

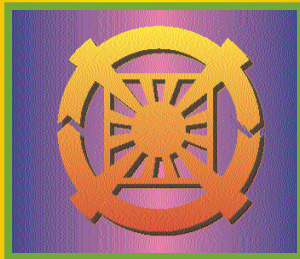
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## Parents Celebrate True Day Of All Things in NYC

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**T**hursday June 5, 1997, 200 leaders gathered at East Garden to do Pledge service together with True Parents. Father spoke for one hour

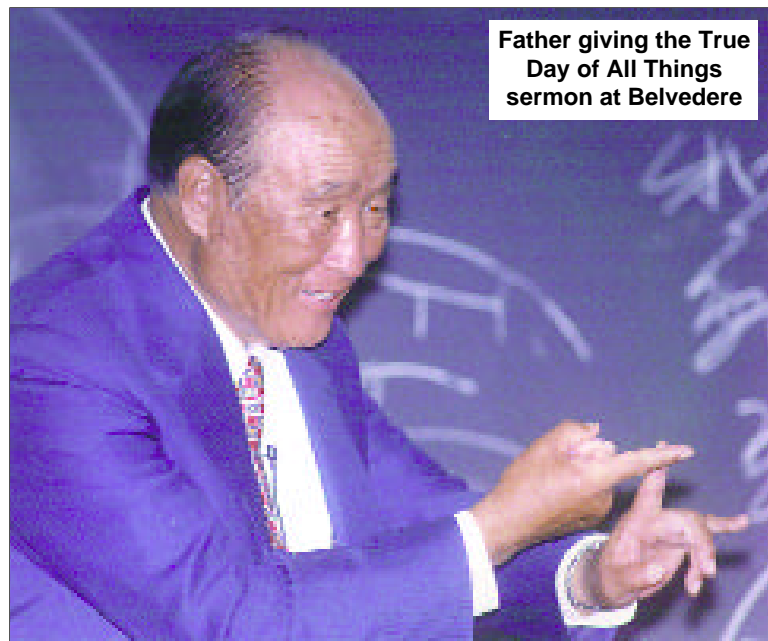
after pledge, on the importance of national and tribal messiahship, as well as on the value of Blessed families. He talked about the meaning of bringing 160 couples to the Blessing.

From 9.30 am to 11.30 am Father gave a special service at Belvedere to

an audience which included approximately 30 clergy. There he talked about the meaning of the Day of All True Things and about his experiences with nature in South America. Throughout the whole speech Father made the audience laugh and feel good.

Father shared a wonderful story of life in prison where there was time with nothing to do. He put some saliva on his finger and attracted a pair of flies. He clipped their wings so they couldn't fly away and they became his pets and

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Father giving the True Day of All Things sermon at Belvedere



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## BLESSING CEREMONIES

### New York City



by Edner & Juanita Pierre-Louis

No Justice! No Peace! No Justice! No Peace! What do you want? Justice! When do you want it? Now!

**T**his is the battle cry you hear on Madison Avenue at 125th Street every Saturday morning at the broadcast of the Right Reverend Al Sharpton—or should I say, Mayor Sharpton—at 11am, the headquarters of the National Action Network, better known in Harlem as The House of Justice—where Rev. Sharpton is also the President.

Rev. Sharpton is planning to run for the seat of Mayor of New York City. And all of us know that's a

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### Kentucky

by Dennis Wooley—Louisville, KY

**W**ith a few countries and continents bestowing the Blessing upon large numbers of individuals and married couples, I considered seriously what we in America will do to open the gates. I anguished over this question primarily for our state, Kentucky. Finally the breakthrough arrived, and we are experiencing great hope.

I would like to start from the beginning. I arrived home after 40 days at Chung Pyung Lake. In spite of the phenomenal experience of Daemonim's workshop, I still wondered how our state could bring victory with the Blessing. I began contacting our min-

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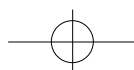
### Montreal



by Franco Famularo—Toronto, Canada

**S**eventy-one married couples of every race, religion and culture participated in the Celebration of True Love Blessing in Montreal, Canada on May 17, 1997. The couples ranged in age from their 20s and married for only three months, to one couple in their mid-80s who had been married for 57 years. There were Christians of various denominations, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists and people who belonged to no particular religion at all. Some were French Canadian others were English Canadian. The vast majority, however, were from the multi-cultural and cosmopolitan community of Montreal. Couples from Asia, Africa, the Middle

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# FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

This is an excerpt from the speech given on Foundation Day, May 1st, at Belvedere.

## PERSONAL SALVATION AND

**N**ow is the time for all these old church or church-related signs to come down; a new form should emerge. The church era focuses on individual salvation; however, it is time to rise from the individual level of salvation to the family level, because the family is the cornerstone or basic unit for building a nation.

What happened in the family of Adam and Eve at the time of the human fall? Not only individuals but the entire family collapsed. Therefore, in the providence of restoration involves restoring mind/body unity, unity among family members, and then unity within the tribe, society, nation and so forth. Because of the fall, the human race started with a false blood lineage, and it expanded into families, tribes, societies, nations and a world; that's the world we are facing every day. Therefore, True Parents come to save humanity and change this blood lineage into the heavenly lineage; we have to expand this worldwide. This is the period of equalization, centering on True Parents. Do you understand? The worst parents appear and break down everything, causing separation in every direction. In this time, True Parents bring mind/body unification and perfection of man and woman, connecting with one another and creating a perfect family. This can expand horizontally into a unified world. Do you understand? This is the

opposite of the fallen down way, where individuals separate and families separate. Satan has been occupying the whole world.

Rebirth is needed. True Parents appeared and connected the true individual base, accomplishing complete unification of mind and body. The authority of that kind of man and woman, centered on their perfected family, extends to the Kingdom of

Heaven. The period of religion is passing away, because the purpose of the major religions was individual salvation. That is why the signs of all religious organizations, not just the Unification Church, should come down sooner or later. If Adam and Eve had been totally united with God to begin with, do you think religion was necessary? What about the history of restoration? No. Everything was supposed to be accomplished at that time.

Because of the human fall, all of humanity throughout history has been suffering from fall sickness. Therefore, True Parents come to bring the new serum of truth. When you get a shot or injection, you are engrafted into the heavenly lineage. It's like receiving a vaccination during an epi-

demic. That is why receiving the Blessing is the most important thing in your life.

### Tribal messiahship

We are in the position of restored Adam and Eve, working towards the level of perfection. Centering on blessed couples, the entire world has to be restructured and reorganized to meet the criteria of the Kingdom of Heaven. That is why I directed blessed couples to play the role of tribal messiahs. If you perform the tribal messiah role properly, you should be able to bring 160 families, including your relatives and your immediate family, to the Blessing. By doing so, you will set a condition to restore your entire tribe. Based on this tribal restoration, the nation can be built, restoring the failure at the time of Jesus Christ. The families of John the Baptist and Joseph will be restored; all the foundation will be laid, then the nation will be formed. Then we will continue building the world centering on God.

As you know, already in 185 nations, national messiahs are forming this center. Your responsibility is to do tribal messiahship where you are living and carrying out your mission. Once we accomplish the three levels of family messiah, tribal messiah, and national messiah, and do our responsibility properly, then Satan cannot interfere in our work and in our life. Once all these levels are completed and the national messiahs are totally united and the worldwide level is prepared, they will be called "world messiahs." All humanity will be in the position of the original Adam and Eve who have completed the eight different stages will be called "perfected."

While you were not aware of what I was doing, I laid all the necessary ground work to dispatch these national messiahs to the world. No matter what nation it may be, if four national messiahs can be totally united centering on God, then the entire world

can be restored. After four nations, the next stage will be twelve nations. The four-position foundation will be elevated to restore twelve nations and then the world. People tend to keep their old habits from before they joined the church, but while you are still struggling with your old habits, the time line of God's providence has progressed so fast that it makes you dizzy. You don't know how fast it is traveling, but soon it will be beyond your reach; thus, you have to be fully alert.

### Stages of restoration

There are eight different stages horizontally and eight

different stages vertically. Through shrinking the satanic realm from the worldwide level to the individual level, in eight different stages, we can get rid of it. Right after World War II, if people had connected with God's blessing centering on the Lord of the Second Advent, this process would have been completed by now. Then it would have expanded vertically centered on God's direction, the heavenly line, not the satanic line. It is like establishing and rebuilding the Garden of Eden again. But that didn't happen.

The Lord of the Second Advent would have become the True Parent to an entire humanity, but because of the failure of the Allied countries and Christianity, the True Parent was kicked out of this world. I, who was supposed to build this vertical original world, was chased away to this satanic world level, into the wilderness. So I started from scratch, from the zero level again, to complete these eight different stages. At each stage, I had to get the Cain and Abel representatives to unite. Finally, True Parents won victory on the worldwide level here. That is why after I won the victory in Korea, I moved to America so that I can work with world level Christianity centering on Catholicism and Protestantism, which represent Cain and Abel and are in a mind/body relationship.

The United Nations represents only the body, the minus, because it is a political organization. It doesn't have the plus. The United Nations represent world politics; therefore, the United Nations need a woman figure. In other words, Eve and Cain and Abel figures are needed. I am preparing this very foundation for the sake of the United Nations. Just as our body always puts pressure on our mind and distracts our mind, the United Nations has been lacking a religious viewpoint which represents the mind. That is why body-centered politics, such as



## CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 4 72 Couples' Blessing ('62)
- 5 True Day of All Things
- 13 39 Couples' Blessing (Camberg, Germany, '81)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's 15th Birthday
- 21 Young Jin Nim's 19th Birthday
- 23 Day of One Heart

### JULY

- 1 Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing 2075 Couples' Blessing (New York, '82)
- 18 Kook Jin Nim's 27th Birthday
- 19 Sun Jin Nim's 21st Birthday
- 24 124 Couples' Blessing ('63)

### AUGUST

- 1 Day of Returning to the Home Country
- 14 Shin Goon Nim's 14th Birthday  
Shin Kwon Nim's 8th Birthday
- 16 Total Victory Day
- 20 In Jin Nim's 32nd Birthday  
Declaration of the Providential Age of Salvation by Love
- 25 30,000 Couples' Blessing ('92)  
360,000 Couples' Blessing ('95)
- 31 Day of the Settlement of Eight Stages



# FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

## COLLECTIVE SALVATION

United Nations, doesn't have anything to do with God or God's original purpose. Mind and body have been separated in the history of restoration; they have to reverse the course to meet the original point.

There have been two different battles, internal and external, because of the battle between the good spirits and the evil spirits in the spirit world. And also, in the physical world there has been a struggle between evil parents and True Parents. The satanic individual base has extended to the worldwide base, and battles have taken place from the individual level to the worldwide level.

Up until recently, the entire world, including the democratic world and the communistic world, mobilized to oppose and attack me. However, that era is over. I set the indemnity condition and restored 4000 years of human history in 40 years. The Old Testament era, which was the first Israel, the first Messiah era, and the New Testament era, which is the second Messiah era, failed, and I had to restore those 4,000 years of history of failure. The spirit world and the physical world are now joined with True Parents. So once I reach the worldwide victory level and embrace this entire world, the entire world will go through the engrafting process, the process of rebirth, and the Kingdom of God will be built on earth. These eight horizontal stages of completion will be established vertically too. During the last 40 years, the entire spirit world and the physical world joined together and attacked and persecuted me. That time is over. Satan is losing his dominion of the entire world. There is a new world, nation, tribe, family and individual. Because at this point, we meet with our own mind and body.

### The future of America

Americans say that America represents the free world and is the supreme nation of the world, but suppose the entire world disappears and America alone exists. America is the kingdom of extreme individualism, the kingdom of free sex. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve became the ancestors of extreme individualism, selfishness, and free sex. You will reap what you have sown. That was the season of spring, and we are reaping same result as a harvest. The country that represents Satan's harvest is America. The original individual personality, family values, tribal base, national base and worldwide base were lost. This is reality, not a concept. Do you understand?

America doesn't have anywhere to go now. As American brothers and sisters, do you have enough resources and power to rule the world? You lost your grandparents, your parents, your siblings; there is no relationship. Relationships became complicated and were lost. Can anybody deny that? So, centering on America, there may be twelve major nations in the world that are leading world affairs. These countries are repeating the same mistakes

that Adam and Eve had made in the Garden of Eden at the time of the fall.

How can we say that our tribe, our nation, and our world are centered on God? Even your view of life and way of life is based on this selfish and extreme individualism. That is why you lost everything from individual level to the worldwide level. This is a result of free sex. Incest is taking place in this world. Incest is not connected to God's side, but completed connected to Satan's side. This has been the reality.

You have to turn back 180 degrees; otherwise, there is no hope. The world, with its nations, tribes, families and individuals, have all been connected to Satan's side. Now Satan's work has collapsed. True Parents restore all that was lost throughout human history and establish it on a vertical level. All levels and viewpoints have to be re-

brate. When that kind of tradition is set, then restoration of the world will be completed. Then we can proclaim not just one nation under God but one world under God.

### The future of the United Nations

As individuals, we consist of mind and body. The same principle applies to the organization of the United Nations. Because we lost on the individual level the elder sonship, parentship and kingship, we have to restore the elder sonship, parentship and kingship on the worldwide level, centering on the restoration of Cain, Abel and Eve.

The family of Adam included the father, Eve, Cain and Abel. What was lost in the family of Adam should be restored before we attempt to restore the world. That is why we have to make sure that the elder sonship, par-

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family, nation, world and cosmos. It clarifies God's starting point, direction and purpose. At last we will be with God. All humankind and everything in the cosmos will be centering on God and become new creatures with a clear direction. Then they can embrace God and God's true love place. Every place will enjoy dancing and singing. People of all tribes and nations will be dancing and singing. The cosmic Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven will be an enjoyable world of dancing and singing. That is the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Is that right? [Yes.] How great everything will be when race and color are no problem! Love power is most strong. Think of the power of blood lineage when it is directed towards unity. Do you understand?

Because such a time has come, I am no longer focussing on HSA-UWC. We must now work through the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Through the course of Old Testament era and New Testament era, we lost everything from the family to the worldwide level. Since we are in the time of world, I started from the worldwide level and went to the family level; so now we are establishing family church.

Although Jesus Christ was crucified 2000 years ago, his power and influence has been felt all over the world. But suppose Jesus Christ had not died but rather established his family: if his children had multiplied, how long do you think it would have taken place to restore the entire world? Not more than 600 years. Do you understand? Jesus' family would have been mainstream of the world's family. Do you understand? The mainstream is like the true olive tree. The fallen world's wild olive tree would have been cut down at the starting place, making that true olive tree and influencing the whole orchard. Then God would have been able to dominate the true olive orchard. Is this clear? The wild olive trees need to be engrafted with True Parents' Blessing. The trunk has to be cut down and then engrafted with a new branch.

The new branch is the new blessing. This engrafting process takes place through receiving the blessing. In this way, the very family that was lost in the Garden of Eden will be restored on the worldwide level.

No matter how much America may try to harm the Unification Church, it will not be destroyed. Even if Germany or the entire European continent is mobilized, there is no way for them to achieve it. The entire Japan nation was mobilized to get rid of the Unification Church, but they found no way.

The conclusion at this point is that unless we take down this sign which deals with religion, Christianity, we cannot accomplish restoration of humanity because this very sign limits salvation to the individual level. Do you want salvation to remain on the individual level, or do you want to see national and worldwide level salvation? ♦

established centered on God, through True Parents—from the universal views to the world views, national views, family views, and individual view. By establishing home church, you are in the position to inherit everything. Everything connects to that direction. Do you understand? Adam connects to the individual viewpoint and to the viewpoint of the tribe, nation, world and cosmos, centering on God's love. Is that right? [Yes.]

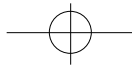
We take things away from Satan. The first thing we have to accomplish is the restoration of the elder son's birthright. Then once Cain and Abel have reached unity, they have to be united with the mother figure. Then, when they join the United Nations work and unite as plus and minus, Cain and Abel, the restoration of the kingship will take place. For that reason, I established the Women's Federation, Religious Federation, Youth Federation, and all these federations to work with the United Nations for world peace. The day that the United Nations declares True Parents' Day to the world, the entire world will cele-

entship and kingship are restored, centered on God.

Where is the base for advancing God's providence of restoration from the individual level to the world? The home church. The family church. Suppose everyone in a nation, from the president and the cabinet members to all its families, establish this family church; then national restoration comes automatically.

Suppose that by the end of August of this year, with only three months to go, we reach our goal of 3.6 million couples; then I will proclaim to the world that beginning from September 1, we will march forth the goal of reaching 36 million couples. Once that happens, the entire world will be stirred up.

The family is clearly the starting point, the direction, and the terminal point. It is the clear cause and clear result. Churches and religions did not have a clear starting point, a clear direction, or a clear destination. They have lost their direction. The Unification understanding offers a clear purpose and direction for the individual,



# Volunteering to Save the American Family



REV. JOONG  
HYUN PAK

Rev. Pak is the Continental Director of the Church in North America.

**T**his year's motto is: "Let Us Be Proud of True Parents and Love True Parents and Accomplish the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing." How? By succeeding in inviting 3.6 million couples to the Blessing November 29, 1997. True Parents have dedicated their entire lives to God. They have loved God, and loved humankind and all of creation with True Love and with this True Love, they are now extending this glorious opportunity to all people to participate in this heavenly event.

True Parents have shed their tears, sweat and blood for humankind. Through them we receive God's True Love and Eternal Life. This is their gift to all people so we have to appreciate God and True Parents. This invitation to the 3.6 million couples Blessing is so vitally important this year. Through the Blessing everyone receives God's Eternal True Love, Eternal Pure Lineage. We have to understand this.

## America Calling for Volunteers

Since Communism fell in 1990, America's big enemy disappeared and now America is the single, super power. Those who live in America don't appreciate so much what it stands for and the many privileges and advantages it has to offer. In Switzerland, where I am national messiah, I have seen for myself just how very expensive everything is—from food to cars to houses, everything. A McDonalds hamburger costs ten dollars. Gasoline for the car is three times as expensive as America. Houses are extremely expensive. To go to a restaurant for dinner is a costly activity. In comparison to other countries, American prices are more reasonable. This country is a super country in many other ways as well. It influences the world—with good and bad.

General Colin Powell, famous general of the Gulf War, dedicated his entire career to defense of America. His mission was to always watch the outside enemy—be aware of how strong they were; when and where the enemy might attack; how to defend against them. That was his mission. Then he retired. And he began to look within our nation, our domestic side. In a recent national magazine article he said we are our own worst enemy now. So now our enemy is 'within'. He spoke of how dangerous America has become. Why? Twenty million young people, maybe more, are wandering the streets, taking drugs, alcohol, participating in free sex, homosexuality, lesbianism; having no families (divorced parents or single-parent homes); many young people are becoming gangsters.

General Powell said we must give volunteer service. On April 29 in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, President Clinton and General Powell organized a "Volunteers Summit." They organized a big budget and a large group of volunteers to help young people find jobs and such. But that is not the fundamental answer. Rather, the answer lies in strengthening American family ties, bringing value back to the family. Young people have become violent because of lack of family life, love and education.

## God Calling for Volunteers

America is now this super country, influencing the world, having everything to offer—except family strength and integrity! Families are in trouble. It has become very dangerous. Some statistics have shown that only 50% of American families are intact. Even our door-to-door volunteers for the Blessing now are finding single-parent homes to be the norm. In the Christian churches we are finding more and more single mothers. And some of the ministers themselves are divorced. America most definitely is in a family crisis.

If we ask the question "Who is God? How do you envision God, the Father?" people will have different answers because God is spirit and we answer according to our imagery, emotion, concept or experience. Sadly, if we ask America's young people the same question, they may not have an answer because in most cases they have no image or experience with a father in the home. And worst of all, they have very negative impressions of what a physical father is because many have experienced abusive step-parents.

So to speak of the goodness of God the Father is difficult for some young people to comprehend. Shocking.

America has become shamefully immoral. Without father images, masculine role models, young boys are turning to homosexuality. And in some cases, the mother figure is missing so young girls do not grow up experiencing the feminine role model and turn to lesbianism. Both boys and girls lack respect for the opposite gender.

We must become volunteers for the sake of America's families. This is our very important life's mission, each of us. We must not sit at home watching television while America is in peril. We must become model volunteers.

When Communism collapsed, we thought there would be peace on Earth. But immoral, invisible Satan was there still bringing free sex and breaking down the families. This big Satan never died, never disappeared. Marx and Lenin lived only 70 or so years, but immoral Satan has existed for 6,000 years.

In Korea, when I was a child going to a country school, we had one room. Even within that one small classroom boys and girls were divided. One-half of the room was boys, one-half was girls. Morality was so important. But our nations are changing now.

University life is a low life now. As a student, if you live a pure life on campus, most other students think you are abnormal. Dormitory life is very strange and impure, with boys and girls relaxing together, partying, drinking. I saw some of these things with my own eyes when I visited the campuses of my sons and daughters. For students who do not wish to participate it is a very lonely life. Our second generation is suffering very much in these situations. Your children and mine are going into this kind of immoral atmosphere after they leave their homes. We must work to change all this.

This is why True Father is giving Blessings. To cover the Earth with wholesome families, educating people about God's plan for Heaven and Earth and purifying God's creation. We are now working to bring True Father's Blessing to all the

people.

We are receiving the cooperation of many Christian ministers and other spiritual leaders as well. The ministers and spiritual leaders who attended *True Family Values* seminars should teach their congregations and assemblies what they have learned. This is True Parents expectations for the spiritual leaders.

Our True Family Values Ministry is for the sake of our nations, our societies, our families. It is very important that we clearly understand. All of you should have the *True Family Values* book in your home. Sit down and read it with your children. They must be taught the value of the family, centered on God.

## What is the Function of True Family Values ?

If you buy a new car or new computer, you will receive a manual with it. This manual is the guidebook, the blueprint for your car or computer, how to use it and what

to do when something is not working right. You read your manual and become acquainted with it so you can know your new car and know how to operate it and maintain it. That is what *True Family Values* is for the marriage, for the family. It is the guidebook for the family—how to keep the family healthy and functional and how to restore it back to health if it has become dysfunctional.

Let's think of the car when it is first made in the car factory—it goes through the stages of an assembly-line. At the end of the assembly-line, it is ready for a final inspection. Having passed that, it now rolls off the assemblyline, ready for use. Now you can buy the car. But if you buy the car but do not learn how to drive it or care for it, of what use is it? And also, if you are a salesperson at the showplace and you do not understand the function or value of the car, then how can you convince others to buy it.

If Brothers and Sisters do not believe in *True Family Values* how can they go about convincing others of its value? Or more seriously, how can you be the true salesperson if you are not the user of the product? Or if it is not part of your internal self? Do we really believe the Blessing is the answer to overcome family crises?

## What is the Function of the Blessing?

On the "human assembly-line of God," we grow through different stages in life until we reach adulthood, and we are ready for God's and True Parents' final inspection. True Parents now give you that certificate, that final stamp of approval—in the form of the Blessing. Now, centering on God and True Love, you are ready to begin a productive life, fulfilling your purpose of creation, living the *True Family Values*. The Blessing is the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Adam and Eve were the first family, the ancestor family. They were only one family. This family was in trouble. This family lost God's original blueprint and manual. They followed the wrong blueprint and manual. They followed Satan's guidebook. The family fell. There was Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel. God was the first generation, Adam and Eve were second generation, Cain and Abel were third generation. Cain and Abel hated each other, were angry with each other, jealous of each other and finally one killed the other. This pattern followed generation after generation. Anger, hate, distrust, disunity—

these are not God's attributes, but Satan's. God's original blueprint never contained such elements. Satan invaded the first family values.

Isn't it wonderful, as we go about the world now, offering True Parents' Blessing; once husband and wife sign that certificate, vowing their pledge of purity toward their marriage, with that certificate in their household, Satan will say, "Oh, this house belongs to a true family. I cannot invade!" How wonderful! What a treasure. For generations to come, people will say "that is the house of Mr. and Mrs. so-and-so."

As Blessed couples, we are Trees of Life. Do trees bear fruit? Yes, a lot of fruit. November 29, in Washington, DC, 30,000 couples will attend the Blessing and by satellite, 185 nations.

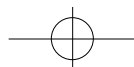
A spiritual Revolution has come to Korea. Things have been quiet there for a long time but now it is changing and wonderful results are coming. They are experiencing the results of Chungpyung and hard work combined. Blessings are spreading like wildfire. Daemonim's life of faith, love and obedience to God and True Parents is bringing results to Korea.

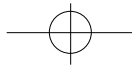
During True Mother's speaking tour throughout America last year, I was asked to travel with True Mother from city to city. Also traveling with True Mother were several representatives from the Moon and Han clans. I was responsible to teach them Divine Principle. Our workshops took place in the air, aboard the planes! I didn't know at the time what a privilege I had been given. Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ had no family to support him. Zechariah's family and Joseph's family did not support with their clans. If they had, Jesus could have claimed a family and a nation.

In Washington, DC maybe there will be empty seats at RFK stadium if we space out and do not bring results! We must bring honor to America and to God and True Parents.

