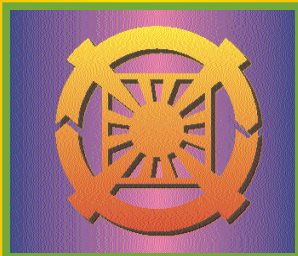


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## True Family Blessing held in NYC



NEW FUTURE PHOTO

by Richard L. Lewis—NYC

**T**he Holy Wedding of True Parents' sons, Young Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim, took place on Saturday, September 6, at the Manhattan Center in New York City.

The wedding of Mr. Young Jin Moon to Miss Hwa Jung Yoo and of Mr. Hyung Jin Moon to Miss Yun Ah Lee occasioned a day of ceremony and celebration attended by elders and lead-

ers of the Unification community from around the world. This Blessing sets the stage for the Blessing of 3.6 million couples worldwide which will occur November 29 centered on the Main Ceremony at the RFK Stadium in Washington, DC.

Young Jin Nim, born in Tarrytown, NY on June 22, 1978, is Rev. & Mrs. Moon's tenth child and sixth son. He is currently attending Columbia University majoring in East Asian civilization. His bride, Hwa Jung Yoo, born

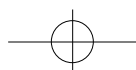
in Incheon, South Korea on September 2, 1977, is the daughter of 1800-couple Jong So Yoo and Sang Nan Lee. Mr. Yoo is with the Hankook Titanium Company in Korea. Hwa Jung Nim is currently a sophomore at Seoul National University with a major in traditional Korean vocal arts.

Hyung Jin Nim, born in Tarrytown, NY on September 26, 1979, is Rev. & Mrs. Moon's eleventh child and seventh son. He is currently matriculating at Fairfield College in Connecticut

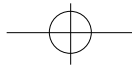
with emphasis on Spanish studies. His bride, Yun Ah Lee, born in Pusan, South Korea, on November 6, 1978, is the daughter of 777-couple Seung Dae Lee and Eun Jung Joo. The Lees will soon be moving to Iceland as National Messiahs. Yun Ah Nim is currently a freshman at Kookmin University, Seoul, with a major in design and the visual arts.

The celebration of the Blessing had three stages. In the morning was the Blessing Ceremony itself, in the after-

see **BLESSING** on page 14







**FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM**

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

*This is an excerpt from a sermon given May 4, 1997 at the Belvedere International Training Center, Tarrytown, NY. The interpreter was Mr. Peter Kim*

# World Era of

**W**hat is the meaning of True Father? True Father means that all the cells are true king cells, the true king cells which represent all the hundreds of billions of cells. What about True Mother? True Mother means the true queen cells which represent the entire existing cells. True Father represents plus and True Mother represents minus. Don't you think that they should have the same direction when they unite? [Father draws on the board] This upper section represents plus and minus centered upon God. The lower section represents plus and minus centered upon True Father and True Mother. When it begins to make a circular movement, it should be centered upon the central meeting point of the vertical and horizontal lines. This is the central point where all the billions and billions of cells become united representing the individual, family, society, nation and world. But if we cut this right hand side in half with the vertical line [indicating to the board], it represents the big plus and the other side the big minus. Once this big plus and minus combine into one, the entire being becomes united. Therefore the circular movement occurs.

When it comes to the meaning of

True Parents, we have to trace all the way back to the one cell level. The king plus cell and queen minus cell must become absolutely one. Then from that point on as an individual, and a couple, True Parents should win the victory at each level, the cellular level, individual level, couple level, family level, national level, entire world level, and eventually totally one with God. That is why it is a prerequisite to establishing our Blessed family in order to build the Kingdom of God. Even True Parents have to build the ideal family first. Even if your body takes a certain direction for a particular purpose, your mind knows what is happening. If it is a wrong direction, your mind may say, "you, eyes, why do you look in that direction? You, nose, why do you smell in that direction?" Your mind knows what they are looking and smelling for.

Since you clearly declared that you have understood, then I have the right to erase this from the board. When it comes to completion, I am referring to world level completion and even cosmic level completion. Centering upon what? Centering upon family. Because even the Family Federation is centered upon the family. What kind of family? Whose family? (God's family.) My family. Your family. If there is even one cell

among the forty million cells of a Blessed couple that is complaining and demonstrating against you, then you cannot build the original family. At the cosmic level, each family is like one cell representing our body. This means that each family represents all the cosmic families. In your family life, the minds of your family members know which direction is right. If your family is heading in the wrong direction, the minds of your family members should know. If the father and mother are doing something wrong, then the children and other family members should know about it. If the elder brother is doing something wrong, then even the younger brother would know that. Then how can we take care of these problems? Because there is room for these problems to exist, God has given this kind of model: Absolute Faith, Absolute Love, and Absolute Obedience. This should be our daily motto. Our entire family should live centered upon this motto because this is the road that the Family Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification and the Cosmic Era of Blessed Families are on.

God wanted His creation to become totally united. Therefore He made certain that He created upon the foundation of absolute faith, love and obedience. That was God's aim

and target. Everything was focused upon that goal. That was the first concept. The substantial creation is in the position of minus. God's focus, His mental unity was in the position of plus. This was displayed in His creation from the mineral kingdom, plant kingdom, animal kingdom and humanity. We can find plus and minus relationships within all of these kingdoms. Since God created on the basis of absolute faith, love and obedience, our life must be centered upon this standard also. As plus and minus, we should uphold the absolute standard. Also, in the relationship between the spiritual and physical worlds, this absolute standard of plus and minus should be there.

The vertical oneness between the spiritual and physical worlds should be manifested in a horizontal way within ourselves. Then we can see plus and minus in a vertical way, and plus and minus in a horizontal way. These two relationships meet at the core center. In this center we can find God, Adam, Eve and the entire creation. Do you understand? Therefore, in order to solve the possible problems that might occur, God gave us this daily motto of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Without strictly following this commandment, our lives will become more complicated.

What does the fruit of the tree of

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## Activities in DC Leading up to the RFK Stadium Event

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks—NYC

**I**want to provide a brief report about the city-wide preparations in DC for the WCSF III, November 23 - 30, and specifically the 3.6 Million Couples blessing on November 29. That blessing will attract some 30,000 couples from the DC area, North America and around the world. Details of the program are still in planning stages, but it will be spectacular. On the ground, a ferment of activities are bubbling to the surface.

The theme of the DC campaign is "Rebuilding the family, Restoring the community, Renewing Washington." Last week I was fortunate enough to be present at a major presentation of the entire WCSF/Blessing '97 project to the city leaders. They responded with a balanced perception of the benefits which can come to their city and its citizens, and connected us with the relevant staff persons of the city government. We will be working in close cooperation.

We are forming a very large "welcoming committee." This is WCSF III, but it is also a Washington renaissance festival! The entire city will be transformed. And the intent is to make the impact a lasting one; not just to fold up our tents after Nov. 29. We want to create a foundation for the future and a model for the regeneration of our cities and nation, of which Washington, DC is a microcosm. What the members learn in DC can be transplanted everywhere in America.

**TRIBAL MESSIAH MOBILIZATION.** Our members are organized into communities. Each community is planning to set up a local office for coordination of all witnessing, ticket sales and transportation planning. There will be both work with pre-blessed couples and with new couples. They will work community building house to house, encouraging families

to maintain their strong bonds of heart, and to live for the sake of the community and city.

**MINISTERS MOBILIZATION.** A team of twelve brothers is working together with churches, with Rev. Levy Daugherty as the central point. They will reach the black, white and Hispanic churches. There will be a special outreach of this type to the Muslim community, and to all the ethnic communities of DC. The response so far has been very, very favorable. The churches are strongly in favor of family building and youth ministry.

**PURE LOVE ALLIANCE.** PLA will develop educational activities in high schools and church youth groups, holding marches and rallies, giving seminars for the cause of sexual abstinence among youth and unmarried adults. Also they are developing a sports tournament in the schools, to lead to the Han Ma Dong games. This will have incredible long-term impact. At the same time, there are plans for a gospel choir competition and an essay contest.

**ACTIVITIES ON THE 29TH.** One denomination which has many youth brass bands wants to offer them to play and march around the stadium on the 29th. We will have dancing inside the stadium, with lots of dance bands of all cultures, while the world's greatest fireworks display is going off in the sky above the stadium. Father and Mother want to dance in joy with all the people. The spirit world wants to dance! God wants to dance!

So this will be a very significant campaign. Of course, the foundation is the grassroots, door-to-door, heart-to-heart life for the sake of others. But what is new, in America at least, is the preparation of the soil and the potential for important institutional revival, centered on marriage and family, beyond race, nation and religion. As Rev. Purnell Spicer put it, "we have the keys to the kingdom." ♦



### CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER

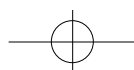
- 1 Shin Ji Nim's 3rd Birthday  
Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism
- 3 Shin Joong Nim's 4th Birthday
- 7 Hyung Jin Nim's 18th Birthday
- 16 Soon Ju Nim's 25th Birthday
- 18 Foundation Day
- 27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification

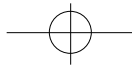
#### OCTOBER

- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World
- 4 Day of Victory of Heaven
- 9 Shin Myung Nim's 11th Birthday
- 12 In Sup Nim's 25th Birthday
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing ('82)
- 17 Shin Eh Nim's 8th Birthday
- 19 Shin Ok Nim's 8th Birthday
- 21 Hwa Yun Nim's 20th Birthday  
777 Couples' Blessing ('70)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing ('88)
- 31 True Children's Day

#### NOVEMBER

- 3 Shin Sun Nim's 7th Birthday
- 3 Daemo-nim's (Mother's mother) Ascension ('89)
- 5 Shin Hoon Nim's 3rd Birthday
- 17 Jin Whi Nim's 34th Birthday  
Shin Young Nim's 11th Birthday
- 22 Heung Jin Nim's 31st Birthday





## FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

# Blessed Families

knowledge of good and evil mean? What is it? (Love organ.) Whose organ is it? Woman's sexual organ. Good or evil fruit is dependent upon your partner when it comes to woman. If you have a relationship with the boss of the Mafia then you will produce the son of the Mafia. If you have a relationship with your king, then you will produce a prince. That is why God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil—woman's sexual organ. How many male figures existed in the Garden of Eden in the beginning? God, Adam, and three archangels. How many female figures were there? One. This was the problem. Originally God and Adam were to become totally united into one. Then Adam was to become one with Eve, the female figure. But instead, Eve became one with one of the archangel figures.

God wanted to take Eve as His bride once she grew and matured enough. But then God also realized that there were four other male figures besides Himself. Therefore, isn't it natural for God to give the warning to Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil? What was it then? That particular fruit meant woman's sexual organ. What kind of warning or commandment did God intend to give? Do you think that God would pay attention to a literal fruit in the Garden of Eden or to Eve's sexual organ?

In the secular world, usually inventions are created by one person and then utilized by others. For example, Great Britain came up with many different inventions but Germany took them and utilized them more than England did. Whoever utilizes and materializes something usually becomes the owner. Even though I may invent something, if you truly take this invention and utilize it more fully than I do, then you can become the owner. Don't you want to see your children become greater than yourself?

The five main figures in the Garden of Eden all paid attention to one particular woman. Therefore, a literal fruit has no place in this story. Even when it comes to Adam, he had to wait until that fruit became ripe. If he should take that fruit before it is ripened that fruit would rot. Therefore, Adam had to wait until God gave him permission to take that fruit. That means that when the fruit of good and evil ripened, God would

then enter Adam and dwell within him, becoming totally one, and then take that ripened fruit. That was God's desire. As a big plus, God wanted to meet a big minus and build a relationship of marriage with a big minus as a big plus. Don't you think that God wanted to have this kind of vertical and horizontal explosion through taking His bride in a love relationship? Once that kind

beings, God cannot be happy. That is what the secular world is like. As the lord of all creation, are we seeking that kind of world?

As human beings, we should mobilize our forty billion cells and clean up these dirty places. Would you women want this dirty dung-filled water to be poured over you? What about men, do you want to be soaked in that kind of

love. Based upon first love the entire forty billion cells begin dancing. If you reach that level through your love, then your entire forty billion cells, your blood and body will become harmonized into one. This is total unification. The husband's body belongs to the wife and the wife's body belongs to the husband. God would come to that place of His absolute partnership and become one. Absolute man and absolute woman combine into an absolute couple and then combine with God and make one body. After they become one body with God, then everything belongs to that one body place forever. Forever mine. Centering upon True Love everything

becomes mine; American land is mine, everything. All human beings don't have that kind of ambition.

Do you need this concept? (Yes.) You know the meaning. The first love intercourse becomes the unification place. On their wedding night just prior to the first love-making moment between husband and wife, they should ask each other if they have absolute faith in one another. When they ask each other, "Do you absolutely believe in me?" what should be their answer? (Yes.) Do you want to do that also? (Yes.) Don't you want to ask your spouse if he or she absolutely loves you? (Yes.) Then centering upon your absolute love, don't you want to ask your spouse if he or she wants to give you his/her absolute obedience? (Yes.) For the husband, his wife is his absolute love partner. For the wife, her husband is her absolute love partner.



of explosion took place in Adam's mind and heart, it would go around in all directions centered upon God. Would that kind of explosion zig-zag or would it explode centered upon God and Adam?

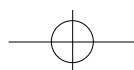
Because absolute settlement should be one vertical settlement, it cannot be swayed. It is centered upon one spot. Without establishing this absolute vertical settlement, there will always be the complications of zig-zagging and swaying in different directions. Without this absolute settlement there is room for free sex. Also incest will occur between grandparents and grandchildren and even mother and son. Far too many complications would occur without this absolute settlement. There is a loss of direction and we see this zig-zagging complicated phenomena taking place in America today. Sexual intercourse complications. Is the world around us a peaceful world centered upon God, or is it all confused? That is what is called free sex. What is the meaning of lesbians and homosexuals? That is the place where all different dungs collect. We have to end that behavior. When this kind of dirty relationship is taking place between human

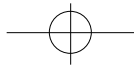
dirty water? Only Satan and dirty dung-eating dogs go after that. God created human beings and they should stay away from it. There are certain kinds of dogs that go after dung and eat it. Therefore the name of dog (or sometimes "S.O.B.") is used to speak badly of human beings. Those people who love dung-eating dogs must have some problem. Especially American people. If they truly love such dogs, they also become like dung-eating dogs and produce that quality of life. If such dogs are around they smell so bad. Do you want to be close to them or far away? American people want to get away in their minds, but their bodies are still being pulled by these dung-eating dogs. Free sex activity is equivalent to this.

Without the daily motto of absolute faith, love and obedience, even God cannot solve the problems among human beings. That is why God gave us this to follow. This is the first encounter between the king and queen sexual organ cells. [Father points to a diagram on the board] At this meeting point, your mind, body and all forty billion cells are focused, pulled in and poured in there. That is what is known as first

You need unification between husband and wife. That is why the name Unification Church emerged. Then is the name Unification Church good or bad?

Once you reach the level of absolute unification between husband and wife, based upon absolute faith, love and obedience, then you will have the right to ask God if He wants to have absolute faith in you. God will then come and bow to you and say, "Yes my son/daughter, I will have absolute faith in you." Then you may reply, "What about absolute love and obedience, will you offer these to me?" Then God will bow His head and give you that. No matter how high God is, He absolutely needs His absolute love partner. As soon as God recognizes you as His absolute partner, He will come and embrace you and never let you go. God exists in eternity. Within God you will have eternity as well, because you will become one with God centered upon love. That means you will become the owner of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, in oneness with God. By doing so, we can achieve the world of eternal peace and unification. ❖





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I attended the very special ceremony in Korea when True Father established the eighth holy day—July 7. He called it the Seven-Eight Day. The Seven-Eight Day consists of eight sevens. Father proclaimed it this year, 1997 in the seventh month, on the seventh day, the seventh hour, the seventh minute, the seventh second and it is True Father's seventy-seventh birth year. And so we gathered for the Celebration of Seven-Eight Day.

At that time, Father proclaimed the "Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth." Or in Korea we say, "Chunji Bumo Chunju Ahnsik-gwon Sunpo." This means, Parents of Heaven and Earth. Who are Parents of Heaven and Earth? God is Parent of Heaven and True Parents are Parents of Earth. The Father is the Parent of Heaven and the Mother is the Parent of Earth. Heavenly Parents are vertical and Earth Parents are horizontal. Heaven's Parents are internal Parents and Earth's Parents are external Parents. Heavenly Parents are the invisible God and the Parents of Earth are the visible God, True Parents. This is what is meant by "Parents of Heaven and Earth."

We also need to know the meaning of Cosmic Sabbath. "Sabbaoth," the Hebrew word from the Old Testament era means 'rest'. God created the Earth in six days and on the seventh day He did sabbaoth, he rested, *Ahnsik*.

The meaning of *Ahn* would be the following: In a house there is a mother; the mother always prepares a very comfortable, very peaceful and serene atmosphere. *Sik* means: a mind that is free and peaceful; a body that is free. In other words, in our home we live a free, peaceful and comfortable life because that atmosphere has been created by our loving and peaceful mother.

We already celebrate seven official holy days in our church, but Father said this eighth one is the most important day of all. There is a key point here that I would like to convey: Within this new holy day, this Sabbath, there are eight elements: 1) with unity of mind and body one becomes an individual House of Sabbath; 2) husband and wife united become a House of Sabbath; 3) a family united becomes House of Sabbath; 4) a tribe united becomes House of Sabbath; 5) a nation united becomes House of Sabbath; 6) a world united becomes House of Sabbath; 7) the cosmos or Heaven and Earth united becomes House of Sabbath; and 8) God united becomes House of Sabbath. So here are our eight Houses.

#### Individual Sabbath

Everything begins with mind/body unity. That is the most important, fundamental issue, because Sabbath must begin on the individual level. Principally and theologically we need to develop a good definition and explanation of mind/body unity. God wants to dwell within the individual House of Sabbath. He needs to dwell inside our mind and body. Just as our mind

dwells within our body, so God wants to dwell there. He wants to rest within our mind. If one asks "who or what is God?" ...God is love. (1 John 4:8) As a person begins a spiritual walk they realize God is love. This is the greatest of all realizations. We find 'love' printed in the Bible more than any other word.

God sent so many prophets to Earth to speak for Him. That tells us how much God loves us. God is love. For our sake He sent many special people to tell us about Him. That is the greatest expression of His love. God always forgives us, supports and protects us. He loves us with a true parental heart, with a true teacher's heart and a true owner's heart. John is known as the disciple of love. This is because he received such amazing love from Jesus. True Father himself quotes most often from John's words: *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...* (John 3:16)

#### Internal Changing

Jesus Christ 2000 years ago brought the message of good news of the Kingdom of God. "Repent," he said, "the Kingdom of God will come soon." What is the Kingdom of God? Christian theologians cannot give a clear explanation of these words because Jesus gave symbolisms for the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven. Clearly, the contents defining the atmosphere of the Kingdom of God is JOY and HAPPINESS—a very joyful world. Everybody can agree on this. And if we ask, "where is the Kingdom of God?" just as the Bible says "it is within you." (Luke 17:21)

House of Sabbath means that God dwells there. And if God dwells there, it means that it is the Kingdom of God. Isn't that logical? In the 2,000 years of Christianity, believers have not been able to establish the Kingdom because it begins within themselves and even God's people are always looking outside themselves, instead of within, when seeking the Kingdom. "If we change this society, the Kingdom of God will come on Earth," they say. Or "if we can bring about a [political] revolution on Earth, that will bring the ideal." Marx, Lenin and Stalin thought this way. They hoped to bring to the society, nation and world a systemic human society.

We know that with mind and body unity we become Temples of God; Almighty God, the God of True Love can dwell within my heart; He will guide me, inspire me. So our words, our thinking, our expressions, our lifestyle will be divine, God-like. We enter perfection. Jesus said, *You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.* (Matt. 5:48)

The Kingdom of God on Earth has not come because our minds and bodies have not been ready for God to dwell here. Instead, God has continued to guide us, inspire us and supervise and rule our lives through prophets and religions. We did not permit God to dwell within us individually or to dwell collectively in our society and world.

#### Guidance from the Bible

In the Beatitudes of Jesus, in his

Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, *Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.* (Matt. 5:8) If your heart is pure, you will see God. Also he said, *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.* (Matt. 5:9)

*Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.* (Matt. 5:10) If you are persecuted that means you are dedicated and you are putting forth effort, investing for a righteous world; then you will gain the Kingdom of God.

