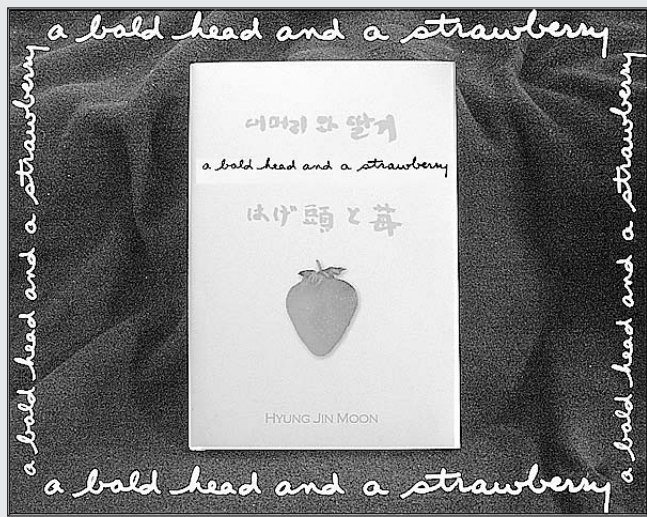
As the title suggests, the author does not

stand behind his position but reveals all his doubts and misgivings as well as why and how he decided to embark on a spiritual path that fully embraces the courageous faith of True Parents. For a religion to continue to grow and prosper, it must be renewed by those dedicated in heart, mind and body to its founding spirit.

The reader finds in this book the efforts of an individual who is committed to sharing his considerable understanding of God's life and family. For older members, the book can rekindle the joy and hope and even wonder of the time of their

first joining. For those born into the faith who may or may not have embraced it, here is an exemplar of a sincere and renewing commitment.

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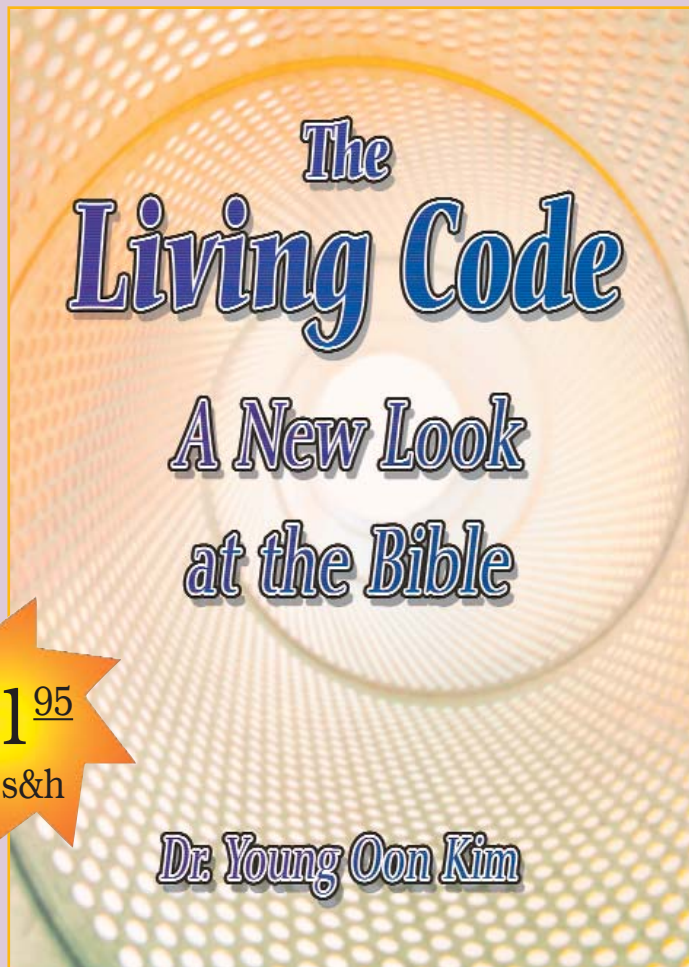
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