## What is the Function of True Parents?

True Parents have received the absolute Blessing from God and come as God's physical representatives on the Earth to give that Blessing to others, changing the blood lineage from Satan to God. They become the educators and models for family development. The original family, Adam and Eve, did not receive God's Blessing so humankind has never had the true role models of what 'parents' should be. Likewise they did not give birth to children who would then become true role models for generations to come. Instead, all families followed Satan's example, doing the best they could do in following God's will until God could finally set the right conditions for the True Role Models to come, True Parents. When a family is a true family, the parents become the model for the Blessing. The purpose of a husband and wife is to have a God-centered relationship and produce and educate children who will continue to produce God-centered families themselves. Without parents, how can we learn to live a life of goodness, based on heavenly traditions? How can we experience a true lifestyle, centered on God? We need our true parents who have been blessed by God to be the blueprints of life so that we in turn become true parents ourselves. They educate us and show us by example how to live the life on Earth and in Heaven as intended by God. A life of real happiness and joy. True Parents bring  
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# Rev. & Mrs. Al Sharpton are Blessed, and Bless Others

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big position; however, Rev. Sharpton is a big man, spiritually and physically! It might fit!!!!

On May 24, 1997, The House of Justice turned into The House of the Holy Blessing, where Rev. and Mrs. Al and Kathy Jordan Sharpton renewed their marriage vows, as their beautiful daughters approved. Officiating the ceremony were Rev. and Mrs. Joong Hyun Pak, leaders of the North America True Family Values Ministry, and Dr. Tyler Hendricks, president of the True Family Values Ministry. Also in attendance were the directors of the Harlem True Family Values Ministry, Mr. and Mrs. Edner and Juanita Pierre-Louis, with other members and staff of the TFVM.

The ceremony was profound and beautiful. In rededicating their marriage, Rev. and Mrs. Sharpton made certain vows to God and each other. The vows pertained to never divorcing, always guiding their children to practice sexual purity before marriage and fidelity to

their spouses after matrimony, and pledging to participate in the 3.6 million couples Blessing on Nov. 29, 1997 at RFK Stadium in Washington DC to help foster world peace.

### Giving the Blessing

On May 25, 1997 at the historic Manhattan Center, an especially historic event took place, presided over by a man and woman who are history-makers. We're speaking of none other than Rev. and Mrs. Al and Kathy Jordan Sharpton.

In the rain, by bus, by train they came to hear words of inspiration and receive vows of rededication of marriage from Rev. and Mrs. Sharpton.

Nothing could dampen the spirit of the enthusiastic crowd coming to hear. As the night quickly moved along, there was stimulating music performed by the Henry T. Wilkerson Gospel Combo, a



rousing rendition of "Bye and Bye" by Lady Grace of Phoenix, Arizona. The group's leader, Evangelist Elayysandria London, had the crowd on its feet, ready for Rev. Sharpton.

Whatever the difficulties Rev. Sharpton has encountered in his efforts to understand and lead people, it should be clear to all reflective thinkers that his techniques of dealing with them is a vindication of love.

And it was an act of love which ushered in the officiation of Rev. and Mrs. Sharpton and Rev. and Mrs. Pak for 21 waiting couples from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

In His mercy, God sent Jesus to save us and empower us through the Holy Spirit. Today the Lord is opening the gate of the original Blessing of Marriage. This is the day God and Jesus long desired to see (Rev. 22:14). The officiators were adorned in white Holy Robes. Rev.

and Mrs. Sharpton offered the Holy Wine. The Holy Wine Ceremony contains deep spiritual significance. Jesus turned water into wine at the marriage at Cana. Through the Holy Wine Ceremony, God changes our sinful blood lineage into a sanctified blood lineage in preparation to bestow His Holy Blessing.

Rev. and Mrs. Pak sprinkled the Holy Water. The sprinkle of Holy Water represents the sanctifying love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit upon the couple.

John the Revelator told us, "The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life" (Rev. 22:17).

And they came to receive the Blessing of God, and His Holy Communion.

### The Bridge of True Love

Another highlight of the evening was the crossing of the bridge by husbands and wives. They met in the center of the bridge and embraced. It was like watching two worlds come together in a peaceful manner.

This bridge has also been called the bridge of peace, and has been crossed by people from many nations and races. Maybe someday future former Mayor Giuliani and future Mayor Sharpton will cross this bridge at City Hall, and chant together, "No Justice, No Peace." ❖



FAMILY  
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us the new car and the manual, the instructions, but it is up to us to learn to drive the car.

Humankind, in the Garden of Eden, did not receive God's Blessing. Humankind did not receive God's Holy Blessing at that time. Check the Bible. You will not find where Adam and Eve had any such ceremony. It is not there. Instead we read where God expelled them from the Garden. That means that Adam and Eve, without God's permission, began sexual relations and family life, bearing children. They started an immoral, illegal sexual life.

But now, couples from even that lineage can receive God's Blessing for a happy, joyful marriage. It is guaranteed.

When Jesus came, he brought the blueprint for a true family. But he could not demonstrate it with his life because his life was taken. He must return for the sake of the fulfillment of the family. The Messiah brings a True Family and True Family Values.

The American world is so lucky to have True Family Values in its midst. Those receiving the Blessing through the True Family and the True Family Values are so lucky. Our Sunday morning Pledge contents are True Family Values. As we say the Pledge each Sunday with our family, with our children, are we really believing the words and living the words? This is a very serious matter. We have to deeply understand the meaning of the Family Pledge. If we understand and believe the words, we will put it into practice. If we put the Pledge into practice, results will come.

### True Family Values World Movement

Someday we will be in the spiritual world, standing before our descendants. What valuable gift should we bequeath? Our property? Our bank account? We should give the gift of *Divine Principle* and *True Family Values*. And if we have lived the *Divine Principle* and *True Family Values* we will have changed entire cities. Making house-to-house families can make your city drug-free, crime-free, disease-free, social problem-free. Your city can become a small Kingdom of Heaven. This is the Ideal of Peace on Earth. All families, all cities, all nations combining to make the Kingdom of Heaven.

By building True Families with the *True Family Values* "the blueprint," the manual for building and maintaining a true family, you will receive God's "inspection sticker" or "stamp of approval." You will be abiding by the heavenly Traditions which have been given by the True Parents. If you begin your family with this heavenly way of life, your family will be very secure, no troubles; everything good.

We need True Parents. We need True Parents' Marriage Blessing. We need *Divine Principle* and *True Family Values*. Spiritual leaders in America need True Parents. Five thousand spiritual leaders were educated last year in Washington, DC at the True Family Values seminars. Some of them were Muslim imams.

In our Unification Church life we have been accused of being a "cult" and other such attacks by the media, but today we are recognized as "mainstream." We are now being included in activities of "traditional" Christian groups, such as annual city-wide prayer breakfasts. Not only being included but also being asked, in some of cities, to give the opening representative prayer at these large gatherings.

In Africa, already a million couples have received the Blessing.

In C.I.S. they are having great success, educating pure love values. The government is working together with our leadership. In Siberia there have been many Blessings. Imagine.

In Taiwan, the national President cares about people and what kind of standards they keep. He appointed a representative to our Blessing Invitation Committee. Their goal is 100,000 couples for the Blessing, but already they have reached this. Their problem now is: so many couples are coming that they don't have enough staff to take care of them! Bad activities, porno shops and so forth were taking over Taiwan so they have welcomed true family life activities. We brought Little Angels ballet, Mr. & Miss. University contest, Family Federation for World Peace, and True Family Values seminars. Many leaders throughout the country have welcomed our pure activities. They welcome our Blessing Festivals. Now Taiwan has raised its quota for the Blessing.

In America, in the Los Angeles city of South Gate, civic leaders have given congratulatory speeches at our Blessing Festivals.

America is now going the way of victory! Which city in America will become the national champion?! How high up on the list do you want to be? How low on the list will you be? Shall we sleep or shall we wake up! We need spirit! God is watching.

St. Paul said, "Our war is not with flesh and blood; our war is spiritual." (Ep 6:12) In America (as well as other nations) it no longer is a battle with flesh and blood, but a spiritual battle with Satan. Especially in America, where Satan's blood lineage is everywhere in the form of immoral-

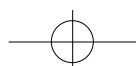
ity. Many good families have become false families, satanic families, broken families. So shall we be volunteers to bring blessings to American families and victory for God?

We can make America the king of volunteerism again. We can volunteer ourselves to save America by saving its families. America is in crisis as it has never been before. As you go about in your volunteer work, carry your "business card" which will identify you to others. Have "True Family Values Ministry volunteer" printed on your card, with your name. Be serious about what you are doing. Put value to what you are accomplishing. Take a video tape, some True Family Values materials, an approach book, anything you may need to enrich your volunteer work for your 160-Family Blessing goal.

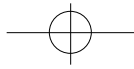
When your children see you being so serious they will benefit in their own lives. Mrs. Pak and I have six children. They have seen both of their parents work seriously for the Kingdom over the years and they are influenced by that. And in practical matters, they learned early to do many things for themselves and to participate in caring for the family household. They learned to be respectful and sacrificial.

God has planted His divine nature within our second generation. God teaches them and inspires them in many different ways. But we must set an example for them in order to activate these blessings that God has given.

We must believe the angels and ancestors are working with us. Just be eager to volunteer to go to families and you will see how much they are helping. Just take that first step and all help will come. Miracles are happening everywhere. Please let the miracles happen in your life. ❖







# Spreading the Blessing in Kentucky

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isters, and I invited them to lunch to have a chance to inspire them about the Blessing. Although the ministers' experience at last year's Washington conference was very high, they still experienced reluctance and hesitation. My reaction to that was to reach out to new ministers, only to experience rejection and more hesitation and heartache. I offered two successful seminars on *The Holy Communion of Marriage*, but no substantial Blessing resulted. I even gave one private seminar to a bishop of the House of God church, but still I could not move this man and his wife to receive the Blessing, nor could I persuade him to allow me to give the whole church a seminar.

While I was spinning my wheels with the churches and the ministers, one Tribal Messiah sister, Sun Willett, was successfully inviting couples for the Blessing. What a comfort that was for me! Our first Blessing took place in Lexington, Kentucky, where seven couples including one minister and his wife were Blessed. My wife and I experienced such joy as we officiated! But my heart was still filled with pain and uncertainty regarding future Blessings.

My wife and I decided to do a Divine Principle reading condition. One evening as we read together, we experienced a strange noise in our apartment; it sounded like a bell's ringing. We had no logical explanation for this sound, so we considered that it was spiritual. I am not one who has had many spiritual experiences, such as seeing or hearing the spiritual world. I should mention that while we were reading, I had a very intense headache. Later, I thought that this bell-ringing sound was a way for spirit world to comfort us. That night, during the 100-day prayer condition which Daemonim gave us, I could break through and cry for the first time during the condition. For me, shedding tears in prayer is next to impossible—I am just not a very good weeper. I spoke to God in a very personal way, and I asked Him how to achieve the Blessing goal. I said to God that we have many theological ways to express our motivation to act, but that it's more from my heart to say that my motivation to act and to sacrifice springs from my love for God and

True Parents. I explained to God that I could see no clear path to fulfill the Blessing goal: what can I, what can we, do? When I concluded this prayer, I was surprised because my headache had lifted, and a very warm and peaceful feeling enveloped me. The only way I know to describe this feeling is that it was like a parent putting an arm around me with the purpose to encourage, and I emerged from this experience with expectation, hope and love.

The answer came, but in an unexpected way. Sun Willett had gone home to house, and she invited 12 couples to a hall Blessing. My wife and I drove

down to Georgetown, Kentucky to officiate. There was only one problem: not one couple came! Then Sun Willett said to me that we should visit them in their homes and Bless them there. I agreed. In about one hour, we Blessed six couples in their homes. Then I had a great inspiration that we could go door to door and Bless couples whom we have not previously contacted. My imagination was filled with intense expectancy.

As a couple we began experimenting with door to door Blessings, and we discovered it works. I gave Holy Wine and Holy Water to each of our Tribal Messiah families, and I educated them how to conduct Blessings. Including my couple, there are several couples working, and our state brings this great Blessing to new couples almost every day.

I have developed a script for the door to door Blessings, and I would like to offer it here. Hi. (Showing my business card.) My name is Dennis, and this is my wife and baby. We are working with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. The world founders of the FFWPU are the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. We are on a campaign to reach out to 160 married couples who would like to do a five-minute marriage rededication. The purpose is to revive family values and to create world peace. May we come in and explain?

When we enter, we take them through the Holy Wine and Holy Water Ceremonies. My spouse and I embrace the couples' hands, and I pray. Next, we ask them to say "yes" after each marriage vow. It is very important for the couple to fill out the headquarters' application. I explain that through the application they can receive a beautiful certificate. One Tribal Messiah, Norman Presley, suggested giving each couple a lunch or dinner certificate from a delightful restaurant.

At the end, I explain to them that the FFWPU is a large organization composed of many ministers and leaders, and that its purpose is to strengthen marriages and families. I tell them that we are not expecting anything from them. Most couples are very joyful. One couple said to me that they appreciated the religious wedding because they had been married by a justice of the peace. Once we encountered a married couple while another couple was visit-

ing them. We pre-Blessed both couples at the same time, together.

During the vows, I asked both couples to shout "yes"! They united with my direction perfectly, and they experienced much joy as they shouted "yes!" in unison. We have met virtually no negativity. Our challenge is to find both spouses home or to find married people. When we found married couples, they invariably elected to invite us in and receive their home Blessing. They were surprised, but their original minds were powerfully moved, and they expressed much joy and gratitude because we had knocked on their door.

Recently, my wife and I pre-Blessed an Indian couple. The husband explained that he is agnostic. I

in his life. Therefore, I owe a huge debt to Dr. Hendricks for developing these brilliant seminars. One Russian wife sang two beautiful traditional Russian songs for our entertainment. One of the Russian husbands, with much enthusiasm, said to me that he enjoyed the Holy Wine Ceremony very much because this ceremony is similar to the marriage ceremony of the Russian Orthodox Church. During my talk, I was moved by the spirit, and I asked if anyone was married more than 20 years; each couple then began spontaneously to shout out how many years they were married, and we all applauded each couple. This raised the atmosphere very high.

On May 20, the Willetts once again as well as Greg and Keiko Breland invited 14 couples to Ryan's Family Steak House for the Blessing. Most of these couples were friends of the couples whom we pre-Blessed on April 28. The couples from April 28 felt compelled to share this great Blessing with



their friends. From those pre-Blessed on May 20, nearly each couple said "thank you" after my wife and I gave them the Holy Wine. Before I read the Blessing vows, I asked all couples to respond to each vow with a resounding "yes!" in unison. That moment was very exciting as we really raised the roof! I felt True Parents were in the room. One man from India came to us with tears in his eyes and exclaimed, "I did not know that this experience would be so touching." For entertainment, we listened to songs from Russia, India, Palestine and—as our very own Sun Willett sang Arirang—Korea. The spirit and atmosphere of this international Blessing felt like a Unification event. I closed my eyes and imagined I was attending a celebration at East Garden.

The Willetts and the Brelands invited very accomplished and distinguished people for this Blessing. One participant is a medical doctor, and three other participants hold Ph.D.'s. Two are engineers; another, Xijun Fu, is the artistic director of the Lexington Ballet. The nations represented by couples at this Blessing included Russia, India, Egypt, Palestine, China, Vietnam, Armenia, Tanzania and the United States.

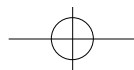
Through the door to door Blessings, I have found incredible liberation. Of course, I still intend to work with our ministers and with the churches, but at the same time I must not wait for them, and in Kentucky, for the present, the door to door method is moving at the speed of light compared to the speed of the ministers. It is wonderful to serve them and the community in an external way, but we simply have no time to waste. We must quickly go on the offensive to bring God's liberation to this nation, to save the families and marriages.

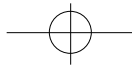
Dennis Wooley is the Kentucky state leader. ❖



key to her success was because she joined a group for foreign wives who met at a church for fellowship. As she is Korean, she fits right in with the group.

On April 28, Joe and Sun Willett invited nine couples for the Blessing. They were Russian and Palestinian. Two of the Russians hold doctorates in scientific fields. My wife and I officiated this Blessing, and I gave the talk which Dr. Hendricks developed, *God's Plan for Conjugal Love*. All participants were Christian. One Palestinian man who has lived in the United States for many years said to me that this marriage talk was the best he ever heard





## TESTIMONY

## TAKING THE BLESSING INTO PEOPLE'S HOMES

by Sun Willett—Louisville, KY

America's ancestors were Puritans who deeply loved God, and their dream was to build God's nation. Today's Americans are their descendants. America has much hope because every married couple is expecting us to visit them and pre-Bless them. I am happy because new Blessed couples are coming every day in my hometown and throughout Kentucky.

When we Tribal Messiah couples visit the couples and families, we should be filled with a crazy drive to save their marriages and families. I am sure this is the heart of God. Do not be afraid you will meet persecution. We in Kentucky have the attitude that we can never stop extending the Blessing. Some married couples may be too busy, but do not be discouraged, because they may be ready the second

or third time. When these couples can perceive the measure of our sincerity, they can easily receive the Blessing.

When I learned that once we bring 160 couples to the Blessing, we can enter True Parents' tribe, I was moved very deeply. This is the greatest glory! Every day I am filled with desperation to save the marriages and families, and I have no time to worry about what to eat or what clothes to wear. Through my experience and by my result, I feel great hope for America. We can rebuild God's nation if we are active. I believe that, especially since True Parents made extending the Blessing so easy for us (the door to door method), if we do not even try, it is a sin. True Parents have always warned us we are in a war to save the marriages and families. Therefore, how can we eat and sleep in a comfortable way?

Since my husband and I have been pre-Blessing couples, we have had

some spiritual experiences. I feel everyone I meet is a future Blessed couple just waiting to be Blessed. Often when I knock on a door, it is exactly at the same time the wife is arriving home from shopping.

I would like to share what I say to people when I knock on doors. First, I explain that I am a volunteer for the FFWPU (Family Federation for World Peace and Unification) and that Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon are the founders. Then, I explain that I have a goal to find 160 couples who would do a five-minute marriage rededication to promote family values. I offer a brief explanation of the Holy Wine and Holy Water Ceremonies, and then I lead them through the ceremonies. We then embrace their hands, and my husband Joe prays. Then we lead them through the vows, and we make certain the couple completely fills out the headquarters application. I explain that they are

not expected to join anything; it is a rededication of their marriage. After all of the ceremonies, I briefly discuss with the couple the American divorce problem and the issue of family breakdown. I explain the dire seriousness of these problems. I tell the couple that through divorced parents, the children experience a high rate of confusion, depression and loneliness, and their chance of getting involved in crime is higher; statistics reveal their odds of suicide are higher. The children suffer—that is the result of divorce!

I ask all the couples to invite all their married friends to receive the Blessing to protect their marriage, and for the purpose of building a better world.

According to Divine Principle, God is going to liberate hell. Our participation in God's effort to liberate hell is all we need to obtain citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven. ❖

## TESTIMONY

## TAKING THE BLESSING DOOR-TO-DOOR

by Norman Presley—Louisville, KY

I work in Kentucky as a real estate agent and I run a small picture business. My wife, Noriko, takes care of our four children at home. We were matched and blessed in 1982.

I went out with the state leader to see how to door knock and Pre-Bless people. It seemed so natural and easy.

May 5, 1997. The first night Noriko and I went out we were going to go door knocking to Pre-Bless people. That night I had to have some papers signed by one of my customers who was buying a home for investment. He is a C.P.A. I told Noriko we should try to Bless them. They are strong Christians. We asked them about doing the blessing ceremony and they had some questions about our belief in Jesus and the Bible. As I explained some very basics of our belief I felt the spirit world move them. They then took the Holy Wine, a sprinkle of Holy Water, the Blessing Vows, a Prayer and they filled out the application. Not to mention signing the papers to sell them a house. We then door knocked for about an hour at some humble apartments. Most people were not married, but we became comfortable in our door knocking apartments. No one was negative! No one!

May 6, 1997. I called a long time friend of mine from high school and told him simply, "Noriko and I are coming over to Bless you". He said, "We can use all the blessing we can get ... Come on over!" His father was there, who is now a single and witnessed the ceremony. We then explained about the matching and boldly told him we could have him married by Nov. 29th. His wife sincerely thanked us for blessing them and we then went door knocking at some nicer apartments. We door knocked for less than an hour and blessed a Mexican couple.

May 7, 1997. Tonight I had to have some real estate papers signed by a very nice couple so I called them and told them my wife would be coming and we would like to bless them. They said,

"Come on over!". I thought this is great so before leaving I called another old friend who I used to be in a rock band with, and is happily married, and only lived two blocks from my real estate customer. I told him we would like to come over and bless them. He said, "Come on over!". We then loaded up all four of our children and blessed my customer and signed the real estate papers. We then went to my friends home, blessed them and spent about an hour socializing and the children playing with each other. At 9:30, after taking the wife and children home, my friend and I went fishing until 1:00 a.m. We were catching one fish after another. I thought of Father's lifestyle and his tireless energy.

Each night after blessing people we can't sleep! You can feel God laughing with you! You really can! Noriko and I sometimes talk for hours before falling sleep in the wee hours of the morning. Then wake up on time to get the kids to school with plenty of energy.

May 8, 1997. Tonight I had to go to have some real estate papers signed

by a nice couple who have their home listed with me. I loaded up the wife and kids again. They are an older couple, the husband had a heart transplant last year. We asked them to get blessed and they were overjoyed. After the ceremony hugs were exchanged and I noticed a slight tear in the eye of the wife. We then signed the real estate papers. Another night of talking and feeling God's happiness.

May 10, 1997. Without calling we went to my old neighborhood and knocked on the door of the older couple who were good friends. After spending a little time reminiscing we asked them if we could bless them. They said we'd love to. We blessed them as it became late without knowing our little time had become a couple hours.

Again ever night we feel close to Father's heart.

May 13, 1997. My friend, who we blessed on the 6th, came over for dinner. They wanted more information about the matching because the wife thought it would be good idea for her brother to get matched (so did her mother). We promised to get the information to them.

May 15, 1997. It's been so busy for a few days with school events and our whole family going different directions but, tonight we found time. We tried calling a friend but, the phone line was continuously busy. We loaded up the children and went there. To our mis-

fortune the husband was still at work but, we set up a time next week when the husband would be off. On the way home we were driving past another Realtor's home who's husband is an assistant minister. We pulled in their driveway and we all went to knock on the door (all four children were with us of course). When she came to the door I said, "Hey, we're doing some church work!" She said, "Come on in!" Our chil-

dren were ushered to play with their grandchild who was there. Her husband had just gotten back from a *Promise Keepers* seminar which is very similar to our blessing vows but, it's not done with the wives. We explained we were with Rev. Moon and I gave him the True Family Festival Application Form (I have no flyers or brochures. The application is the only written thing I have with me. The Marriage commitments on the application form is really what it all boils down to.) He read the Marriage Commitments as we talked with the wife. I watched his expressionless face and thought maybe we would receive our first *no*. The grandchild hurt himself or something and the husband went to take care of him. I started to pray and Noriko

seemed to just love up the wife without even noticing the husband. I decided to focus my attention on the wife as well and we both just loved her as much as we could.

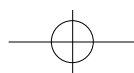
After about 5 minutes, (which seemed like an hour to me) the husband came back and started to fill out the application and said, "I'd love to do this and we really want to go to Washington for the main festival." It was as if a warm spirit had filled the room. He then said his brother is a pastor and he thought he would love to this as well. They thanked us for the opportunity and were very happy.

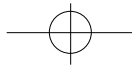
Noriko and I decided to give *dinner for two certificates* to some of our spiritual children. I purchased several certificates at a local restaurant and mailed them to some along with a thank you note. It's great for follow up and to really give Father's love to them.

May 16, 1997. There is a professional stand-up comedian who lives three blocks from me. He and his wife own a home here in Kentucky and one in Hollywood, CA. I worked with the wife's sister a few years ago and that's how I know them. I called him last night and explained about the blessing. We made an appointment for 10:30 this morning. He called and said some other people were stopping by but, please come on over. We arrived and talked a few minutes about the blessing and the festival. They said let's do it. We blessed them and the wife began crying. They were married by a Justice of the Peace and never had a religious wedding. They were so happy. They wanted to save the cup which the Holy Wine was in as a keepsake.

Later the husband and I went to a local Dairy Queen and had a little late dinner. He told me that during the day he had been on the phone telling one of his friends that they had to be blessed and how wonderful it felt. He wants to arrange a Blessing/Barbecue at his home and invite some married couples. Again, I don't place all my hopes on such events. It really takes getting out and door knocking. ❖

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# Celebration of True Love in Montreal

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East, Latin America and countries such as China, Vietnam, Jamaica, Peru, Italy, India, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Russia, Greece, and many other countries were among the participants. The atmosphere was truly festive.

What follows is a brief overview of our recent activities in Montreal. As some of you might remember, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon visited Montreal on October 9 and delivered a speech on True Parents and True Family. The Unificationists community in Montreal which consists of no more than ten families were greatly challenged with hosting and organizing her speech in Montreal. Nevertheless the event went relatively well. Soon after her visit we were informed that 120 Japanese women Unificationists would be coming to Canada to assist us in our outreach activities for the 3.6 million couples blessing.

This was preceded by the arrival of 3 of the 4 National Messiah couples, one from Korea (Dr. and Mrs. Chae Hee Lee), another from Japan (Mr. and Mrs. Eiichi Habara) and from the USA (Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Dixon). A fourth couple, Dr. and Mrs. Morauf, from Austria, will soon be arriving.

In mid-December, 38 women representatives of the Japanese movement arrived in Montreal. After an initial period of adjustment to the climate and social environment, beginning in early January they began doing traditional outreach work door to door and invited people to Divine Principle lectures. Many people attended the lectures and seminars. However, we found after holding a blessing ceremony on February 16 for one couple and another blessing ceremony for 2 couples on March 22 that if we continued to do things in this way it would be impossible to really bring God's blessing to Montreal by November.