When we make mind and body unity, we become pure in heart, develop a peaceful and righteous personality and desire to sacrifice for God and the Messiah. But we will not see the Kingdom of God if we practice evil ways which are contrary to the Kingdom. We can learn about evil practices through the following verses in the Bible:

*That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.* (Mark 7:20-23)

*But I say to you, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envy, drinking, drunkenness, carousing and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.* (Gal. 5:16-21)

How can the Kingdom of God come into us if we are living in any of these evil ways? It cannot happen. This kind of divided flesh and mind cannot find unity. It is centered on satanic love. We must overcome this fallen, satanic nature and reverse the process by the Blessing. Through the Blessing, God and True Parents give undying, eternal new life; through the Holy Wine Ceremony we can receive the seed of new life.

#### Birth and Growth

Jesus said, *...Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.* (John 3:3) We must be born again. After we are reborn, we need to grow. Just as children who are born physically must grow over a period of time, so we must grow after our birth (or rebirth). So again, when we get the Blessing, we are given the 'potential' to change ourselves into divine personalities, with changed hearts and minds and bodies. Then we can say we are the image of God, children of God, citizens of the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven.

We must invest our effort to devel-

op our human personality and unite our mind and body in order to become children of God. Or as Jesus said in the book of Mark: *The foremost [commandment] is, HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. The second is this: YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. There is no other commandment greater than these.* (Mark 12:29-31) True Father quotes these verses so often.

With God dwelling in our heart, our heart and soul become completely mobilized to unite with God, have give and take with God and take care of God. This is the most important commandment. And physically, horizontally we must love our spouse, our family, neighbors, nation and world. This is developing a goodness of heart, a divine heart. We also need good, fresh and divine physical bodies.

St. Paul said in Galatians, For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:22-24)

St. Paul said clearly, if you have the nine fruits of the Spirit mentioned above, your life will become a divine life, a God-like life. We can experience this kind of life on Earth, in our physical bodies.

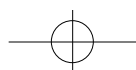
I strongly urge everyone to work at uniting their mind and body. This is True Father's constant teaching to us. He knows we have not achieved this completely. He knows everything begins at that point.

This is the fundamental cornerstone for world peace; this is the cornerstone for the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven; and this is the cornerstone for the House of Sabbath for God and True Parents. It is important for us to realize this.

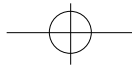
#### Our Individual Responsibility

Some members say they do not want to give the Blessing to others because their personal and family situation is not happy so how are they to go out and inspire others? I developed an answer to this: Please go out regardless and knock on doors. Observe what is behind the doors—broken families, single-parent households, struggling, unhappy people. This is among believers as well as nonbelievers. Then look at your own family. It is still intact. It still maintains itself with no divorce. This is the power of the Blessing. In comparison to other families, your family looks good and you have to be grateful. It is not yet perfect, but God and True Parents have given the Seed of Life to us, the potential for perfection for the ideal blessed family. We have to receive this seed and grow it to perfection by working the soil, investing our 95% responsibility; love and serve our spouse and our family. This way we gain victory.

There are some couples who have not invested in their own marriage.







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They have not served their marriage with gratitude and repentance. They have not paid the necessary indemnity nor sacrificed with True Love (living for the sake of others). If I say of my own marriage, "it is not happy because of Mrs. Pak," that is wrong. If my marriage is unhappy, it is because of me. That is how we must think. My practice of love, my dedication, my attitude, my personal standards, my character, my lifestyle is not ideal for my wife. So I could say then that my family is not happy yet "because of me." Too often couples point the finger of accusation at their spouse. This has been the basic cause of trouble in families. If you are not a happy blessed person, then the first step is to repent within yourself, not pass the blame to someone else.

President John Kennedy spoke his famous words to his fellow Americans: "ask not what your country can do for you but ask what you can do for your country." Well, this must also be our attitude toward our family, our mission, our nation, our world and toward God.

Knowing all this, can we still say we cannot give the Blessing to others because our own life is not happy? No. Do we all start out in married life without problems? Impossible. In my own marriage we had to work out many things, change ourselves, our attitudes to make it a good marriage. It takes work! Our children learn from this. They also benefit from every problem that is worked out. They see the parents' unity in working things out and they appreciate and are proud when they can be in a peaceful, loving atmosphere.

When the wife and husband are always struggling and fighting, the house is a fearful place; broken or divorced families make our second generation suffer so much. We all know, including psychologists and scholars, that crime, drugs, alcohol, all the troubles of youth, come from the family in crisis. The whole world crisis stems from one big factor—the troubled family. And the family crisis comes from our own mind and body disunity.

## Family Sabbath

We need to make the family House of Sabbath by creating husband/wife unity. We need to repent individually, saying "Heavenly Father, I am not grown up yet; I am so sorry; without my husband, without my wife, I am only half of a small cosmos, I am handicapped. Because of my wife, my husband, I can become perfect, a perfected cosmos. Without husband, without wife, we cannot have eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Joy and happiness are impossible.

Christian churches always encourage individual salvation, not husband and wife, not family. That is an Archangel religion. Unification Church is a family church. We next need a House of Sabbath for tribes. We are urged to reach for a goal of 185 couples and we can understand the value of this number. To bless, educate and develop these tribes requires a great deal of love on the part of our families.

Next we need restoration of the nation. For that, True Father has sent

out National Messiahs to 185 nations of the world. They must reach every facet of society in their nations and educate their nations.

In Blessing successes, Korea was the #1 nation (with well over a million); #2 was the Philippines (952,000); #3 was Nigeria (748,000); #4 was Ghana (658,000). These nations received awards. Now Sudan has stepped up as #1.

Father knew Jesus was happy with all this success so Father was happy.

To reach these goals, in these nations, was not an easy thing. But with the help of Heaven they did it.

## American Family Life

America is the Bride country to receive the Bridegroom so America should be #1 in the 36 million couple Blessing. We must work to attain this so that Jesus' heart can be healed. America has been prepared to receive the Lord of the Second Advent. Should America be #1 in Blessing numbers because it is a super country? No. Or because it is a powerful and rich country? No. Because of Jesus Christ. That's why it should be in the lead.

Just as national messiahs in all nations are responsible to bring many Blessing couples, so American state and district leaders should think of themselves as equivalent to national messiahs during this time and work very hard to bring up their Blessing quotas. There are districts and states that have far more numbers in areas than some of the nations out there with national messiahs so you should feel this same responsibility. Especially in this Christian nation of America. For the sake of God, Jesus and True Parents we must fulfill our heavenly responsibility.

People are so inspired as we share with them this worldwide movement for True Families and Blessing '97. As tribal leaders we can proudly take the good news to our communities as the Willet family did in Kentucky, reaching out to their whole community, kindling the fire of enthusiasm.

The Willets are a good example of how we make a House of Sabbath for Tribal Messiahs.

America has made some success. We have six Indian nations (tribes) belonging to the Blessing now. I was asked to give a report on North American Blessings while I was in Korea. This was significant. There were important leaders from all around the world present there. This is really revival time for America. After the report was given, many leaders told me how inspired they were by the report and how secure it made them feel to hear the report.

The world looks to America. It expects great things from America. From you and I. Are we going to fulfill our heavy—and glorious—respon-

sibility. Do we dare to be lazy or disunited! If we do not bring victory, then all the world and the spiritual world as well will bring blame and shame upon us! Especially the East Coast, New York and Washington, DC areas in particular. These are vital areas. We have received so much benefit here. We eat good and do not have to sacrifice so much in comparison to other countries.

For example, in my new nation of Switzerland, my son In Ho and his wife Eun Jin returned to New York after a visit there this summer and told the story of how the Japanese National Messiah Mr. Wada, went out on the streets witnessing to the Blessing, not knowing the language at all and sacrificing so much, not even eating much food. My son was so impressed, so touched by seeing what Mr. Wada was doing that he turned over to Mr. Wada the couples he and Eun Jin had blessed while there. Before starting the second generation workshop which In Ho went there to lead, their couple had witnessed publicly to some very substantial people.

So here in New York, in America, we must be very grateful for what we have compared to other countries. We must change our attitudes and begin to sacrifice more and work harder. The more we Bless here, the more the spiritual world benefits. We must also consider Registration. More and more is being revealed. There will probably be a horizontal registration as well as a

nation needs its Book of Life. This is our great year in America, our great honor to have this Blessing in Washington, DC. We must take this seriously.

The spiritual world is working actively with us. This is our time for success.

This November 29 is our opportunity of a lifetime! We must think victory, not defeat. We must go down in history as having brought victory at this unusual event, at this special time in history. So we witness, we record, we educate and we bring one bus (20 couples) each and we will bring easy victory.

In John's Revelation 22:2 John said the Tree of Life has a lot of fruit, for a season, but Jesus most hated and cursed the fig tree, because it was devoid of fruit. We do not want to be barren trees before True Parents.

True Father arrived in America twenty-five years ago. I was there. There were few to welcome him. But he promised God at that time that he would practice True Love and sacrifice more than any American founding father or pioneer had done for this country. How much support and love have all of us received from True Father! Priceless Blessing, good missionary positions, protection, always receiving vision and hope. But what have we given True Parents?

Before proclaiming the "Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth"

Father delivered a most deep and emotional prayer. I have never seen Father so tearful as he poured out his gratitude to God, as he comforted God in remembering God's own loneliness, and True Father's lonely and dangerous path in restoration. Under God's protection, he practiced True Love and is now on Top of the World.

He is the Bright Sunlight and the Bright Moonlight. This is our True Parents. He declared to God: "Now You can rest, now You can relax. This world will now become Your nation, Your world, Your cosmos."

In Switzerland, there is a Catholic theologian and scholar of ethics, Hans Kung, who was excommunicated because his teachings were not compatible with the teachings of the Church. He is known worldwide for his ethical thoughts. Right now he is writing his 'world ethics' which he worked on in conjunction with the UN. Kung said "Today's world is so individualistic, losing the value system, losing tradition, losing integrity, losing all good things. The world is becoming more and more selfish. Struggle is coming." What does Kung give as a solution? "Only one thing: practice love." That is the answer. As Jesus and True Parents taught, "live for others; practice True Love." It is the solution for world peace. We must make our individual self the House of God, as well as our husbands and wives, our families, our nation, world and cosmos. It is not yet time for completion, but we must get started. It will be fulfilled soon. This is the meaning of the Seven-Eight Holy Day. ❖



Rev. & Mrs. Pak (right of center) at a rally in Chicago.

vertical registration. So it is wise to continue Blessings even after you have reached your quotas.

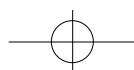
Dr. Hendricks has produced a letter for the nation giving regional successes so we must keep a competitive spirit. A few members are near or over one thousand.

This is the season of harvest! Also, Dr. Hendricks' office will be forthcoming with material to educate our Blessing couples.

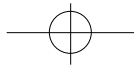
## Blessing with Love

We have a good standard in giving the Blessing in America. We explain the Blessing, we give holy wine and water, we pray, we have good registration forms, we give beautiful certificates, we take pictures. We must continue this way. We should go to the best and worst places, we should go day and night. This is how Satan works so we should too. 360,000 is too small a number for big America. We should determine to go much higher.

We must also update our database quickly. This is our Book of Life. The







# Philippine Blessing Education By Radio

by Federico V. Niduasa and Wolfgang Schawaller—FFWPU Philippines

About 90% of the nation's population (70 million people) are tuned to 283 AM radio stations in the Philippines. There are five 50-Kilowatt stations with national coverage, six 20-Kilowatts' with 200 ~300 Kilometer' range and the rest of the radio stations are local based stations with 5-10 kilowatts' with 30-50 kilometer's range. Our first live radio program was aired last January 26, 1997, few days after the start of our national mobilization. It was aired in DWBL 1242 KHz, Metro Manila, every Sunday at 9:30 - 11:00 p.m. When the number of Pre-Blessing Couples had increased in the provinces, in a period of 6 months, we opened 11 more radio programs in 11 local radio stations in major key cities.

We visited first the major radio stations, then we discussed with the station manager of their available time slot, preferably from 7:00~10:00 p.m. during weekends. This is the time when the prospect listeners are already in their homes. It is very common here in the Philippines for any radio station to sell time slots during weekends. Most blocktimers (buyers) are religious groups. During Saturday and Sunday nights, AM radio stations are saturated with religious programs. Our program proposals to station managers is the most sought program—family values !

## Format

The length of the program ranges from 30 minutes to 1.5 hours, depending on station's available time slot. This is our basic format.

1. Introduction of the Program: This is to introduce the program, the sponsoring organization, its purpose and the benefits that can offer to the listeners. (With background music - 50-60 seconds)

2. Greetings from the Hosts: Two hosts is livelier in radio broadcast. This is to greet the listeners and to introduce the hosts, their backgrounds and little bit of their social status. Qualified broadcasters with thorough knowledge on the subject matter is very important for the listeners. (With separate background music - 60 - 90 seconds)

3. Explanation of Tonight's Program: This is to explain the main topic of today's broadcasts. For 1st broadcast - it is advisable to explain the purpose of the FFWPU and the reason why we are conducting Pre-Blessing Ceremonies. We also explain the different steps of the Blessing Ceremony and its significance (first, a practical explanation, deeper one will be later. In the Philippines, we introduce Rev. & Mrs. Moon as True Parents over the radio. (With soft background music... fading - 60-90 seconds.)

4. Dialogue - Part 1: To keep the listeners tuned-in to the program, the presentation should not be in lecture or sermon style but in lively dialogue between the hosts. Topics include today's

reality but focus mainly on family problems, roots of problems, Introduction to the Principle, etc. (Not more than 15 minutes - no background music).

5. Musical Piece No. 1: This is to entertain the listeners with appropriate music, preferably songs that promote love and peace.

6. Station I.D., Program I.D. & Time Check: Use the Radio station's standard I.D., Program I.D. (The title of our program is the *Voice Of Unity*.) Time Check, to inform the listeners the exact time.

7 Domestic and/or International News: To inform the listeners about the activities of the FFWPU, update of memberships, the number of pre-blessed couples, domestic and world-wide results. (With march music or any appropriate music).

8. Dialogue - Part 2: Proposals to solve family problems based on the Divine Principle, True Parents' speeches and hosts' actual experiences. Presentation of the Divine Principle should be presented in a very lively fashion in the form of question and answer. (Not more than 15 minutes - no background music).

9. Musical Piece No. 2: Songs to be played must be in accordance with the tenor of the dialogue.

10. Station I.D., Program I.D. and Time Check: 11. Greetings' Portion: Greet the newly Blessed couples. By mentioning specific names, people will be very inspired. Give thanks to people who are helping the mobilization.

(With live music background).

12. Special Announcements: Invite listeners to call our centers (announce addresses/telephones) or invite them to our workshops, or activities. Time to inform listeners about our future plans, projects and how can they be involved.

13. Final Dialogue: This time is for internal guidance. Use Family Pledge or True Parents' speeches as the basis. (Not more than 15 minutes - no background music).

14. Musical Piece No. 3 (If there is still enough time): 15. Station I.D., Program I.D. and Time Check:

16. November 29, 1997 Blessing Ceremony Reminder: To remind the Pre-Blessed Couples of the importance of preparing for the upcoming Blessing Ceremony.

17. Final Words: (If there is still time). Recap of the program. Announce the next topic for the next broadcast.

18. Parting Words (Extro): Thank all the listeners. Invite them to listen again. Mention the title of the program, day, time, the radio station and the radio frequency, end with the word "Good night and God bless you!" We inform the new Pre-blessed Couples during the Pre-Blessing Ceremony about our radio program.

While we are raising up more broadcasters, our radio program in Metro Manila is being recorded, edited and sent to the rest of the radio stations in the provinces for "tape broadcast". ♦

# Good Housekeeping promotes Bad Bigotry

by Joy Irvine Garratt—Albuquerque, NM

I wrote this in response to a disparaging article about our community in Good Housekeeping. I encourage others to respond to the editor if they wish—Good Housekeeping reaches about 20 million readers per month. Ms. Ellen Levine, Editor in Chief, Good Housekeeping, 959 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10019.

I have read Good Housekeeping for 32 years and have appreciated the variety of its contents over the years. From time to time my friends across the world would be as thrilled as I was to see my name in print in its pages (Heloise once included a pet peeve I submitted). As I experienced marriage, raising children and other precious aspects of my life, I often found your magazine to be a handy and helpful advisor. Unfortunately, this will no longer be the case.

After reading your July 1997 edition, I request that you send my subscription money back to me. I have been a member of the Unification Church for 25 years and was shocked that a magazine of your caliber would print an article so maliciously disparaging to anyone's religious faith ("My Problem": Trying to Save Josh", p. 67). Every religious organization has its critics. But to print the accusations of a woman who has obviously combined whatever she and her son personally felt and said woven together with the anti-religious comments of individuals who are paid to break people's faith is irresponsible journalism. The woman who accompanies the son to meet his mother has a "facial expres-

sion which seemed masklike" while the "exit counselors"... "were the kind of people to put anyone at ease." (Exit counselors have been willing to break the beliefs of everyone from lesbians to Roman Catholics to political liberals, always for a fee, of course. How much did this mother pay?)

If you and your magazine and/or the Hearst Corporation have targeted Rev. Moon and the Unification Church and organizations in some kind of bigoted effort, at least have the moral integrity to balance your bigotry with the experiences and testimonies of people whose lives have been enriched, challenged and expanded by the Unification faith. I certainly have never

become "gaunt" from working with Unification organizations. One of the reasons I have regularly purchased or subscribed to your magazine was to get healthy diet tips. Never again.

Are there imperfect people working with Unification organizations? Sure. You will find less than perfect individuals in any organization, religious ones being no exception. Our movement is relatively young. As the case with many religious movements before it, the Unification movement was begun by its founder in a prison cell. In the Rev. Moon's case, the prison cell was in North Korea—the newly communized government of 1948 didn't want a young man walking around preaching

about God so it imprisoned him.

Mrs. Brenner believes parents and teachers "must talk to their children about groups like Moons." You know, some teachers have talked to students in their classes negatively about Rev. Moon. How do you think students who belong to the Unification church have felt when their teachers talk like that? When teachers tell the children whose parents are church leaders that their parents are wrong? You guessed it, they feel just like kids in Nazi Germany felt when teachers talked to their classrooms about how horrible it was to be Jewish. And how do you think I felt when my final adoption social worker wrote, "The Garratts seem to be good parents even if they belong to the Unification Church." How do you think my heart felt after ten years of infertility and two miscarriages to have a person who only knew about my faith from articles like the one your magazine printed say that? She never even bothered to ask us about our faith and beliefs. She, like you, dismissed them as "cultic." Perhaps participation with Unification organizations is not the appropriate path for Josh, that is his decision. But what is appropriate when choosing an evocative topic is providing a balanced presentation.

I feel betrayed by your magazine, and I feel personally betrayed by you as the editor. When you replaced John Mack Carter, I expected a new, fresh and fair woman's voice. It is unfortunate that amid well-written and researched articles you have granted ugly, searing religious prejudice a comfortable home. ♦

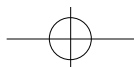


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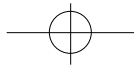
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# IRFWP holds Jewish Conference in Israel

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann—NYC

**F**rom August 18 - 21, 1997 the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace hosted a path-breaking conference entitled "Contemporary Reflections on Jewish Identity." Events surrounding the conference were dramatic and tempestuous. The fruits of the conference were abundant and promising for future growth and development. The academic quality was distinguished, and the human element was in many ways noble. We thank God for the excitement, the people, the scholarship, and the legitimate contribution arising from this conference.

The conference took place in Ariel, Israel, which for a number of participants was a point of controversy because the town is a major Jewish settlement on the West Bank. Currently Jewish people are divided in their opinions on settling the West Bank and other disputed areas which are discussed in the Oslo accord. Thus the very site itself added an edge and an intensity to the conversation.

Deliberations transpired over the course of three full days. As is the customary practice for IRFWP conferences, all participants prepared academic papers. The conference theme, "Contemporary Reflections on Jewish Identity," is as hot a topic as one can find in the whole world of religion. The contemporary Jewish landscape is rich in just about all elements which make for dynamic, religious reflection. The conversation tackled huge historical phenomena crowded into this century such as, *The Shoah* (the Holocaust), and the establishment of a Jewish State (*Medinat Israel*), as well as elegant and complex doctrinal issues such as Chosenness and lineage, sacred land (*Eretz Israel*), also MANY more issues biblical, historical, and sociological come into play. The fundamental questions raised by this conference proved an intellectual and spiritual feast in its own

right.

A total of 23 participants attended, from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Israel. The majority were from the U.S. The nature of Judaism in each of these three places differs profoundly from one environment to the next. This alone provided educational opportunity for the participants. To hear and learn first hand from colleagues at one's own level of scholarly and professional understanding the condition of Jewish people in these different national circumstances was valuable.