In mid-March several members in Montreal along with Dr. Lee and Mr. Habara, Robert Duffy, Marc and Isabelle Laurin, and myself held some very lively discussions on how to improve our outreach efforts. This coincided with our hearing reports from Africa, Russia, the Philippines and Central America where the members in those countries had adapted the blessing ceremony to suit their

cultural environment. The results from those countries were phenomenal. At this stage let us say that we considered contextualizing the Blessing ceremony for our Canadian audience. At Dr. Lee's recommendation we also began 40 day period of prayer and fasting on April 1st.

After a long discussion we concluded that we would do it in a manner similar to the sisterhood bridge ceremonies. A



detailed explanation follows:

The members go door to door with a questionnaire about the family which concludes with an invitation to a Celebration of True Love. Those that agree fill out a registration form which includes their personal information, how many years they have been married etc... This approach give us the possibility to network within the community more extensively.

The program is presented as a means to promote good families and the ideal of true long lasting love between couples. Until now we have been holding the events at a hotel in mid-town Montreal until now.

Concluding that building a bridge would be too costly, we created a beautifully decorated arch that we call the "arch of true love." The first such Celebration of True Love was held in Montreal on April 19, 1997 and 51 Couples participated. Many more could have taken part, but unfortunately we did not have enough space to accommodate everyone.

The ceremony consists of the following and is being refined with each event:

1. Introduction and Musical presentation

2. Recognition of couples with long lasting marriages. The couples are introduced to the entire audience and presented with a token gift in appreciation of their long life together. Among the participating couples some have been married for 50, 57 and the longest lasting we have come across so far was 64 years. This segment of the celebration is truly heart warming.

3. After a couple of musical selections the officiator, who also serves as host, gives a short talk about marriage and family life. Due to the bilingual nature of Montreal, the host/officiator speaks in both French and English. Our audience either understands French or English and in many cases they understand both languages.

The speech contains an introduction to the Family Federation and that the founders are Sun

Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han, the True Parents, and that the vision of the Family Federation for marriage is a God-centered one. The talk also emphasizes the need to transcend our differences of religion, culture and race and that social transformation can only come about through the establishment of strong fam-

couple receives one glass. It is explained that the wife drinks half the cup first and then the husband drinks the other half.

This is followed by an explanation of the Holy Water ceremony which is called the "Water of Life". It is explained that the sprinkling of the water represents the long life and happiness of each couple. The water is then sprinkled on the couples in the front row, while the couples in the rest of the room are sprinkled with a type of confetti.

The couples are then given an explanation about the indemnity stick which has been renamed the "peace baton". A brief explanation about spousal abuse and violence follows and an emphasis on the idea that through this ceremony we symbolically put an end to conflict between couples. Our representative couple leads the way and demonstrates how this is done. The participating couples, I have observed, get very excited about this part of the program.

The ceremonial part of the program ends with a recitation of the "Affirmation of True Love" which is a version of the Blessing Vows. The couples are already familiar with the affirmation because it is included in their registration form which they need to present in order to enter the event.

The grand finale is the cutting of the cake where the three couples with the longest lasting marriages come forward to the stage to cut the cake.

This is followed by a couple of musical selections and concludes with the distribution of the cake. The couples are also encouraged to make a donation to support the Family Federation.

The next step is the education of the couples. We are planning seminars and symposiums to educate the couples more fully about the ideals of the Family Federation and to prepare them for the November event in Washington D.C.

Thus far we have held three such events in Montreal. The first on April 19th for 51 couples. The following week, on April 27, we held another celebration primarily for those couples who



ilies.

4. Toward the conclusion of the speech we invite the couples to participate in crossing the arch of True Love.

First one of our couples demonstrates how this is done and then one by one the couples approach the front of the room from opposite sides of the stage. After bowing to each other they embrace each other on stage as the audience applauds. They then walk through the arch hand in hand with their spouse as their photograph is taken. I have seen many a teary eye as this part of the program takes place. We also encourage the children of each couple to walk through the arch with their parents.

Once this part of the program is completed and everyone is back in their seats, the officiator then gives a brief explanation about the holy wine, renamed "ceremonial drink". (This was decided because many participants cannot drink alcohol due to their religious background). The explanation emphasizes that this drink represents the everlasting union of the couple and the cleansing of all bad things from the past. The ceremonial drink is then distributed by the ushers and each

could not participate due to the lack of space and for those who promised to come but could not attend.

On May 17th the largest gathering to date was held in Montreal with 71 couples. In Toronto on May 4th a similar type of event was held for 67 couples.

Our plan is hold such blessings every week from now on in the hope that we can bless 20,000 couples by November.

Perhaps some might consider that this method is rather unorthodox, however I would like to suggest that in these times we cannot be bound to the letter of the law but rather we need to be open to the spirit of the times we live in.

Finally, I would like to thank each national messiah for their contribution thus far to the development of the providence in our country of Canada and especially to the 120 Japanese women representatives without whom the present developments could not have taken place. Special mention goes to all Canadian members who have kept the faith and continue to participate to the best of their abilities. ❖



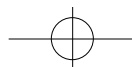
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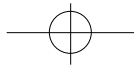
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# Pure Love '97 National Tour



by Michael Balcome—NYC

**F**rom July 1 through August 15, hundreds of young volunteers will be joining in *Pure Love '97*, a national tour throughout the United States to promote sexual and moral purity, abstinence before marriage and fidelity within it.

Why are we doing this? Because we have had enough! Young people everywhere are suffering from an endless diet of cheap and irresponsible sex, fed to us by a greedy, cynical media and entertainment industry. Too many of our schools have given up on teaching morals. They're handing out condoms instead. We are led to believe that casual sex is normal, adultery commonplace and virginity rare, even undesirable.

But this is a lie! In fact, over 80% of Americans have never cheated on their spouses (*Sex in America*, Lauman et al, University of Chicago, 1994).

More than half of high school students are still virgins. Those who aren't overwhelmingly wish they still were. People of all ages feel the same. It's time to blow the whistle on the so-called sexual revolution.

The list of victims is already much too long. AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancy are just the beginning. How about long term damage to marriages, families and relationships; divorce, betrayal, child abuse,

## Tentative Schedule

### June

#### ORIENTATION PROGRAM

*Yosemite National Park*

- 27 Arrivals
- 28 Pure Love Seminar
- 29 Pure Love Seminar

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- 2 Orientation
- 3 Orientation

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- 8 Oakland / Berkeley
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- 13 Recreation: *Yellowstone National Park*
- 14 Salt Lake City
- 15 Salt Lake City

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*World CARP Academy, Boulder CO*

- 16 SEMINAR
- 17 SEMINAR
- 18 SEMINAR
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20 SEMINAR

21 SEMINAR

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- 4 Seminar
- 5 Seminar

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- 7 New York
- 8 New Jersey
- 9 New York
- 10 Recreation: *Six Flags*
- 11 Philadelphia
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- 14 Washington DC
- 15 Washington DC
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- 17 Graduation

was wonderful... we want to encourage you to keep doing what you are doing for the sake of this country's future." You can read more about our activities in our *The Alliance* newspaper, or at our new Web Site:

<http://www.purelove.org>

Membership of the PLA is open to anyone willing to sign the Pure Love Pledge. Although we are non-sectarian and non-political, we strongly believe in the existence of the living God, a loving parent whose moral commandments and personal concern have a place in every human heart. That's why we are introducing and promoting an exciting new lifestyle, called "Absolute Sex."

What is it? A back-to-basics approach based on the radical idea that our sexual organs belong not to us, but to our eternal spouse.

We need your help to make this tour a success. We'd like to invite you and your organization to be a cosponsor. Perhaps you can encourage youthful volunteers to join us on the tour, or help organize the events when we come to town, or even by simply showing up with your friends, family and colleagues. And, of course, we'd welcome your generous donations!

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#### Response Form

Yes, I'd like to know more about the Pure Love Alliance and Pure Love '97.

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## Persevering in California

**R**ev. Kevin Thompson blessed 38 couples in an Islamic group in the Central Valley of California back in 1995. A few days ago, the group's leader invited him to their Sunday gathering of some 200 couples. Kevin was given the podium and he gave a 45 minute talk on True Family Values and invited them all to receive the Blessing.

Soon the entire group was engaged in a big debate about the issue, to which Kevin was a mere spectator because they were not speaking in English. Apparently the debate centered on the propriety of signing the application form. They asked Kevin to stay overnight and meet them the next morning (Monday, May 19).

The next morning, the group's leader (who had been Blessed in '95), told them that each couple could decide what they wanted to do: receive the Blessing or not. Kevin was praying desperately all night for them, and his prayers were answered as, when the dust settled, 71 couples remained in the room for the Blessing. The Islamic leader couple officiated, and Rev. Thompson was the emcee. ♦

broken homes and domestic violence? Slowly dying hope and trust among the young in the ideal of committed love? Good role models are scarce. Churches, schools and parents often feel powerless to help.

But change is coming! Let us take an analogy: after decades of denial and confusion, society is now taking a stand against the tobacco industry. Cigarette advertising aimed at the young is finally on the way out. Over thirty states are seeking billions of dollars in compensation for health-care costs associated with smoking. Slowly and reluctantly, our nation is learning to kick this costly social habit. But it took so long. So many deaths. So much heartache. So many lies.

Must we repeat the same mistakes with sex?

The Pure Love Alliance is fighting back. *Pure Love '97* is an exciting national event encouraging young people everywhere to take a stand for purity. A traveling team of PLA volunteers will join with local church, youth and abstinence groups for a series of one or two day festivals. There will be rallies, marches, seminars, and public speeches, leading up to the "Pure Love Explosion," a fun educational event featuring live music, dance, and theater, together with a cutting-edge multimedia presentation. Everyone will be invited to take the Pure Love Pledge, publicly committing to a collective new start.

The Pure Love Alliance is a new organization, founded less than two years ago. Perhaps you've seen us in action, infiltrating the Oscars ceremony in Los Angeles to protest the movie *The People vs. Larry Flynt*, or at other impromptu demonstrations nationwide. In March we joined Enough is Enough picketing outside the Supreme Court against porn on the internet, prompting EIE President Dee Jepsen to say "being so persistent in the midst of rain and snow



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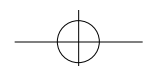
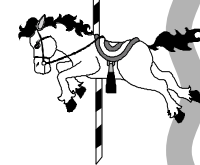
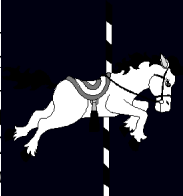
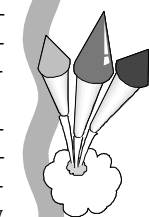
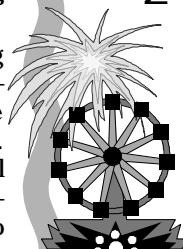
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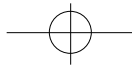
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## TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

# Cloud of Witnesses

by Chris Garcia

### Part Two

**M**rs. Ho glanced at Ju Kyung with her dark serious eyes and then turned to face the others. "Don't be discouraged by this attack. Persecution can bring good. Within a few days we will all meet the Lord. Jesus has told me I will meet him in prison."

People in the room began whispering and talking. One man spoke up and said, "Kyo hey jun-nim, we will never allow them to take you to prison. We would die first."

She waved her hand at him impatiently. "If it pleases God for us to go to prison, what's that to you? You should be humble in front of God's will, and God's destiny for all of us. We will meet the Lord in prison. Think of that and pray for it." People began whispering again. Mrs. Ho walked into the kitchen to see if the food offering was ready to go on the altar.

Omnia led Ju Kyung upstairs and gave her a length of thread. "Go to the little store next to the public bath, you know the one, and ask the man to give you three rolls of this thread, and tell him we'll pay later."

Ju Kyung took the thread and tied it to her finger, and she was off down the stairs and into the street. She paused and looked up and down for that little gang of men, but they were gone. She went on her way to the little general store where people went to buy whatever odds and ends they needed.

When she got there, the store was full of people, and it took a long time for the man to notice her and ask her what she wanted. She untied the thread and told him what her mother had said. He frowned at her. "Oh, is your mother at the church with all those people, the Bok Jung Kyo Church?"

"Yes," said Ju Kyung fearfully. She had never felt afraid before, but she was learning the meaning of fear today. Just yesterday she would have spoken right up, but this afternoon her "yes" stuck in her throat for just a second, and it surprised her. "My mother works there," she added, a little defiantly.

People stopped chattering. People

looked at her. The man looked at her. Oh no, thought little Ju Kyung Lee. Please Jesus, don't let these people do anything to me. Don't let them throw me through a window too. The man looked around for someone. "Mrs. Choi?" A woman stepped up to them. "Mrs. Choi, I think it'd be nice if you could walk this little girl back to the Bok Jung Kyo and see if her mother is still there."

"Still there?" thought Ju Kyung. What does he mean? Now she felt another kind of fear. These people weren't angry at her, but they had all been talking about something bad that had happened when she came in. Now she felt really scared. These people all knew something that she didn't know. The woman took her by the hand, and they went out and began walking quickly back to the church. They both walked

soldier.

"Omnia! Omnia!"

"Who is she? Ho Ho Bin?"

"No, Mrs. Lee! I want Omnia!"

"Was she in this church?"

"Where is she?"

"She's in prison where she belongs," said the communist soldier proudly. "They've been arrested, these enemies of the people. Our beloved Father Kim Il Sung has liberated this church and its stolen wealth for the people of Korea."

Ju Kyung only heard the word prison. She fell screaming and crying to the ground. The soldier was embarrassed and went away.

"Oommmaaaaa!" she wailed.

She felt arms around her. She pushed them away angrily. The arms came again, a woman's arms gently picking her up. The woman who had

through the bars. "You shouldn't be here," said Omnia, "If they catch you, they'll chase you away."

"I want to help you, Omnia."

"Don't worry, Ju Kyung-a. They say the Lord is here in prison somewhere, and we're waiting to meet him. Mrs. Ho is here somewhere and we're all waiting for them to meet each other."

"Has anyone seen him, Omnia?"

"No, not yet. No one knows who he is. But he's here somewhere."

She nodded, and sadly left Omnia's window. Omnia pointed to a cell at the corner of the building. It was the cell of Mrs. Ho's helper. Mrs. Choi walked away at a distance to keep a lookout and Ju Kyung ran up to his window. Inside she saw Mrs. Ho's helper (a man) sitting in the dim light, and there was another man with him, a young man. She had never seen him before. He was

handsome, but very thin as if he hadn't had much to eat for a long time. He had a flat nose and he sat on the floor quietly, undisturbed by his situation. He seemed like a kind person, and she liked him and hoped she could meet him.

She called softly to the helper; he had been sitting across from the young man. Now he saw her, and stood up stiffly and walked over to the window.

"Omnia said I should see if you're all right." The helper reached out and patted her cheek affectionately. "That's nice," he said.

"Who's that other man?" asked Ju Kyung.

"His name is Moon."

A silly thought occurred to her. "Is he the Lord?" she asked, without really thinking.

The man chuckled. Silly girl. "No, of course not," he said.

For the third time that day, Ju Kyung discovered yet another kind of fear. She couldn't put her finger on it, but she knew it wasn't for herself but for other people that she felt afraid. It was a strange feeling that something was mixed up here. "Are you sure?" she said, partly to him and partly to herself.

"Oh yes," said the helper confidently. "He's a very young man."

She felt the hair on her head prickling. Something was really bothering her now. She had always thought someone like Mrs. Ho's helper would never make a mistake. But deep inside she felt he was making a mistake now. "It's okay if he's young, isn't it? He could still maybe be the Lord, couldn't he?"

"If he was," the man said, "then Jesus would tell me, wouldn't he?"

No! A voice in her heart cried out, trying to speak, pushing at her, trying to get out. "Well," she said timidly, "What if he didn't? I mean, what if he didn't want to, maybe he wanted you to find out?"

"Oh, hush now!" He was getting tired of all this. She looked past him to where young Moon was sitting on the floor. He was looking right at her, and their eyes met. That was when she saw it—in his eyes. Then she knew. She became excited.

"No more now," Mrs. Ho's helper snapped. "You shouldn't even be here. Go home now." He walked away from her and sat down on the floor of the cell

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very fast and didn't say anything at all. When they got there, an army truck was parked out front, and there were many communist soldiers loading all the clothes and food they had made for Jesus and the coming Lord. She didn't see her mother or anyone she knew around anywhere.

Ju Kyung broke away from the lady and ran toward the soldiers, crying, "Omnia! Omnia! Omnia!" A soldier stood in front of her and wouldn't let her past. She beat at his knees and cried for her mother.

"Who is your mother?" snapped the

walked her from the store said, "Let's go together. Maybe we can find her."

They went down to Myong Dong Street. This time Ju Kyung was not afraid. She was only thinking about her mother. They walked past the soldiers' barracks, past the huge blue house where Kim Il Sung probably lived and down to the end of the street where the police station and prison was. They walked up to the nearest window, where an old man was looking out through the rusty iron bars.

"Do you know the people from Mrs. Ho's church who were picked up this afternoon?" the woman said to him.

"Yes," he said. "I'm one of them."

"We're looking for this girl's mother." The old man squinted down at her through the bars. "You're Mrs. Lee's little girl, aren't you?"

Ju Kyung nodded her head eagerly. "I think I know," said the old man. "Just a minute." He went back out of sight, into the darkness of the prison cell. He spoke with someone for a moment and then came back again. He stuck his arm out the window and pointed down the prison wall. "Try the fifth window."

Holding hands they walked along the wall to the fifth window. The ground rose uphill down the wall, so that the window came down to about the level of Ju Kyung's face. She put her face up to the bars and looked in. Out of the dark Omnia jumped up and ran to the window.

They hugged each other joyfully



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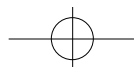
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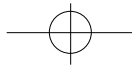
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# Summertime at Camp Sunrise, NY

by Bruce Grodner—NYC

**M**y staff and I have recently returned from the 40 day training program at Chung Pyung Lake. We had many good experiences and learned a great deal about life of faith.

We saw so many brothers and sisters coming from around the world to experience liberation. We could begin to understand the dedication and commitment required from the staff for this type of spiritual rebirth. From the beginning of Camp Sunrise, Rev. Pak said, "This property reminds me of Chung Pyung Lake." He has always encouraged us to strive for a higher standard. Personally, after having been there, I could now understand his desire for the camp.

In the previous years with your dedicated prayer and support Camp Sunrise has hosted many events. In 1994 a number of churches and community-based organizations came to the camp. Included were 250 members and families from the Egyptian Coptic Church. In 1995 the Second Generation held its 70 day training program. In 1996 we held the Day of All True Things, where over 1200 members shared in a most special day together with their families. As the camp director, I want to thank each of you personally for helping make these and so many other memorable events happen.

This being our ninth year and the final level of the perfection stage, we are eagerly making plans to fulfill more of Rev. Pak's vision for the camp. Some of these plans for this summer include: educating ministers in True Family

Values, teaching Divine Principle, pre-Blessing ceremonies, and Second Generation workshops. This year's summer camp for ages 9-11 will begin registration July 19-25. Ages 12-16 will run from July 26-Aug. 10, 1997.

It has been a continuous hope of mine that Camp Sunrise could be a bridge for many people to come to respect our Community and its goals, and to be able to come closer to Father.

Through the many opportunities to work with non-Unificationists, we have had the experience that through love and service we could break down many barriers.

I know you are very busy working in your providential missions. I am sure it is not easy. We don't want to be a burden, but the Camp needs your help. To better care for people, we need to create an environment which is welcoming and esthetically pleasing.

There are many areas which need attention. We are hoping you choose to support a project. If you select a project to be fully or partially responsible for, it will be very helpful. Working together with you in a different environment can be a very enjoyable experience.

We are very grateful that one of our companies just took upon itself to restore True Parents' cabin completely. They will be replacing a bedroom floor, remodeling the bathroom, replacing bathroom fixtures and painting the entire cabin.

We are now trying to get the camp

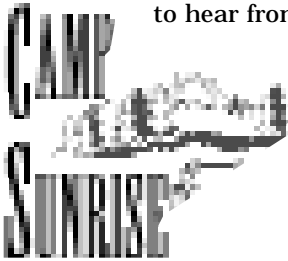
in shape a.s.a.p. for the many programs planned this summer. I have enclosed a list of some of the projects we would like to do. If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, or can contribute your special skills or ideas, we will be very happy to hear from you.

If you are interested in having a conference or meeting, please consider our facility. We have a great chef and reasonable rates! There are deluxe accommodations for your overnight stay (private cabin w/bathroom, linens, and wonderful views). There is a roomy Conference Cabin, complete with fireplace for those cool spring and autumn evenings. Brand-new boats have been acquired recently for your fishing expeditions! And best of all, no telephone calls or interruptions, so you and your group can concentrate and get the most out of your meeting time!

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2. Cabins need new screens and frames. \$120 for screens, \$80 for wood (per cabin)
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  8. Cabin #5 (VIP Cabin) needs inner wall. \$200
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  13. VIP Conference Cabin #22 needs new linoleum tile floor \$400
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  15. Welcome Lodge Cabin #4 fireplace stones need to be cleaned. Chimney needs to be cleaned. \$20
  16. Welcome Lodge Cabin #4 garden needs to be framed in wood, deepened, and shrubs planted. Needed: wood, soil and shrubs. \$200
  17. Chung Pyung Hall gardens along walkway need to be framed in wood, deepened, and flowers & shrubs planted. Needed: wood, soil, flowers & shrubs. \$200
- Thank you for your help!  
Please make check payable to HSA-UWC/Camp Sunrise and indicate whether you will be able to help on the projects.  
Questions concerning summer camp programs, please call Dr. Kathy Winings at (212)222-5189 (home) and Robert Kittel at (212)382-2402, ext. 211 (office). Until then, have a great summer and see you at Camp Sunrise! ❖



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across from Mr. Moon. He leaned against the wall and closed his eyes. That was that.

"Omnia!" She ran from the window, shaking all over. "Omnia! I've got to tell you! I've got to tell you something!" But now a soldier had seen her. He began running toward her shouting, "Hey you, get out of here! Go on! What are you doing here?"

The woman from the market came racing across the lawn and scooped up Ju Kyung in her arms and carried her quickly away from there. She set her down and together they ran down Myong Dong street back to the town. "I saw him." Ju Kyung said to her as they ran. "I saw him. I saw him." The woman thought she meant the soldier.

Ju Kyung tried to come back by herself the next day, but the soldiers saw her and turned her back. She waited till dark and went back in the night while her father was sleeping.

When she came to Myong Dong Street the soldiers were all asleep. She went to the prison window where Omnia had been, but the cell was empty. She went to all the windows and they were all empty. Finally, she went to see Mrs. Ho's helper, really hoping to see that Mr. Moon again. It, too, was empty. Everyone had gone somewhere. There was one room that she was sure had people in it, but there was a big piece of wood nailed across the window, and she couldn't see in. When she walked

past it, she heard voices inside and she stopped and put her ear against the wood to listen.

Thump.

A man's voice was saying, "Who are you? Why did you write that note?"

Another voice said something, but she couldn't hear what it was.

Thump. Thump.

"Why did you write for Mrs. Ho to pray who you are? Huh? Who do you think you are? Huh?"

Thump-snap thump.

It sounded like a stick breaking, like something hard inside of something soft being broken. What was going on?

"You're the enemy of the people! Tell us who you are! Answer my question!"

Thump.

Thump—thump.

It sounds rough, she thought with a shiver. She left the boarded up window and walked on in the dark looking for her mother, looking for Mr. Moon. She wondered where Mr. Moon was, and what he was doing right now. Even though she didn't know him, she liked him very much.

Finally, feeling more worried for her mother than ever, she gave up and went home.

As it turned out, her mother showed up the next morning. They had let her go. When she came into the house Ju Kyung ran tearfully into her arms. She was so happy to know her mother was home safe again from that awful place.

She asked Omnia if Mrs. Ho had gone home. Omnia said no, she

thought maybe Mrs. Ho was dead. The communist soldiers had shot many people there. She hadn't seen either Mrs. Ho or her helper since she'd left the police station.

"How did you get out?" asked Ju Kyung.

"They gave me a paper to sign," said Omnia. "If I signed it, they said they would let me go."

"What did the paper say?" asked Ju Kyung.

"I don't know," said Omnia, "I don't know how to read."

Someone was at the door. Omnia let them in. It was a woman, and she had

a little girl with her Ju Kyung's own age. Omnia introduced them to Ju Kyung. "This is Mrs. Hong. She's a member of Mrs. Ho's church also, but she wasn't there the day the soldiers came. Why don't you girls go play outside while we talk?"

Ju Kyung found her favorite doll and held it out to the little girl. "My name's Ju Kyung, what's your name?" "My name's Hak Ja Han."

"Would you like to play with my doll?" "Oh yes!" said Hak Ja Han, and hand in hand they ran outside to play together under the persimmon tree. ❖

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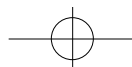
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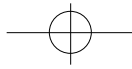
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# THE FOOT-WASHING: MEETING WITH GOD

by Martin Herbst

This is the first of two excerpts from the Sunday sermon given at Unification Theological Seminary, April 20, 1997. Martin is currently at UTS and was the church leader in Slovenia for the last three years.

**T**he well-known passage in the Gospel of John 13:1-17 describes Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. Here we find Jesus and his disciples for a short while gathered together in one of the most significant moments in his life and theirs. Jesus knows his time is up but even at this late hour he decides to teach them about the nature of true love.

All of us want to experience love. Especially as religious people we are more or less supposed to experience the love of God. But the fact is that often we do not. The truth is that often, perhaps more often than not, we find ourselves incapable of experiencing the love of God, and since we do not feel it, we cannot/do not give it. The question we need to ask is Why? Why is it so difficult? One of the reasons so few people experience the vibrant love of God is that they are looking for it in the wrong places! This is why I have chosen this beautiful story. Here in this scene Jesus shows some fundamental lessons about the nature of true love which are common to all mankind at all times.