It is no secret that IRFWP conferences carry with them a unique, bittersweet quality because they bear simultaneously the sterling reputation for decades of quality conferences, together with the controversial quality of Reverend Moon's centrality to its operations. For this and other reasons, the IRFWP conferences seek a balance among the participants of "veterans," namely those who have attended our conferences and are familiar with Reverend Moon's munificence and the professional standards of his organizations, and new friends, namely those who often have to resolve issues and questions they have inherited from the years of bias and prejudice which

have poisoned the media throughout the time of Reverend Moon's visionary ministry. The veterans often prove a great help in getting first timers through the inevitable and understandable jitters, until they see how blatant have been the lies about Reverend Moon. The advance of the IRFWP toward fulfilling its mission of seeking world peace through inter-religious harmony and cooperation thus expands in one way deeper (as the veterans mature in their commitments and experience), and wider (as new and fresh leaders become involved).

This time, however, the ratio was way out of balance. Just four participants had familiarity with IRFWP. This might not have been so noteworthy had there not emerged immediately prior to the conference an all out assault on the conference by professional religious bigots and fear-mongers, in tandem with unprincipled reporters and editors of *The Jerusalem Post*. For four days, *The Jerusalem Post* carried slander, libel, and falsehood, sometimes on its front page, waged with the sole purpose of closing the conference down. The fascinating aspect of this particular instance of persecuting a minority religion was that the New York based figure at the heart of the shameful attack apparently had no qualms about assailing and denigrating his own people. In this would-be attack on the good work of Unificationists, tens of Jewish leaders of towering international status, and even an entire, established institution of higher education in Israel was maligned.

Given this obscurantist attack on our work, if ever there was a need for "veterans" it was at THIS conference, and it was precisely in this conference in which they were in short supply! The "veterans" worked overtime. Sleepless nights.

After *The Jerusalem Post* pulled out



Conferees from both the US and Israel

all stops and sullied all ethical standards in the four day effort to destroy the conference, it then came time for opening day. All we (the conveners and the organizers) could do was sit, look at one another, and wonder in silence (who would say it aloud?) if anybody would show up. How great would be the casualties after a full blown, international media assault?

The day unfolded as if scripted by Frank Capra. The simple, human honor and dignity could only bring a tear to the eye. One by one, EACH AND EVERY invited participant showed up at our distant little hotel in the far reaches of the West Bank. "What the hell is going on Charlie!?" They would ask even before they plunked their luggage down. Twenty three men and women came to do what they said they would do. They came to tackle the preeminent question for Judaism today. They were among the best indeed to challenge this question, and they set down to do their work with grace, fervor, penetrating acumen, honor, and humor.

Purple hearts all around, but perhaps most especially to the co-conveners. The IRFWP, its presidents and advisors, is proud indeed to have sponsored and shared in one of the fine religious conversations in recent time. Preparation for publication of the scholarship in English and Hebrew is under way.

Much thanks is also due the Abe's (national messiahs for Israel), Thomas Cromwell (continental leader for the Middle East region), the Israeli brothers and sisters who so sacrificially served the conference, Reverend and Mrs. Moon for their trust, vision, and generosity, and God for His magic and thrilling ways.

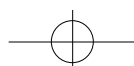
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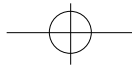
Dr. Richard Rubenstein, above, and, below, the conference convenor and his family



Tour of ancient Biblical sites, left, at "Abraham's Tree"







# Youth Explosion at Camp Sunrise

by: Dr. Kathy Winings—NYC

**A**h-h-h-h. . . the signs of summer. The smell of hamburgers on an outdoor grill. Mr. Softee's distinctive song. Mom and Dad shuttling kids from one event to another, dance lessons, gymnastics, the neighborhood pool, and Timbuktu—or so it seems. Higher electric bills—from the use of air conditioners and fans. And of course the all-American favorite—summer camp!

This year, the hills of Harriman State Park rang loud and clear with the sound of over 200 young voices at Camp Sunrise. With the support of Jin Hun Nim, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak and Rev. Eric Holt in New York, Camp Sunrise was destined to be a success. Created and directed by Brian Sabourin and myself, two different programs were held from July 19th to August 10th.

The first program was the one week 9-11 year old program. The theme this year was: "Becoming Heroes for God." We had 116 campers that were divided into 12 teams. The vision of the pro-

gram this year was for the children to not only experience God in the beauty of creation and to develop some sense of how they could become heroes in God's eyes, but we wanted the children to have fun and make new friends. In other words—to learn how fun and exciting camp can be!

Our standard for becoming heroes for God was taken from True Parents' teachings: having a God-centered vision and purpose, becoming filial sons and daughters, patriots for the nation, saints for the world, and divine sons and daughters. A great deal of time was spent on learning to listen to God as well as discovering how these young boys and girls could live like God's heroes everyday.

Besides the teaching sessions in the morning, the campers enjoyed sports, hiking, arts and crafts, fishing, camp fires and some new and different activities. What were some of these "special activities?" This year, we introduced a service scavenger hunt which encouraged the children to think about living for the sake of others. African night, taught by UTS student Henry Kiryowa from Uganda, introduced the children to the beauty and richness of the African culture. The "body balloon burst" taught a powerful lesson in what it means to be the body of God and unity. And of course, how could you have camp without the ever-popular campfire.

By the end of the week, it seemed that the campers not only learned some powerful lessons, but they gained many new friends and—HAD FUN! Of course, one of the reasons the campers had such a good experience was due to the tremendous staff of counselors and support aides. Parents, UTS students and older second generation gave of themselves generously and taught the campers the real meaning of God's heroes by their example.

The second camp for ages 12-16 began on the heels of the first program—July 26th. Holding the registration at 88 teens, we were ready to begin our 2 week program. Again, the theme was similar to Program I with a slight addition: "Becoming Heroes for God—Going the Distance."

Because we had two weeks, there was more time to focus on key characteristics and challenges the our teens face in today's culture. The morning teaching sessions focused on such topics as: Experiencing the Heart of God, What are the Qualities of a Hero for God, The Vital Aspects of Spiritual Growth, Strengthening our Conscience, Recognizing Fallen Nature and Original Nature, and Discovering True Parents' Life as Heroes for God.

The program this year did not rely on long lectures and the traditional workshop style of learning. Rather, we challenged the campers through interactive learning, profound discussions, activities, and presentations. The vision of the camp was to guide and encourage the teens to become mature young men and women of God.

New to the program this year was an all day challenge hike led by Keith McMurty and an all day service project. The project served a neighboring camp that was sponsored by Homes for the Homeless. For the first week, the camp was involved in a "color war"—a program in which the whole camp of teens and staff are divided into one of 2 colors. Various activities and events then were designated as part of the color war program and points were earned by the color side who won the designated event. It was a great spirit builder and skill challenger. The teens also got to participate in one of the New York City Pure Love Alliance rally which was a tremendous experience for them. And, let's not forget that this year, Camp Sunrise won another trophy in

the "Group Camp Regatta."

Besides the exciting activities and projects, the teenagers heard inspiring messages and testimonies from our Continental Director, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, older second generation and counselors, as well as Dr. Hugh Spurgin of New Eden Academy.

The concluding Sunday Service, with friends and parents invited, featured the top 3 winners of our Heroes for God speech contest. Rebecca Makin (3rd), Leo Soai-Van (2nd), and Gilo Fleisher (1st) gave truly inspired and moving speeches. What a way to end the program! Again, none of this would have been possible without the loving support and dedication of the counselors. God worked amazing miracles through each of them. And, let us not forget the dedication of Bruce and Debbie Grodner and the Camp Sunrise team of miracle workers! They were simply amazing.

Heavenly Father truly blessed both camps with not only a beautiful park, awesome weather, a program free of physical disasters, and an amazing staff but He blessed us with His very presence! The power of the Holy Spirit was with the camp from beginning to end. All of which only goes to show how much our Heavenly Father loves our children and how deeply He wishes to guide them and touch their hearts so that they can truly become the hope of the future.

What does the future hold? Plans are now under way for our Christmas/New Year Retreat. We also hope to make plans for next summer's camp program before December. If you would like information on how to develop any type of education program or youth ministry please contact me in New York: Kathy Winings. 4 West 43rd Street, NY NY 10036. ❖

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So here we return the compliment

by Richard L. Lewis—NYC

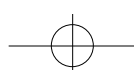
**Y**ou may imagine my surprise as, reading *The New York Times* as is my wont on my morning commute (balanced by the *NY Post* in the evening), I flipped through the usually rather dull Metro section and, there before me, I saw my handiwork, center top-of-the-page.

The big story was that Rev. Al Sharpton had participated in the Blessing as featured in the *Unification News*.

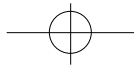
Intriguingly enough, Rev. Sharpton had actually brought a NYTimes reporter to the Blessing along with him to cover the event in May, but the editors obviously found 3.6 million couples worldwide rededicating their marriages to be of little interest, for the event merited not a single mention in May, June, July or August.

Who knows why the Editors suddenly found the event newsworthy in September—perhaps it was because just a day earlier Rev. Sharpton had stunned the powers-that-be in the City by attracting 32% of the vote in the Democratic primary for mayor of NYC—just 7% behind the heretofore shoo-in choice of the Democratic machine.

Whatever the reason, we were happy to be featured and, hopefully, the Times will take out a subscription to keep up with the Providence. ❖







# Participating in the Pure Love Tour '97

by Victoria Wilding—Toronto, Canada

*Victoria Wilding is a 17-year-old, second generation, living in Canada.*

**M**ake it sure! Keep it pure! Thousands of people in America and abroad heard this message as 300 young people stormed 25 North American cities on the Pure Love '97 Absolute Sex National Tour. Initiating revolution, the Pure Love Alliance (PLA) stood up for sexual purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage. As a tour participant, I believe that Pure Love '97 was a growing experience and, more importantly, that it gave a new hope to America and the world.

From the west coast to the east, we spread our message in various, often creative ways. For example, we each prepared a three-minute "Absolute Sex" speech which explained that sex is a precious act which must be saved for marriage. To the shock of the public, we would ask the question "Who Owns Your Sexual Organ?" at the top of our lungs from the busiest street corners, then go on shouting, so that someone even a block away would learn that his/her sexual organ belongs to his/her spouse.

Others heard a shorter explanation of Absolute Sex before being asked to donate "a dollar for decency" in return for a button and a brochure.

Also, in every city, curious businessmen and businesswomen peered out of their office windows hearing the drum beat from the street below. Many were surprised to see a group of parading youth loudly chanting and clapping in unison, and waving banners and placards. The colorful placards proclaimed slogans like "Condoms can't protect your

heart," "Honk for Purity," and "Pure and Proud."

Our marches were followed immediately by an energetic rally, the most entertaining way to convey our message. Rock'n'Roll played by our band, The House of Montreal, classic hits sung by the Circle of Life choir, rap by Chocolate and Vanilla PLA Pudding, a '50s song by the "Funky Gals of PLA," hiphop dancing performed by the PLAettes, martial arts performed by the Won Hwa Do team, body surfing in the audience, skits (including dancing STD's), live classical music, guest speakers, and even speakers from among the tour participants, provided a wide variety of entertainment to suit everyone's tastes.

The tour was not only a lot of fun; it was a chance to practice what we preached, a chance to develop our characters. Our Absolute Sex speeches allowed us to become confident public speakers. By doing "DFD" (A Dollar for Decency) we learned to embrace all people as God does, and the marches made us realize God's longing to save the people suffering the consequences of free sex. I tried to maintain a prayerful heart as we marched through the busy streets, making eye contact with all the bystanders in sight. On time, feeling God's pain, I couldn't help but cry as we passed a night club in Baltimore, inside which

one of the dancers stood watching us. Also, many of us discovered an abundance of energy which could be used for encouraging the rally performers by jumping, dancing and hopping around crazily. And whether it was through the public speaking, the

fundraising, the marching or the rallying, we all had the opportunity to experience God's Heart through challenging our limitations and investing 100%.

To expand our minds as well as our hearts, the tour provided us with education. We were repeatedly told that the bus is a classroom, not a bedroom. So we were given time to study "Condom Nation" by Richard Panzer, a book which appallingly reveals the flaws of safe sex education and teaches the advantages of purity. We were also very lucky to have Rev. Sudo, a humble and exceptionally good lecturer, give us four full days of lectures, mainly about the Four Great Realms of Heart, and the importance of purity and the Blessing.

Obviously, the tour participants—riding the buses together, singing together, eating together, sleeping together (even frozen together at Yellowstone National Park), and sharing showers together, for close to two months—became the closest of friends. Our assigned groups became our new families and, whether we shed tears of frustration at the beginning or not, by the last day most of us were crying to see each other leave.

Finally, thanks to the unwavering faith of our founder, Jin Hun Park Moon, the tour was an enormous victory. For one thing, the television coverage totaled over three hours. In fact, we even inspired True Father, whose idea it was in the first place to start a movement for purity.

Surely, the PLA's success will continue into the future. A ten-thousand person march is scheduled for November in conjunction with the Holy Blessing of Marriage ceremony to be officiated by True Parents. In addition, plans for Pure Love '98 Absolute Sex

National Tour are already underway. Three thousand people are expected to attend.

### First Generation

*Victoria's mother, Michiko Miyamura Wilding, added this to her daughter's testimony*

**W**hen I first heard from my oldest daughter Victoria that she was going to join the Pure Love Alliance summer tour visiting 25 cities, I felt that the age of Second Generation is already here. It reminded me of Father's Day of Hope tour in the early '70s. While my husband and I were visiting Japan and Korea to give pre-blessing to my Japanese and Korean relatives, PLA team came to visit Seattle. My son Adrian went to see the rally and was so inspired by PLA that he jumped in the bus and off he went. When we came back from the trip he was already gone. Victoria and Adrian had such unforgettable experiences and memories—they will remain in their hearts forever, just as my memories from the Day of Hope tour are the most precious ones in my life. I could see that they had grown up to a higher dimension. I always recall the Day of Hope times as the golden period of my life. When my children came back from the tour and showed us the video, I was in tears. Their energy, determination and team spirit were so

inspiring to all the first generation couples. Adrian told his younger sister Marianne that she shouldn't complain about food at all, because he sometimes was hungry, sleeping in cramped

and humble situations. The most precious gift is the bond of love which they established with one another during the tour. Victoria and Adrian are already talking about meeting the team during the winter vacation. I would like to express my gratitude to Heavenly Father, True Parents and Jin Hun Nim. ❖



## 50 Ministers Receive Blessing in VA

**F**ifty ministers gathered in Richmond, Va, on August 26, to hear Rev. Al Sharpton give a powerful testimony to True Family Values, Rev. Moon and the value of the Blessing.

Continental director Rev. Joong Hyun Pak presented a slide show. After a powerful event, all 50 ministers stood

up to be blessed (with spouse or picture present). Nearly all of them committed to do the blessing a rededication in their churches.

September 18 (the 21st anniversary of Washington Monument), a similar event with Rev. and Mrs. Sharpton will take place in Washington, DC. The goal is to invite 300 ministers. ❖

## Unification Web Site Has New Address

Damian Anderson has announced that the Unification Home Page has a new address on the Internet:

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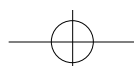
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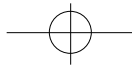
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# N E X T ! Persecution in Venezuela

by David Stewart—Caracas, Venezuela

**I**t would seem that unfortunately our recent troubles in Venezuela are causing difficulties for other countries in Latin-America, for which we apologize and that, as usual, the media are distorting the facts and telling outright lies. Thus I would like to explain what has happened and the situation as it is of today, September 19. It is most important to understand that legally this attack is only against HSA-UWC, not FFWPU or any other registered organization. Nobody has been expelled or imprisoned and our activities have continued as normal.

Since I arrived here in February, prior to the recent outburst of persecution, we experienced only one direct attack from the Catholic Church in May, quite moderate on our scale of persecution. It was only picked up by a couple of the more gutter-type press. Also historically there has been no persecution of our movement here and, to be honest, according to local church historians there has been little activity.

Then in the middle of August one young sister, Gioconda, aged 21, appeared at the center with her belongings to "move in". She had been studying the Principle for about four months. Unfortunately she did not follow my direction to receive her parents' permission before moving in. She did three days fundraising before her parents

appeared at the center at 11.00 pm. Gustavo Giuliano, the national leader, sent her home even though she did not want to go. Her parents then tried to "deprogram" her but as there are no deprogramming specialists in Venezuela they failed with their succession of priests, psychologists etc. She remained at home and we then heard that she left for a holiday. At this point, in early September, her mother started to visit the press, the congress, etc. who were happy to listen to her story of brainwashing, exploitation etc. and she found another negative mother. A few articles started appearing and we decided to respond with a press conference on Sept. 20th, which we had often talked about doing, but had failed to follow through.

Then on Sept. 10 the Papal Nuncio finished his 7 years of service in Venezuela. In his farewell address the Nuncio expressed that his major fear was the "invasion of the sects". The Minister of Justice, who was in attendance, promised to take care of the problem and "secta Moon" was the perfect target, given its recent attention from the media. There was a massive escalation of media attention and an official investigation began, involving police raids on our center and offices with all our members being taken off

to make statements. On Monday 15th we were called to the Ministry of Religion (los Cultos in Spanish!) and received an official letter that our church registration had been removed. (We only received it on Feb. 28th of this year, after 22 years!)

In the official letter it said that the church was illegal and prohibited, but to us the Minister, with whom we had

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a very amicable meeting in mid-June, said that merely our registration number had been removed and that we should appeal by the end of the week. It was clear that he did not know that over 110 of our Japanese member sisters had left the country, as the illegality of the sisters was the main reason given to

the foreign media (through Reuters) for the removal of our registration. He had told us in our earlier meeting that it was illegal for them to witness on a tourist visa. It would seem according to the words of the Minister of Justice that this is actually incorrect and we are researching the legal rights of a tourist, but clearly we responded to his words and the sisters left completely legally.

There were many strange points about the formal letter: 1) The letter was addressed to Citizen Sun Myung Moon, and not to the President of the Church. 2) The letter was dated August 28th, but they only called us on Sept. 15th. 3) The accusation against us based on a very vague clause in the Constitution and did not mention the supposed visa violation of the Japanese sisters. 4) The legal time for appeal is 15 days, not by the end of the week as the Minister said. 5) This information appeared in all the media before we were informed (OK, this is not so strange)

At this point it was clear that our situation was much more serious. There was also another twist in that one very righteous congressman with many enemies had helped us to register the Church and his wife's name appeared as one of the founding members. He also helped a controversial Gnostic Church of Colombian origin to register and is always being accused of being its founder in Venezuela. His enemies used the chance to connect us and use us to attack him to the full in the media. Indeed the most negative article today, the 19th, was basically attacking him.

So, on the advice of our allies and advisors we hired a very aggressive lawyer. Our lawyer immediately set to work making appeals to Fiscal General, a kind of government watchdog, and to the Congress. Meanwhile the police continued their work and the mothers became more and more outrageous. One mother said that the members had to eat bread with the brother's sperm and sister's urine on it.

On the 18th the police called me to interview and then interviewed Gioconda, whose faith remains strong. At this point

they had obviously heard enough and announced that they had terminated their inquiry. Today *El Nacional*, a daily in Caracas with the second largest circulation in the nation reported that: La PTJ no detect' delitos cometidos por secta Moon. Todavía no se sabe si hay un trasfondo aunque "sus principios son de carácter noble", dijo el jefe de la Divisi'n Contra la Delincuencia Organizada, Nerio Rengifo. (The police did not find any crimes committed by the Moon sect. We still do not know if any there is anything wrong, though "their principles are of noble character", said the chief... Nerio Rengifo.) It has been interesting that the police have made no effort to interview the Japanese sisters who remain in the country. They just interviewed 2 who happened to be in our house when it was raided who are both totally legal residents. The address where the others are living appeared in the newspapers, but the police never visited.

At the same time the local legal counsel for the FFWPU, a very positive contact made a few important visits including one to the Secretary of the President's Administration who apologized for the mistreatment of our movement.

The end result is that today the amount of negative press reduced drastically. One paper that led the attack against us in May and has been none too friendly recently published a positive interview with the President of FFWPU, a Korean doctor and longtime Venezuelan resident whose office walls are full diplomas, photos with VIPs, such as Bush and former Venezuelan Presidents. He also has an impressive record of going to serve the Indian people in the Amazons. Tomorrow a paid article will appear in the major daily from our side. We postponed our press conference to be seen to be absolutely following the law and will do it next Tuesday or Wednesday when our lawyer has finished the process of protecting us legally.

We are confident to regain our church registration. The media may be more difficult, but on Monday the most popular early morning TV show will feature our church including an interview with an excellent recent graduate of UTS and his mother. Hopefully this will stimulate the media not to drop us, but rather to listen and report our side of the story. ❖

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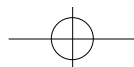
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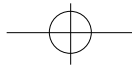
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# Some news from the **Tiempos del Mundo** front

by Paul Greene—Panama City, Panama

**W**ith everything totally focused towards blessing related activities, I thought it might be nice to share some news on one of the other major activities of Father's works in Latin America—the newspaper *Tiempos del Mundo*.

Most, if not all, of the open bureau offices of *Tiempos del Mundo* have had their inaugurations to officially introduce the newspaper to the general public. Several of the different countries where *Tiempos del Mundo* held an inauguration were successful.

Two countries (Nicaragua and Ecuador) had their inaugurations attended by the national president of their respective countries; in Panama our principal VIP speaker was the

Minister of Government and Justice (along with Ambassador Phillip Sanchez). In Panama, our paper was, with one exception, very well received by the other sources of media in town (TV stations and newspapers). I got interviewed by two TV stations and appeared on the nightly news for a couple days in a row. Most bureau managers in other countries had similar experiences with their newspapers.

In Honduras, the bureau manager managed to introduce the newspaper to a contact who was a member of the Honduran Congress, who in turn introduced *Tiempos del Mundo* to the table of each and every Congressional member. Many of the congressman

were very excited by this newspaper and made some very flattering public comments about it (a bit amazing considering the intensity of negativity towards our founder that exists in Central America at the moment).

The newspaper itself has a very beautiful graphic design that elicits a lot of "oohs!" and "ahs" from anyone who looks at it. It's also a consistent 80 pages every week (TDM is a weekly for now); there isn't a lot of advertising yet, so it's about 80 pages of real "meat"; there's more actual journalistic content in the newspaper than in an issue of "Time" or "Newsweek". I haven't had even a sin-

gle person, no matter how negative they might be to our founder, criticize the newspaper itself.

Most newspapers in Latin America are run by people who have a certain "agenda" behind it; i.e. to support a particular political interest, promote the interests of some wealthy family, or some other less than altruistic motivation. *Tiempos del Mundo* is like a breath of fresh air; it's independent of nationalistic interests or the interests of a particular political party. I think this is really the thing that appeals to most people because our quality of journalism is very high.

We are also currently distributing the newspaper in New York City and Washington DC, and will be expanding to other American markets that have a sizable Spanish speaking population as well. ♦

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## Education Materials Needed in Micronesia

by Ray & Kathy Sabo—Clifton, NJ

**R**ecently we returned from our National Messiah country of Pohnpei, Micronesia. It is about 3000 mile southwest of Hawaii and about 1000 miles east of Guam in the Pacific Ocean.

Recently we were registered and given our official documents by the president and government for HSA-UWC-FSM and FFWPU.

We are going to start a video center in the downtown area. We now have a center in the main town.

I am asking if anyone my have extra materials that they would be able to donate to our activities in Micronesia such as Divine Principle tapes, books of any kind of events of the church. Even video machines, TV's etc. Especially Ocean Church tapes or material. We are going to

establish Ocean Church in the near future.

Also, if anyone has any experience in tuna fishing can you please let us know, because this is one of the best areas for yellowfin tuna. If you have gone tuna fishing and would like to have a lifetime experience in Micronesia tuna fishing, you are welcome.

If you have any material and would like to donate it to Micronesia please let us know. (Mailing is the same as the states because it is in US Territory.)

We have met many beautiful families that can use summer clothing and footwear such as sandals etc. all sizes. If you would like to send this kind of donation that also would be great.

Please contact us for information and address at: ITPN@sprynet.com ♦

## North Korean Famine Appeal

by Rev. Kathy Winings—NYC

**T**he famine situation in North Korea is extremely serious. The people have been reduced to eating the leaves and bark from the trees and any remaining grass. No animals are left. The hunger situation has now become a major famine. At this point, the famine is worse than any in Ethiopia or Somalia.

In addition, there are a series of epidemics running throughout the countryside: TB, malaria, dysentery, typhoid and cholera. If the disease continues, together with the famine, there could be the loss of almost 1 million people by October.

IRFF has been granted permission to go directly into North Korea with food and medical relief. IRFF will be managing the distribution of the food and medicine personally.

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Kathy Winings is the director of IRFF. ♦

## Raising Children of Peace

**I**n 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.

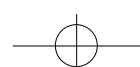
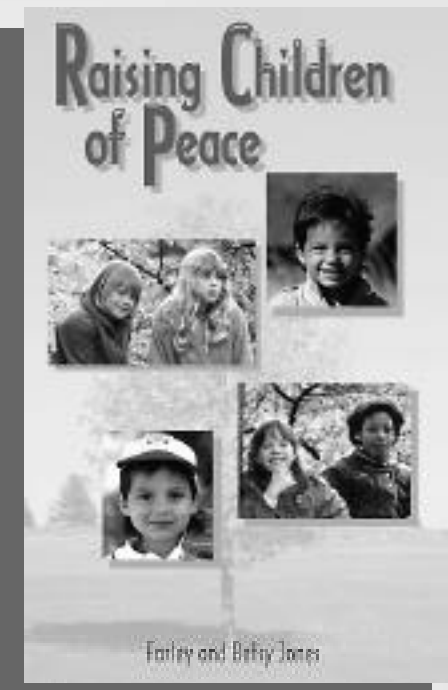
Ultimately, both marriage and parenting must find their place in a transcendent order that links marriage and parenting in a unified whole. It is for this reason that religious faith can play such a constructive role in harmonious family formation.

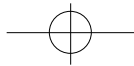
While parenthood seems the most private of arenas, the effects of this parenting are ultimately cosmic in scope and character. What each of us do individually now as spouses and parents will have enormous collective effect in the future. When we parent our children, then, we parent the future and we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

reviewed by Ken Hendricks

In a world inundated with music laced with ignoble themes and questionable lyrics, Stefan des Lauriers' debut CD "Elevation" is quite refreshing. The songs, ranging from Americana folk, to pop, blues and jazz, produced by Kevin Pickard on the Music Kingdom label, break the limits of the sky.

In an era of political, social, economic and environmental correctness, des Lauriers has gone one step further to spiritual correctness in art. In other words, "Elevation" is the "true alternative" today's music listener is looking for.

Teeming with themes of the triumph of the human spirit, and graced with his own quirky humor and philosophy, "Elevation" is a rare gem. In essence, to possess the album is like possessing the cosmos and its many splendors.

As an independent film producer myself, with an affinity for the independent artist, I can appreciate the need to express one's truthful, beautiful and good personal passions. It is the noble aspiration of the artist to bring his following upward to the highest spiritual plane. "Elevation" does just that.

Breaking out of the post-modern Toronto coffeehouse scene some 20 years ago into the great wilds of America, des Lauriers was finally compelled to elucidate his life's experience through his music and unique poetry. Des Lauriers became acutely aware of this need to document his work on learning three years ago that he had Parkinson's Disease.

Stefan admits being compared to "Arlo Guthrie approaching the Beatles with a whimsical pop influence." Frankly speaking, "Elevation" is Stefan, only Stefan, and nothing but Stefan des Lauriers at his best!



And just who is Stefan des Lauriers, really? (For a taste of his whimsy, check out his web site at [www.musickingdom.com](http://www.musickingdom.com) if you please.) As the essence of the painter is in the painting, so then is Stefan revealed in this compilation.

In a typically offbeat press release, Stefan explains that "Walking On Air" eradicates the need for a willing suspension of disbelief in a single bound. While looking at the sky one day, I thought to write my song there, but the sky wasn't big enough.

So, I wrote it on a stack of business cards." Don't let the ethereal upbeat circus music fool you, though; essentially, it is the quintessential love song.

"A Miracle America' paints a patriotic picture with a pointed brush." The soulful anthem with its expansive orchestrated interlude pays tribute to "those brave souls who were lost to us." Because of them "we are free to reach for heaven and be all that we can be."

In "Hand Full of Stars," a haunting jazz piece, Stefan poignantly says that he would like his light to be with his long lost friends after he fades away. But I think his light will shine brighter with time: "Long ago I had a dream that I would be a star.... I might have climbed right up the charts, I may have taken a fiery dive, but heaven helped me on the way, and kept the dream alive."

Stefan describes "The Wind Up Monkey Dance" as a "line dance for kids who have a tendency toward stepping out of line." "Take a step to the right and make a monkey pose. Take a step to the left and make a monkey pose. You get the swing of it and you're out of NRG, but there's a key behind each monkey."

One of my favorites is "Blue Whale Blues." It begins with Sharkey McK-

uen's lilting guitar (Sharkey plays guitar on nine songs), and finishes with a full-fledged orchestral arrangement supplied my master composer Kevin Pickard. The song is about two lovesick whales searching for each other in all the wrong oceans. "Perhaps their paths will cross and things won't seem so callous, Beneath the moonlit icebergs and the Aurora Australis."

With love the strongest force in the universe, an artist has no alternative but to seek new musical expressions suited to each unique situation and circumstance. An iceberg may be able to thwart lovesick whales, but in the Dixieland blues number "Imaginary Mountains": "Nothing stands in the way of true love." Who of us has never been put asunder by the "Imaginary Mountains" we've placed between us and our beloved until finally "the glacier in my heart, nudged by your

wishes he or she could harness the universe of life's experiences as Mr. des Lauriers has, which is clearly reflected in the contents created for

our listening pleasure. The album clearly rises to the poignant significance behind the name given it—"Elevation."

The listener who purchases this album will meld into new musical dimensions with each listening. The depth and profundity of the lyrics cause one to relive the songs in a new

way time a track is played, each time a note is sung, each time a measure is reached.

It is no wonder that his music appeals to people of all ages. The experience Mr. des Lauriers had with the making of "Elevation" has helped him further realize his forte in writing motivational songs for children, which is directly in line with his next project, "Time Of Wonder."

Anyone with spiritual sensitivity will appreciate what Mr. des Lauriers has given us through the musical compositions and rare poetic viewpoints expressed.

Mr. des Lauriers has been accepted into the sponsorship program of the New York Foundation for the Arts and is currently seeking grant money for his next project. Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible donation for the children's CD may do so by contacting NYFA at 155 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY 10013-1507. To order a CD please send \$12.00 plus applicable tax and \$2.00 shipping and handling to: Music Kingdom, Box 4, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028.

Ken Hendricks is producer/director of the feature motion picture "Dakota Sunrise," which he wrote and filmed entirely in the badlands of southwest - ern North Dakota. The film is currently being represented by L.A.-based distributor Movie Reps, International. Mr. Hendricks is also a songwriter, author and actor/performer. ♦

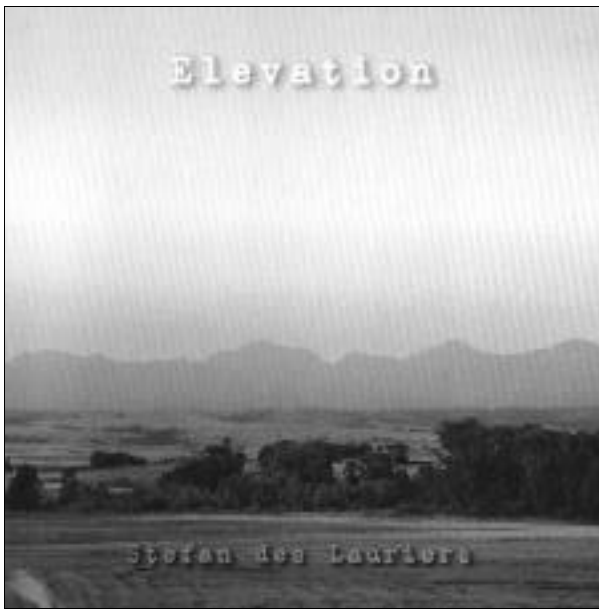
## Music

### Elevation

by Stefan des Lauriers

NYFA, NYC

## Review



romance, breaks the ice and I become an avalanche." This theme continues through "Hearts in Harmony" and "Rise Above The Rain."

For a change of pace, "Look Out, Ma, I Think," a pseudo-Celtic takeoff, and "Jet Fuel Folderol," a rollicking rock and roll tune, offer comic relief. Both songs feature an inflatable auto pilot as "an icon for post-modern culture about to pop." "Jet Fuel Folderol," which was produced by Sharkey McKuen, exhausts a solitary rhyme scheme as Mr. Poet takes a wild cab ride in search of Jet Fuel Money. Everything rhymes with "all." "Mr. Poet, your writing's on the ball, You know it's so exciting to rise above it all...." However, at the end of the journey, just in front of the Taj Mahal, the cabby succinctly puts it to Mr. Poet after he pays the fare and offers a measly tip. "Mr. Poet, Ya left out small."

Perhaps the song which sums up what has been described as "a thinking man's album" is "Stream Of Thought": "A song is just a stream of thought, It makes melodic bends; When it gets to the delta, Does it begin or end?"

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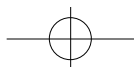
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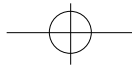
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**DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY**

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

**Volume One - Part seven.**

In the same way that plants and animals have to reach a certain level of growth before man can harvest or have full use of them, so human beings are to mature spiritually before God can "harvest" us.

Such maturity is achieved as man becomes one with God's heart; when man fully responds to God, God bestows on him His love and His power. This is called Direct Dominion.

Divine Principle teaches that the promise of the Direct Dominion is in living heart to heart with God as matured persons. In this union, God governs by love, and laws and commandments become unnecessary. Under the direct rule of God man is completely free-liberated to be who he was meant to be. Direct Dominion, therefore, should not be confused with a one-sided domination, but rather understood as a mutual loving companionship. It is the crowning jewel in one's interior life, opening immense new vistas of love, joy and beauty.

**A Shared Task**

In one of the most memorable works of Feodor Dostoyevsky, the story of the Grand Inquisitor, Christ has returned to earth. He has embarked again on a ministry of healing and charity and, to his surprise, is subsequently whisked off to prison. Here he confronts the Grand Inquisitor. Christ is told he must again face death, for he is again guiding people in the wrong direction. He is leading people to freedom and self-responsibility, "fearful burdens" too great for man to bear. It is better, Christ is told, for individuals not to confront self-responsibility to the Church, they are given what they need: bread and other symbols of security.

While it is no doubt overstated, Dostoyevsky's story makes its point. There is a tendency in all of us not to take responsibility for our own lives. On

occasion we would like to give that burden to God, to the church, or to any figure representing strength and authority.

Despite such tendencies, Divine Principle, with much of contemporary thought, affirms the critical role individuals must play in shaping their own destiny. we cannot pass off responsi-

and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes saying, "According to your faith be it done to you (Mt. 9:28-29)."

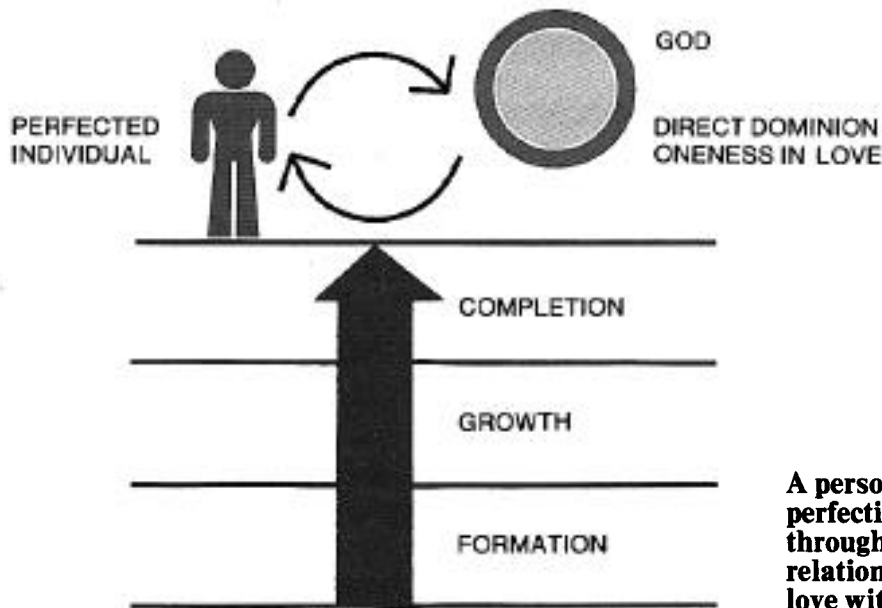
Faith was the condition that allowed God's healing energy to work. Without that faith, no healing was possi-

all the world as His representatives. However, a person can rightfully have dominion only over what he has made and none of us made the world. Therefore, we must make some condition whereby we can become creators ourselves. By taking responsibility in our own self-creation, Divine Principle tells us, we qualify to inherit the Lord's right of dominion.

**Sharing Responsibility**

Naturally, compared to the care God takes for our growth, our own responsibility is minute. The two cannot actually be compared. Nevertheless, we can figuratively say that God's portion of responsibility is 95 percent while ours is 5 percent. Five percent of the job, however, cannot be fulfilled by 5 percent effort. Even though we are responsible for only a small part of the total task, we need 100 percent effort to fulfill it.

**A person who has attained perfection after growing through the three stages has a relationship of oneness in love with God.**



bility to someone else. Each of us is the captain of his own ship.

Of course, this is not to say that we are alone. For Divine Principle, God is on our side. There is an organic partnership between man and God. However, God's efforts on our behalf become effective only when we do our part. In the course of growth, of achieving the Direct Dominions, of building the Kingdom, God does His part and we must do ours. Until our portion is completed, God's efforts are futile. The Lord helps those who help themselves because He can only help those who help themselves.

In light of this principle certain habitual practices of Jesus become more understandable. When Jesus healed the sick he first asked if they believed in him. When he entered the house, the blind men came to him;

Likewise Matthew tells us that Jesus promised people seeking for answers that they would find them, but urged them to first do their part.

"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened (Mt. 7:7-8)."

If we ask why it is we have been given this portion of responsibility, two reasons suggest themselves. First, each of us is created as a child of God. We are given the freedom to make choices and the obligation to take responsibility for them. In this way God allows us to participate in the creation of our own selves. In a sense, we thus become co-creators with Him.

Secondly, Divine Principle explains that God wanted man to be lord over

We may say then that God is like a master stone mason building a magnificent stone wall. He has laid almost all the stones Himself, heaving just one unplaced. We are asked to lay the final block. As co-workers with God, we are then to take part in the glory of the finished product.

Because historically humankind has not fulfilled its 5 percent, God has had to wait for adequate human action. No matter how long it may take, this principle of co-responsibility has remained unchanged. We live in a world of suffering, not because God's lack of concern, but because humanity has not fulfilled its responsibility. We shape the destiny of the world by our actions, and our decisions determine not only our own success, but that of God as well. ❖

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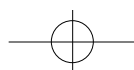
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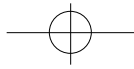
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noon came the traditional Korean *Peh Baek* Ceremony, and the day concluded with an evening banquet and entertainment.

**The Blessing Ceremony**

This day also celebrated another, if less historic, event: the long-awaited resurrection of the Manhattan Center Opera House—this Blessing being the event that inaugurated its new incarnation as the Hammerstein Ballroom.

This 3,000 capacity auditorium with its full-sized stage, three balconies and a 150-foot ceiling—that only six months ago was a derelict wasteland suitable only for storage—had been transformed into a glorious space decorated with flowers and ribbons now quite suitable for royalty. Of particular note was the spectacular restoration of the ceiling mural soaring 150 feet above the proceedings [see story on back page].

The setting of the stage was dramatically classical: against a cerulean blue diorama a semicircle of tall, white Grecian columns stood with the dais and Parents' chairs at its focus. The hall quickly filled to overflowing with invited guests for the ceremony, which began at 10 o'clock in the morning.

As the music of *Song of the Garden* quieted the excited buzzing of conversation, members of the True Family entered and took their seats. Then Dr. Bo Hi Pak, as sprightly and ebullient as ever, took the podium and opened the proceedings by inviting the audience to stand and sing *Song of the Banquet*.

After Dr. Pak gave an overview of the ceremony and an explanation of the symbolism involved, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, president of the American Church, gave the invocation. The processional then began with the stately entrance of twenty-one pairs of bridesmaids—dressed in soft pink dresses with bright pink hair ribbons—and groomsmen, second generation blessed couples who



Mayor of Washington DC, wrote, "In light of your efforts to rebuild families through the True Family Values Ministry, the Pure Love Movement and the International Blessing to be held here in November, we certainly want to congratulate you on this day of special joy for your family."

Richard Daley, mayor of Chicago, wrote that he was "delighted to add my heartiest congratulations to the many you will receive on your wedding day."

Jerry Fallwell, Pastor, Lynchburg, VA, wrote that, "I pray that this will be the beginning of an unending experience of joy and fulfillment as you serve God together for the rest of your life."



stood on either side of the central isle carpeted with the traditional Korean festive fabric *saekdong-chun* with its vivid, multi-color stripes.

To joyful acclaim, Father and Mother in their ceremonial robes then entered and walked slowly down the aisle to the chords of the Hallelujah Chorus. They ascended the dais where their third son, Hyun Jin Nim, handed a candle lighter to Mother who passed it to Father, who then lit the two candelabra of seven candles on either side of the dais.