## Lowest Possible Place

We usually reason, "The love of God must be found in God." And since we assume that God resides in a high place up in heaven, we strive to go up. Endless are the ways through which we try to promote ourselves, prove ourselves and even vindicate ourselves. But after having reached that high position of respect and prestige we sadly realize, "Oh, God is not here. I am now a leader and supposed to feel the love of God, but I don't. What is the reason?" The reason is that God is hiding where no one would look! Yes, true love begins at the lowest possible place. This is the first lesson we should learn from this story. In order to connect to the vibrant love of God, we all must make that internal step down, down to the lowest place, the most unexpected place.

Jesus exemplifies this principle by bowing down and washing the disciples' feet. Then he poured water into a basin

and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. (John 13:5) In those days it was customary for people to have their feet washed as they entered a house for the roads of Palestine were both dirty and dusty. But such a thing was done by a servant assigned for the task, not a master like Jesus. By willingly washing the disciples' feet, Jesus did the unexpected. They must have been astonished to see their master and teacher act like that, yet this was the very principle Jesus always lived by. For the love of God does not begin in a high place up in heaven; it starts actually at the lowest, most unexpected place. Indeed, he was born among animals in a country which did not rank high among its neighbors. All of us want to encounter the love of God, but we need to know this secret or else we will dry up, and our efforts will not bear fruit. We have to go to that place where we normally would not go and there miraculously we will meet God. By willingly and unselfishly embracing the lowest we will attain the highest.

This principle is also reflected in God's creation of the human body. After thinking a long time, God decided to place the love organ—the sexual organ—where? As close to the toilet organ—wastes disposal organs—as possible! So close that it is hard to distinguish between the two if you are not an expert! And even then it would be difficult! For centuries people have expected that the Kingdom of Heaven would begin in heaven or in a totally spiritual realm, but the amazing truth is that it starts here on earth through the sexual organs! Thus it was with almost brutal honesty and conviction that Rev. Moon, in his speech "In Search of the Origin of the Universe" (August 1, 1996), mentions the sexual organs no less than 27 times! Some of the dignitaries gathered for this historic inauguration of the Family Federation for World Peace where the speech was delivered were astonished if not downright shocked. They had found themselves participating in an event of the most unexpected kind.

To understand the deeper significance of this, we need to see it in light of the unfolding of God's revelation to the world.

## Revelations

What was God's central revelation for the Old Testament Age of Judaism? Of

course, it is possible to come up with many suggestion, but we can put it this way: God's central revelation to mankind through Judaism can be summarized in the following words: "God is God—and—man is man." With this, a great problem had been solved, for God was now seen as One Being, not many, and He is personal and good. But with this great revelation we also find a limitation. For, although God is God, man was still just man, far removed from the presence of God. In Exodus 3:14 God answers Moses: "I am who I am." Here God definitely reveals Himself, but the deep intimate personal relationship is missing. There seems to be a huge gulf between God and man, between heaven and earth.

With this in mind, let us move to the New Testament Age. What is the essence of God's revelation for the New Testament Age centered on Christianity? If we were to reach a consensus among all the Christians in the present world, the saints in the spirit world, and God Himself, what would we conclude? The essence of God's revelation through Christianity is that "God became man"; don't you agree? In Jesus Christ, we find the love of God, the life of God and the lineage of God. Jesus expressed the very heart, love and personality of the living God. With Jesus' coming, the gulf between heaven and earth was bridged. God could now communicate with man in the most intimate way—not like a master from a distance, but like a father right here. But it is precisely here at the very heart of the Christian revelation that we also find its limitation. For even though God crossed the bridge and became like man, we did not become like God! St. Paul laments, "So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am!" (Rom. 7:21-24) The truth is that all Christians struggle like Paul. Often we are no better than people and sometimes, perhaps many times, we are even worse. Today all over this country, millions of Christians rejoiced over the fact that God became man and they are right in doing so. And yet we see violence and sexual perversion growing in our midst. Yes, this is our great blessing and problem—that God could become like man, but man could not become like God.

What then will be the essence of God's revelation for the Completed Testament Age at the Second Coming of Christ? Again God will become man, but this time it will happen so that man can become like God. At the Second Coming of Christ, God's central revelation will guide man to become like-God, God-like in our love and character. John knew this intuitively and explains: "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). The expectation that man will be elevated to a divine state is fundamental among Christians who are preparing themselves for the Second Coming, but we also find it among the hundreds and thousands of new religious sects, meditation groups and mystical movements which have seen the light of day during

the last hundred years. They all claim that the time has come for man to realize his fullest potential, but their explanations are vague and repetitious. They have heard the whispering in the wind, but they know not whence it comes nor whither it goes. At the Second Coming of Christ, God will open up the way for man to become like God. But how? Through a supernatural rapture away from this earth God Himself created? No. By ignoring the body and just focusing on the spirit? No. How then? Through the proper use of our sexual organs! How provocative! How offensive! How barbaric! How completely unorthodox! And yet, how genuinely consistent with the human condition in space and time! For it is precisely through the union of the sexual organs that we become something we could never become on our own. We become one being, creators of life, parents of love, like—who? Yes—like God! This is the magic. It is through the unity with the only beloved one here below that the way opens up to become one with the only one up above.

## Purity

It is thus inevitable that, at the Second Coming of Christ, God will initiate a world-wide movement to purify that part of the human body which was meant to be the basis of all goodness, happiness and life, whereas the dark, Luciferian forces of the cosmos will descend to keep that area surrounded by confusion, misuse and vandalism.

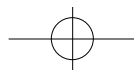
It is for that purpose that we see Father appear on the stage of history in the 1940s. Precisely at the time of the Second World War, when the Japanese leadership with Emperor Hirohito in the East claimed that god had become man (the tradition of Japanese emperor-worship was derived from the worship of the sun goddess, Amaterasu-Omi-Kami), and the Western totalitarian dictatorship under Hitler acted as if man had become god (see Paul Johnson, *A History of Christianity*, pp. 484-487, to understand the blasphemous nature of Nazism); when world-wide Christianity had reached its zenith and was poised for what became its descending, and the collective anti-Christ movement of God-denial and free sex was about to begin what turned out to be its ascending—precisely at that crossing point time, Rev. Moon appeared with the revelation which has the potential to guide all mankind to complete salvation and a God-like love. But due to established Christianity's failure to perceive Rev. Moon's authority and foundation, the established Christian churches found it impossible to take him seriously. And so he was forced to lock up this secret in his heart until the stage was set which was proper, suitable and fit for a new sharing of the message revealed to him during years and years of prayers. With a deep sense of gratitude to God and enormous conviction, Rev. Moon shared—indeed—shouted out his message in front of dignitaries representing the entire world at the official inauguration of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in 185 Nations on Jan. 8, 1996.

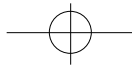
To find love, let us remember that God's true love begins at the lowest, most unexpected place. That is where we will meet God. ❖



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**DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY**

**Nature of God and Man, the Purpose of Life**

**Section 1 • part 4**

**T**he earnest searching question asked by a 1960's pop hit, "What's it all about, Alfie?" reflects for the present time a question that has beset men and women of all time. What is life all about? What are we here to you? Is life, as Shakespeare's Macbeth would have us believe, merely a walking shadow...a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.

Or does it have as other poets and mystics suggest, some ultimate and sublime purpose?

For Divine Principle, as we shall see, the purpose of creation is three-fold yet one. In contrast to Macbeth, the Principle affirms there is a profound meaning in life and this meaning is connected to joy. Indeed, for the Divine Principle the very purpose of God creating the world was to produce and experience joy. God, humankind and the natural world all exist both for their own joy and to bring joy to others.

Let us think of how joy is experienced. No one feels joy by himself, but only by having an object which complements or reflects his own character. If an artist merely conceives an ideal without expressing it, his joy is not fulfilled. But when his creative idea is perfectly expressed on his canvas, then he is likely to feel a joyful satisfaction. The painting serves as an object to stimulate such feelings.

On a deeper level, joy comes from love. When one has a full relationship of love, the highest joy is his. Romeo's rather exaggerated exclamation upon seeing the light in Juliet's window, "It is the east, and Juliet is the sun!" suggests the ecstatic heights truly-felt love can bring.

Divine Principle teaches that God's desire for love is not so different from that of his children. So long as God was alone and his essential self was unexpressed, the feeling of satisfaction or joy was not his. He needed an object and out of this need he created humankind. Projecting his whole nature into his work, God produced man to manifest his invisible nature in the form of a visible and tangible image. He thus created man as an expression of himself, as a being with whom he can have a relationship of love.

A specific analogy to the divine reality can be found in the human family. Because a child is the most perfect expression of his parents' nature, parents can have an abundant exchange of love with their children. In the same way, of all beings in the created world, many inwardly and outwardly expressed God most fully. Thus he is a being with whom God can have the fullest exchange of love. In the view of Divine Principle such was the hope of God when he undertook his creative endeavor. He intended to live with man forever in the highest joy through the perpetual exchange of love.

**Three Great Blessings**

Within the framework of this understanding, Divine Principle finds a clear expression of God's purposes in the following well-known passage from scripture:

*Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the*

*earth and subdue it: and have dominion... Gen 1:28)*

God is bestowing three blessings upon Adam and Eve: be fruitful, or unite with him; multiply, or unite with each other; have dominion, or unite with creation.

What precisely would it mean to "be fruitful", which is the first Blessing? A tree becomes fruitful when it becomes mature or when it blossoms and bears fruit. Similarly God's first Blessing to mankind is the blessing of individual perfection or maturity—a state in which the individual become one with God in heart.

In the history of religious thought, man's relationship with his Creator has been characterized in several ways. The encounter between man and God is compared to a ruler and his subject, a master and his slave, a craftsman and his craft. In line with historic Christianity, however, Divine Principle affirms the validity of the most personal analogies; father and child, lover and beloved, bridegroom and bride. The intimacy possible with God not only allows man to reason with God, but also to live in joyous love with him.

Ultimately, each of us is meant to establish a vital rapport between himself and God, resulting in perpetual, ever-expanding joy. "When thou comest unto my heart, all that is within me dost

The task of spiritual growth, then, is to bring an end to this inner division, finding an inward God-centered harmony and unity. In such a state we may

of the Song of Solomon (8:7) and the Divine Principle would agree. It would also argue, for reasons we have already mentioned, that such love can be best cultivated in the God-centered family. While it is widely accepted today that one's early experiences with his family are profoundly influential in determining his future psychological health and wholeness, Divine principle points out that the diverse relations of the family also provide the natural ground for ongoing growth in the dynamics of love. Specifically, we may identify three basic expressions of love that develop progressively in the family: L passive, mutual and unconditional.

When, for example, a person is a child he experiences love passively as he receives love and care from his parents. In marriage he is called to know love in a different way, through the mutual exchange occurring between husband and wife. Finally, in becoming a parent,

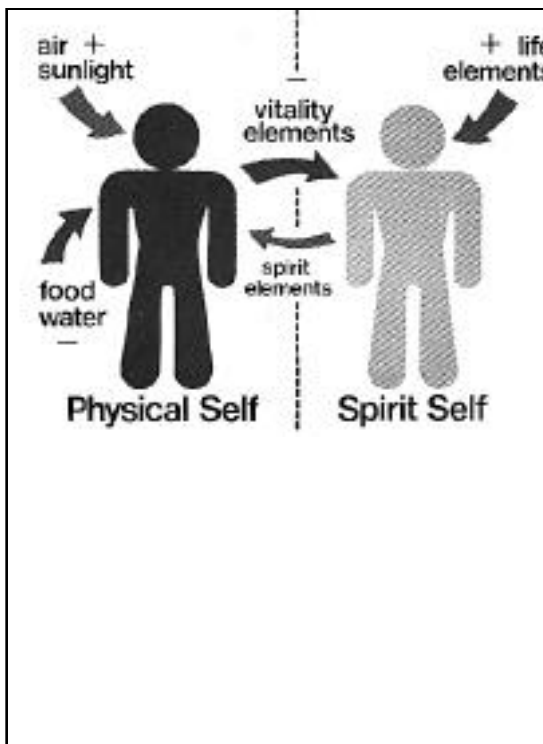
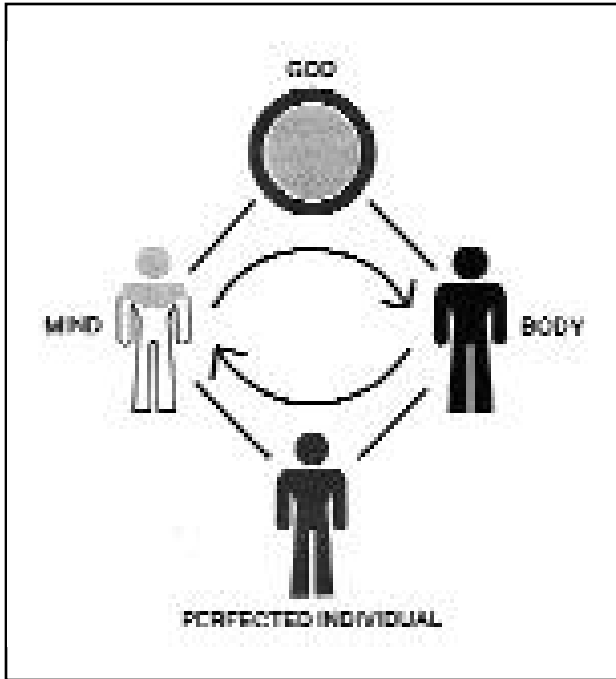
say one's feelings parallel God's feelings, his thoughts reflect God's thoughts and both are expressed clearly in his physical deeds. Diagrammatically, we may say this state produces a four position foundation on the individual level.

Despite the promise of this ideal, it is clear that it has not yet been realized. Individuals by and large have not achieved a God-centered integration of personality. Falling short of the goal given us by Jesus, humanity has not become perfect ("You must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is Perfect." Mt. 5:48) nor have we become God's temple ("Do you not know that you are God's temple and God's spirit dwells in you?" 1 Cor 6:19). Therefore, since mankind has not yet become fruitful, neither God's joy nor man's joy has been consummated.

**The Loving Family**

It has been said that there is no success in the world that can make up for failure in the home, Divine Principle would affirm this as true, based on misunderstanding of God's purpose for men and women, as expressed in the second Blessing. This Blessing is the experience of an ideal family, a family in which God's love dwells. In the view of Divine Principle a man and a woman were first to attain individual perfection and then become husband and wife, giving birth to children and forming a family. As the center of love, this family would be the fullest basis for the experience of love for man and God. Had there been no fall, we may imagine that Adam, Eve and their children would have formed the first God-centered four position foundation on the family level.

For Divine Principle, love is the beginning and the end, the nearest and the farthest, the deepest and the highest. "Many waters cannot quench love, either can floods drown it" writes the author



joy!" writes Thomas A Kempis of his relationship with God. Such was God's hope: we were to be fruitful and joyful by uniting with him.

The promise of maturity may be described from another point of view also. That is, Divine Principle would assert that the goal of individual life is achieved by getting mind and body in tune with each other, centered on God. Unfortunately, rather than possessing such a personal integration, most of us know only too well the conflict the Apostle Paul describes:

*"I can will what is right, but cannot do it...I do not the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do."* Rom.7:19

one is to experience unconditional love, expressed in his relations with his par children. For Divine Principle, the family was thus to be a multifaceted sphere through which each person would come to full maturity in his capacity for love. Also, since God's love is expressed primarily through human beings, the family was to be the basis for the fullest knowledge of God. In this way are family and marriage to be sacred.

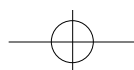
Although traditional Christianity has considered marriage a sacrament through which one receives divine grace, marriage is generally not given the central position it is in Divine Principle. Mystical religion, Eastern and Western, commonly emphasizes the individual's experience and unity with God. Divine Principle proceeds to an even higher goal, transcending the individualism of the traditional mystic and embracing the potential of the family. The Principle points to the ideal of moving from I and my Father being one to I and my spouse being one, centered on God. The greater and higher goal is the loving unity of God and the family. ❖

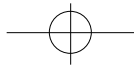
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Part One

In this two-part article we're going to look at humanity's situation here on Earth, and at what the cosmos may hold in store for us. In the second installment we'll consider how we might grasp those possibilities.

Each year the world celebrates Earth Day, with events ranging from neighborhood cleanups to diplomatic conferences. More significantly, if with less fanfare, we Unificationists celebrate the Day of All True Things.

This concern for the environment, and for our planet as a whole, is a sign of God's advancing Providence. While the wealthier nations have made great strides in curtailing pollution, the former communist world is only now coming to grips with the massive contamination of their lands.

Many Third World nations are exploding in population. They're also striving hard to industrialize. Some environmentalists speak darkly of the "massive consumption and waste" that an increasingly wealthy Third World will generate, comparing their typical villager's spartan lifestyle with the profligacy of an American.

In reality, pollution in the Third World is already severe, and they must become wealthy too—so that they can afford to clean things up.

Humanity has been impacting the environment for a very long time. Human-set fires have kept open the teeming tropical grasslands for tens of thousands of years. Primitive hunters wiped out the woolly mammoth and many other creatures.

Scientists, drilling deep into Greenland's annual snowfall layers, found evidence of terrible contamination. Years ago, the globe was blanketed with toxic heavy metals. Who did this? Industrial England? Stalinist Russia?

No, it was Classical Greece and her ancient neighbors. Their metal smelters belched noxious clouds, while so much wood was cut to feed the forges that entire forests disappeared, and the land eroded. Even today much of the Mediterranean remains scrub land; the trees never grew back.

# PLANETS FROM SCRATCH

## Population

The American government is constantly debating whether to fund "birth control" for poor nations. In reality, prosperity is the surest brake on population growth. Where children have an excellent chance of reaching healthy adulthood, parents can plan their family, and offer their kids the best upbringing possible. But in famine-stricken areas, a woman will bear numerous children, and consider herself lucky to see half of them survive, and grow up to labor stolidly in nearby fields.

Is the world overpopulated? 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 family farms decline and the land reverts to prairie.

Parts of Asia are much more crowded. Still, the ongoing "Green Revolution" has enabled China and India to feed themselves. (Note: most recent famines were caused by socialistic policies, not a lack of foodstuffs.) Ocean farming is opening up a new food supply, and microbial genetic engineering will soon provide another.

True Father applauds large Unificationist families. He explains that, in nature, parents raise all the offspring they can, as best they can. Many religions frown upon birth control.

There are limits. Roughly, the Earth has fifty eight million square miles of land area, and six billion people. That comes to about six acres per person.

But this includes Antarctica and Greenland, mountain crags, sand dunes, Arctic tundra and other inhospitable areas. Leave those out, and the available area shrinks. On average, then, each family of four "has" about a dozen livable acres. That's counting the vast, bitterly cold, northern taiga forests.

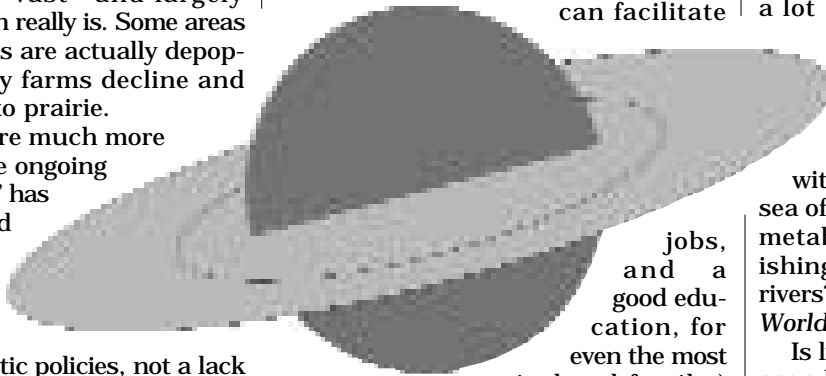
To a family with a minuscule city dwelling, several acres may sound big. However, that dozen acres also includes parks, and the farms which provide food, fabrics, etc. Modern farming requires large, open spreads.

In the Third World, most people live in villages scattered amongst small agricultural plots. But increasingly, they're crowding into cities, usually to

find work.

How much further can the population expand? Futuristic tales depict a planet covered by towering structures, the bedrock honeycombed and the oceans drained. Several trillion people could fit into such a "world city," and if the population continues to grow at its present rate, they may have to!

Unpleasant as that sounds, there's another bad side to it. True Father teaches that it is unhealthy, physically and spiritually, for children to grow up in cities. He says they should come of age surrounded by nature. (The traditional objections no longer apply, because technology can facilitate



jobs, and a good education, for even the most isolated family.)

But is this fully possible? If every family decided to head into the wilderness, those areas would instantly vanish, literally blanketed with a sea of humanity. "Empty stretches" only remain because of crowded urban areas.

Already, then, this planet is too small. What can we do?

## New Horizons

Historically, when things got too crowded at home, folks would strike out, seeking new territories. It's hardly been a hundred years since the "wild frontier" days of the American West, South Africa, Australia, and elsewhere. (In Brazil, they're still expanding into the Amazon basin.) In every case, the aboriginals were driven back, or worse....

Now those frontiers are gone. Yet in that same hundred years, we've developed aviation, then space flight. New worlds beckon.

There are many reasons to spread out. Deadly plagues have swept the world before, and could again. The dinosaurs were wiped out by a gigantic asteroid that struck the Earth with the force of millions of atomic bombs. It could happen again.

A famous scientist said, "The Earth is our cradle, but humanity cannot remain in the cradle forever." Centuries ago, Galileo studied Jupiter and its four larger moons, which are worlds in their own right. Mars and Venus are nearest—and most similar to—Earth, but no one could live there without substantial protection.

Buck Rogers and Captain Kirk have been "visiting alien worlds" for decades, but only in the past two years have astronomers actually confirmed the existence of planets around other stars. So far they've only been able to spot Jupiter-sized planets around nearby stars. New discoveries are coming in frequently.

When better space telescopes are developed (and funded!), they'll be able to observe smaller worlds. Liquid water forms at just the "right" temperature. In Earth's atmosphere, the oxygen and free nitrogen are maintained by life

forms. If these are detected on another planet, we can be fairly certain that life exists there also.

Debate surrounds a now-famous Mars rock, which may contain evidence of life. Recently the Galileo space probe confirmed that Jupiter's moon Europa has water oceans beneath its icy crust. Closer to home, geologists have pushed back the date of the first known Earthly life by hundreds of millions of years. Life developed here very early.

## Life forms

It may be that, under the proper conditions, life will arise quickly on any planet. Possibly those conditions are a lot broader than we've supposed.

Imagine animals with plastic bones, breathing a chlorine/oxygen atmosphere. Or creatures living in an ocean of ammonia slush. How about fish with silicone blood, swimming in a sea of sulfuric acid? Or creatures that metabolize carbon monoxide, flourishing on a world with iron carbonyl rivers? (It gets even more bizarre. Read *World-Building* by Stephen L. Gillett.)

Is life common in the universe? We'll soon know!

But what if those other worlds are already settled? For several decades, astronomers have operated SETI programs, listening carefully for extraterrestrial radio messages. (Earth's own transmissions could now be picked up a hundred light years away.) They have detected nothing. Zilch.

Despite the Hollywood hype, there is no solid evidence that any alien spacecraft has ever visited this planet. None. Claimants are either confused, or they're frauds, or they have a screw loose. They may be having *spiritual* experiences. (The Air Force is, in fact, testing secret "wingless" aircraft.)

Several famous New Agers claim to be "in telepathic contact with the Pleadians." Others insist that aliens are mainly interested in fooling around in human women's bedrooms. That tells us more about the claimants than it does about the supposed aliens!

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

"Life" does not imply intelligence, much less technology. After all, Earth itself was without both for %99.999 of its history. (Not counting the theory that dolphins, whales, chimpanzees, giant squids, etc. are intelligent.)

Barren, lifeless worlds won't be terribly appealing to prospective settlers. We could "terraform" such planets, making them habitable, even pleasant, but that would require centuries at least. As noted above, we'll soon be looking directly for verdant, earth-like worlds.

But any such worlds are very, very far away. Next month we'll discuss how we might reach them, and how best to settle them once we do. ❖

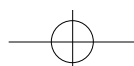
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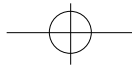
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# The Gradual Transformation of UTS

by Gareth Davies—Barrytown, NY

**T**he New Year always brings makeovers, clean-ups and, hopefully, transformations. The latest phase of the Student Life Campaign has brought a complete transformation of the large room in the academic wing which has recently served as the

Junior Study Room but which was originally a chapel.

This room and its occupants have suffered greatly in recent years as dampness and decay caused the paint to flake from the walls and ceiling and the 20-year-old carpet took on the pallor of the nearly dead. The tattered and torn furniture only added to the cold, cheerless atmosphere.

Initial restoration efforts only unveiled the greater horrors of asbestos and lead paint so workmen decked out like astronauts were called in to cart them away.

All those rebirth pains are behind us now and the room looks wonderful. Once again, the costs of redecorating and re-furnishing this room have been paid for by donations and special thanks are due to the UTS Class of 1996 whose members presented the new carpet as their class gift. With the completion of the Junior Study Room,

all of the study rooms have now been fully redecorated and newly furnished and all of the senior study rooms have new windows.

### Good-bye Old Gym!

A total of 40 volunteers made short work of the old gym floor on March 12. The entire floor has been removed and a local engineering company will now track the origin of the standing water which had caused the old floor to become thoroughly decayed.

Many thanks to those alumni/ae who have responded to the request for financial support for this and other projects related to this year's Student Life Campaign at UTS. ❖



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Mr. Gow is a widely-published columnist

## Children are Forgotten Victims of Divorce

**I**n the United States today, 1.2 million couples divorce each year; 700,000 marriages involving children dissolve every year in this country. The U.S. now has the highest rate of divorce in the world today: one in two marriages culminates in divorce.

A young woman recently sent this message to columnist Ann Landers: "A man who engages in extramarital affairs teaches his sons that this is OK behavior. A woman who stays with an unfaithful husband teaches her daughters to do the same." A good father, added the letter writer, "remains faithful and demonstrates to his sons what it means to be a good husband. A good mother does not condone...bad behavior from her husband."

According to Dr. Archibald Hart, a psychology professor at Fuller Theological Seminary and author of *Helping Children Survive Divorce* (Word Publishing), children often are the forgotten victims of divorce. He says divorce is damaging to children because:

\*It signals the collapse of the family structure; and the child starts to feel alone and frightened.

\*The divorce creates conflicts of loyalty in the children; children often feel pulled by love and loyalty in both directions.

\*The anger and resentment between the parents, which is so prevalent in most divorces, creates intense fear and anxiety in children.

\*Divorce represents to children the loss of many important things such as home, school, neighborhood, church, friends. Deep depression often is the

result of this painful loss.

What, then, are the ingredients of a happy, good and enduring marriage? In his book of enduring wisdom and significance, *Three to Get Married* (Scepter Publishers, Princeton, NJ), the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen pointed out that faith in God and the development of a spiritual and psychic bond are essential elements of a good, happy and enduring marriage. He observes: "Marriage involves a soul, a mind, a heart, and a will as much as it involves reproductive organs.... The union, therefore, may be described as psychosomatic, in the sense that it affects the whole person, body and soul, and not merely the lower part alone." When Archbishop Sheen says three are needed to make a marriage happy, good and enduring, he is talking about a husband, a wife, and God.

Please reflect on the observations of the following persons who know from first-hand experience what it takes to make a happy and good marriage:

Edward Pang, a Good Samaritan and member of the Chinese Christian Mission at First Baptist Church in Greenville, Mississippi, points out that he and his wife have been married for 64 years, and that their happy and enduring marriage is "a gift from God, truly a miracle." He notes that his marriage of 64 years is the most remarkable and wonderful achievement of his life in that he truly has been blessed by God with someone who has shared for 64 years the problems and sufferings as well as the joys of life.

Jerome Sit, a prominent businessman and member of the Chinese Christian Mission in Greenville, MS, says: "After my wife and I got married, we went home, and the first thing I did was to take her hand and then we together got down on our knees and prayed to God and asked Him to bless our mar-

riage and guide us through life. We also asked Him to help us be good parents, too. It takes a great deal of humility and love and religious faith for a marriage to endure."

Simon Zhou, a dedicated and loving family man in Quincy, Mass., readily agrees with the sentiments expressed above; he declares, "No matter how much money you have or how many material goods you possess, you cannot buy a happy, successful and enduring marriage. Good marriages have more to do with the spiritual side of life and faith in God."

Willie Williams, justice of the peace in Chicot County, Arkansas, says: "In my career as a justice of the peace, I have married over 3,000 couples. Before I agree to marry them, I ask them important, basic questions. I ask them: Do you believe in God? Do you both have religious faith and attend church together? Do you really love one another enough to stay married with one another for a lifetime? Are you mature and responsible enough to be a husband or wife and bring children into the world?" Justice Williams adds: "For a marriage to be happy, successful and enduring, both partners must agree on the good and important things of life such as how to treat other people, whether or not to believe in God and how to conduct oneself as a good, moral human being. People getting married must realize they must work together as a team, make sacrifices and be unselfish. And without God and religious faith, there is no strong foundation for a good marriage."

Rev. James Toney, a Baptist clergyman and scholar in Eudora, Arkansas, declares: "Before you get married, you must test the spirit of the other person; if you talk to your girlfriend about spiritual, religious

matters, and there is agreement, then you have a good basis for marriage. The sexual, physical side of marriage is not as important as the spiritual. If you both have faith in God and spiritual love for one another, you can work out problems together and make a marriage last. God has blessed my wife and myself with 50 years of marriage and with several beautiful children; it pays to follow the teachings of God and the Bible."

Joseph W. Gow, a dedicated and loving father in Illinois, says: "It takes trust, love and faith in God to make a marriage work. If you met your wife in a nightclub, you can expect her to be a certain type of person who needs to go to nightclubs all the time. If you met your wife in church, and God blesses your marriage, you have a good chance to make the marriage last."

Clearly it takes three persons to make a marriage happy and enduring: a husband, a wife, and...God. ❖

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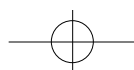
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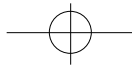
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by John W. Gehring—NYC

# RYS American Friendship Projects in the Dominican Republic

The RYS as an inter-religious peace project is constantly seeking for ways to create better cooperation among the youth of various nations and religious backgrounds. Each region of the globe has its own particular historic situations as well as its current social, political, religious and economic strengths and dilemma's.

RYS founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and its religious advisors agree that the central foundation for a healthy future lies in the cooperation between people of faith and this task is increasingly falling on the shoulders of the upcoming generation.

As part of a strategy to better connect the people's of the America's, the RYS has sponsored its third "America's Friendship Project" which was hosted by the Dominican Republic on May 19-27.



Forty staff and participants representing Haiti, Dominican Republic, USA, Japan and German helped repair a rural school 20km. outside of the capital of Santo Domingo. The central theme of the program; "Creating an island of friendship" was based on the current need for closer relationships between the residents of this island, the home of both Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

In January, 1996 the RYS in cooperation with the IRFF and the WFWP held a project in Haiti in which foreign participants came largely from the USA and from the Dominican Republic and helped to build a medical facility and school rooms at the Haitian Academy outside of Port au Prince. Based on

the success of this initial project and the cooperation between the sponsors a plan was made to invite a large team of Haitian participants to the Dominican Republic and build on the trust and good will from that initial project. The RYS project in May was the result of this plan.

The ideal of peaceful cooperation and friendship takes more then a vision and good intentions, hard work and effective planning are also needed. One example which helps to illustrate



RACHAEL WOOD

some of the difficulties encountered in implementing the friendship project was that all our programs had to be conducted in Creole, Spanish and English. The three way translations were time consuming and laborious, often testing participants patience.

Aside from the linguistic differences of the participants, cultural outlooks, religious background and economic situations were often widely diverse and people had to work to

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# Caribbean Islands Friendship Ceremony

by John W. Gehring—NYC

Come visit and discover the paradox's that belong to one unique island, contrast the opulence of its scenic beauty with the jagged edged poverty that swims just a stone throw away from white sand beaches. Gaze at the orange sunset on blue Caribbean waters, coral ripe with multicolored tropical fish. Feel the mild breezes that bend uniformly, palm branches as they blow across the warm shores of the one island, and island that shares so much in common, yet an island bitterly divided by human strictures and animosity. Welcome to Hispaniola, welcome to the island that hosts both the Dominican Republic and Haiti.



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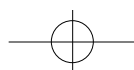
French and Creole speaking Haiti and Spanish speaking Dominican Republic have existed as neighbors on less then friendly terms over several centuries. Many of the reasons for this mutual distrust can be traced to its history which only serious attempts at restoration can heal. Haiti's small upper class is extremely rich and often manages both privilege and power with a jealous hand. Nearly eighty percent of the population is illiterate as most of the nations seven million residents live in the worst

poverty of the Western Hemisphere. Culturally, a strong sense of black pride and a deep conscious connection to its African heritage permeates along with a bond to the rites of voodoo which were passed on from the shores of West Africa.

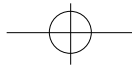
Once the richest of France's American colonies as a result of plantation grown sugar, the period of colonial rule proven to be extremely harsh on slaves. Often it was the practice of slave owners to work their slaves to death rather then nurture them to have families as was the case in neighboring Dominican Republic. The life expectancy of newly arrived slaves was five years and those that lived longer often did so as a result of good fortune, superior strength and intelligence.



The revolutionary spirit that took hold throughout much of France around the time of its revolution, spread in various degrees to the French colonies and fueled the restlessness of Haiti's slaves. In 1804, a slave rebellion took place that was memorable for the levels of cruelty that were executed by both sides. The white population of the island was almost totally illuminated as a result and the first independence... see **FRIENDSHIP** on page 18







by Paula Fujiwara—Anaheim, CA

# First Native American *Bridge of Peace* Ceremony Held in S. Calif.

**O**n the evening of May 14, 1997, the Interracial Sisterhood Project of Southern California brought their Bridge of Peace to the talent and culture night of the 18th National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference (NINAETC) at the Anaheim Sheraton Hotel.

They also brought over 100 women eager to become a "Sister of Peace" with a Native American woman.

The annual conference of NINAETC takes place in a different location each year. Community leaders from many tribes around the nation gather to address employment and job training issues. The Southern California Indian Center, Inc. was responsible to organize the talent and culture night for this year's conference in Anaheim. Paula Starr, assistant executive director of S.C.I.C., Inc., was inspired to include the Bridge of Peace Ceremony as part of the culture night. Her inspiration came from



Mieko Ishino, a volunteer with the Interracial Sisterhood Project of Southern California, who made Paula's acquaintance several months prior to the conference.

Ms. Starr brought together all the talent for the first half of the program, which included a poetry reading, a Navajo flute soloist, a Creek psychic entertainer, a 10-year-old Chickasaw vocalist, a 5-year-old Sioux boy dancer and the local Intertribal Student Council Dancers. The entertainment portion of the evening concluded with an invitation for all to join in the Friendship Dance in front of the Bridge

of Peace. Many in the audience of over 300 joined the dance, which contributed to the harmonious atmosphere already apparent in the room.

Mrs. Sheri Rueter, chairwoman of the Interracial Sisterhood Project, then came forward to emcee the Bridge of Peace Ceremony: "It is my honor to welcome you to the first Bridge of Peace Ceremony to be held with Native American women here in America. This event is about...women who are scared and

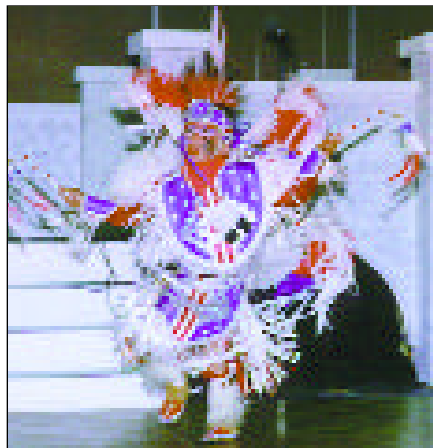


brave; who are hurt and have healing powers; who carry dreams of love in their hearts. This event is about women who can cross a bridge."

At this juncture, Ms. Alma Rail, president of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Indian Center, and Mrs. Jennifer Francis, representing the event co-sponsor, Women's Federation for World Peace, exchanged flower bouquets on the Bridge of Peace in a gesture of friendship.

Mrs. Rueter then continued to convey the heart of the ceremony through her words: "We are bound together by our common desire for dignity and peace, not only for our-

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## PARTNERSHIPS FOR PEACE

# NH-WFWP holds Bridge Ceremony for Couples

by Heather Thalheimer—Manchester, NH

**O**ne of the most urgent issues facing us today is how to help families be strong and healthy. We are all too aware of the consequences of family breakdown. Judith Wallerstein, one of the most influential researchers on the effects of divorce and the author of one of the longest-running studies on the subject states that, "The effect of the parents' divorce is played and replayed throughout the first three decades of the children's lives... While this does not necessarily cause them to fail as adults it does make the normal challenges of growing up even more difficult."

What can we do to strengthen and empower the family? At the very core of the family is the conjugal relationship of husband and wife. The power behind that crucial relationship is a sense of commitment. Commitment makes a difference because when it's there we become solution oriented; looking for ways to make the relationship work versus ways to get out.

We lose sight of our commitment when we lose sight of the big picture. Why does my marriage matter? Michael Medved addresses this issue in an article published in *The Washington Times*, National Edition. He writes, "The missing ingredient in American marriage...is a context—a feeling of higher purpose derived from the knowledge that one's marriage matters to others" In what way does it matter then? Mother Teresa spoke to this question when she said,



"Your work in the family is so important. If there is no peace in the world today, it is because there is no peace in the family. Help your families to become centers of compassion and forgive constantly and so bring peace." Our families are the very cornerstone of world peace. When one family breaks down the community is affected and ultimately the world. There is a ripple effect.

The founder of the Women's Federation for

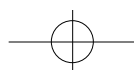
World Peace, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon and her husband Rev. Sun Myung Moon have together initiated numerous, diverse projects around the world reaching into every aspect of human life. However, they see their central work as strengthening the family. To rekindle and affirm the commitment between husband and wife, WFWP has invited couples to "Build a Bridge of Love".

Why the Bridge of Love? First of all, WFWP is widely known for its work in "Building Bridges of Peace". Since 1995 over 20,000 American women have crossed the Bridge of Peace to meet women

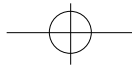
from other nations and racial backgrounds, replacing resentments and distrust with hope, compassion and love to become Sisters of Peace. These are incredibly moving events. Through the Sisterhood Project WFWP enables people to personally experience the depth and power of reconciliation. To be a peacemaker. Countless women spoke of experiencing a sense of healing as they crossed the bridge. They spoke of being suddenly empowered to go beyond their resentment and pain and wanting to create a relationship with someone who was formerly an "enemy". Powerful stuff! These beautiful ceremonies allow an individual to take a new direction. Ceremony or ritual is often used to allow our hearts to take a quantum leap. The Bridge of Love Ceremony can be a transforming moment for any marriage.

Each of us carries baggage from the past; our own past or from centuries and lives long gone. We have a tendency to reenact the limitations of our parents and grandparents and so on. In the sacred texts and other literature we see incredible pain and suffering because of the misuse of love and selfishness. Those same scenarios are played out all over the world today. Through the Bridge of Love cere-

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find common denominators to which to build trust and friendship. Dr. Ron Burr (University of Southern Mississippi) and Dr. Kathy Winnings (IRFF) teamed up and helped model and guide the teams to come to points where cooperation and sharing could begin. The physical work at the school also provided a way to create team spirit and cooperation.

The rural village where the repair of the school took place was eager to welcome the RYS. The school had suffered from years of negligence and a new school master was trying to make a last effort to keep the school open. The appearance of international volunteers did two things for the community; it provided a needed service on the building but more important, it renewed the communities interest and involvement in the school.

Mother's and children, out of curiosity, increasingly appeared at the work site. Before long, the children and parents were drawn into the activity and joined the work teams, painting, scraping, cleaning and doing jobs that fit their abilities.

The contrast of the schools appearance before the coming of RYS and at the time of departure was dramatic.

The contrast in the energy level of village at the time of arriving of RYS as to the time of the project was just as dramatic. People serving people generates joyful energy and provides a visible demonstration of what religious cooperation is about.

One special gift that the RYS created for the school was a beautiful friendship mural, designed and painted by participants from the University of Bridgeport. This mural required an enormous amount of cooperation and extra work but provided the personal warm of a gift of love.

During the project RYS participants were able to involve themselves in discussions on themes related to their religious faiths and to the theme of peace. One demonstration of this spirit occurred during the project was the Island Friendship Ceremony which was sponsored by the WFWP. During this evening program fourteen teams of three represents from Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Japan were matched in friend-

ship. Participants commented that the time they were able to spend together and share openly was one of their deepest experiences during their stay at the RYS.



One afternoon, RYS participants had a chance to test the Caribbean waters, which were found to be warm, blue and to the liking of all. In addition, participants visited several historic sights in Santo Domingo among which the museum in honor of Christopher Columbus was of most interest.

RYS programs conclude with evalu-

ations and a time for reflection. Ms. Rachael Wood and RYS director, John Gehring conducted several sessions which gave the participants a chance to think about what they learned during this time together and allowed them to make some personal commitment to what they would like to do when they returned back home. One session included the creation of a "Declaration of Friendship" between those representing the Dominican Republic and the Republic of Haiti.

As the RYS plans future activities in the America's, it hopes to draw an increasing number of students from the USA and Canada into a deeper relationship with our neighbors to the south. RYS as part of the International Religious Foundation (IRF) seeks to show the value of the religious heritages that belong to the America's. This heritage goes back to the America's First People's and has strong Christian roots, yet it is a heritage that is continually adjusting to the impact of new immigrants and contemporary changes in our understanding of Ultimate Reality. ❖

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pendent 'black' nation was set up in the Western hemisphere.

The east side of the island, now the Dominican Republic, was once the home of pirates and Buccaneers who used it as a base for food and supplies enroute to voyages which sought to plunder the vast mineral treasurers taken on ship from wealthy enemy colonies.

For those Spanish settlers on the eastern portion of the island, slavery was mainly an institute that provided a regular supply of domestic workers. Domestic slaves were valuable possessions of householders and spent time living close to the owners family.

This can be contrasted to the much more violent plantation slavery that keep the economic engine of Haiti moving. Slavery ended throughout the island at the time of the revolution but this had a lesser impact on the life of those living on the Dominican side of the island.

Haiti's revolution was fueled by resentment and had a strong anti-clerical bent, similar to the revolution in France. The strongly Roman Catholic settlers on the eastern part of the island did not have the same passion for the anti-clerical (anti-Catholic) revolution that was happening in the west and they preferred to go a separate way from their neighbors. By choosing to make stronger relations with Spain and deepen its cultural ties connections a widening split occurred within the island. Eventually, the eastern settlers sought their independence from both Haiti and eventually from Spain.

As the Dominican side of the island became independent it created its own distinct culture and increasingly separated from the culture, politics and economics of the other half of the island.

Dominican's often looked at Haiti as their stronger neighbor. Today, despite have a much higher level of literacy (currently sixty five percent) and a bet-

ter economic base their is a fear and distrust of their more populous neighbor.

A visible sample of the divergence in the two countries can be observed when one drives across the island. The verdant countryside of the Dominican Republic is often lush in forest while in biting contrast, Haiti is an ecological disaster. Deforestation takes place as trees are cut down to make charcoal fuel for cooking. Heavy rains then strip the top soil, ruining its potential for renewal. These conditions aggravate drought and create a landscape of dust and grayish brown tints.

Almost as visible as the islands external differences is the differences in people's attitudes and perceptions. Examples of mutual apprehension and antagonism can be easily found. When citizens of the island cross each other borders they are charged very high fees for visas and departure taxes. It is almost impossible for the average person to get a license to take a vehicle across the border and very few people in either country speak the others language. Each countries school text books portrays the others in a very disparaging way and the media makes little effort at challenging those perceptions.

Despite the difficulties placed between the two nations many people of either nation seek to make better cooperation within the island. They look for a better way which can point to mutual cooperation and greater prosperity. For the religious seekers on the island the question arises; What is heavens way of bringing the two into oneness ?

**Restoring a Divided Island**

"Who is blameless, no not one," this is a reminder that the bible gives to all of us. No citizen or nation is blameless in its relationship with another. What is needed in healing a broken relationship is an offering, an indemnity condition. Something that says; "I share a responsibility for our broken relationship and I want to make it up to you."

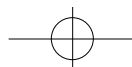
Indemnity comes in three forms;

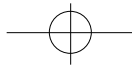
equal indemnity, lesser or greater. If each nation demands equal indemnity the healing between nations will be a long and drawn out process. If nations will be satisfied with sincere conditions of lesser indemnity then the process of healing and restoration can move very quickly. If people fail in making a sincere offering through their tears and sweat then often a more costly blood sacrifice will need to be made, war is often the result.

If we examine the issue of slavery, it is hard or impossible to restore the sin of slavery if an equal amount is demanded by those who represent the lineage of slaves. Yet if some condition of reversing the sin of slavery is performed (white people serving with love the black race is an example) and it is received then the process of healing a restoration can move forward.

Haiti and the Dominican Republic are nations that need to forgive each other and work together for their mutual benefit and for the benefit of the greater society. Mutual transgressions require steps that can remove fear, distrust and hatred. Service with love is a powerful antidote to hatred. For over a decade the RYS has been a model of the healing power and friendship that can be unleashed through bringing religious representatives together for the sake of rendering a service to community. In an age where religion is often perceived as being delegated to the background the RYS shows that the religious spirit can make significant physical impact on communities while providing a model for a change in attitude.

The Sisterhood ceremonies conducted by the Women's Federation for Peace (WFWP) have also served as a model of how indemnity paid through the heart has lasting impact and true power. During the RYS project in the Dominican Republic a special Island Friendship Ceremony was inaugurated to help join fourteen teams of three representatives from Haiti, Japan and the Dominican Republic in mutual bonds of trust and friendship.





# The Principled Academy: Playground Peacekeepers

by Poppy Richie—Berkeley, CA

**T**he Principled Academy of Hayward, CA, formerly known as the Sunshine School, is dedicated to cultivating the unique divine potential of each student and fostering each one's ability to love and care for others. Students learn leadership and pride in themselves and their school as they develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically.

"Peacekeepers on the Playground" is one of several projects at the Principled Academy designed to help students learn and practice leadership, good citizenship and conflict resolution.

Imagine this scenario: it is the playground at recess. A dispute arises over setting up a spontaneous dodge ball game. The two captains are facing each other and shouting, disagreeing vehemently. (Does this sound familiar?) A fifth-grader and a sixth-grader, each carrying a clipboard and wearing a bright blue tee shirt with the word "Peacekeeper" emblazoned on the front, approach the two angry students.

"Can we help you solve this problem?" they ask.

The four students retire to a nearby picnic table to discuss the dispute. Everyone knows the rules,

which are restated by the Peacekeepers:

- 1) Do not interrupt (Each student gets a fair chance to describe his/her viewpoint)
- 2) No name calling
- 3) Be as honest as you can
- 4) Agree to work to solve the problem

Usually a solution is reached and the students resume their play. Occasionally, adult help is needed and the Peacekeepers know whom to ask for help.

One staff person, Brenna Iredale, researched available conflict resolution curricula and suggested the school use the one published by the Community Boards program, which originated in San Francisco. It is specifically tailored

for us with middle school students. Mrs. Iredale conducted ten training sessions over a two-week period for each group of fourth- through eighth-graders, until all had been trained. The course is based on the following assumptions:

- 1) Conflict is natural
- 2) Students can solve their own problems
- 3) Students are responsible people
- 4) Conflict can be resolved peacefully

The goals of a conflict manager, whom we call a Peacekeeper, are to be a good listener, to work well on a team with another Peacekeeper, to be fair, to



be a helper, to be a dependable person, and to be someone who can be trusted. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of training and experience to be able to help others work out conflicts. The Peacekeepers have a rotating schedule and take turns working in pairs during the lunch hour recess.

Students' responses to the program have been very positive. The following are quotes from student evaluations:

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"It has taught me some skills that help me handle things that happen."

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fighting as I used to."

"It helped me because I don't get as angry when someone calls me a name."

"It has helped me to understand feelings that I have, and others [have] during certain situations."

"Just our presence keeps kids from fighting and arguing."

"I messages' are better than 'you messages' because it doesn't make the person feel as accused."

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The Association for the Research of Middle Eastern Cultures, Inc. (ARMEC) will celebrate the Islamic New Year with a special cultural event for the whole family, on Saturday, June 21 at 7:30 PM in the Grand Ballroom of the New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Avenue New York, NY. Join the celebration for an evening of Middle Eastern music, dance, award of Parents and Artist of the year and much more. Featured will be ARMEC's 1997 Artist of the Year, Hassan Hakmoun, who will delight guests with traditional Moroccan music joined by the Ghnawa dance ensemble. Also featured is Henry Abittan and his Moroccan and Middle Eastern Rhythm Ensemble. Raffle prizes for the event include two round trip tickets to Morocco donated by Royal Air Maroc. Proceeds generated from the Gala benefit cultural events and programs serving Middle Eastern families in America. ARMEC promotes tolerance, support and harmony through programs of cultural exchange. A strong advocate of genuine family values, ARMEC offers seminars on straightening the Muslim family in America by reviving traditional ethical values of Middle Eastern culture. Tickets are available at \$50 per person, \$90 per couple and \$40 for student with ID. For tickets purchase and more information on ARMEC or The Second Annual ARMEC Islamic New Year Gala, contact Abdel Mesbah at (212) 391-7380.

## Religious Youth Service Summer Schedule

**R**YS is inviting people to take part in its summer of international adventure and service. Upcoming projects include the following:

**Ufa, Bashkortostan Republic** (part of the C.I.S.) On July 21-August 11, RYS will host a project that includes the restoring a rehabilitation center for handicapped children. A great increase in the number of handicapped children has occurred in this region that was once an industrial center in the former Soviet Union.

The IRFF and CARP already began work on this center in February and now the RYS is gathering fifty young adults from all over the globe to take part.

**Dhaka, Bangladesh.** The RYS will work with the WFWP Bangladesh and WFWP Japan in a project in rural area outside Dhaka, Bangladesh on August 19-29. This project will include the construction of a facility that will be used for adult education and women's eco-

nomics development. This project is open to US and other international participants. Please apply through the New York office.

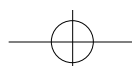
**Birmingham, Great Britain.** The RYS of Great Britain is finalizing plans for an ecological project in Birmingham, Great Britain on September 2-13. This project follows the success of last years international project in the same city. Participants will be mostly from Europe but others are welcomed.

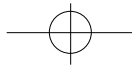
For more information on these projects please contact:

RYS, 4 West 43rd St., New York, NY 10036. Ph. 212 869 6023 ext. 429 or fax 212 869 6424

Information on the CIS can be received from either RYS, New York or IRFF c/o Mr. Tom Philipps, 113093, Moscow, ul. Bolshaya Serpuhovskaya, 48-30. Phone (++) 95 238 61 28.