Taking their seats, the entrance of the brides and grooms was heralded by the entrance of four of the youngest grandchildren who skipped down the aisle scattering white rose petals all around.

To the music of the Wedding March, the two wedding couples entered side-by-side and walked slowly towards the stage. Twenty-one steps away from True Parents they halted and bowed, and repeated this at fourteen steps away. Ascending the stage they made a final bow seven steps before True Parents. This sequence, as Dr. Pak had just explained, symbolizing the growth to perfection through its three stages.

They then stood before True Parents who sprinkled them with Holy Water from two silver basins held by assistants.

Father, in his distinctive resonant voice, then solemnly recited the Wedding Vows to the couples in Korean and received their assent—the formality lifting somewhat at the end when Father made an aside in Korean which elicited chuckles from those in the audience who understood Korean.

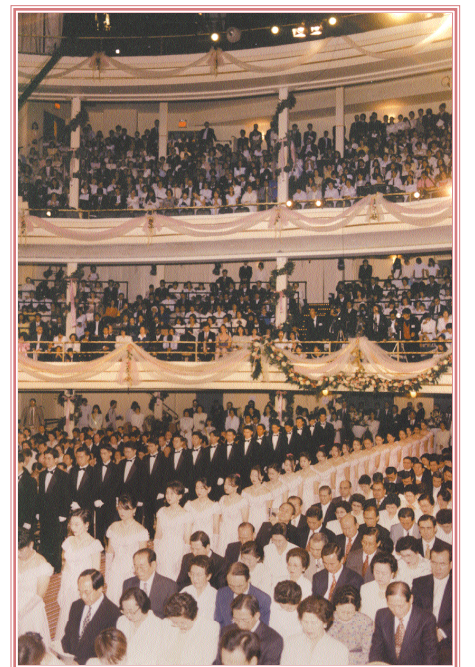
Father and Mother each raised a hand over the heads of the couples and Father began to pray over them. His deep, sonorous voice filled the auditorium with guttural Korean as he passionately spoke to God. In a tender moment during the silence following his prayer, Mother leaned forward and wiped a tear away from the cheek of her youngest son.

The attendants then carried in a red velvet cushion bearing the wedding rings. Turning to face each other, the brides and grooms removed their gloves and, with the assistance of the attendants, exchanged rings. They then faced the audience for the first time and Father's voice rang out over them with the Proclamation of the Blessing, greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Dr. Pak then read a few of the many letters of congratulations that had been sent to Rev. and Mrs. Moon and the couples.

A leading US congressman expressed his "warmest congratulations on the marriage of your two sons.... I believe in the importance of a strong and unified family and commend you for your commitment to maintaining your family ties."

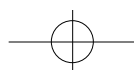
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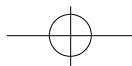
Dr. David Billings, Church of God in Christ International, wrote, "I wish to congratulate on the blessed marriage of your sons. Our prayers go with these couples."

Minister Louis Farrakhan, Nation of Islam, wrote, "Congratulations on your solemnized expression of your desire to become as One. May Allah bless your journey and make you successful, for truly, the Kingdom of God must be based on God-Centered successful marriages and God-Centered successful family life."

Shaykh Abdul-Karim M. Ahmad, United Moslem Movement, wrote, "May







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Allah's blessing be upon you and your family."

Dr. Pak, holding a sheaf of letters, concluded by remarking that there were by far too many for him to read.

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak then took the podium to give his Congratulatory Address "on behalf of True Parents' worldwide foundation." He gave a brief overview of providential history leading up to how "all mankind can now return to God; it is the destiny of all people to pass through the Blessing and establish true life, lineage and love." He recalled the many difficulties overcome at the time of True Parents Blessing and the struggle to expand the circle of Bless-



Yoshimi Kadota, a Japanese opera singer, then sang a hymn of praise followed by a rousing "Three Manseis" led by Father.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the couples then walked down the aisle amidst clouds of confetti and streamers—as the assembled guests went ecstatic—followed by the grandchildren attendants and, finally, True Parents.

While this was the official end of the ceremony, no one left as it was now time for taking the photos, a lengthy pro-

cess but a highly informal and enjoyable one.

With this done, True Parents exited the hall and, almost immediately, the crew appeared and politely encouraged us all to leave so they could set up the hall for the evening banquet.

**Peh Baek Ceremony**

While the morning ceremony focused on the union of man and woman as a couple, the afternoon Peh Baek ceremony is focused on the fact that fam-

to dine by attendants entering with many dishes, including a whole roast duck topped with a little paper crown. To the side were the two elegant spires of the wedding cakes.

The True Children entered, dressed in Korean costume, and took their seats to the side of the offering table. Rev. Kwak opened the proceedings, and all present faced the center aisle as True Parents entered in Korean dress—Father in pale green, Mother in deep red and bright blue—and they went and sat behind the offering table.

Rev. Kwak spoke at length in Korean (no translation, unfortunately, as is the new custom) at the end of which the wedding couple arrived and stood on the threshold of the room. Their costumes were extraordinarily



ing to its current extent of, at last count, eleven million (a number which elicited an explosion of delight from the assembled guests).

The second congratulatory address was given by Dr. Richard Rubenstein, president of Bridgeport University. He spoke of marriage in terms of the unity of mind and body, heaven and earth and concluded his address by quoting Moses, in resonant Hebrew followed by a translation, "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

The third address was given by Dr. T. L. Barrett, Pastor, Life Center Church of God in Christ, Chicago. He recalled the visit to his church of "a powerful woman, more regal and royal than Queen Elizabeth—True Mother of Mothers, Mrs. Moon." He spoke of holding Blessings for the members of his church. He concluded that he "would do all in my power to help fulfill the goal of 36 million blessed couples," a pledge that drew a explosion of approval from all present.



lies are also united by a wedding. The purpose of this traditional ceremony is to welcome the newlyweds into their new family and clan, and to bestow blessings of lineage and prosperity. This was a much smaller affair and, consequently, admission tickets were few and hard to obtain.

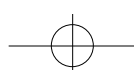
The Crystal Room of the New Yorker Hotel was packed well before the start of the ceremony with atmosphere provided by tinkling, atonal folk music. The floor was carpeted in white cloth with a saek-dong-chun aisle leading from the door to the offering table. This was laden with the elaborate towers of fruits, nuts and candies in intricate, geometrical patterns. Behind the towers, a table was set for four

elaborate: the male dress including a black hat (that, to my mind, evoked the rounded mountains characteristic of Chinese paintings) and a heavy metallic gold-and black belt over maroon clothes. The female dress included an black and gold headdress that flowed all the way down the back, a heavy white cloth that was carried over the arms near the forehead, and a voluminous apron of vivid red. These costumes were so ornate that a pair of attendants had to help them sit down and stand up.

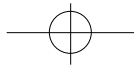
As they stood in the doorway, Father to prayed softly and passionately. After his prayer, the couples walked down the aisle and bowed before True Parents and sat before the table. The parents of the brides then served them wine and they solemnly drank it.

When this was finished the spirit of the room changed dramatically from liturgical to festive as people started rushing to the front to get a good view of what was to happen. Attendants took towers of grapes and nuts from the offering table to Father and Mother who both seized a great handful—first of grapes, then of nuts—and then, much to my surprise, flung them over the table at Young Jin's

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bride who, opening her apron, attempted to catch as many as possible. Her catch was wildly cheered by the crowd now surrounding her.

Parents then repeated the Bestowing of Fruits on the bride of Hyung Jin Nim who also got a rousing cheer.

Father then snapped a few words of Korean and the room quickly reverted to solemnity as the guests scurried back to their places.

The next step involved such a lot of kumbays—full, formal bows—that it was difficult to keep track of who was bowing to who, but the program, luckily, contained a complete list: couples to parents, husband and wife to each other, couples to elder siblings, to younger siblings, youngest children to the couples, couples to parents-in-law.

Dr. David S. C. Kim then animatedly led the guests in a round of "Happy Wedding Day to You" as the couples cut their wedding cakes with ceremonial swords.

The couples then went behind the offering table and sat at the table. The first thing they did was for the new husband to

feed his new wife noodles from a bowl—noodles representing long life in the Korea ceremony. The tiny portions offered by the husbands were clearly insufficient in Mother's eyes because she made her boys heap them on the chopsticks to much laughter from the women by now all clustered around the table again.

Everything then quieted down for a while as, mainly hidden by the offering table, the two couples completed the ceremonial meal together.

This marked the official end of the ceremony and the start of the photography session. Following this, Father led everyone in four manseis to complete the afternoon's celebrations.

**The Banquet**

Returning that evening to the Hammerstein Ballroom it was clear that the Manhattan Center crew has spent a busy afternoon—the room had been transformed into an elegant banquet hall. The head table was on the semi-circle first balcony which had been converted into an intimate space with beige drapes. On the stage were two elegant wedding cakes and the main floor was covered with circular tables all beautifully decorated with flowers and crystal.

Seating was by numbered invitation and there were many hundreds of guests all taking their places at the tables. This writer—lucky to have an invitation at all—had a setback at the start: the assigned table, way in the back and under the balcony, was already full. This report might have had to be second-hand if, after minutes of anxious waiting, an usher had not arrived and escorted me to one of the best tables: center front with a view of everything.

This stroke of personal fortune, it turned out, was because an honored guest had to cancel at the last moment, unknowingly bequeathing to me a fabulous spot to record—and enjoy—the proceedings. At our table was Rev. Barrett who had given the third congratulatory address in the morning and he entertained a stream of people all telling him how moved they had been by his words.

A host of waiters swirled into the hall and, within minutes, we all had a delicious-looking smoked salmon appetizer before us. This was the only challenge of the evening: looking at this delicacy for what seemed ages as emcee Peter Kim gave an overview of what we could expect to happen that evening.

A fanfare announced the arrival of Parents and the wedding party who took their places at the high table. After a tumultuous welcome, the wedding couples came down onto the stage for the cutting of the wedding cakes. After the by now traditional struggle to light the candles, the cakes were cut as Peter Kim led the guests in singing "Happy Wedding Day to You." The task completed, two guests came forward and presented the couples with gifts which they accepted to much applause.

Mr. Neil Salonen then took the podium and said grace over the meal. As soon as he had finished the host of waiters reappeared with what looked like champagne but turned out to be sparkling apple juice and filled our glasses. Everyone stood and Peter Kim led the toast to the happy couples.

To much applause the couples returned to the high table and, at last, we were invited to eat and I fell upon the smoked salmon.

Once the main course had been served—chateaubriand of beef—Alan Inman, emcee for the entertainment portion of the evening, appeared on stage and started the show with an anecdote of how he had ended up by mistake in the Grand Ballroom upstairs where a very sophisticated audience was celebrating the accomplishments of the TV soaps.

The curtains opened revealing a breathtaking diorama of the earth in space with the New York skyline silhouetted; the setting for *Wedding Bells on Broadway*, six couples doing vigorous, youthful dancing to show melodies.

Next, Mr. Inman informed us that Hyung Jin Nim had studied the bugle in school and to honor this was the next set, three buglers performing "Bugler's Holiday", a brassy (what else) fast-paced piece that had everyone tapping along.

Next was the University of Bridgeport choir—a mixed choir of about fifty young men and women dressed in simple black-and-white conducted by Moon Sook Choi in a dress of sparkling silver that blazed and flashed under the lights. They sang a series of Korean folk songs that started off softly and ended with a vigorous climax of powerful sound.

Next was *Meet the Beatles* with Ben and Stian Lorentzen and band who, with their basin cut hairdos, ran through a medley of Beatle songs that were so well done that, closing my eyes, I felt that the originals were back on stage.

Back on stage, Alan Inman then introduced singer Kathy Sharpton and told a few amusing anecdotes of how he, as a Republican, got a lot of flack for knowing her husband, Rev. Sharpton. She first sang a powerful rendition of the *Lord's Prayer* followed by a jazzy rendition of *We are Family*.

Mr. Inman then spoke briefly in appreciation of Peter Kim's long years of service to True Parents before handing the emcee role back to him for the final segment.

"Are you curious about the new in-laws," he asked us rhetorically and got his answer, a resounding, "YES!"

First Mr. and Mrs. Yoo took center stage and, after a bow to the head table, he spoke a few words of appreciation translated for us by Peter Kim. They then sang a sweet, soft song together.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee were then introduced and, after a short speech, they sang a robust song together.

Next, six of the True Grandchildren—three boys and three girls—took to the stage. They sang three delightful songs with the smallest girl, without a trace of stage fright, leading the clapping and the smallest boys battling for control of the angle of their microphone.

Next on stage were grandchildren from In Jin Nim's family on the piano: first a tiny girl at the huge grand who skillfully played her piece, followed by her older brother who played a perky piece with great flair. He was then joined by his older brother and they performed a fast-paced duet together on the shared keyboard.

Kwon Jin Nim then took center stage and, as "a long-time married man" gave some advice to the newly-weds. He then sang *To Dream the Impossible Dream* accompanied by Kevin Pickard on piano. As an encore, he sang *God Bless the USA* acappella and exited the stage after a rousing cheer of "God Bless America."

Next on stage to wild applause was Hyo Jin Nim who, after the brief comment that "life goes on, yes," launched into song. That power and passion was there in his voice as he rasped out two Korean blues songs. For an encore, he sang a reworked version of Eric Clapton's *Tears in Heaven*, sung with such intensity and tears that it cast a poignant spell on us all.

After Hyo Jin Nim's departure, Mr. Kim invited the newly-wed couples down onto the stage to perform where they were showered by confetti and streamers and bedecked with flowery leis.

Young Jin Nim—looking rather stage-

struck—and his wife sang a lovely, soft love song together after she spoke a few words of thanks to True Parents. For an encore, Hwa Jung Nim, with a little encouragement from her new husband, stood forward and sang solo an operatic aria in a lovely clear voice.

Hyung Jin Nim's couple had the opposite dynamic—he was ebulliently at ease while she was shy and retiring; her words of thanks were so quiet that Peter Kim had to stand next to her to pick them up. They then sang a sweet song together with the encore a solo by Hyung Jin Nim: a wild and uninhibited rendition of *La Bamba*—including a break dance spin on the floor that astonished everyone including his wife.

All the True Children and Grand-

children then arrived on stage and Hyun Jin Nim spoke movingly of his two—no longer baby—brothers. Then, as the assembled family sang *Oh Danny Boy*, the grandchildren gamboled exuberantly with the confetti and streamers on the floor, completely upstaging their parents singing behind them.

To prolonged applause, True Parents joined their family on stage and Father spoke briefly of how the Blessing is

eternal and continues in spirit world. Once we have accomplished the 360 million Blessing, he concluded, God will be free to move in the world to influence what happens.

Mother then sang *Battle Hymn of the Republic* while Father provided an erratic backup in his bass register. They then sang a sweet duet together, Mother's clear contralto complementing Father's bass rumble.

Finally, all heaven broke loose as they launched into *Um Ma Ya Nu Nah*: everybody joined in and Father started to conduct the audience: first the right section then the left then both together; the children started to dance with each other and the grandchildren continued to express their delight in swathing themselves in confetti and streamers (which they had been doing all along, anyway); Rev. Kwak started to cavorting in a most uncharacteristic manner and, belying his age, Dr. Pak started leaping in the air holding hands with the youngsters; and Hyung Jin Nim did some more break dancing on the floor. Father, beaming benevolently all the while, conducted the chaos with evident pleasure.

Eventually Father halted the music and he ended the day with a question: "Are you ready for 3.6 million and Washington, DC?" to which came back a resounding roar: "YES!"

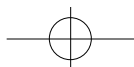
On this upbeat note, the fabulous day of celebration ended. ♦



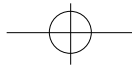
Rev. Barrett



The in-laws sing at the entertainment: above, Mr. and Mrs. Lee; below, Mr. and Mrs. Yoo







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to be done at all it would have to be in-house.

**Plastering**

The first step that had to be accomplished was the plaster work—the 60 by 40 foot ornate surrounding oval as well as the background to receive the painted mural.

Gregorio Villafana—temporarily relinquishing his position as telecommunications manager for MC—took responsibility for this aspect of the project as he had experience from the restoration of the New Yorker Hotel lobby and Grand Ballroom. In an interview with the *Unification News* he went over what was involved in this aerial undertaking.

One of the first problems he faced in pulling together a team was the paucity of talent—such baroque plaster work being a lost art in the city. Much to his surprise, all of those with the desired skills who answered his advertisements were from South America where ornate plaster is still a thriving industry, apparently. Eventually a team of sixteen men was assembled and the project began.

Next was how to get at the ceiling. Its loft of over 150 feet above the floor—which had mainly been removed, anyway, by other works-in-progress—made scaffolding impracticable. The solution was a platform in five sections that was hoisted on steel cables passing through the ceiling. In some cases, the holes drilled for the old false ceiling could be used, in others, new holes had to be drilled to get at the steel skeleton of the building.

Even though the inevitable complications made it take six weeks longer than planned to get the work platform up there, they stuck to the same schedule and just worked faster. For all this, Gregorio was happy to report that no major accidents befell them.

The result was, practically speaking, a whole new work floor that stretched from wall to wall just below the ceiling.

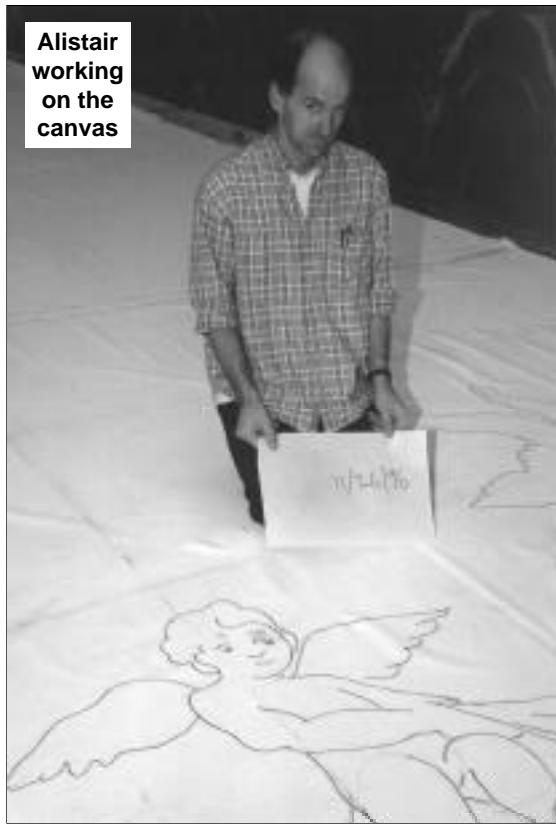
Much of the complicated moldings—especially the four large scrolls—were cast by Monumental Construction in Washington DC whose proprietor, a church supporter, deferred other customers to fit in with their schedule. Much valuable advice also came from this source. Smaller molds were created in-house.

Bit by bit the moldings—hollowed to make them lighter—were cemented into place and, in the period of October through May, the work was completed.

As Gregorio noted, the ceiling is just the most visible and dramatic part of the restoration work being done and that many other 'minor miracles' were being accomplished.

Time being of the essence, as the plastering proceeded the painters were right behind them finishing off the great frame of the mural in gold, green and cream.

While all this was going



on, the mural itself was being prepared.

**The Painting**

The artist for the mural was Alistair Farrant whose regular role at MC is that of audio editor.

He recalled, in an interview, being peripherally involved with the mural back in 1980 when Jan Parker, Watanabe and Carlo Zacherelli—artists of renown in the Unification community—arrived from Europe to attempt the task. While they accomplished much—their great paintings decorated the



World Mission Center for years—somehow the mural itself was never started. When Alistair—renowned in Manhattan Center circles for painting sensational stage backdrops—was approached last year with the opportunity to accomplish this long-delayed project, he had mixed emotions about taking on such a monumental task. Eventually, however, his heartistic sense of Father's original purpose for the building won out and he took on the task in July of last year.

While he was waiting for the working platform to be constructed, he embarked on two months of research. One thing he tried to track down was the name of the original artist—to no avail—and a large swath of the original that had been removed years ago probably as a keepsake—also to no avail. One thing he did have was a faded, old newspaper photo of the ceiling which, at least, gave him an idea of the original composition.

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Examination of blow-ups of this newspaper photo revealed, after much confusion, that the original theme was that of a heavenly orchestra tuning up just before cherubs closed the curtains on this opening to the sky—a pre-show moment.

Alistair also had great hopes in the few remaining fragments of the original—three cherubs and a part of the false balcony were still in place.

One major decision had to be made early—paint onto the ceiling in the style of Michelangelo or, as was eventually settled on, to paint onto canvas and then "wallpaper" the ceiling with it.

While the work space looks like a perfect oval, it is not. So, with the platform in place, Alistair started tracing the ceiling onto acetate to get the exact shape. He bemoaned the fact that he was actually not able to get all of the original as some of it got pulled down by a work team before he was able to get to it.