We hope that this summer's programs will provide for you an opportunity of a lifetime. ♦





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selves, but for our children and all humanity. We represent millions of people who lived before us, who suffered, who caused suffering, who watched and did nothing while suffering and injustice prevailed. Each of us carry these experiences in our spirit. We are affected by that history, whether we are conscious of it or not, whether it is personal or not." At one point, Mrs. Rueter looked up from her prepared text to offer an emotional apology on behalf of those Americans who have unjustly harmed Native American peoples. She concluded: "One woman crossing this bridge meets another. Perhaps she experiences her own ability to change or to forgive or to be forgiven. One woman who changes can impact everyone she comes in contact with—her family, her friends, her community, her world."

A special duet followed Mrs. Rueter's



remarks. Two 10-year-old young ladies, Courtney Starns, a Chickasaw, and Stephanie Nickols, sang "Love Can Build A Bridge" as they went through the ritual of the bridge-crossing and down into the audience.

Georgiana Valoyce-Sanchez, writer, storyteller and lecturer of American Indian Studies at California State University at Long Beach then imparted something of the woman-centered spir-

it of Native American peoples. She quoted a saying by Laguna Pueblo writer Paula Gunn Allen: "In the beginning was thought and her name was woman!" She explained that it was the White Buffalo Calf Woman who originally brought the Way of the Sacred Pipe, the teaching of a balanced life which is respectful of all things. She told the story of "The Hidden Wisdom": When the elders saw that

the people were abusing and corrupting their gift of wisdom, they decided to hide it from them. But the question was where. They couldn't agree on a hiding place until an old woman spoke: "Hide the wisdom deep in their hearts. They'll never think to look there!" In this way Georgiana brought the audience to realize that peace is achieved by looking deep into our hearts.

Finally, the anticipated moment arrived as the Native American women

were asked to line up at one end of the bridge and all other women at the other end. Nearly 70 pairs of sisters came together on the bridge that evening. Some Native American women received two new sisters, while several married couples became paired, in addition to a few "brothers" and children. The new pairs recited the Sisterhood Pledge together and signed each other's Sisterhood Certificates.

Paula Starr, coordinator of the program, remarked that the ceremony felt natural. "The words which Sheri and Georgiana shared painted the necessary imagery to move forward our deepest and most heartfelt desire as women for world peace. Our board president was emotionally taken by everyone's commitment for world peace."

The formal close of the program was the singing of "Let there be Peace on Earth" as all held hands in a large circle. No one was in a hurry to leave as new pairs took photographs on the bridge and lingered to share with one another.

Many Native American participants were inspired to go home and plan bridge ceremonies with chapters of Women's Federation for World Peace in their localities.

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mony we address the pain of the past so that we can put it behind us. Often true love eludes us. True love and resentment cannot co-exist in the heart. To build true love we need to let go of the resentments in our hearts. In drinking from the cup of love and unity we are separating from the past; from a tradition of self-centered or false love and connecting to a new tradition of true love. True love is a love that lives for the sake of the other. It is a love that uplifts and empowers and is life giving. Our love can reflect all that we know God to be.

On May, 18th 1997 WFWP of New England celebrated its first Bridge of Love Ceremony in Salem, New Hampshire. Tears flowed as each couple

crossed the Bridge to meet each other anew. The value of this ceremony is that it walks people through three important steps; renewing their commitment to each other, acknowledging their marriage strengthens the extended family and offering their family as a cornerstone of world peace. When we see our commitment makes a difference we reconnect to the "higher purpose" that Michael Medved referred to. Thus transformed each couple can practice true love and the tradition of living for the sake of others.

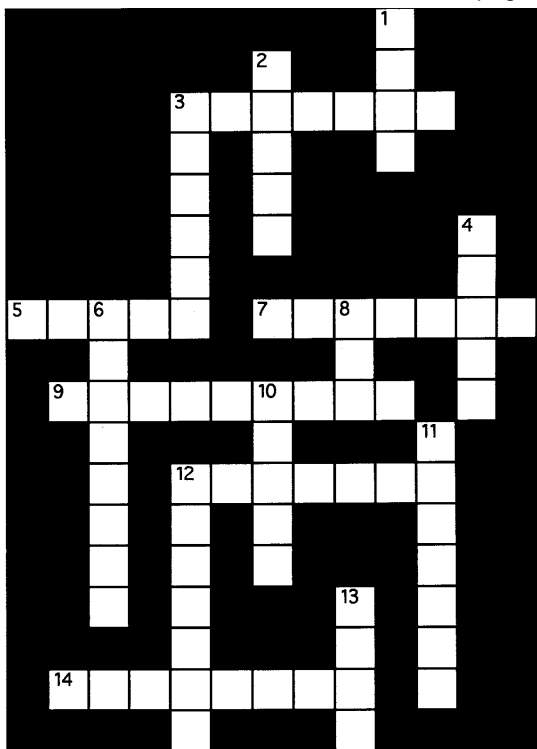
WFWP would like to invite you, your family and your friends to the Bridge that together we can Build a Bridge of Love.

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True Family Values Crossword Puzzle

Magnify Value of His Sacrifice

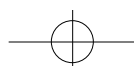
**ACROSS**

- 3 James 1:4, But let patience have its \_\_\_ work, that you may be \_\_\_ and complete, lacking nothing.
- 5 If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. (\_\_\_ 3:2)
- 7 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners...He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season...whatever he does shall \_\_\_. (Proverbs 1:1-3)
- 9 John 15:8, By this My Father is \_\_\_, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
- 12 But did He not make them one,

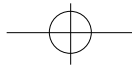
- 14 I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. (\_\_\_ 17:10)

**DOWN**

- 1 John 5:8, By this My Father is glorified, that you bear \_\_\_ fruit; so you will be My disciples.
- 2 Psalms 1:3, He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its \_\_\_ in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.
- 3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season...
- 4 Gen 2:24-25, Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one \_\_\_. (Mark 10:8, and the two shall become one \_\_\_. So they are no longer two but one \_\_\_).
- 6 The Second Blessing (which comes AFTER the completion of the First Blessing) is to \_\_\_. (Genesis 1:28)
- 8 Malachi 2:15, But did He not make them \_\_\_, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why \_\_\_? He seeks godly offspring...
- 10 Deut. 28:1, Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe care \_\_\_ all His







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# The Search for the First Ancestors

**R**eligion and science are offspring of the same impulse to understand what it's all about, but, like ill-matched siblings with incompatible characters, they can be at peace with each other when in separate rooms but easily brawl when sharing the same place.

Religion, at least when it's in a good mood, can be warm and supportive—giving meaning and purpose to life in the grandest of terms, giving support and encouragement, friendly and emotional. One of its character flaws, however, is that in its intermittent disputes with science, it has the most difficult time owning up when it is wrong. Just look at the retreat of religion into the petulant “He made it in six days to look as if it took ten billion years!” Perhaps this obduracy arises because it's old and venerable and science is young and brash; perhaps it's a belief that love means never having to say you're sorry.

Science, for all its cold rationality, its rejection of purpose and meaning, its nitpicking passion for collecting facts, does not have this character flaw; it has no problem—at least when all the facts are assembled—in saying to religion, “Sorry, I was wrong.”

## Origins

One of the areas where they cannot avoid each other is origins: where did the universe come from? where did people come from? They have brawled over these two topics since science was kick-started back to life a few hundred years ago.

For a long time the bickering went something like this:

“The universe started suddenly with light!”—“Nonsense, it always existed!”

“The human race started suddenly with the first two people in one place!”—“Humbug, we came about as groups of humanoids all over the world gradually evolved into modern humans!”

Science has already gracefully conceded the first point: “Sorry, I was wrong, you were right! It *did* start suddenly, and light was the main event—I calculate the ratio as ten billion bits of light to each bit of matter.”

Science is also coming around on

the second point. It's not quite sure about it yet, but a great step in this direction appeared on page 31 of the January 1, 1987 issue of *Nature*, one of the most prestigious scientific journals in the world, under the heading “Mitochondrial DNA and Human Evolution.” While the work was highly technical, its conclusions were starkly shocking:

“Mitochondrial DNAs from 147 people, drawn from five geographic regions, have been analyzed by restriction mapping. All of these mitochondrial DNAs stem from one woman who is postulated to have lived about 200,000 years ago....”

The authors, Rebecca L. Cann, Mark

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The largest of these cell compartments is the nucleus, which is packed full of DNA. Industrially, the DNA is equivalent to hundreds of thousands of computer disks (genes) loaded with the instructions needed to program the industrial robots (proteins) that run all the myriads of processes in the industrial complex. The nucleus keeps the master disks safely stored away (chromosomes) and makes duplicates of them (messenger RNA) to send out to where they are needed in the running of the cell.

The mitochondria are usually the second largest compartment in the cell (some cells have one big one, most

made—recall from Biology 101 that this involves the fusion of an egg cell from the mother with a sperm cell from the father.

The egg cell is huge; it has thousands of mitochondria and bulging fuel stocks all primed and ready to power the development of the new embryo. In cell terms, the egg is a big fat blimp floating lazily along, waiting for destiny to arrive.

If that destiny is not to be the flush of the menses, it will start with a single sperm piercing the egg and sparking the fabulously intricate process that ends up with a human being.

For the sperm cell, this moment of destiny does not come by waiting; the sperm has to take the gold—there is no prize for second place—in an Olympic marathon. As the run is equivalent to that from Moscow to Beijing via Mount Everest in competition with a hundred million others, the sperm can be no fat blimp; it is instead a stripped-down, sleek torpedo—just a head with its precious consignment of nuclear DNA from the father, and a powerful tail powered by massive mitochondria to push it ahead of the pack.

The single sperm that triumphs sends its head and tail to quite different destinies.

The head merges with the egg and injects the father's nuclear DNA. Inside, this combines with the mother's and is packed away into the nucleus of the cell, now a zygote, ready to provide all the information needed in the construction of a human being.

The tail of the sperm, on the other hand, exhausted from its magnificent effort, drops away, its job done, and disintegrates. The result of this sacrificial effort is that none of the father's mitochondria gets into the egg—all the mitochondria in the zygote, and the human being it eventually turns into, come from the mother.

This also makes mitochondrial DNA very useful in studying lineage: all the DNA in the mitochondria in your cells—be you male or female—came from your mother. Furthermore, your mother's mitochondrial DNA all came from her mother—your grandmother—and hers from your great-grandmother, and hers from your great-great-grandmother, etc. All the way back into deepest time.

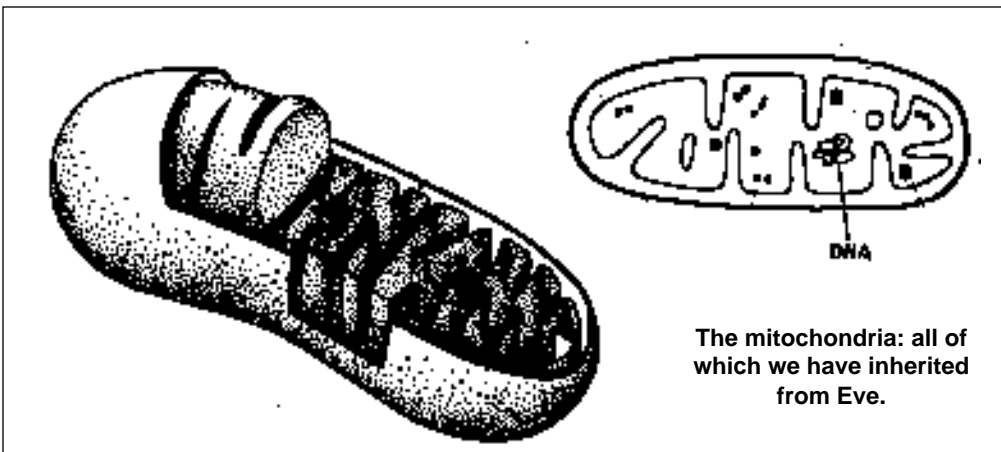
## No Sex, Thank You

Yet another inducement for scientists to shift the study of human ancestry from fossilized bones to the DNA lab is that mitochondria don't indulge in sex.

Sex is the great mixer; it takes 50% of your dad's nuclear DNA and combines it with 50% of your mother's DNA to create a whole new 100% that is you. Then, in making your sex cells, it scrambles together (recombines) the contents of the dad's chromosomes with the same chromosome from the mom. That's why kids are different from their parents and their grandparents; sex keeps mixing things up in each generation.

This is the greatest thing about sex (from the lineage's point of view, at least): you get a totally different combination each generation. This blending of characters, however, is the worst

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Stoneking and Allan C. Wilson, working at the University of California, Berkeley, had overcome a long and arduous course—not the least of their obstacles being the fulfillment of *Nature's* very strict standards—to stake their claim to a spot in the history books.

What it took to get to that point, and the reaction and rejection they received from the “old bones” paleontologists, has been documented in Michael H. Brown's *The Search for Eve: Have Scientists Found the Mother of Us All?* (Harper & Row, NY, 1990).

While this is not the place to get into details, we can at least lay down the general outline of what they accomplished.

## Mitochondria

While most have a vague idea of what DNA is (or at least have heard about it), mitochondria probably need a little introduction.

Each of the trillions of cells that make up the body are divided up into compartments that allow incompatible processes to be kept apart. The practical wisdom of industry suggests why: a manufacturing complex—which is pretty much what a cell is—would have an overwhelming problem with quality control if duplicating computer programs onto floppy disks happened in the same quarters as burning coal to power an electric generator. Keeping such incompatible processes in separate areas makes a lot of sense.

One of the great advances in the evolution of living systems occurred when a cell lineage stumbled on the great advantages of compartments and went on to become the common ancestor to all higher forms of life. The other lineages remained as simple bacteria who to this day do not have inner compartments and who, metaphorically, still duplicate their computer disks right next to the fur-

have lots of smaller ones). The mitochondria are the industrial equivalents of central power plants that burn fuel (glucose and fat) to generate power (ATP) for distribution to the other centers, including powering the computer-department labors of the nucleus.

All higher cells (eucaryotes) have these two compartments: the nucleus for information storage, duplication and dispersal, and the mitochondria for central power generation.

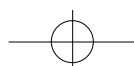
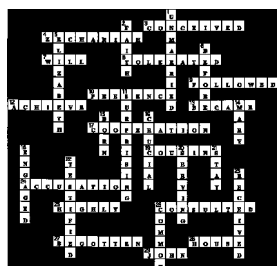
An idea that was shockingly revolutionary just a decade ago—but is now almost universally accepted—is that mitochondria are descendants of bacteria (prokaryotes)—that the discovery of the advantages of keeping computer disks and coal in separate compartments involved a large simple cell (which was perhaps energetically inefficient) getting invaded by a smaller bacteria (which was energetically more efficient). While this infection was probably disruptive at first (even fatal), eventually the two learned to live together in mutual harmony—the big cell doing all the work of finding the fuel, the symbiotic bacteria, the proto-mitochondria, doing all the work of burning it up.

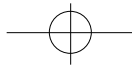
This insight caught on quickly because mitochondria are just like bacteria; they have their own little piece of DNA (only tens of disks-worth of information compared to the hundreds of thousands in the nucleus) and they multiply just as bacteria do: they get bigger and bigger, then split into two, with each “daughter” mitochondrion receiving its copy of the mitochondrial DNA. It is this which makes mitochondrial DNA so useful in the exploration of human lineage: its lineage is quite independent of that of the nuclear DNA.

## Matrilineal Descent

The second point that makes mitochondrial DNA such a useful tool involves the way human beings are

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## IN MEMORIAM

## Dean M. Kelley

I was saddened by the recent passing of Rev. Dean Kelley who served for many years as the National Council of Churches executive for religious liberty. It was through this position that I came to know Dean Kelley and grow to admire his absolute commitment to the rights of all people to religious liberty. In fact, as I think of religious liberty in America (or the world, for that matter), I consider the name of Dean Kelley as synonymous with religious liberty.

During the many years I worked at HSA Headquarters, Dean was always the man we would turn to when persecution struck. He was someone we could always count on to lend his considerable voice to defend us, not on theological grounds, but on constitutional and humane grounds.

I can recall many times during the 1980s when we would be confronted with some major crisis. On those occa-

sions, the first game plan was usually "John, can you call Dean Kelley?" I would react with outrage and determination to take action. Often, Dean would make some dry comment which made me laugh and gave me that warm comforting feeling showing Heavenly Father was really looking out for us. This was part of Dean's wonderful sense of humor which made the many trials we endured somehow bearable.

I first met Dean Kelley in July 1982 when the HSA Legal Department was preparing to appeal the tax conviction of Rev. Moon. This was a very dark period for our movement and despair was in the air. Prof. Laurence Tribe of Harvard was our lead attorney and he met with Rev. Kelley to explain the many violations



of Rev. Moon's constitutional rights during his trial earlier that year. Following that meeting, Rev. Kelley persuaded the National Council of Churches (and subsequently many other religious and civil liberties organizations) to support our appeal.

Dean Kelley's efforts were the turning point in this battle and within a year, the consensus across the nation was that Rev. Moon was not a tax felon but had been the victim of religious persecution on a grand scale.

My most personal experience with Dean Kelley occurred when I decided to write my book, "The Odyssey of New Religions Today," in 1986. After I had completed the original manuscript, I sent it to a number of professors and experts on new religious movements, including Dean Kelley. To my amazement, Dean took the time to go through the entire manuscript line by line with copious comments and corrections throughout.

After he had done this, he told me to come to his office and we sat down

and went over every one of his comments. I can still see all of the red lines and scribbling on all those pages! I was utterly astonished and almost giddy with excitement that *he, the Dean M. Kelley of the National Council of Churches*, would take so much time to help me with my humble little book!! So then, I began to feel some confidence in what I had written and eventually gathered up the courage to ask him if he would consider writing a Foreword for my book. Ultimately he agreed and, with much anticipation, I made another sojourn to his office to receive it.

I feel deeply honored and indebted to Dean Kelley for writing this statement of his commitment to religious liberty. I believe that, in many ways, this Foreword summarizes the principles and values that Dean Kelley stood for throughout his life. We will all miss Dean very much and, with all my heart, I wish him godspeed to the place in Heavenly Paradise for the righteous ones.

John Biermans ♦

## THE ODYSSEY OF NEW RELIGIONS TODAY

by Rev. Dean M. Kelley

In this book John Biermans has made three important contributions. He has gathered together the pertinent findings of social science researchers and courts of law on the subject of new religious movements and the persecution they suffer. He has added the insights of his own personal experience as a member of the Unification Church who has been the victim of an unsuccessful attempt at "deprogramming". And he has included information from his files gathered as one of the staff attorneys of the Unification Church, recording the experience of other members at the hands of would-be faithbreakers.

These contributions are very much needed to counter the prevailing misinformation and hysteria about "cults" which have been so successfully spread by articulate anti-cultists and sensation-seeking media. The average person has little opportunity to survey the scholarly literature on the issue and so is unaware that most of it does not support the anti-cult hysteria, which is largely based on atrocity tales disseminated by apostates and equally unreliable allegations circulated by a handful of mental health practitioners who appear to know very little about religion.

At the scholarly conferences of the Religious Research Association, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Association for the Sociology of Religion, numerous research papers are presented on the various new religious movements by highly regarded observers like Gordon Melton, David Bromley, Anson Shupe, Tom Robbins, Dick Anthony, Eileen Barker, James Richardson, Herbert Richardson, the late William Shepherd, and many others (I mention these names because I happen to know these individuals and have respected their work over the years). They represent the prevailing consensus in the community of students of religious behavior, and that consensus views the anticultists' shrill denunciations as simply contrary to the general body of

empirical evidence gathered by people who are not trying to foment a vendetta against "the cults."

It is, of course, quite possible that some individuals have had a bad experience with a particular new religious group at some particular time and place, just as there are individuals who have had a bad experience with one or another of the older and more conventional religions. But a few bad experiences do not necessarily discredit an entire category of organizations in other walks of life.

A similar common-sense perspective needs to be brought to the study of new religious movements, and John Biermans' sampling of the scholarly literature helps to restore perspective on that subject.

It is helpful, within that perspective, and contributing to it, to have the views of some "insiders", since outsiders alone, however objective or sympathetic, cannot fully interpret the experience of any religion. Insiders' accounts, taken alone, can of course be as misleading and self-serving on the one side as critics' and apostates' testimony on the other. But they provided a needed depth to the perspective which can be gained from no other source. In studying any social organization, particularly religion, one needs to ask, "How do they see themselves?" One should not be content with that data alone, but one should certainly not omit it, lest the result be the kind of outsider's caricature which is typical of muckraking journalism and anti-cult polemic. In this book John Biermans combines an insider's insight with extensive quotations and references from scholarly research and court decisions, which together give a three-dimensional perspective of verisimilitude.

In a way, it is a pity such a book as this should be needed. It should not be necessary in a land which prides itself on esteem for religious liberty (at least in the abstract) to insist that members of new religious movements really are human beings entitled to as much respect for their religious choices as anyone else. But when there are

organized alarmists and detractors with articulate spokespersons who have made lucrative careers out of denouncing and combating "cults", then at least some countermeasures are needed. And those of us who cannot make careers out of countermeasures owe a debt of gratitude to the few, like John Biermans, who have taken time from more constructive endeavors to try to set the record straight.

It is even more remarkable that an entire chapter and more should be necessary to try to counter the bizarre but prevalent notion that there is some secret technique of "mind control" or "brainwashing" or "coercive persuasion" which enables some sinister cult leaders to gain total mastery over the wills of other persons without their consent. It should not require lengthy and scholarly argumentation to establish the absurdity of this notion, but apparently it does, and even then many will not be convinced, any more than the average inhabitants of Massachusetts Bay Colony in the 17th century could be disabused of the notions of demon possession and witchcraft.

Even a moment's commonsense reflection should enable one to realize that if someone had perfected the art of enslaving others without the continuous application of physical coercion, he would have discovered a power which tyrants and sorcerers have been seeking for centuries, and he would not need to confine his ambitions to the relatively rickety instrument of a religious movement but could take over the world. That the leaders of so-called "cults" have no such magical powers is apparent from the facts that their recruiting efforts are relatively ineffective and that the rate of slippage from attrition (defections without outside intervention) is incredibly high. In fact, there is nothing in the phenomenon that cannot be explained by the age-old practices shared by older religions, the media, commercial advertising and political propaganda, and all protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

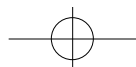
Some may think that this book comes along after the worst is over and

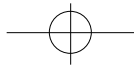
the dust has begun to settle. It is true that forcible deprogrammings are not as frequent as they were a few years ago, but they still occur. The three federal circuit courts of appeals which have ruled on the issue have found deprogrammers liable to their victims under the federal civil rights law, and none have found the contrary. Spokespersons for the anti-cult movements assure us that deprogramming is crude and passé, *but it still goes on*, and is still the greatest offense against religious liberty on this continent in the latter half of the 20th century.

The anti-cult movement has now professed to narrow its target to "destructive cults"—a term not known to social-science research in religion—and to characterize its work as simple "cult awareness education." Nevertheless, anticultists show no greater insight into, or respect for, the choices young adults make in religion than before. They insist that they are not violating anyone's religious liberty; they are merely trying to prevent actual harm to unsuspecting and victimized converts. It is certainly not a violation of religious liberty to warn people about the supposed dangers of some or all new religious movements, or to try to persuade those who are their members to depart (so long as force or threat of force is not used), even if the information relied on is faulty or biased (which it often is). That, too, is protected by the First Amendment (with a few narrow exceptions such as slander, libel and defamation). And there may indeed be some "cults" which are "destructive", though it is hard to see how that term applies to the groups about which the anticultists are so exercised, generally rather well-meaning, idealistic bands of people trying to do what they think God requires.

It seems that what really distresses the anticultists is *conversion*, especially to religious movements which make high demands of their members for commitment of the whole self to a spiritual cause. Apparently a gradual and partial commitment to a mild and conventional faith is permissible, but a

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IN MEMORIAM

# Tokuhiro Yamazaki

**T**okuhiro Yamazaki, the only son of Yoshihiro and Sachiyo Yamazaki (1800 Couples Blessing), went into heaven on Feb. 13, 1997 at about 4:30pm at a hospital in Istanbul, Turkey.

He was born on March 26, 1984 in Kuwait City, where his parents were working as representatives of True Parents since 1980. However, it was in Turkey where Tokuhiro began forming his character and soul-searching towards True Parents and God. His experiences at a Turkish elementary school were never easy but his attitude was always that of digesting every hardship with a positive perspective. His sincerity and warm heart eventually won the hearts of the teachers and students, as confirmed by their many testimonies after his death.

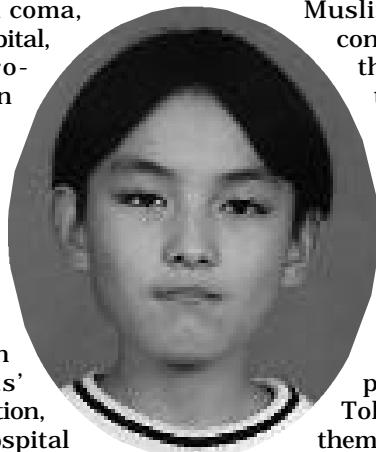
His death appears to have been caused by complications from a brain hemorrhage. On True Parents' Birthday, he attended pledge

service and morning service. Around 12 noon, his mother noticed he was having some headaches, although he did not complain about it. Subsequently he went to bed. After a couple of hours, when we realized his abnormal condition, eyes half-open, lips

turning dark, as in a coma, we rushed him to hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

We were all shocked. All Turkish Family members, including the Muslim Blessed Couples, instead of gathering for the evening entertainment portion of True Parents' Birthday celebration, united at the hospital room, where Rev. Kim, the Korean representative for Turkey, personally guided the prayer vigil with members taking turns in prayer and singing. He continued until the Seung Hwa ceremony two days later. Also, the hospital sympathized with us and allowed us to conduct our vigil in a form unconventional for this society. The two Turkish sisters working at the hospital helped us with everything needed.