Eventually the ellipse—54' long by 36' wide—was transferred from the acetate onto the canvas—one half at a time—in an empty space that used to be a Manufacturers Hanover bank branch.

Thus the work began on eighteen canvases each 18 by 6 foot.

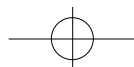
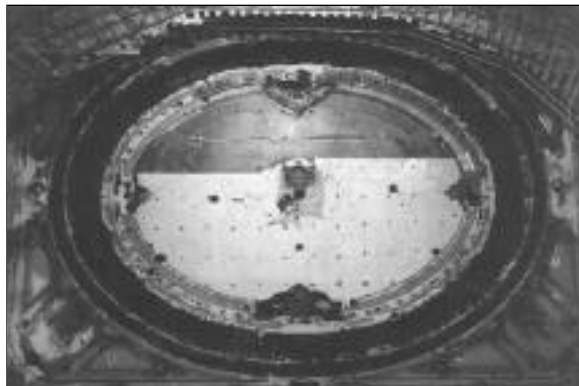
The basic ideas for the work were captured in sketches of the whole and the details with friends acting as models to get the poses correct—which generated some competition as everyone wanted to be "immortalized" on the ceiling.

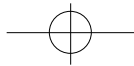
A problem that Alistair encountered at this early state was that the original work had not got the perspective of the false balcony correct. Should he retain this flaw in the original or correct it? With the decision to do it right came an unexpected week of pouring over math books to figure out the correct perspective. In the new version, all the vertical lines in the false balcony are actually all on rays emanating from the center of the ellipse.

Draping the canvases over pipes, Alistair next projected his drawings onto the canvas and traced the outlines onto the canvas.

With the drawings now on them, the canvases were laid out on the floor of the ballroom and, with assistant Tomohino Torikai, he started to "slop on" gallons of paint with golf club-like paint brushes. First on was the sky and clouds followed by the figures. The New York

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# The Study in Korea program for Teens

by Steve & Jeri Tamayo—Seoul, Korea

In this article we hope to convey to you the value of this "study in Korea" program. In the March issue of the *Unification News* was a reprint of a speech Father gave to Blessed children in 1986. In this speech Father states what his goals are for the program and the children who attend it. It is very clear.

Until now parents have had the idea or impression that this is only a one year study in Korea program. And for some students it is. But also it is a very competitive program. Students compete for the highest grade in order to be able to continue their studies in Korea.

The top 10 students of each GOP class (the General Orientation Program) have the opportunity to be chosen to continue on into the prep. program for attending Middle School at Sun Hwa Junior High (known in America as "The Little Angels School, founded by Father") It is one of the best Art schools in Korea and there is great competition among Koreans to be able to attend it. They even have a waiting list for their Elementary school. For the middle school a special and very difficult written test must be passed as well as an Art test (whatever the major might be, music, drawing, dancing etc.)

Our students only qualifications are that they are in the top 10 of their GOP class and that their Korean grade is over 80% and that they set a good standard of a life of faith and action. Until now, some parents (most parents) have been shocked and surprised when their child has called them and said, "Dad, Mom, I want to continue to study in Korea. I really feel like this is where Heavenly Father wants me to be, if I make the top 10 will you let me stay?" This has happened. If you plan to send your child to this program, (Which I hope you do), it would help you to avoid such a shock if you were to read Father's speech together with your child and talk about the possibility of such an idea happening.

The lifestyle that is created here in our program is based on our church traditions handed to us by our Father. The following is an outline of one typical week day here in our dorm.

- 6:00 AM Morning Service (given by either Dorm parents or students)
- 6:30 AM Breakfast
- 7:00 AM First 2 buses leave for school.
- 7:45 AM GOP and Yebi (Japanese GOP) bus leaves for school
- 9:10 AM First class begins
- 3:20 PM School Finishes
- 3:40 PM GOP an Yebi Bus leaves school
- 4:10 PM Students arrive at dorm
- 4:30 to 6:00 is free time, usually unscheduled time.
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM mandatory study time (sometimes teachers make it two hours depending on the study needs of the students.)
- 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM free time
- 9:00 PM Evening service. This time is used for Divine Principle study, internal guidance, birthday parties, song practice, and group meetings.

Groups consist of a leader (an elder student) and about 9-10 students. These groups are held for the elder student to give internal or practical guidance of dorm life or Principle life education based on his or her personal experiences or based on the internal guidance elder students receive from the Teachers. It is also a format students use to take turns giving Divine Principle lectures and honing their public speech abilities. Group meetings are held once a week and the students look forward to them.

Also evening service may consist of group play outdoors especially in the Spring, Summer and Fall. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday the teachers give internal guidance or Principle life education. As well the students are set up by trinity, and they do have trinity meetings at least twice a week.

10:00 PM to 11:00 PM is free time, and bed preparation time. All GOP's must be in bed at 11:00PM and all lights are out at that time. Older students are allowed to stay up longer for study purposes, or as permission is granted.

It's a pretty full schedule and of course Saturdays and Sundays have a slightly different schedule but this can give you a general idea of how time is spent here. By the way, students do go to school half days on Saturday. Of course all Holy days are celebrated and attended by everyone. As well as weekly and monthly pledge. We celebrate birthdays individually and also once a month the students have a birthday party day where they spend 3 hours playing games and celebrating all the students birthdays for that month. Often on Korean Holidays and especially Holy days we play traditional Korean games and or attend entertainment when True Parents are here.

Another very important part of our dorm life is that we have the blessing to also live, study and work with blessed children and teachers from Japan. The students share their rooms together, of course they eat and

attend school together. Although classes are held separately because of language differences, they're just across the hall from each other. We have pledge together, we attend our Sagam Sun Sang nim's (Dormitory Supervisor) speeches together. We celebrate Holy days, Holidays, and birthdays together. We study and play together.

Their is one very big difference between our western program and the Japanese program. That difference is, the Japanese who attend this program have no option to return home after one year. They come with the built in plan that they attend Middle School, High School and University in Korea. As is Father's original plan for this program. Personally I'm a bit jealous of the Japanese program, because since 1986 they have graduated at least up to 18 students into High School and since 1989 have graduated that many into Universities every year. Thus far we have one western student graduating into University this year, another one going into twelfth grade and two presently in 10th grade High School. This year we will have 4 ninth grade

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graduates who will stay and attend Korean High School.

This has been an extra ordinary year for us here at Sun Hwa dorm. One reason for this has been the Chungpyung providence. This year we were able to attend three weekend workshops at Chungpyung. One in November and one in April and one in July. It truly helped set the pace for this years students to have a most remarkable and memorable year. Not to mention the Dorm parents too. We are of course are hoping to have the chance to attend the Chungpyung workshop again with the new class this year. Dae Mo Nim spoke directly to our students and they most assuredly reaped the benefits of a good cleansing and liberation. It has been a most exciting year. Of course the Chungpyung workshop is not a part of our school curriculum, so students had to receive special permission from their parents to attend and the workshop fee is an extra cost of \$20.00 a weekend for our first year students.

One year here would be an amazing year for your child. One of great discoveries. About themselves, about Heavenly Father, about True Parents and about you. Most every child who comes here will begin to discover their value and purpose and most of all their personal relationship to Heaven. I am most sure that this could be the best year of your child's life and one he/she would always remember.

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Times sent a photographer who captured this stage of the project on film.

Naturally there were challenges, one being that others needed to use the ballroom. The canvases had to be removed back to hang on pipes until the space was free again. Alistair explained this need for mobility was one of the reasons why the work was done in quick-drying, flexible acrylic paint rather than in oils. This choice, however, gave rise to another problem: while oil paint stays the same color as it dries, acrylic gets darker and getting the right look became a problem—as did painting out the seams once the canvas was in place.

With the canvases completed, the next step was to call in professional wallpaper hangers to glue them up on the ceiling. Alistair testified to their skill noting that the glue that had to be used

was quick drying and very, very strong. Attempting to remove it after even a few minutes would take the plaster along with it—as happened when a cable being used by a construction rigger snagged on the canvas and pulled a dinner plate-sized chunk of the plaster away. The first piece up was the trickiest—the huge canvas had to be positioned perfectly—and the two-man crew got it right the first time—they were "worth every penny" as Alistair put it.

Once it was up it was possible to see it in its proper perspective from the main floor with all its strengths and weaknesses. The seams were still a problem and some figures had to be reworked. With the work floor now removed, the only way to get at the mural was at the end of an extended cherry

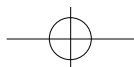


picker. This, as Alistair recalled, had a delightful habit of jerking downwards a few inches every so often, usually when he was busy applying paint.

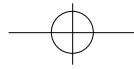
Eventually, the work was all finished—he thought. The evening before the Holy Wedding, Father was given a tour of the building to see the progress of the renovations. He was very impressed by the mural but thought, as a finishing touch, the expanse of sky in the center should be adorned with the sun, moon and twelve stars representing the gates of heaven. Practical as ever, Louise Honey of the MC staff shot off a question: "You want a crescent moon or a full moon?" It is to be a full one, apparently.

For those who missed the Wedding it is possible to get a good overview of the progress of the Opera House—oops, the Hammerstein Ballroom—on the MC web page at: [www.mcstudios.com](http://www.mcstudios.com) ❖

Getting the false balcony onto canvas







# The Emergence of a Marriage Culture

by Diesa Seidel —Redhook, NY

*Diesa Seidel is 17 years old and attending high school in Red Hook. This is a paper she wrote for her English class. Her parents Dietrich and Elisabeth are from the 74 Couples Blessing (in New York 1977).*



**W**e now live in a culture which believes the need for marriage and family is a thing of the past. From the nineteenth century industrial revolution to the late twentieth century sexual revolution, the need for a vision of marriage has been crucial to society. As times change, so do our values. The question arises whether it is an acceptable change. However, are we happier now than we were fifty years ago, or is America on a moral decline?

One aspect of change which has affected our standard of living is the misunderstanding of personal fulfillment. Lifestyles have become more and more hedonistic, which is reflected in our contemporary culture of self-gratification. The well-being of the whole is now second to well-being of the individual. How can a community work together if everyone is only interested in his/her status? How can a marriage be successful if the husband and wife only care about their individual happiness? Thus, the foundation of prosperous societies are stable marriages within them.

Another factor which has changed marriage culture has been the declining value of the institution itself. Whether one takes the secular or religious point of view, the outcome is the same. The vows which are taken reflect a lifelong commitment; however, there are exceptions. From 1900 to 1992 there was a 700% increase in divorces, 56,000 to 1.2 million. Other statistics show that within six months of their marriage, 50% of newlyweds begin to doubt the marriage will last, 39% report weekly big fights, and 4% have separated for at least one night. How can modern society find time to strengthen families in its hectic technological uprise? Now that divorce is accepted as an easy way out of commitment, can Americans ever regain the responsibilities necessary for a valued lifestyle?

These changes produce a lack of obligation and dedication in many fields of life (not only marriage), which results in a low self-image and a pessimistic outlook on life. To restore the present condition of the marriage institution, it will take a selfless attitude and unconditional devotion to that one spouse.

Most people would agree that marriage expectations and traditions have altered during the years. The chart demonstrates marriage in changing times.

Marriage has become less and less valuable. Not only has it begun to lose its high moral standing, but it has also begun to diminish completely. In 1960, for example, 243,000 children were living with a single parent who had never married; by 1993, this figure had risen to 6.3 million. National studies have confirmed that between 1970 and 1995 the percentage of married couples with

children dropped by a third, but single-parent families nearly doubled. The need to change our present practice of marriage is urgent.

Does marriage lead to a more fulfilling life? Many liberals have argued that marriage is an outdated formality, and is nothing more than a convenience, to avoid the censure of society, for example. If two people are willing to commit their lives to each other, then marriage is unnecessary. Obviously these thinkers have misinterpreted or have not fully understood the concept of marriage. If this train of thought holds true for America, what lies ahead for the future? Are we living up to standard?

According to "The Family in America," some Russian communist groups eagerly experimented with alternatives to marriage and family. This emphasizes the point that successful married life is crucial for the well-being of a nation. Will we enter the new millennium with absurd family living conditions? How can we change the present apathy toward this institution?

Marriage is a very practical institution which recognizes and makes allowances for human failings. Simply living together without benefit of marriage does not provide the security of knowing that this is forever. The most

1950s	1990s
Till death do us part...	Fifty ways to leave your lover...
One checkbook	Two checkbooks, two ATMs and ten credit cards
One career	Two careers, three churches, and five support groups
Breadwinner and homemaker	Daycare and pizza
Children were desired	Children are an option
Divorce was shameful	Divorce is appropriate
Man was husband, woman was wife	...whatever

important factor about marriage is that it is a community building act from the very beginning. Living together, on the other hand, implies that the relationship is nobody's business but one's own and has no community blessing to go along with it. Single couples tend to feel quite alone when problems arise in their relationships, since the community may feel it is none of its business. However, the striving for individualism in American culture has brought people to believe that it is a sign of weakness to admit that we need others. If we can accept marriage as a community event, surpassing our selfish ideals would be an easier task.

In an interview in the *Washington Times*, Tiger Woods and his parents Earl and Tida expressed their beliefs in the importance of family life. "Your priority is the welfare of the child first. Who he is and what is going into making him a good person has priority over making him a good athlete. The cement that holds all of this together is not love, because love is a given. It is respect and trust. Parents figure they don't have to earn diddly from a child. That's not true". This shows how important it is for parents and children to work together throughout various circumstances in life. It also emphasizes the importance of keeping everything in perspective, and always having a clear goal. Tiger Woods, the winner of three straight U.S.

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Amateur titles and three straight U.S. Junior Amateur titles, was obviously the player of the future. Woods became the youngest man to win the Masters with his record-breaking 18-under par performance on April 13. Unquestionably, without the full support of his father and mother, Tiger Woods could not have been as successful as he is today.

Recently statistics have shown that 12 to 18 months after the divorce "family after family are still in crisis, their wounds wide open.... Their symptoms were worse than they had been immediately after the divorce.... It would have been hard to find any other group of children—except, perhaps, the victims of a natural disaster—who suffered such a rate of sudden serious psychological problems" (Wallerstein). Children ages 19-23 of divorced families have surprised researchers with how scarred they have become from their own parents' divorce. They implied how divorce was the single most important cause of enduring pain throughout their lives, as well as telling us time and again of how much they needed a family structure, guidance for moral behavior and so forth.

The following points are from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development:

1. Divorce is the leading cause in childhood depression.
2. 75% of adolescent patients at chemical abuse centers are from single-parent families.
3. Every 78 seconds a child attempts suicide; every 90 minutes, one succeeds.
4. 63% of youth suicides are single-parent children.
5. 70% of teenage pregnancies are single-parent children.

6. 75% of juveniles in youth correction facilities are from single-parent families.

Martin Luther and Pope John Paul II called the family "the school of love" and "the school of peace" respectively. Pres. Bill Clinton, in his 1996 State of the Union address, stated: "Our first challenge is to cherish our children and strengthen America's family. Families are the foundation of American life. If we have stronger families, we will have a stronger America." If stronger families are the key to a successful nation, then how do we make them? First of all, the experiences which form our character take place in the family. Without a stable relationship between their father and mother, it becomes extremely difficult for children to learn teamwork harmoniously with each other as brothers and sisters. Many children from broken marriages tend to find it difficult to form a stable marriage; some find it difficult even to hold a steady job.

Another survey concluded that Americans value lifelong marriage and parenthood less than they did a generation ago. After a divorce, the children tend to remain with their mother. Thus, it seems that the relationship between child and mother would strengthen; however, the mother-child bond is also weakened as a result of divorce. About 50% of all children who were close to

their mothers before divorce remained equally close after divorce. Nicholas Zill's studies have found other long term effects, such that family disruption strongly affects school achievement. Children in disrupted families are nearly twice as likely as those from intact families to drop out of high school.

Another problem which results from the failure of marriage is that of the teens who end up on the streets. When they run away from home, they are usually not running away from a healthy home. Robert W. Sweet, Jr. of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, stressed the importance of family background.

As we can see, today's marriage institution needs rebuilding. More and more people have realized the crucial importance of a successful marriage, and the responsibilities they must pass on to their children. Since today's marriage is badly wounded, society is full of instability. This creates a need for reversing the cultural trend of attacking the institution of marriage. The Council on Families in America urges the public to participate in a national discussion on "recreating a marriage culture." (Marriage in America: A Report to the Nation, March 1995, p. 5) From political leaders to all-star athletes, the emphasis on having a strong family remains the same in all areas. Whether it be to strengthen the nation of just to feel supported in everyday life, the family plays an enormous role in the development of our lives.

More and more psychologists and other researchers have begun to realize how the effects of dysfunctional marriage (or divorce) on children have been underestimated. As Albert Schweitzer put it, "Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will—his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals."

It is this agenda of an internal change of human beings which will be the driving force for creating a marriage culture. In its essence, it is a change of the human heart from selfishness to unselfishness.

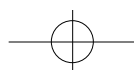
Can America increase the levels of its standards? What would America be like without broken families, out-of-wedlock childbirth, divorces, and stepparents? Would we be living in the same type of society? We may continue to deny the effects of family disintegration, but the evidence is overwhelming that strong families will improve American society as a whole. ♦

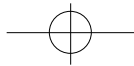
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# Peanuts and Poster Beds

**T**here was a national campaign in 1972 to raise money for a down-payment on Belvedere, the foundation property of our church in America. I had recently arrived in Mississippi and was the only Unification Church member in the state. I would walk to the bus station in Oxford and carry a 20-pound case of scented candles in brandy snifters back to the cottage that served as a center. Then I would walk back for the next case in the shipment. I didn't want to waste a precious dollar on taxi fare. It wasn't always easy motivating myself to go out, and sometimes I was bone-tired after returning from fundraising and just fell into bed. At the end of each week I treated myself to a root bear float at the Dairy Queen.

Barry Cohen sent out weekly campaign newsletters from headquarters that made members in 48 states feel like family members working together. Sometimes I would call directory assistance for Bismarck, North Dakota or Boise, Idaho and ask for the phone number of our pioneer there. Even though I couldn't afford the long-distance phone call, to hear the voice of someone in the same city as my brother or sister was a treasured moment.

For 40 days that winter it rained every day. People joked about building an ark. I was surrounded by darkness; far, far off in a distant galaxy I could see a tiny pinpoint of light, and when I prayed it got brighter, ever so slightly brighter.

I witnessed to both blacks and whites; people didn't know what to make of me. It wasn't that long ago that northerners were killed in Mississippi for promoting desegregation, and my accent is definitely not southern. I told people I grew up in Virginia, which was the capital of the Confederacy; but in Mississippi, anyone born across the state border is a foreigner. When I crossed the state border, whether in a bus or car, it was like entering a dense gray fog that only lifted when I crossed another border out of the state.

I took Taiwanese university students witnessing to black churches. The Chinese students were chuckling about a recent news story of a small town in the Delta area with a population almost evenly split between blacks and whites. The blacks could not accept a white mayor, and the whites could not accept a black mayor; they compromised and

elected a Chinese mayor. (Chinese laborers had been brought to the south in the 19th century, and their descendants are found here and there in Mississippi.) I told them about Rev. Moon's vision of the yellow race harmonizing between whites and blacks.

Bus teams came through in cycles. Each time I would go to the county sheriff and remarkably they would bend rules so that members could fundraise and hold rallies. After the team left, however, we would have to find a new center, for no landlord could tolerate such upheaval.

When Father returned to the United States in the spring of 1973, he invited the pioneers to a conference at Belvedere. By ones, twos and threes we arrived in Memphis and headed northeast in a van. Led by our IW, Hillie Edwards, we sang the songs of the Old South day and night until we pulled into the gates of Belvedere. The pearly gates of heaven could not have looked more golden. Before we could see Father, we had to sit and listen to three days of lectures by Pres. Young Whi Kim. After being on the run day and night, it was nearly impossible to sit still for three days. To see Father, to hear his voice, to pray at the holy rock, to slide down the fire pole at the Agora house, to help Darlene Pepper in the kitchen, to stay up all hours sharing stories.

When we returned we said sad farewells, one by one. Dropping me off in Oxford, Jack Hart explored the cottage and returned to tell everyone that Joy had a four-poster bed. Much impressed, they dashed into the bedroom and beheld . . . a sleeping bag on the floor. But Jack's remark created in my imagination a bower with a poster bed, complete with lace canopy, and I went to sleep every night as a heavenly princess enveloped in a divine embrace.

Later on another sister and I were pioneering in Hattiesburg, sleeping on the living room floor of a house in a poor part of town, guests of a kind woman and her children. We would drive to New Orleans and buy 50 pound sacks of peanuts. We found nobody in Mississippi who didn't like roasted peanuts. We roasted peanuts on trays in the oven. Children from all over the neighborhood would gather around the house, drawn by the smell of peanuts. They had never seen such quantities. We packed the peanuts in small paper bags and went out each day selling them. People in Mississippi must stay up late at night thinking of reasons for not buying from us. I still chuckle over phrases such as, "I'm so poor I can't pay attention," and "I'm broker than the Ten Commandments."

One day our hostess announced that she was going out fishing that day in order to prepare a special meal for the two of us when we returned that night from selling. She spent hours along the river and came back with some catfish, which she fried and served us along with turnip greens and corn bread. No

river fish ever tasted sweeter than that catfish caught and prepared with so much love. She beamed when we presented her with a parting gift of a lacy nightgown and covered roasting pan.

A dark cloud descended over my life when Father sent brothers as Mobile Unit Commanders to states pioneered by sisters. It was traditional that a male be leader. The brother assigned to Mississippi was young and defensive. He claimed fundraising rights over the entire state and wouldn't let me fundraise to pay my bill to the candle factory and other expenses. Mind you, national MFT's bypassed the state of Mississippi for some years. County sheriffs did not easily grant permission for door-to-door soliciting, and only a handful of towns permitted it.

After a conference, I pleaded with Neil Salonen to be allowed to remain in New York to fundraise. There was a Japanese fundraising team working out of Belvedere, but I couldn't join them until Mr. Kamiyama returned from Japan to give permission. In the mean-

time I was told I could stay at the 71st Street center in Manhattan and fundraise on the streets with a team of young members. I arrived at night with my suitcase and sleeping bag. At each sisters' room I looked into I was told there was no space for me, not even a corner of the floor. Finally I found space in the lost and found closet. The next morning, I was yelled out for leaving my suitcase in the hall (there was no space for it in the closet). I was persona non grata for three days in that center.

If the new members weren't going out fundraising, I would take a box of candles, head for the subway, and discuss with Heavenly Father what station to get off at. For evening rush hour I would fundraise on the Staten Island subway until I was kicked off. One Friday evening, I was rejected everywhere I went.

"What's a nice Jewish girl like you doing selling on the Sabbath?" I was asked. To no avail, I explained that I wasn't Jewish and since the sun hadn't set it wasn't quite the Sabbath. A young woman and her baby were assaulted in the neighborhood a few hours earlier, and everywhere I went people were terrified. Finally I went to a phone booth and called the center, asking for the person who had yelled at me for leaving my suitcase in the hall. I humbled myself and described what was happening and asked for advice. Finally, I sold out and returned to the center. The next morning I was informed that I could go to Belvedere.

Nobody spoke English on the Belvedere fundraising team. I couldn't complain because nobody would understand me anyhow. (Mr. Sudo arrived a year later and began the "offering has no mouth" internal guidance series, but I was enrolled in an introductory course.) We must have prayed 15 times a day: when we woke up, before eating breakfast, before leaving the building, before the van headed out, before starting a fundrais-

ing period, before eating sandwiches, before going out again, on returning home at night, before supper, before sleep, etc., etc. We lived humbly and ate humble food.

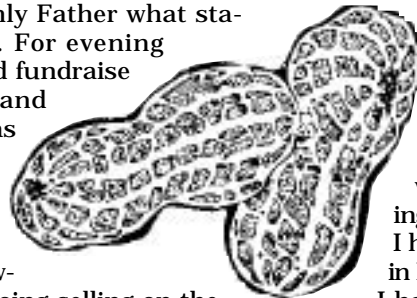
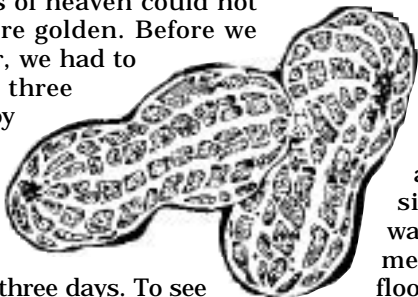
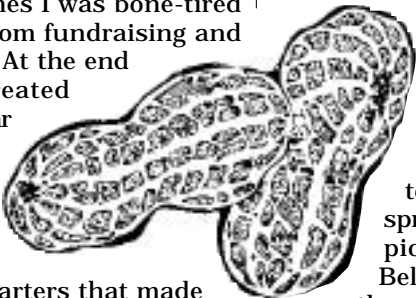
One day the captain dropped me off at a grocery store in the projects of Patterson, New Jersey. None of us knew anything about Patterson. After about an hour I was robbed. Small boys informed me that someone had taken money out of my purse. Police were called. "What are you doing here?" they asked. "First they rob you, then they rape you, then they kill you. Where can we take you?" I asked them to take me downtown, assuming-correctly as it turned out-that the captain would have dropped off some team members there. I spent the rest of the day telling those who purchased flowers from the Japanese sisters what cause they had contributed to.

The next day I was dropped off in another part of town. While heading back with my partner to the afternoon pickup site, I was starting to cross a busy intersection when the light changed. I backed up to what I thought was the sidewalk but fell instead into an open storm sewer. The cover was missing, for some reason. I found myself unexpectedly at chin level with the asphalt, cars and trucks whizzing by my nose. I never let go of the flower bucket. Before my eyes flashed the headlines: *Loyal Fundraiser Holds Onto Product Until the End*. Eventually my partner backtracked and discovered my head. He helped me out of the sewer. There were scrapes on my skin, but no broken bones. He must have described what happened to the captain, for he let me ride around with him for the next two or three hours.

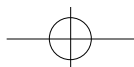
That night I had a serious prayer. The words of the police kept repeating themselves: first they rob you, then they rape you, then they kill you. If the difficulties progressed in such an incremental fashion, would I survive the following day? I wasn't ready to die. I hadn't made much progress in Mississippi. I wasn't blessed. I had no children to carry on

after my demise. I prayed, "Please, Heavenly Father, don't let me die tomorrow. No matter how terrible my sin and the sin of my ancestors, let me stay on earth and pay whatever indemnity is necessary." I cried tears of repentance more seriously than ever before.

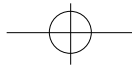
Not only did I survive the next day, but I sold out. The atmosphere that surrounded me changed. I met my goal. I returned to Mississippi, the heart of hell. I still couldn't get along with the Mobile Unit Commander. One young brother decided to fast until we made unity. After three days I decided I couldn't be the cause of this sincere young man's untimely demise, and I humbled myself. Almost immediately I received a call from national headquarters asking me to edit *Way of the World Magazine*, the English-language publication of our international movement, which at Father's request was going to be produced in America. ❖



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**PART TWO**

**L**ast month we discussed the situation of children in various societies, past and present. This time we'll focus on the future.

Regarding America's troubled youth, "get tough" responses have dominated, from the Federal government right on down to local School Boards. "Zero Tolerance" policies are being implemented everywhere. The results have not been pretty.

Violence plagues the schools—and kids have been arrested for bringing a cheese knife in their lunch box. Drugs are a terrible menace, and students are getting busted for handing out aspirin tablets. Sexual harassment is (finally!) against the law. And six year-olds are getting suspended for pecking a schoolmate on the cheek.

Meanwhile, the schools themselves are pushing drugs like Ritalin and Zoloft. Many involved in this are cashing in big time, thanks to government payments directed towards allegedly "disabled" children. (Thus shorting the truly disabled.)

In California, a school teacher was revealed to be an X-rated movie star—and he, a union member, could not easily be fired. He was openly defended!

A recent Surgeon General made several bizarre suggestions in proposing "sex education" for little kids.

Such venal contradictions pile up whenever our clueless government "tries to help." (Refer to *The Death of Common Sense* by Philip K. Howard—if your stomach can handle it.) Confusion, hypocrisy, rigidity: all send an extremely confusing message to our children.

**Scientific Input**

Modern science has had its say in child rearing, beginning with the "soft" sciences like Psychology. Doctors Skinner and Spock have come and gone, along with their ridiculous theories, the former coldly mechanistic and the latter warmly over-indulgent.

Now "hard" science is also stepping in. Parents can buy home-use drug testing kits. A do-it-yourself "fatherhood DNA test" has just come on the market.

All too often, these tests will be the harbingers of Bad News. If drugs are being used, it is vital for the parents to know. On the other hand, some experts advise against the use of the DNA test. Radio's popular Dr. Laura asks callers, "What will happen if you find out you're not the father?"

In most situations, she explains, confirming past infidelities would only shatter an already shaky marriage, and completely estrange the child. Any man can be a "sperm donor," and it doesn't require much time or effort. But supporting one's family, and fulfilling the lifelong position of a father, is a precious and challenging role. Even if the genes don't quite match. (For Unificationists the standards are much higher.)

Lawyers have sensed an opportunity here. Many men are now learning of the consequences of a one-night fling

they'd had, dimly remembered, often years before. It happens when they're dragged to a laboratory for a court-ordered DNA test. At best, these men learn that they have a "new" family to nurture. At worst, they end up trying to evade a gigantic bill for unpaid child support.

Science isn't finished with the family yet. Frozen human embryos have become the objects of ferocious court battles, especially where the parents had since divorced. Children have been born to hormone-treated elderly women. Surrogate mothers have birthed the child of a parent who had already died.

Some human tissues can live for several hours beyond the point of "legal death." Sperm cells have been extracted from men who had already died, and their ladies have sought to bear their children anyway. In one case, the distraught parents (of an unmarried son) advertised for a woman who would bear them a "posthumous grandchild."

"Genetic tailoring" is a popular theme for near-future science fiction. If the human life span is greatly extended, the prospects of that era's children will look markedly different.

It's going to take a regular King Solomon to sort this stuff out ...

**Advocates**

Who is currently addressing these issues? Almost no one, save for a few self-proclaimed children's advocates. They've also become experts at promoting any program they desire, on the basis of concern for children. Their agenda is quite predictable.

Want to control an industry? Perhaps their factories produce things -pollution, unhealthy foodstuffs, unsafe products- that may threaten our children's health. Even if they don't, any number of scientists would be happy to call a press conference and claim that it's so.

Want to nationalize American health care? Rejected at your first, massive effort? Just cobble up some inflated statistics and heart-rending stories about "uninsured children." Provide those millions of kids with a new government program. In a couple of decades they'll all grow up, become voters—and expect the gray train to keep on rolling.

There are numerous other examples. After all, who wants to be accused of being *against* children? Not anyone who has to face the voters! Government should do everything it can defend families. But today, our government is run by humanists who have nothing but disdain for traditional families.

Few of them are good parents, but they're experts when it comes to getting their way. The government has declared that children are to be raised in a "healthy environment." It is possible to "raise the bar" so high that no parent could make the grade.

In an earlier *UNews* article ("Sheepening") we discussed these leader's pervasive efforts to subdue the American people. "Sheepening" is a neater phrasing; their efforts continue. Publications like *Imprimis* and *The Washington Times*, and commentators like Rush and Dr. Laura, are properly informing the adults of this nation. Thus, the humanist's

efforts are increasingly aimed at our children. This ongoing "sheepening" is concentrated in the Public School system.

**Liberation?**

The phrase "It takes a village to raise a child" may or may not be a real African proverb. If it is, while there are many wonderful people in Africa, those villages remain the poorest, most ignorant, superstitious and disease-ridden places on Earth. And if it isn't, the Federal government's "village elders" are quite unwelcome.

A quote from America's "most powerful woman" concerns "equating marriage with slavery." Even within its well-hedged original context, this statement clearly depicts the attitude of our humanist rulers.

The idea of "Kid's Lib" surfaced in the late 1960s. Back then, this author thought it sounded like a pretty neat idea. But even then, the question arose: once "liberated," what *better* things were the kids -and society- going to build? In distant Korea, the True Parents had already been rejected; no one could answer the question.

Some people believe it's foolish to raise "naive" children. These are the same ones who replied "no" to the Third Point in our pre-Blessing vows: educating children about sexual purity.

We realize that our children will eventually be tempted by drugs, pornography, etc. Lurid advertisements, scruffy

neighbor kids, cars with "gansta rap" blaring forth, and much more, surround our children now.

In response, some religious families have reacted strongly, much as Grandmother Hong did when she repaired (with her young daughter Hak Ja) to an isolated island. These families have no TV in their homes, and their children are only allowed to attend church-supervised gatherings.

On the other hand, there are Unificationists who deliberately avoid our own religious schools, not wishing their children to be "overly sheltered."

It now appears that the former course is preferable; as far as is possible, any island of sanity should be eagerly sought, by Unificationists and all concerned parents.

Horrible tales of child abuse, and especially the recent epidemic of crack babies, have prompted calls for extreme measures like "parental licensing." Many have responded with sensible, locally-based programs; for example, waiting periods with premarital counseling and special, extra-committed marriage licenses.

Purity does not have to equate with weakness. In the Bible it certainly didn't. Purity may remain an object of derision—or become the next big social trend. Several million pre-Blessed couples (as of this writing) is no small potatoes! Those very Four Blessing Points encapsulate the solution to our children's ills. ❖

# Killing Fields of America

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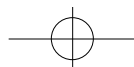
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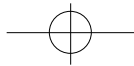


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# McVeigh and One World Under God

**T**imothy McVeigh was found guilty on all counts. Cheers of "Justice Done!" erupt across the country. I listen to the conversations around me and discern a general consensus for a quick execution. McVeigh's actions went beyond the pale of human acceptability. He doesn't deserve to live. I get the feeling that people don't want to delve into the deeper discontent amongst many of our citizens of which the Oklahoma City courthouse bombing was simply the most extreme outbreak.

I must confess that I haven't followed the trial closely. From what I have discerned, Timothy McVeigh felt that the federal government had become so oppressive that he was justified in attacking one of its outposts. He perceives himself as a soldier in a war for freedom. He timed his attack on the anniversary of the destruction of the religious compound in Waco to call attention to what many in the patriot and militia movements perceive as the tyrannical abuse of power by the national government. Apparently, he believed that his action would trigger a general revolt against the government by people across the country.

Obviously, he totally lost his conscience in the process. His heinous killing of 160 people repulsed the nation. Even the most radical anti-government militias immediately disassociated themselves from any connection to McVeigh and denounced the illegal use of violence or terrorism as a mean to achieve their ends.

### Distrust and Resentment

Yet, the fact remains that, though they dissociated themselves from the act, hundreds of thousands of Americans in patriot organizations and militias across America have a similar viewpoint toward the federal government. The Oklahoma city bombing is not the only evidence we see of such sentiments. Last year we had the confrontation with the Freemen in Montana, and this year we saw a showdown with the so-called "Republic of Texas." Furthermore, millions of people who do not belong to militias or armed patriot groups share a belief that the elite forces who wield our nations power are involved in a conspiracy to deprive Americans of their fundamental rights and sacrifice our national sovereignty to a new One World Government. We have heard these ideas articulated in recent years by such prominent spokesmen as Pat Robertson and Patrick Buchanan.

The scenarios vary; and there may be slight differences in the identification of

the enemy, but generally groups such as the Council of Foreign Relations, the Tri-lateral Commission, the Federal Reserve, the Carnegie Institute, and the Rockefellers are at the core. Some conspiracy theories go so far as to weave an obscure thread through history tracing events in international politics and finance to the workings of such secret societies as the Illuminati or Skull and Bones.

Most of the adherents of this point of view are not ignorant people. They are well read. They are well versed in our nations history and tradition. They love the Constitution and have studied it thoroughly. For the most part, these people are probably better informed on events than the general populace.

### What is Happening?

It is a truism nowadays to say that the world is changing. There is no doubt that a new world order is forming. We are living in a global economy. Trade, finance, and communications demand international coordination and regulation. The problems of the environment, drug-trafficking, and international terrorism are too large from any one nation to deal with alone. The situation of the modern world demands international cooperation.

The international system has been developing for a long time. In the nineteenth century, London was the financial capital of the world. British courts to a large degree regulated international trade. During this period America was still relatively isolated. While the European nations were developing their colonial empires, America was in the process on expanding across the continent and developing our native resources.

World War I drew us into the international system as a reluctant partner. President Wilson proposed the idea of the League of Nations, but it was rejected by the U.S. Senate. Americans perceived themselves as independent of the machinations of the colonial powers.

World War II thrust us to the center of a new world order. The United States was the dominant power, militarily and economically, after the war. The U.S. bankrolled the reconstruction of Europe. America was the author and cornerstone of the United Nations. The dollar became the dominant currency of the world.

Yet the post war world was divided by a fundamental difference in ideology. The Soviet Union and her allies rooted in materialist ideology of Marx challenged the democracies of the West rooted in Christian humanism. This conflict has now been resolved. The Soviet Union has crumbled and the communist states of Eastern Europe have tumbled. The last vestiges of the communist age remain only in East Asia and Cuba. Soon, they also will be past.

As we move into the post cold war era, the mechanisms for international action and interaction developed after World War II are no longer adequate. As the nature of the new global economy and political community becomes clearer, it is imperative that we develop the institutions necessary to promote international harmony and cooperation.

As a result, we see a number of developments in the past few years. The United Nations is being afforded an expanded role in international peacekeeping. International trade agreements are being renegotiated. The role of NATO is being redefined. On a regional level, we witness such events as the signing of NAFTA and the movement toward the unification of Europe. These are merely the most newsworthy of a number of events heralding the trend toward a new world order.

It is these events that are causing uneasiness amongst a large number of our nations citizens. They sense what is happening but they don't understand it. The sweeping developments in the world are not widely discussed in the public arena. People experience a sense of powerlessness. People feel that they are merely the pawns in secretive plans by big banks, large corporations and nebulous bureaucracies. One Worldism is not popular in America. One presidential candidate, Wendell Wilkie ran on a one world platform and he was overwhelmingly defeated. Since that time, no major politician has espoused one worldism. While Washington makes obvious moves toward the formation of a global system they continue to talk in terms of Americanism. Yet people sense that something is going on. Americans with a strong sense of nationalism who witness global developments feel that our national sovereignty is being undermined and that their individual rights are threatened. This feeling is fed by a strong tradition of populism in the American polity, particularly in the South, the West, and the rural areas of the East. Many Americans traditionally distrust Washington, the financial centers, and the large corporations which are involved in the global transition. It is this current of discontent which has given rise to conspiracy theories and the militia movements. In the extreme, it has resulted in unfortunate incidents such as the Waco bombing.

### One World Under God

Yet the trend toward global unification is inevitable. People who fear One World are out of touch with reality. There is only one world. That world is increasingly intertwined. What are those who oppose a new world order advocating. World disorder? The question is not whether there will be a new world order. That is a given. Rather the issues for us

as Americans are: What will be the nature of the new international order? And, what role should America play in developing that new order?

Rather than shying away from developing a framework for our world in the 21st century, Americans should be striving to play a leading role. We should desire to see our nation serve as an example. The United States of America is potentially a good model for a unified world. We are an international nation which was born through the federation on separate sovereign states. The American federation was the product of hundreds of years of practical constitutional development rooted in Christian tradition and British Common law.

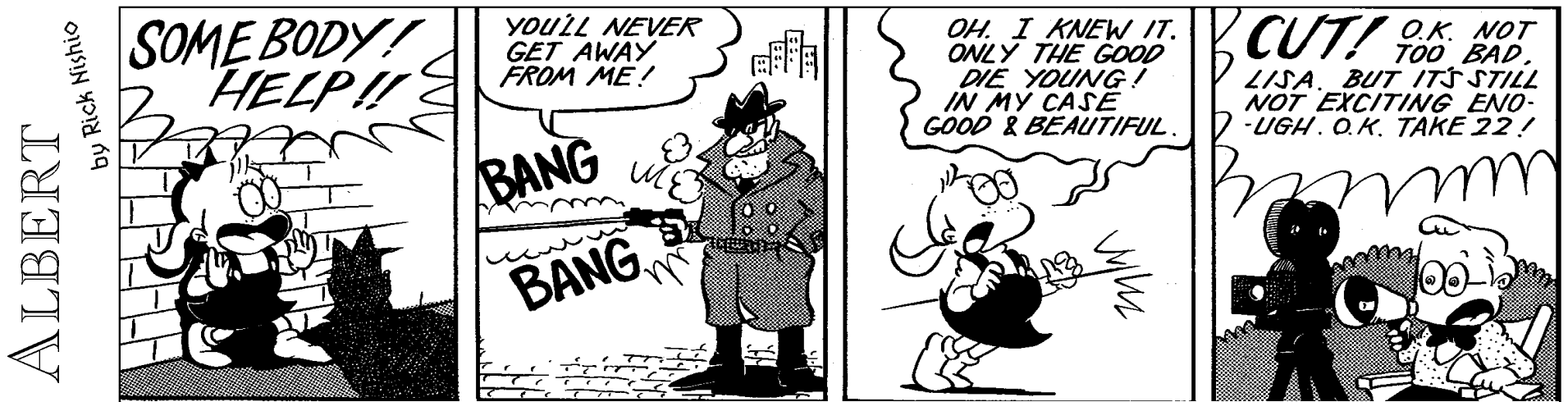
The American experience has been a success because we were had a moral populace rooted in religion and a legal system rooted in tradition which balanced the rights of individuals, private property, and the local, state, and national governments. This combination allowed us to grow together as one nation under God. It is time now to apply this formula to the world in the development of One World Under God.