Because Turkey is an overwhelmingly Muslim nation, we faced a situation in which few cemeteries allow burial of a non-



Muslim. We were told by the concerned Japanese consul that even Christian cemeteries may not accept the dead body of a person whose faith differs theologically from theirs. It was a great surprise and relief that one of our acquaintances, a very devout Muslim lady, willingly offered one of her two burial plots free of charge for Tokuhiro. She had bought them long ago—one for herself and another for anyone who might need a final resting place; she had steadily prayed about such an eventuality. She joined us at the Won Jeon in the ceremonies on the third and 21st day from the Seung Hwa.

The Seung Hwa ceremony on Feb. 15 was the first in Turkey, but with the thorough guidance and sleepless efforts of Mr. Kim and the Japanese sisters, it was all well prepared and conducted by Rev. Kim and Mr. Thomas Cromwell, the continental director for the Middle East and North Africa.

Yoshihiro Yamazaki—Istanbul, Turkey ❖

## Life

Born here, grows and dies there some day  
Life is in danger  
as environment polluted  
as war goes on, bombs falling from above  
Many lives are collapsing  
as foods get short-supplied  
as sickness overpowers happiness  
But...

I am sure  
True life should be the one  
In the free and more peaceful world.

*This poem was written by Tokuhiro in Japanese on Feb. 6, 1997, seven days prior to his passing.*

by Clopha Deshotel

**L**et's start here by getting a grip on something. Every eleven-year-old blessed child will be twenty-one in ten years. Hold that thought.  
The technology for their creative

expression has been, and is being, improved at an alarming rate. Some of it has already

## INSPIRATION

caught their attention. God only knows what

will be available this time next year.

Some of them are thinking now about becoming writers. Writers for this newspaper. Those brain cells are developing at the very moment you read this paragraph! Some will write scripts for the movies and TV programs which our grandchildren will be watching.

Where is this going? The American Library Association has given an award for outstanding children's books every year since 1922—the Newbery Award. As you read the brief description of their first, imagine having the author time-travel to a lecture on Historical Parallels and you could have the seed of a TV mini-series, or an Oscar-winning box-office hit.

*The Story of Mankind* by Hendrick Willem vanLoon: Speaking directly to the reader, the author provides a fascinating picture of history from cave peoples to 1920. Ideas, movements and people are more important than dates, and history is shown as something which builds upon itself.

If you are still reading this article, you must know a blessed child who has a desire to be a successful writer some day. Before the income-producing potential sends chills down your spine, give him/her enough money to buy the most awesome pen and journal of their choice. You may be renting one of their videos to watch with your grandchildren. Not only will it be decent, it will be divine. ❖

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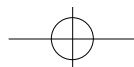
According to the Summit Council Humanitarian Relief Fund, twenty million people in North Korea are on one meal a day consisting of seven ounces of grain. The entire population has been slowly starving to death over a period of two years. The World Food Program (a UN relief agency), the Red Cross and Caritas (a Catholic agency) are sending food aid. Still, one million tons of grain are needed very soon to prevent mass starvation.

One ton of grain costs from \$150-\$300. Your gift of as little as \$33 could therefore purchase 200 to 400 pounds of grain, feeding ten to twenty people for a month. In North Korea, there are 2.1 million children under age 5 and 500,000 pregnant and nursing mothers.

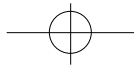
HSA-UWC, on behalf of the Rev. and Mrs. Son Myung Moon, will make a donation to the World Food Program through HSA's associated relief agency, the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF). Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is the president of IRFF.

This donation will be guaranteed of providing food for the hungry in North Korea, as it will be supervised by the World Food Program, which has an office in Pyongyang and has personnel to monitor the entire process from the arrival of food at the port to the final distribution in the countryside. According to the Summit Council Relief Fund, the WFP is satisfied that no food aid has been diverted by the DPRK to other than the intended beneficiaries.

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thing about sex from the study-of-lineage point of view—tracing things back in time through the lineage is impossibly complicated after only a few generations.

Mitochondria don't do sex, so the copy of mitochondrial DNA which is passed on down the generations is an exact copy every time. Well, almost exact. Very, very occasionally (once in thousands of years, perhaps) a mistake is made in duplication and the DNA is changed. Most of the time, these mistakes foul things up and are quickly eliminated from the lineage. If the error is not disruptive (a neutral mutation) and happened in the formation of an egg cell, this little change can be passed on down the lineage from mother to daughter, in the matrilineal lineage.

It is these neutral changes that enable scientists to probe deep time.

Assuming that the rate of change, estimated to be 2 to 4 percent every million years, is constant—a tenuous assumption, but one that only alters the time scale—it is possible to calibrate a "molecular clock." For example, if two lineages differ by 0.3 percent, then their last common ancestor procreated roughly 100,000 years ago.

**Search for Eve ...**

The Berkeley group devised a technique to isolate large quantities of mitochondrial DNA from placentas (or afterbirths, the few big chunks of human flesh that are regularly chucked away) collected from a wide variety of women representing all the races. The changes in the mitochondrial DNA were identified by snipping them into little pieces with special bacterial enzymes that are very sensitive to DNA patterns—the "restriction mapping" technique.

The assumptions they made in interpreting their results were that a particular change only happened once in history (a very reasonable assumption based on what is known) and "that the giant tree that connects all human mitochondrial DNA mutations by the fewest number of events is most likely the correct one for sorting humans into groups related through a common female ancestry," as Dr. Cann put it in her excellent overview, "The Mitochondrial Eve," in the Natural Science section of *The World & I*, September 1987, p. 257.

From their data they constructed a lineage that could explain the global distribution of neutral mutations. Combining this with the molecular-clock estimates and with what is known about the timing of human migrations, they concluded that the best explanation of their data was that every human being can trace their lineage back to one woman who lived in Africa about 300,000-150,000 years ago, a woman quickly dubbed "the mitochondrial Eve."

estate business, followed in the same period in nearby Orlando by the Walt Disney organization in buying up property for the development of Disney World. Giving wholehearted and unswerving loyalty to one's employer or labor union or lodge or (traditional) religion is thought to be a laudable thing, but giving such loyalty to a new religious movement is seen to be somehow pernicious.

As John Biermans and the many authors he quotes suggest, much of the hysteria generated by the anti-cult alarmists is needless. Most of the new religious movements are not deleterious to their members and may indeed improve their life situations. When they cease to meet their members' needs and interests, the members move on to other things without the need for personality-damaging outside intervention. If people could learn to respect the religious choices of their (adult) offspring and to retain some perspective and (uncommon) common sense about such matters, religious liberty would be in much better condition than it is today in the United States. This book should help contribute to that end. ♦

Boys get their Y from their dad, and he got his from his dad, and he got his from his dad, etc., etc., in a patrilineal lineage back in time.

Strangely enough, this sex chromosome doesn't get involved in sex. The X and Y that end up in a boy are so different that they don't scramble together the way the two X's do in girls. So, just like the matrilineal mitochondrial DNA in women, the Y-chromosome DNA in men is patrilineally passed on unchanged from generation to generation. Almost unchanged, that is, as it too can slowly collect neutral mutations which can be passed on. These are being studied and you can confidently expect this headline to appear one day: "Scientists find Y-chromosome Adam."

But the research is certainly getting close to the original ancestress. Close enough, perhaps, for science to apologize to religion for deriding the Adam and Eve concept so scathingly in the past.

**... and Adam**

What about the men?

While there is no such thing as a mitochondrial Adam, there is another route. Sex determination—whether the zygote will develop into a boy or a girl—depends on what sex chromosome came from the father in his 50%: an X-chromosome will make a girl, a Y-chromosome a boy. Mothers always contribute an X chromosome: so girls are XX and boys are XY.

Surrogate Parents

It should be noticed that science's apology is conditional: while both now agree that there was an Adam and Eve, there is still a lot of debate and disagreement as to exactly how they got there—religion still has a very difficult time with the relationship to the great apes.

Religion is going to have to unbend, sooner or later, as the mitochondrial patterns found in chimps are closely related to the patterns of mutations

found in humans, which implies that the zygote that developed into Eve got its mitochondria from a chimp-like ... what?

I hesitate to use the word "mother" here as it has the implication of like to like, equal to equal. As Eve is, by definition, the first human woman, this source of mitochondria cannot be human or a "mother" in the sense of equals. But, as this female-source-of-mitochondria stood in the position of a mother to Eve, the term "hominid mother-surrogate" is appropriate.

While this does not give the definitive answer in the theological debate on, "Did Adam have a navel?" it suggests, at least, that Eve had one.

The mitochondrial linkage suggests that Eve's hominid mother-surrogate and modern-day chimps had their last common ancestor a few million years ago. Research into this is currently a hot topic of investigation.

If Eve must have had a chimp-like mother-surrogate to get her mitochondria from, you can bet that Adam must have had a father-surrogate to get his Y chromosome from.

While I have yet to see any evidence collected on this subject, bets are that the father-surrogate to Adam was also a proto-human hominid like the mother-surrogate (though, in all likelihood, they came from different lineages, since same plus same generally produces same and Adam and Eve as the first humans were, by definition, different from their parent-surrogates).

While this is speculation beyond the bounds of where experiment has reached so far, it does give hope that one day science and religion will stop their bickering about how people originated and agree that they were both partially right and both partially wrong. ♦

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sudden conversion to a rigorous and alien lifestyle with requirements of total allegiance to the faith is not. But religious liberty includes the right "to change (one's) religion or belief" (Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), and to do so suddenly and totally, whether others like it or not. Cautions of prudence and circumspection are always in order. Everyone should "look before they leap" in religion as in others of life's ventures. But arbitrarily maligning new religions and impugning their motives is not in order—even if protected by the First Amendment—if one makes any claim to respect other people's religious liberty.

And applying to new religions a double standard, so that it is thought to be iniquitous for them to do what is permissible for other religions or for other human enterprises, is dishonest and pharisaic. For instance, the Scientologists were criticized for being "deceptive" and "underhanded" in buying property in Clearwater, Florida, under an assumed name when that is a standard practice in the real

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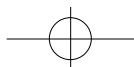
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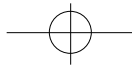
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# The Happy Ending

**P**rior to the decline in relevance of vital, mainstream forces in American Religion, namely Judaism and Christianity (which began approximately 1965), a fresh impulse captured the imagination of believers in both traditions. I refer to respective renditions of the insight that religion and society are integrally linked; socially aware, or socially conscious religion.

Two phrases were popularly repeated and cited in this time the first I believe attributable to Walter Rauschenbush in which he urged Christians to have the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other. The other appears in an anecdote from the son of an immigrant who said that anytime he mentioned any current event to his European born father, the latter was sure to say, "Is it good for the Jews?"

I think of these often living life as a Unificationist; a world-changer. If ever there was a politically and socially engaged spirituality I think none could possibly be more so than Unificationism... there's the "newspaper" in that hand. And as I encounter each and

every current event, trend, or development, my mind always asks "Is it good for the providence?"

This mental reflex which demands of all phenomena great and small, "Is it good for the providence?" also invites reflection on an enduring bifurcation of two types of religious personalities. I'll call them the Doomsdayists, and the Leavenists. For the Doomsdayists nothing is so good for religion than when all hell is breaking loose; 60% divorce, aids rampant, teens having sex during math class, and all manner of catchy shockers for lectures, sermons, and brochures. The Leavenists (I suspect to be a minority), on the other hand, see God's providential hand in incremental positive developments in culture and society: more family-based TV programming, Baptist virginity movements, the faithful execution of anti-adultery laws in the military and so forth.

The Doomsdayists probably fear that if things start moving in the right direction, people will be lulled and will fail to realize how desperately they need our solutions. Leavenists probably presume that all movement in the right direction has somehow or another been caused by us, even if we cannot identify in a precise or persuasive manner how.

I flew back and forth from some-

where lately and saw a couple of movies on board. *Jerry McGuire* on the way out, *Volcano* on the way back. I was struck by an identical dimension of these two very dissimilar films. That is both climaxed with a virtuous hero marrying a single mother with kids. I wondered, was this Hollywood's best effort to back into the pro-family spirit which has overtaken American popular opinion? You have to forgive Hollywood. A monogamous, heterosexual family is a VERY difficult concept for it to grasp. You have to allow at least a touch of aberration while it gets used to the notion.

I am of the opinion (for some reason I've never bothered to trace) that culture is a manifestation of the spiritual world. This is why the recurrence of this theme so strongly manifest caught my attention. What is going on here? Is it good for the providence? My response to this niggling habit of mind was this: Yes it IS a good sign, and manifests the expanding realm of grace characteristic of the current state of the Blessing providence. For approximately 40 years America has been investing in a culture of divorce. The negative psychological and social ramifications of this are immeasurable. If we were to rely upon conventional cures (social, psychiatric, political, cultural and legislative) for the ground-

lessness and social and psychological chaos wrought by a divorce based culture, the task would be overwhelming. What a Blessing it would be if there arose some other, hitherto unknown means of alleviating the devastation brought on by these forty morally lawless years.

On True Parents' Birthday, Father gave a long speech at Pledge service. At one point he said, "This 3.6 Million couples Blessing means the liberation of couples and families. Among the 3.6 million couples may be some murderers, robbers, and swindlers. If we have to deal with the individual circumstances and crimes of the 3.6 million couples, it would take tens of millions of years to cleanse them, but because of this time of Blessing grace, because of this Blessing time, and through this one prayer of mine, everybody will be cleansed."

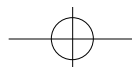
This proclamation of Father seemed to match the facile happy endings written into these two Hollywood Blockbusters. As if by magic a happy, healthy, whole family arises out of the ashes of separation. A wife gains a loving husband. Children gain a loving Father. In Hollywood of all places, the monogamous, heterosexual, loving family is restored. Too good to be true? ♦

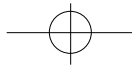
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**FOR KIDS**  
by Principles

Find the seven differences between these two drawings of last day in school before summer vacation

Help them find the schoolbus





# ABC, Ellen and the Culture War

by Alex Colvin—Washington, DC

**W**ell, I recently sat through an hour and a half of heavy pro-homosexual propaganda on ABC—one hour of Ellen and the first section of Prime Time with Ellen and her family.

Why, I ask myself, when we realize that the breakdown of the family is the number one problem in America, is the major media in this country promoting an aberrant sexual life style? For weeks the newspapers have been touting the program, as though the appearance of a gay lead in a television series is equivalent to Jackie Robinson's debut in professional baseball.

The program itself is not funny. Ellen is made out to be a spineless neurotic. Oprah Winfrey is featured as a psychiatric guru joyfully proclaiming to Ellen on the basis of a one day infatuation with someone that she has just met that she is gay. Heterosexuals are portrayed

as stereotypic nincompoops. Not one person is portrayed as a sensible person reflecting the majority common sense position of every major culture that homosexuality is wrong.

On Prime Time, all of the myths of the radical homosexual activists are presented as accepted wisdom. Pro-family groups who think that homosexuality is morally wrong and detrimental to the society are characterized as "right-wing extremist groups" maliciously attacking a poor sensitive woman who has just found her true sexual identity.

I'm sorry. I don't buy it. Even if the producers of ABC tell me that Oprah Winfrey represents middle America and, if she says it's all right, then it's all right, I don't buy it.

Homosexuality is wrong!  
It's common sense. God made man

for woman and God made woman for man. God created the sexual organs so that a man and a woman could become one with each other in a joyful expression of their love. God

valued the sexual union between husband and wife to the degree that he made it the means through which the chromosomes of a man and woman could unite to create a new life. That is the purpose of creation. It is natural law. And men and women throughout the world know innately that it is so.

*What are the fruit of the sexual revolution? An epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases, a cancerous traffic in child pornography, a tidal wave of teen pregnancy, a holocaust of abortion, a skyrocketing divorce rate, and a plague of sexual abuse.*

It is not only homosexuality that is wrong. Any sex outside of marriage is wrong. Adultery is wrong. Premarital sex is wrong. The central virtue for a healthy society is chastity. Young people should remain virgins until they are married. Husbands and wives should be faithful to each other. Within marriage, a husband and wife are free to enjoy the God-given pleasure of sexual ecstasy. It is one of the great blessings of conjugal love.

It's really pretty simple. Every child naturally dreams of growing up to find his true love and live happily ever after. Yet our culture has strayed far from this simple truth. We have strayed to the point that the major media is aggressively promoting homosexuality as a healthy lifestyle.

Sexual morality is at the core of the cultural war. On the one hand, adherents of traditional religions proclaim that we are created in the image of God and that we are to perfect ourselves in love by living in accordance with moral principles. On the other hand, secularists proclaim that we are animals with natural urges that should not be repressed. The roots of the conflict go back to the Garden of Eden, when our first ancestors were tempted by Satan to defy the word of God.

Throughout this century, the popular culture has been bombarded with deviant wisdom: Sigmund Freud proclaiming that the primary principle of life is pleasure, that denying the libido is the root of mental illness; Havelock Ellis proclaiming the gospel of sexual freedom. Margaret Sanger crusading for birth control, abortion, sterilization, and the end of marriage. Their ideas bore fruit in the sexual revolution of the '60s. In the name of liberation, people have been encouraged to allow themselves to be enslaved by their sexual desires.

What are the fruit of the sexual revolution? An epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases, a cancerous traffic in child pornography, a tidal wave of teen pregnancy, a holocaust of abortion, a skyrocketing divorce rate, and a plague of sexual abuse. The traditional two-parent family in America is coming apart at the seams.

America is at the mercy of a sex-drive gone mad. Freud was correct in that the libido is very powerful. He was wrong in advocating that it should be allowed unbridled freedom. Every individual experiences the power of the sex drive as it develops during puberty. It is important that during this time a person real-

ize that their mind is more powerful than their sexual urges. Adolescence is the period to learn self-control. To master the sex drive, young people need to understand the ideal of true love—a mature loving man and woman united in an unbreakable bond of love. If they preserve their purity until marriage, they will find fulfillment in their relationship with their spouse and the sexual relationship will be a powerful force sealing the bond of love. Young people who misuse their sexuality damage their ability to form a total loving union with a spouse.

Chastity—sexual purity before marriage and sexual fidelity in marriage—is the healthy norm. Ultimately, this is the only solution to the problem of abortion, single parenthood, and sexual disease. Premarital sex, adultery, and homosexuality are all deviations from this norm. They are all destructive for the society and for the individuals who indulge in them.

We recognize the havoc that sexual irresponsibility is reeking in our society. We are aware of the tragic effect of the breakdown of the family in our cities and towns. In light of this, isn't it grossly irresponsible to advocate lifestyles which are diametrically opposed to the creation of stable families?

ABC and the major media have just completed a major propaganda campaign promoting homosexuality as a normal lifestyle. This is more than a slap in the face of the family. This is a heinous assault on the moral foundation of our society. There is a culture war taking place in America—a war between God-centered morality and self-centered amorality. ABC and those who have cooperated in their publicity campaign for Ellen have clearly declared their position as enemies of the moral principles which are necessary to preserve our country. ❖

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## Raising Children of Peace

In his timeless classic, *The Great Learning*, Confucius declares: *If there be righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there be harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there be order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.* This book is written to trace some of these linkages and to see how righteousness, beauty, and harmony can be nurtured and established in the hearts of our children, thereby truly fostering peace in them and in the world.

Those who contributed articles to this book are all parents who bring the voice of experience to this endeavor. They are writing not from theory, but from experience. Further, each brings a unique perspective to implementing those stable family values that can best sustain the happy and peaceful lives of our children. Though the writers come from different quarters professionally, some important common themes emerge from their insights.

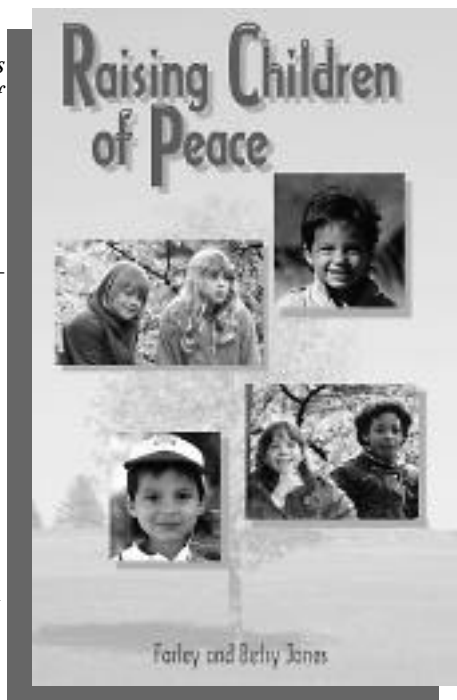
To minimize problems of family dysfunction in the future, and to support the health of our families and society, we must renew on a society-wide basis the ideal of parenting.

Prior to this, however, must be the renewal of the idea of committed marriage. Beyond doubt the most successful parenting experiences are provided by those who have been successful in their relationships with their spouses.

Ultimately, both marriage and parenting must find their place in a transcendent order that links marriage and parenting in a unified whole. It is for this reason that religious faith can play such a constructive role in harmonious family formation.

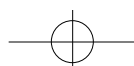
While parenthood seems the most private of arenas, the effects of this parenting are ultimately cosmic in scope and character. What each of us do individually now as spouses and parents will have enormous collective effect in the future. When we parent our children, then, we parent the future and we parent the world.

It is because parenting is so important to our children and to our society that this book has been written. It is offered to stimulate active caring and investment in the central relationships of each of our lives, those being first with our spouses and secondly with our children.



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# REMINISCENCE FACING FEAR IN CENTRAL AFRICA

by Joy Pople

A twin-engine propeller plane waits at the foot of the stairs of Syracuse's Hancock Airport. It's August 18, 1991, and I'm on the first leg of a three-week trip to Africa. Last fall the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, launched an International Exchange Program, encouraging Americans to serve for a few weeks in some overseas aspect of the movement.

Names were drawn out of a hat, and our family was assigned the Central African Republic. Out with the atlas. North of Zaire and south of Chad. A sparsely populated country about the size of Texas, right in the center of Africa.

Africa. So far from central New York, not just in miles but in consciousness. I had become enchanted with the French language in high school, but I never had the money to travel to a French-speaking country. Will anyone understand my schoolgirl French? Will I catch some weird tropical disease?

I got a telephone call from Steve in Boston, who traveled to the Central African Republic last year. He told me that a group of members live in a village he called Wonju, outside the capital. They have no telephone or street address. Mail rarely gets through, so communication is by telex to someone working at a government office in the capital, Bangui.

Leave without pay has to be arranged at my work, and baby-sitting organized for the children. It takes a lot of effort to make all the travel arrangements on one's own. At the County Health Department, I get various shots and a supply of malaria pills. I send off for a new passport, get a visa application and express-mail it to Washington, and make airline reservations that will take me through Paris, the city of my dreams. I send a telex to Bangui, advising them of my arrival date.

As my husband John drives me to the Syracuse airport our children, Stacy and Jason, are blowing paper wads through pea shooters. Do they know how very far away I am going?

My bags do not arrive in Paris on the same flight I do; my connecting flight departs while I trying to figure out what to do. It's too late to send a telex advising people not to meet me on today's flight. I book a room at the cheapest hotel near the airport (\$80.00 a night), in hopes my bags will arrive tomorrow. My dream of exploring Paris comes true when Air France gives me free bus tickets to the city, where I walk the streets until I cannot lift one foot above the other. The only thing I buy in Paris is a cup of coffee at a sidewalk cafe on the Champs Elysees. At nearly \$5.00 a cup, I can't afford to stay in Paris very long. Upon returning to my room I find my lost luggage. I decide to try following Steve's directions for getting to Wonju.

In the morning I turn on the television and see shots of tanks in the streets of Moscow, but I comprehend little of the newscast. On the airplane I search the Herald Tribune for an explanation of current events. Overnight there has been a crackdown in the Soviet Union and hard-line conservatives are taking over the government. Few details are known.

The flight from Paris to Bangui takes six and a half hours. As we reach the shore of Africa. I see patchy vegetation, roads, villages, and eventually only sandy

terrain. Buildings and roads are scattered over the landscape. Perhaps fifteen minutes after we cross over into Africa, only rippled sand is visible below.

A movie is shown. By movie's end patterns appear on the ground. Some greenish patches amid the sandy-colored areas. Meandering green strips, like curled ribbons, might be river courses. A muddy river becomes visible. Occasional groups of buildings line its banks. Ahead of us the landscape is clearly green. The river meanders, with various islands and sand bars perched on the curves. Vegetation mixes with reddish-looking soil, and there are some cultivated fields. The landscape resembles a bright green tortoise shell, crisscrossed with darker green lines following the changing contours of the land.

I buy the tourist booklet sold by the airline. On the map of the capital I look for the village of Wonju, but there is nothing by that name. What will I face on the ground? As we descend, clouds filter the rays of the sun. The plane touches down at 4:45 pm.

As the rear exit opens, a wave of humidity hits us. Soldiers line the tarmac leading to the terminal. Porters and taxi drivers pull at my bags and scream at me. I feel like a rabbit with falcons ripping it limb from limb. I say I want to take a bus to the central market and then go to Wonju. From what I can make out, there is no Wonju, there are no buses to downtown, and the market is closed by now. A kind of unreality sets in. There is less sunlight than when we landed. I'm going to have to find some place for the night.