Unfortunately, in recent years we have strayed from our original principles. We have lost the original spirit of the nation. Beset by the skepticism of the twentieth century, we have lost our moral compass and strayed down a path of relativism and secularism. As we have lost our moral compass, we have seen the decay of our families, communities and society. We have lost the spirit of moral self-government.

Godlessness is the primary threat the modern world. We have seen in the communist state the extreme form of a godless society. Might makes right. In the name of high ideals freedom is abolished and atrocities become the order of the day. Without God the absolute moral values necessarily for human freedom and happiness are absent.

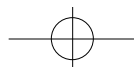
As the world comes closer together and the mechanisms of international cooperation are developed the question is will we have one world under God or will we see the development of an international superstate misguided by relative values and dominated by human arrogance?

The challenge to us as Americans is twofold. First, we must return to the original founding spirit of the nation. We must regain a moral foundation to build a strong national character. We must restore the strength of the family as the cornerstone for peaceful communities and a prosperous society. Secondly, we should strive together for a world based on these principles. ♦

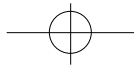


ALBERT

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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

The Ordeal at Hung Nam Prison

by Sandra Lowen

For one month Father remained in the Pyongyang prison. Then he was transferred to the Tong Nee Special Labor Concentration Camp at Hung Nam, which is located on the northeast side of North Korea. This was not like an American prison, where prisoners might do light jobs and spend many hours in clean cells to write letters home, relax, or even work on their college degrees.

This prison was at a nitrogen fertilizer factory. There was a small mountain of hardened lime which the prisoners had to break up and haul to another place. They had to break up the lime, pack it into rice-straw bags holding eighty pounds each, weigh it, and take it off to the loading dock. Each group of ten men was responsible for loading 1,300 bags every day, which meant about one bag every half-minute. The bags were heavy. The lime made their fingers bleed with big sores.

You might think a man would simply decide not to work; but this was not possible at the Tong Nee Camp. If the team did not do its work, they didn't get anything to eat that day. In order to live, they had to eat, and in order to eat, they had to do the work. They didn't eat steaks or chicken or vegetables, nor any of the foods we eat to stay strong. They received each day just one small ball of boiled barley, or a few spoonfuls of rice or wheat. Even if a person was lucky enough to eat every day, it was still not enough food to live on. Within a few weeks, the men became so skinny you could see the shape of their bones. Their bellies became swollen from starvation. After six months in this prison, most of them were sick enough to die. At the end of one year, most of the prisoners had died. Father was sentenced to five years! How was he going to survive?

As soon as he arrived, Father began planning how he would stay alive. His plan was very unusual. Most people would think the best plan would be to find ways to save energy and get more food. That was not Father's way.

First, he looked at the food. If he became desperate about this little lump of grain, he would surely die. He saw how the people acted around him. One day a prisoner, who had been very ill, died while eating his meal. When he fell over, two or three prisoners rushed to his side, opened his mouth, scooped out the grains of rice he had not swallowed and ate them.

Father decided that instead of trying to find a way to get more food he would eat less; then on the days when he ate the regular portion it would seem like a feast. For some time he would divide his little rice ball in half and give one half to one of the other prisoners. The surprise in that prisoner's face must have been like food to Father.

The time before the Korean War was very difficult even for those who were not in prison. Disciples such as Mrs. Ok and Won Pil Kim were allowed to visit every two months, and they would sometimes manage to bring him a little bag of rice powder. He easily could have gone to a quiet corner and eaten the rice powder himself, but that was not Father's way. Father would always

share it with other prisoners. Sometimes he filled their pockets with the precious powder when they weren't looking.

One day Father received a package of rice powder. Before he could share it he discovered it was missing. The other prisoners became outraged. Who would do such a thing? Finally they found the guilty man and dragged him before Father, so he could be punished. Father looked at him and said, "You must have been so very hungry to have to steal my food. He who is hungry has the right to eat. Give me your bag." Father then poured into his bag all the rice powder he had left.

Father looked at the work load. He decided to work harder than anyone at the camp had ever worked before. The nine workers on his team found that they could fill enough bags of lime when they worked with Father. Soon other prisoners were trying to get on Father's team. Twice Father was given a special award by the communists for his hard work. So, even Satan had to admit Father worked hard!

Then Father looked at his spiritual life. He had suffered so much, but he never complained to God about his situation. He never prayed to God because he was weak. His first thought was that God must be suffering so much to see what he was going through. If he acted sad it would make God suffer more. So he spoke brave words to God.

"I will never give up, Heavenly Father," he prayed with great love. "Please don't worry about me," He also told God he would fulfill his mission; he would be victorious.

The prisoners never got enough sleep, but Father used his sleeping time to

meditate and pray. A prisoner later said that when they went to sleep, they would see Father kneeling to pray; when they woke up, he was still praying!

The prisoners came to love him. Many times tears came into their eyes because they loved him so much. Father could not say one word about his mission to them, or even speak about God or religion at all. The communists would have killed him if he spoke of God. Therefore, spirit world spoke out for him. Many prisoners were told in dreams that he was a very special person, and that they should become his helpers.

At least twelve prisoners became his disciples. One of these men was named Jung Hwa Pak. Mr. Pak was a leader over a group of prisoners. Father was in his group. He tried to give Father easier jobs and extra food whenever possible, but Father always refused these favors.

The summers were extremely hot. Father always kept all his clothes on. Mr. Pak kindly suggested, "Why don't you take off your rubber shoes and long sleeved shirt? I'll take you somewhere to wash."

"I cannot," replied father. "Heavenly Father directly told me not to expose my body to others." At one point, Father got very sick with malaria. He could have rested in sickbay. But he said, "No, I didn't come here because of my sin, but for my mission." He continued working, sweating greatly, barely having the energy to stay on his feet. No one else could have survived such punishment.

Father's number in prison was 596, which—when translated into Korean, sounds very similar to the word which means "innocent," or "not being treated fairly." ♦

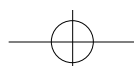


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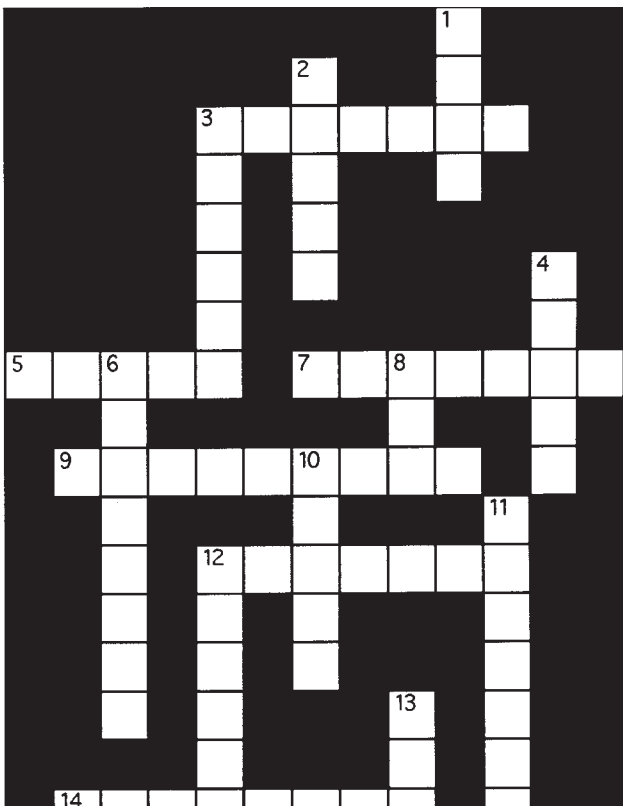
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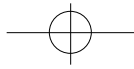
**ACROSS**

- 3 Zechariah's family let Mary stay in their house. Jesus was \_\_\_ in the house of Zechariah.
- 4 Mary received Elizabeth's help in the presence of \_\_\_.
- 7 Mary accepted the \_\_\_ of God with absolute faith.
- 8 Mary had to achieve something that could not be understood by common sense, nor easily \_\_\_ under the law of those times.
- 9 Mary, Elizabeth, and Zechariah had been spiritually moved. They \_\_\_ the revelation that came from God, and unconditionally believed that it was the will and desire of God.
- 10 Mary received Elizabeth's help in the \_\_\_ of Zechariah.
- 12 Mary had to \_\_\_ something that could not be understood by common sense, nor easily tolerated under the law of those times.
- 13 In those days, if an unmarried woman \_\_\_ pregnant, she would be killed by stoning.
- 17 Mary received Elizabeth's help in the presence of Zechariah. Through this \_\_\_, Zechariah's family indemnified the lack of unity between mother and son with Leah and Rachel in Jacob's family (Genesis 29 - 30).
- 19 Elizabeth and Mary were \_\_\_ on their mother's side.
- 24 Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary's unity made it possible, for the first time in history, that there could be born on earth, free of satanic \_\_\_ and through a prepared womb, the seed of the Son of God - the seed of the True Father.
- 25 Mary consulted with the priest Zechariah, who was her relative and was \_\_\_ respected.
- 26 After the surprising message from the Archangel Gabriel, Mary \_\_\_ with the priest Zechariah, who was her relative and was highly respected.
- 27 Because of Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary's unity, the only \_\_\_ Son of God, the owner of the first love of God, was born for the first time in history.
- 28 Zechariah's family let Mary stay in their \_\_\_. Jesus was conceived in the \_\_\_ of Zechariah.
- 29 Zechariah's wife Elizabeth with the help of God was pregnant with \_\_\_ the Baptist.

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- 1 In those days, if an \_\_\_ woman became pregnant, she would be killed.
- 2 In those days, if an unmarried woman became pregnant, she would be killed. But Mary accepted the will of God with absolute \_\_\_ saying "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)
- 5 Zechariah's wife \_\_\_, with the help of God, was pregnant with John. She said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43)
- 6 God let Mary, Zechariah, and Elizabeth know about the birth of the Messiah \_\_\_ anybody else.
- 11 Mary, when she was engaged to Joseph, received from the Archangel Gabriel the \_\_\_ message that the Messiah would be born through her (Luke 1:31).
- 14 Elizabeth and \_\_\_ were cousins on their mother's side. But according to God's Providence, they were considered sisters, with Elizabeth as the elder (Cain position) and \_\_\_ as the younger (Abel position).
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- 21 Zechariah's family let Mary \_\_\_ in their house. Jesus was conceived in the house of Zechariah.
- 22 With these words Elizabeth \_\_\_ to the coming birth of Jesus, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43)
- 23 Mary \_\_\_ Elizabeth's help in the presence of Zechariah.
- 26 Mary had to achieve something that could not be understood by \_\_\_ sense, not easily tolerated under the law of those times.





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# VIRGINS, MARTYRDOM, AND NO REST FOR THE WICKED

‘H’aving created man ‘male and female,’ the Lord also wants to place the New Eve beside the New Adam in the Redemption ... Mary, the new Eve, thus becomes a perfect icon of the Church ...” Pope John Paul II, April 1997 cited in *Newsweek*, Aug. 25, 1997, p. 51 “Hail, Mary” by Kenneth L. Woodward

Over the past century, the devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus, has been booming in the Catholic Church, the mainstream body of Christ. This is unavoidable and obvious in its origins. Human beings are constituted male and female and need a feminine referent for our spirituality. And we cheer the articulation of this longing within the greatest structure of Christian faith, even as we note the variations on the theme manifested in various spiritualized forms of feminism (goddess worship).

What is wonderful is the correlation of Catholic and Unificationist teaching in this arena, which the devotion to Mary highlights. Mary is celebrated, reports Woodward, as the “free woman” who chose to say yes to God at the Annunciation where Eve said “no” in the Garden of Eden—and thus, adds Woodward, made salvation history possible. Not only possible, sadly, but necessary.

But there is something very spiritual, let us say, about the Catholic Church. It is a world of Fathers who are not fathers and Mothers who are not mothers. It is wonderful to have father and mother figures as spiritual leaders and counselors, but is that word, “figures,” really a part of God’s plan of creation?

I once read that breast milk is the model for manufactured baby formula. The closer Gerber can make their powder to match the real thing, the better. And we wouldn’t use the term “father-figure” if “father” is not the model. The model is not “priest,” it is the human, biological father. The father-figure is a substitute, a supplement.

Finally we must ask, “of what is he a father, is she a mother?” The answer is, good Catholics would agree, that the priest participates in the power of Christ to re-create us as children of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit. That is fine, as far as it goes. But still, priests and nuns are not complete parents. There is something very crucial miss-

ing. To boil it down, that something is sex.

Sex, for Catholics, is a messy way to get us sinners into the world in order that we may be saved. The best of the best exclude sex from their lives. And, of course, the paramount sign of Mary’s sainthood is that she was a virgin. The biblical record that Mary had a number of children seems not to register. Nor does it matter much that she “did not understand or approve of what her son was up to.” (Woodward) That is putting it mildly.

The Catholic exaltation of Mary to the status of co-operator in the Redemption makes of her the veritable new Eve. Correct me if I’m wrong, but doesn’t that place her in the position of bride to Jesus, the new Adam? Is a mother becoming a bride a good family model? Shades of the Oedipus complex!

We would like to consider a different interpretation of this same history based upon the assumption that God created sex for a good purpose, a very good purpose, and that people in His will have the capacity to participate in that very good purpose. By “people in His will,” we would include in particular those involved in the birth of His Son.

Jesus’ conception was through an act of God, by the mediation of angels and a physical act of love. The one who denies the full humanity of Christ, including *his coming in the flesh*, is called antichrist by the apostle John. A flesh body requires a fleshly father. That in no way demeans the birth of Christ. God is the owner of love.

Theologian Thomas Oden stated that “Jesus obviously had to have a physical mother.” Why is this so obvious? The reason, from the traditional Christian point of view, cannot be biological, because it is equally true biologically that Jesus had to have a physical father. The reason therefore must be biblical: Jesus had to have physical mother because Isaiah—according to some translations—said he would. But that begs the question of why God would do such a thing in the first place. Well, all things God does, including the Virgin Birth, are to His greater glory.

### Martyrdom and Family Values

There is a new book out entitled *Fools, Martyrs, Traitors: The Story of Martyrdom in the Western World*, and it is reviewed in the current *New Republic* magazine, by Michael Ignatieff, who has some very interesting things to say.

For one: “It was Socrates who first bequeathed the idea that the ultimate

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test of a proposition’s truth is our willingness to die for it.” This idea, Ignatieff notes, no longer holds in the global era. In this era, people are martyring themselves for a wide variety of ideas, not all of which can simultaneously be true.

Another: “Thinking about martyrs also confronts us with what Flaubert called the incorrigibly bourgeois character of modern moral evaluations. We have turned family values into a synonym for values *tout court*. So to us the martyrs’ willingness to sacrifice hearth and home to the demands of truth looks like pathological selfishness.”

Ignatieff observes that the Christians posed a challenge, therefore, to “the civic virtues—to the virtues of family, city and empire—(rousing) the persecutorial ire of the authorities.”

Ignatieff takes as mutually contradictory the bourgeois idea of the family and classical civic virtues, on the one hand, and the willingness of an individual to die for what he believes in, on the other. Upon reflection, he is taking the mother’s position, appropriate in what is still a liberal journal, that my child’s life is more important than the nation, the religion or the ideological cause.

Ignatieff mistakenly separates the “family” from the nation, religion or larger social cause, that is, he is depicting martyrs as people who fail to recognize the greatness of the family values/civic virtues and go off allowing themselves to be killed for great but questionable causes.

His analysis is weak, I believe, for two reasons. One, the nation, religion and cause are outgrowths of the family. They reflect the imperfections of the family, because they are created by individuals, each of whom is shaped by his or her family. So if one is mounting a serious criticism of the social order, then one’s criticism includes the family order as well.

His second error is his pat assumption that everyone knows what family values are, that he knows what they are, and that whatever they are, they are just fine, whether among right-wing Christians in contemporary America or among the Stoics of second-century Rome. This position is fraught with fallacy.

And one more: “Our ideas of identity are connected to reflexivity: to having thoughts, mostly skeptical, about our thoughts. For a martyr, identity is not reflexive. Finding yourself means throwing yourself so utterly into a cause that the self is suffused with what it believes. The martyrs of the past make us uncomfortable because they put our ironic standpoint into question. They make us wonder whether irony will be the death of principle. They make us ask why we never dare to take ourselves more seriously.”

I think that modern Americans do not take themselves seriously because their consciences tell them that they have not found the truth which is worth dying for. Their reaction is to challenge all truth claims, to the point of becoming cynics and mockers. Testing truth claims is one thing; giving upon the

possibility that truth exists is another. The effects upon culture and personality, in the latter case, are tragic.

### No Rest for the Wicked

Where can God rest? He can rest where His creation is completed.

Let us compare rest and work. Reverend Moon is actively calling for development of the “hobby industry.” The hobby industry, he explains, is a very broad category because it finally means that you are enjoying life, being happy about what you are doing. This is conditioned by your state of mind, of course. A person whose mind and body are in harmony will enjoy doing something which would be deemed work by someone whose mind and body are in conflict.

For example, running miles and miles a day to deliver letters, let’s say, would be deemed oppressive labor, but people jog miles and miles a day as a hobby. Hunting to put meat on the table is work; hunting for sport is a hobby. Thus, as a result of the separation of mind and body, mankind views “work” as something distasteful.

Growing up, I was very disturbed with this bifurcation of work and leisure. I determined that I would not “work” in the sense of having an occupation I did not enjoy. So I found me a rock’n’roll band in need of a helping hand. I like rock, I like playing it, and if I can earn a living doing what I like, it doesn’t get any better than that.

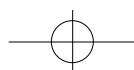
But my mind and body were still not united, so rock music was not enough. It was not that it was “work.” The problem was that I was doing what I liked but was still not happy. Then the whole of life became “work,” in that I could not relegate my mind/body disunity to the category of work. My mind/body disunity was exposed.

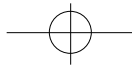
In traditional work, one can identify one’s mind/body disunity with their occupation, and “enjoy” the rest of life. Why? because when you are “off” from work, you can allow your body to be subject without the complaint of conscience. The conscience is quelled because, after all, you’ve done your work and deserve to rest.

God’s situation is analogous. His mind and body are united, but His relationship with His children is not good. Therefore, everything is drudgery; nothing is enjoyable—like trying to cook and serve dinner to a bunch of screaming, fighting, ungrateful brats. From our side, God appears as the Big Boss. Everything is great for the Big Boss, He has everything He needs; He is always happy and taking it easy while we are sweating away. Religion explained why this has to be. Those who reject religion are rebelling against the Big Boss and His minions, the priests who take the fruits of our labor. This rebellion culminated in communism.

But we see that communism and religion are based upon the same falsehood, namely, that God is just fine, resting and enjoying His existence. This is the God accepted by religionists and rejected by communists. If we deepen our understanding of God, then we can transcend this struggle. ❖

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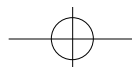
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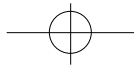
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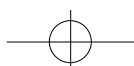
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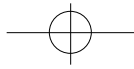
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# Restoration of Manhattan Center 'Opera House' Ceiling



by Richard L. Lewis—NYC

The Holy Wedding of True Parents' youngest sons on September 6 (see front page story) marked the official opening of the old Opera House in its new incarnation as the Hammerstein Ballroom of the Manhattan Center.

For over a decade this space has been fit for only storage but, in a remarkably short space of time, the

space has been transformed. While the renovation is by no means complete—it is not ready to resume its career as an Opera House yet—it is well on its way and was a glorious venue for both the blessing and the banquet.

Perhaps the most startling transformation on public display for the first time at the Wedding was the grand mural on the ceiling. When the hall was first built it had a beautiful, classical mural painted on the ceiling but this had deteriorated almost completely

over the years. The previous owners of the building (now owned by HSA-UWC and leased to Manhattan Center Studios) had installed a drop ceiling at the level of the third balcony to save on heating and cooling expenses and its supports pierced the mural and further damaged it.

With the false ceiling removed the full extent of the ruin became apparent—little of the original ornate plaster work remained and only a faded remnant of the painting. Luckily, suf-

ficient had survived the ravages of time to at least get an idea of what was there originally.

The first plan for the restoration of the ceiling came to an abrupt halt last autumn when the contractor came up with a quote of \$1,400,000 to plaster and \$265,000 to paint with a time frame of two years. The deadline for completion, however, was April 1997—just seven months away so it became clear that if the ceiling restoration was see **MURAL** on page 17

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