I spot a van with an empty rear seat, pick up my bags and climb in. They all talk at once. I say I'm looking for l'Eglise de l'Unification, Unification Church. They understand the church part. After a few minutes, they pull up in front of an iron gate. Someone puts my bags on the ground. I offer to pay for the ride, but they shake their heads and drive off.

There I find an American couple. I say I am coming to visit Unification Church members somewhere near Bangui, but the directions I was given were unclear, and I need a place for the night. They introduce themselves as the Lindquists and explain that this is a support center for evangelical missionaries and they have rooms to rent. They are dumbfounded, though, that I would travel so far without a precise destination. Rev. Moon teaches us to serve, wherever we go, so I start washing the dishes in the sink. I am urged to stop, because Africans need employment, and they are hired to do the housework. It's not easy to be accepted even as a servant.

Over breakfast we study the map and conclude that Ouango must be my destination. They describe how to reach the downtown market on foot. "But we still don't understand why you came at all," they say. "Didn't you know about the U.S. State Department advisory warning Americans not to travel to the Central African Republic?" They describe recurrent instability, strikes, and riots.

"I came in faith," I respond.

"If you feel anything suspicious, go

quickly in the opposite direction," they urge me.

Heading downtown, I spot a sign and recognize part of the telex address. I walk through the door and ask for Noel, the contact person on the telex. A dignified man, perhaps in his 30's, appears. Slowly a smile ripples across his face.

Noel finds a vehicle to take me to Ouango. Large trees line the roads. We head east along the Ubangui River, the green hills of Zaire rising on the other bank, passing hotels, embassy residences, a military camp, and a village. In about 15 minutes we reach Ouango. We wind our way between houses for about a kilometer and stop in front of a cinder block building. Rather than formal church structures, our movement often chooses a building that can serve as a residence as well as a center for worship, education and outreach.

Someone is sent to locate Lenga, the pastor. There is warmth and intensity in his eyes and handshake. He is 37 and has worked in several countries, in addition to his native Zaire. He speaks good English.

Just yesterday, Lenga explains, the military government promised to allow general elections; the riots have been called off. He gives me more background. Nine years ago, our movement here was disbanded, due to pressure from the French government officials and some missionaries. A large pilot project was going to provide agricultural and technical education as well as moral guidance, to young Africans. However, all the equipment was confiscated and nationals from other countries were expelled. Many members became discouraged. The nation has experienced severe economic difficulties, and its large external debt translates into no salaries for government workers. "Your arrival is concrete testimony to our members that we are not forgotten," Lenga says.

Various members are trying to generate income through sausage production, a small restaurant, and butterfly artwork. Even in the worst of times, at least people have to eat. Christine, an energetic, young Central African woman, experiments with menu ideas for the restaurant. On the porch she mixes sweet yeast dough. I am thirsty and ask for boiled water. For three weeks, I am always thirsty.

Our mid-afternoon dinner is rice, fish, cabbage, bread, and bananas. We do dishes on the front porch, using water from the open tap between our house and the next one. In this tropical climate, many daily activities are open-air and visible to everyone, since there are no barriers between yards. Children stop and stare on the way to or from the faucet.

On a tiny black and white television, we listen to news of events in the Soviet Union. Here in a humble African village there is a world consciousness. We pray in tears for true freedom in the Soviet Union. How small the world is!

After dark, fires are built on top and bottom of an oil drum that serves as an oven. An opening was cut halfway down the drum and ledges welded onto the inside of the drum. One dray at a time, rolls are thrust into the drum for bak-

ing, and a stick props a sheet of metal over the opening. Periodically Christine adjusts the fire and uses her intuition to know when the rolls are finished. Each roll is almost exactly the same size and each pan baked to the same degree of doneness.

At 11:00 we turn on the television and learn that Gorbachev has returned to Moscow. We end what seems like an awfully long day with a short prayer.

It becomes light around 5:30, and we rise for morning prayer. I am asked to speak each morning, and I use as inspiration the book of Joshua.

Everyone helps clean or prepare breakfast. Afterwards Lenga and I go by jitney cab to Bangui. Several blind or crippled beggars approach disembarking passengers. Muslims in distinctive dress give alms. There are dry goods stores, specialty shops, and a covered food market. Manioc, millet and corn are staples, along with bread, rice, tomatoes, beans, onions, peppers and various greens.

Lenga wants to take me to see a house they are hoping to rent in the capital. We walk about a mile in a steady rain.

Back in the village, Christine is baking another batch of rolls. I give her a shoulder massage when she dozes off. Children bring a coin to buy a roll. I search a song book for translations of familiar tunes. Shy Gilberte and several neighbor children join in the singing.

In the village people greet each other in passing. One person says "Bonjour," [hello] and the other replies, "Merci," [thank you] in gratitude for the greeting. Village children stare at me as I pass, and sometimes they come running up to me with hand outstretched. When I say "Bonjour" they giggle or run away. In the urban environment of the capital, people do not interact much with passersby.

The task of the next morning is to shell a vast quantity of squash seeds for the restaurant. Children are promised some of Christine's sweet rolls in return for helping, and the porch has a festive atmosphere. Some children amuse themselves by moving seeds from one person's dish to another, to change the appearance of the comparative amount of work done. Two aggressive boys pester the older girls, who defend themselves quite well.

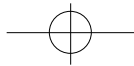
Clothes are placed to soak in basins and washed when there is time and when the weather is favorable. Generally each person does his or her own wash, but when someone leaves things to soak, another person may take the opportunity to serve. I scrub and scrub someone's clothes and hang them up to dry. However, Christine tells me later that the socks weren't cleaned well enough, and she redid them. It is not easy to be a good servant.

Around noon a car pulls up. One of the sausage customers is looking for meat. He and his friend complain how hard it was to find the place. They ask about Rev. Moon's teachings. One man describes how his mother has a book of Rev. Moon's thought, and every time she reads it she becomes a better person. This country needs spiritual values and moral guidance, he says.

On Sunday we rise early for prayer. The night heat is always oppressive, especially since windows are shut tight to keep out insects. After prayer I go out-

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by Dr. Kathy Winings—NYC

# Hope in the Midst of Despair: Flood Relief in North Dakota

One of the most powerful floods in almost 500 years struck with devastating effect in America's Northwest region. Families in the multi-state area of Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota experienced the fury of nature toward the end of April. The hardest hit area was the Grand Forks area, a thriving city in the northern part of North Dakota and Minnesota.

As heavy rains soaked the region, the waters of the Red River of the North began to rise. As the Red River began to rise so too did the watersheds of the Minnesota, Yellow Medicine and Chippewa rivers as well. It was this combination that spelled trouble for the families in that region. When the waters spilled over their banks in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, thousands of families and businesses knew that this was going to be a difficult spring and summer season.

In early May, a special meeting was called of those disaster relief agencies that have formed a cooperative partnership called National Volunteer Organizations Giving Aid in Disaster (NVOAD). IRFF is a member of that umbrella organization. I attended the special meeting to see what IRFF could offer to the thousands of men, women and children of the flooded area. The meeting only confirmed what all of knew already - this was indeed a serious disaster and would require all of our efforts.

After the meeting, I was able to tour the affected area of Grand Forks with a colleague, Dr. Ron Patterson, the Executive Director of Christian Disaster Response. Our guide was the WFWP chairwoman for North Dakota, Mrs. Betsy

Ormand. From our brief stay in the region, we spoke with several individuals and families who were just beginning to filter back into their neighborhoods to assess the damage.

One woman was kind enough to allow us into what was left of her home. Though I have seen many disasters and have witnessed the devastation of disasters, poverty, and disease around the world,

destroyed, and nothing left for her to salvage. The water mark indicated that the water had reached her ceiling. Though she and her son escaped with only the clothes on their backs, they both thanked God that they were alive. As they walked through what was left of their home, the only emotion that they could express was shock and disbelief. Tears would come later.

will further hamper the rebuilding efforts. Finally, as with all disasters, this community will be flooded with people who seek to profit from the misfortune of others. All of which will effect the rebuilding efforts.

Of course, through times like these, there are amazing stories. We have all read of the widow of McDonalds founder, Ray Kroc, donating millions of dollars to help the families. Several families have opened their hearts and homes to the victims of the flood. And hundreds others have volunteered to help in some way. Through it all, many people have had deep experiences with God and the Holy Spirit. The power of the family has also become quite evident and many of the victims have sought to renew their family bonds as a result of the disaster.

IRFF too is trying to do all it can to help the flood victims and to share the loving parental spirit of Rev. and Mrs. Moon. We have formed a partnership with Christian Disaster Response and a few of the smaller relief agencies. By working together, we believe that we can more effectively use our limited resources. There is tremendous need for volunteers, special relief kits that can be assembled in your home and communities, and of course donations are deeply appreciated. If you, your family, or your friends wish to do something to support this relief effort, please contact me in New York at: (212) 869-2614. This is a tremendous opportunity to reach out to thousands of families and to demonstrate the power of living for the sake of others. Encourage your children to take an active part in this effort. Let's be creative with how we can share God's blessings this summer!

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## North Dakota Appeal

The worst flooding in 500 years hit the upper Midwest region affecting South and North Dakota and Minnesota. Your help is urgently needed. Donations and volunteers are urgently needed for this disaster.

The Christian Disaster Response and the International Relief Friendship Foundation are mounting a major effort to respond to this disaster.

If you wish to contribute or volunteer, contact either:

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each one is still profound and tugs on my heart. This particular woman had just purchased her first home. She had saved for most of her life to purchase this simple house in East Grand Forks. They had just finished preparing their new home and had only moved in a short while before the floods came. As she described her moving day, you could see in her eyes the pride and joy she felt. This was to be home for her and her son.

What we saw was a house with windows blown out by the force of the water, warped floorboards, furniture completely

term rebuilding need. This means that thousands of families who are living in shelters, with friends or with caring strangers will be without a home for most of this year. Third, the longer the clean-up effort takes, the more toll the disaster takes on the victims - physically, emotionally, and psychologically. Fourth, the longer it takes to clean-up, the longer the businesses will be closed. This means the local economy will also suffer. People will be jobless as well as homeless, without businesses running money will not be generated in the community which

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The night heat is always oppressive, especially since windows are shut tight to keep out insects. After prayer I go outside to breathe in the fresh dawn air. Feeling drained by the cumulative lack of sleep, I return to bed. Christine and Gilberte stop in to announce breakfast, but my body protests. At 8:30 Lenga sends word that I really need to get ready to make it to 9:30 Sunday service. A cup of coffee helps, but I am still in a fog as we take a taxi to Noel's home on the far side of Bangui, where a couple of dozen members living nearby are gathered. The familiar hymns uplift my spirit and slowly energy fills me. I am introduced as the guest speaker. I'm surprised to discover my French flows somewhat naturally. Noel and his wife invite us to stay for a chicken dinner, a traditional meal for honored guests. A pitcher of Tang is set under the table, and I can't resist refilling my glass twice.

On Monday we wake up to a hard rain. There is a timelessness to the downpour. The year could be 1891. Or 2091. Water assembles in reddish-orange rivulets. None of the usual scavenger pigs, goats, chickens or dogs appear. Ducks claim exclusive rights to the breakfast crumbs. To stand in shelter and watch the downpour is so peaceful, so healing.

A young girl from next door comes over. She often goes on errands for who-

ever is cooking here. I get out pencils and paper and offer her a pencil if she would make a drawing for me. She begins eagerly, but if I look in her direction she hides her paper. There has been no school since last October, the teachers having gone on strike because there is no money to pay their salary. Two more children come and work a long time on drawings. They compete for space on the only chair. The children communicate in the local language, rather than French, and we don't totally understand each other. As the neighborhood telepathy spreads the word about free pencils in return for a drawing, more and more children come, and when the pencils are gone they get upset.

After supper, Lenga talks to me about his family, his experiences with God, his longing to bring God's heart to the people of Central Africa. The next morning I wake up to see light coming in the window. I must have slept. The delight of at last being able to sleep remains with me all morning, and I begin to feel at home.

I accompany Tshimpsa, a Zairian expert in sausage production, to the city to deliver the sausages he made yesterday and visit some members. After a lunch of chicken, potatoes, manioc and papaya, I wash dishes and enjoy a leisurely bucket bath in the enclosed stall behind the house. But first I had to shoo off some nosy boys. The simple joys of life—a bath, some papaya.

The next day it is late afternoon when

we return to the village. I sit on the porch drinking boiled water, while dinner is being prepared. A young girl arrives to remind us of the Wednesday prayer service. Tshimpsa and other members leisurely discuss how exhausted I must be. "Maybe yes, maybe no," I reply. I rise to follow the girl. "No, wait. You haven't eaten," the others protest.

It is farther away than I had supposed, but I focus on moving one foot in front of the other. Singing has begun when we arrive at a humble house. One person reads from Rev. Moon's words, translating the French into the local language. I am asked to speak. I had forgotten that as a visiting elder, I would be expected to offer words of inspiration and guidance wherever I go. As I open my mouth, French words and phrases come to mind. I talk about raising children with a spiritual foundation and developing a supportive spiritual community among the church families.

We head back in the dark and sit down to a combination of dinner and supper. I want to visit local families, and Tshimpsa takes me to the home of Papa and Mama Tomas. We are shown to an immaculate living room. Behind the couch is a large blackboard with notes from a lecture.

I ask what had attracted them to the Unification movement and where they found the greatest difficulty. The wife was contacted first. Her husband, a Catholic, didn't want to hear about any-

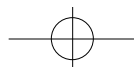
thing new. But bit by bit the members visiting their home caught his interest and he began to study the Principle, Rev. Moon's teaching. Still he always had questions, long series of questions which would severely try the patience of our members. When he finally became convinced of the significance of the Principle, he outstripped his wife in devotion. To her consternation, he quit his job to devote full time to church work for three years. How did they survive financially, I ask. The wife's answer chokes in her throat.

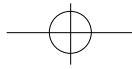
Their seven-year-old daughter has missed a year of school, due to the strikes. Yet she knows how to read even complex words. They explain that their children join them in daily family prayer and study. Then Papa Tomas has questions for me. His pointed questions require thoughtful response, and like his wife, I find myself choking on memories.

Eventually arrangements are made to move to a house in the city, and we go to clean it. I pull weeds from around the flowers, check the walls for cobwebs, and sweep loose sand from the floors. I see a young man scrubbing an armoire with water that appears like thick mud. I try to tell him he should get fresh water, but his face has a blank look. I call over Lenga and protest that to clean this way only makes things dirtier.

As I listen to myself I hear a critical tone and bite my lips. I didn't come here

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# Vision for the Millennium: Salvation through Marriage

The image of God is male and female. That is, the very foundation of the universe is a dynamic existence which contains energies which we call male and female, or positivity and negativity, or complimentary, polar opposites.

Therefore we observe the interaction of male and female, or positivity and negativity, throughout the natural world. The Creator's nature is manifested in the creation. Either that, or 1) there is no creator and we are not creations (i.e. we created ourselves) or 2) the words Creator and creation have no meaning, that is, they are falsities, naming something that is not actual. Both these options we reject; we know better.

Even by observation we can know that nothing can come into existence, nor maintain its existence, without this interaction of male and female. This interaction takes place both within an entity and between an entity and other entities. For example, within an atom there are interactions of protons and electrons, and externally the atom relates with other atoms by plus and negative dynamics to form molecules. Everything is relational. The world is an ecological whole. That's why we enlightened westerners now put our plastic containers into one receptacle and our glass into another and our coffee grinds into a third. There is no garbage (except for that amazing new invention: information).

### A Guide for Life

This universal principle of masculine/feminine is a guide for human life. That is, it reveals how we can live in order that we might be in harmony with the cosmos, or in synch with the cosmos. This is a good thing to know, because the cosmos is one unit, indeed, a universe. William James, the American philosopher, said it is a multiverse, but science has advanced since his day. Since the universe is one unity, there is no other place to go. If we are not in synch with the one reality, then we are indeed "out of it," big time. And being out of it has been more or less the human condition since the fall.

The fall can be looked at as the great disharmonization, as the event which set humankind at odds with the universe and its principles. Some say that we can regain harmony through physical means: the food we eat (as if the fall were eating the wrong food), the clothes we wear (as if the fall were the killing of animals), the fuel we use (as if the fall

were the discovery of fire). Others say we can regain harmony through spiritual means: a well-adjusted personality (as if the fall were a psychological trauma), humility (as if the fall were a sudden onset of arrogance), or enlightenment (as if the fall were a sudden descent into blindness and ignorance).

But the fall, by Unificationist thinking, was the misuse of love by a man and a woman. Therefore, we can regain harmony by establishing the true harmony of man and woman. This restores the harmony of the cosmos, the oneness of creation. This means true marriage, and it is the meaning of the Blessing of marriage.

### Not by Works

The Blessing of God is necessary because a man and woman by themselves cannot establish harmony with the cosmos; the cosmos is involved as well. And the Creator of the cosmos, God, therefore is involved. No individual can declare to the universe: you have to harmonize with me; rather, the individual must harmonize with God who is the Origin of the universe; in that way, the human being is in harmony with the universe.

Similarly, a couple cannot proclaim themselves to be perfectly in harmony with creation, without gaining the approval of the creation. To gain this, the couple must love the creation, live for the creation, be true stewards of creation. Again, this comes through the couple establishing true oneness with God. To do so is to gain God's Blessing.

We live at a time in history when the



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price of such a Blessing has virtually been paid by the generations which have come before us. Just as we enjoy the fruits of the scientific and political works of the past generations, we enjoy the fruits of the sacrificial faith, hope and love of the past generations. The question is, what do we do with it?

In the field of technology, for example, we can simply drive cars and fly airplanes, enjoying the fruit of the labor of past generations. But there is a little more work to do, to solve, for example, the problems of pollution caused by this not-quite-perfect technology. If we

settle for this "pretty-good" technology, without bringing it to perfection, it will destroy us, and decree that the work of the generations was in vain. To solve the pollution problem will cap off the work of generations, and allow it to be sustainable.

Similarly, we can simply enjoy free love in a prosperous and open society, enjoying the fruit of the sacrifice of past generations. But there is a little more work to do here, too, to solve, for example, the problems of adultery, fornication and homosexuality caused by this not-quite-perfect love. If we settle for this "pretty-good" love, without bringing to perfection, it will destroy us, and decree that the work of the generations before us was in vain. To solve the polluted love problem will cap off the work of generations, and allow it to be sustainable.

This "capping off" is the meaning of the Blessing. It is the final step on a long road toward the sanctification of marriage.

### The Vision Thing

Who will give shape to the world of the future? Will it be the blind forces of economy, politics and nature? As we know from our own lives, we can do the most when we have a clear plan for the future. Setting a goal gives shape to the future which we in part create through our effort and faith.

Take, for example, the United States. The founders had a clear vision for the shape of the society which they intended to create. The pioneers of the 19th century had a clear vision of the nature and destiny of this nation. Thereafter, America developed quickly into the hope of mankind. This vision lapsed in

the mid-twentieth century. Thus, the nation has floundered, its tremendous economic energy being dissipated a far too great investment in products and services which are not beneficial to the greater world (\$8 billion a year on pornography, for example; or hundreds of billions on Hollywood films).

What are the compelling visions for the next century? Islam has a very strong vision. The vision of communism failed. Christianity has a great vision for individual happiness and family coherence as long as Christians do not raise their eyes too far and go wandering off into the clouds in which they expect to meet the Lord. The most effective contemporary vision may be that of the technobaron. But I would advise such folks to read a short-story written over 50 years ago by a science fiction writer named, if my memory serves me, E. M. Forster, called "The Machine Stops." He envisioned a world in which everyone lives alone underground in an air-conditioned cubicle, connected with everyone else on the planet through a system of televisions and computers. It surely

is the world which the architects of virtual reality are bringing us. I read recently of prototype body suits through which people can have virtual sex with each other. (Do they conceive virtual children? The gene-managers probably are not too far from such products.) Anyway, the story proceeds through some plot which I forget, but the end is that *the machine stops*, and people have to face reality.

I digress. The point is that mankind is in need of a vision for the world as one, beyond poetry and songs and into practical reality. Now is history's golden opportunity to bind mankind together, to heal the wounds of the past and create one true world under God. Everyone wants it, and it is not that far away, if only we would move in the right direction.

That direction is defined by the healing and wholeness of marriage and family life. The special work of Reverend and Mrs. Moon, which they have been pursuing for years with single-minded intensity as voices in the wilderness, is to connect this ideal of the family with the structures of the world: scientific, technological, governmental, media, educational, cultural, legal, recreational, and so forth.

His speeches at ICUS conferences always centered on "absolute values" and these values are true family values based on true husband-and-wife love. We find that all peoples are ready to combine their energies for common goals of peace, freedom, unity and happiness. But the foundation is pure love, absolute sex, complete marital fidelity. Once adultery and fornication are overcome, the world and universe will be God's oyster. This is the meaning of the Blessing, the only coherent vision for the 21st century. ♦

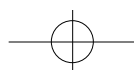
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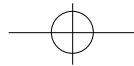
to complain, an inner voice says. Biblical stories of how people recognized their wrongdoing come to mind. I get a scrub brush and work on the kitchen; then I do the bathroom. For some reason, during these twenty-one days I get the message that I am suppose to serve, without criticizing or complaining. Rain begins. We haven't eaten anything since our morning bread and coffee. Finally back in Ouango, a cold supper and a warm bath bucket awaits us.

Gertrude comes over from the Zairian village across the river to be with me, and I talk to her about what I learned while cleaning, that when I begin to criticize and complain I leave a position which God could bless. I give my last morning service in Ouango on that theme.

Before returning to America I stop to say good-bye to the Lindquists. They ask for my impressions of my visit. I reply that I met God in a deeper way. I came here to give, but my conclusion is that I have received far more than I have given. They remark that everyone who has stayed with them has the same report. ♦







**New Arrivals**

To be included, send us a photo of all your family (color is fine except for those indoors-without-a-flash deep orange snaps which will turn out horrid) with all your names and the birthdate of the latest arrival along with an optional donation to: Unification News Arrivals, 4 West 43rd Street, NY NY 10036 (returns with self-addressed, stamped envelope only, please). This month we are proud to present: • 1. Robert & Akemi Bartholome (Lutz, FL) with Michelle, Christine, David, Andrew & Sung Il (5/4/97) • 2. Daniel & Amy Nicolas (NYC) with Jerry-Lee Andre (4/18/97) • 3. Alberto & Phannipha Faccon (NYC) with Samson Man Sung (4/21/97)

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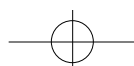
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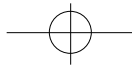
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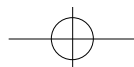
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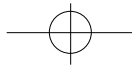
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a source of study while feeding them every day. Even after their wings grew back, they did not fly away but rather chose to stay with Father.

In his speech he talked about races and their origins, again, and talked about how the Messiah must be oriental because whites had enslaved blacks. There were



several ministers there, one from Zimbabwe who lives in Chicago and had received the Blessing a week or so ago, he was visiting UTS and then went to the speech at Belvedere. He loved Father, was so inspired, and said his speech resonated with his African traditions (he is an Anglican).

The entertainment took place in the Manhattan Center from 7 pm until 9 pm. The program included singing and dancing. The audience especially enjoyed the African delegation's performance of African music, as well as the singing and dancing of the second generation.

The entertainment was spectacular, with the New York City Symphony opening the show playing a short Mozart symphony, followed by Broadway selections from well-known performers.

Probably the highlight of the evening was the Moon Dance, a Korean high-energy spectacle performed by Blessed children.

Then a video was shown about the Blessing of Rev. Al Sharpton and his wife. Rev. Sharpton is a candidate for the office of New York mayor.

After the video was shown, Rev. Sharpton and his wife Kathy came to the stage and congratulated the audience on the True Day of All Things and expressed their hopes for a successful Blessing in November. Al Sharpton said he was so high from the Blessing, he didn't know how he would get to Nov. 29 Blessing; by plane or train or car—but he felt he was so high as if he had wings and could fly there himself.

Rev. Sharpton gave testimony to True Parents and to the Blessing. He said that the Blessing started many years ago under difficult times and hasn't been well received until now, but the signs of the times show clearly that Rev. Moon was right all along. He offered his thanks to True Par-

ents for sticking to the task God asked them to do, and looked forward to working with the Blessing and to being at RFK Stadium on Nov. 29.

True Parents were very happy. At the end everybody sang "Amazing Grace" together.

### Leader's Meeting

At East Garden the next day, Father spoke to an international gathering mostly of National Messiahs. He told us of his desire to finalize the 3.6 Million Couples goal by July 7 lunar calendar (Aug. 9 solar). On that day he will make a proclamation to the world.

Father said that the most important thing about True Parents is their authority to give the Blessing. They planted a seed in each of us, and if we nurture



that seed of True Love, it will grow and grow. If we neglect it, it will wither. Now True Parents are giving us the authority to give this seed to others—i.e., our own tribe. If we give the seed to others, then it is the same as the seed we received. Those who nurture it will see it grow.

Father strongly urged us not to waste our time. All the years of failed witnessing can now be restored through giving the Blessing. As we give the Blessing, we are loosening Satan's grip on this world by removing his objects in both physical and spiritual worlds.

The State Leader of Kentucky reported that his couple is now Blessing five couples per evening going door to door. He is very excited, and urged everyone to try it.

In Korea, over 300 Blessed couples have fulfilled their Tribal Messiah responsibility. All those couples emphasized the same important point: the first Blessing is the most difficult: break that barrier and then it quickly multiplies. Find the first one somehow and then proceed from there; victory will come. Those who are breaking through in America testified the same thing: get the first one somehow! ♦



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