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True Mother's American Speaking Tour

by B. Russell Sucharoff—Chicago, IL

In Chicago we prepared for True Mother's visit by bringing together our Committee of Department leaders under the leadership of our regional director Bishop Ki

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Hun Kim. What has worked well through the past campaigns is our unity centering on the Christian Churches of Chicago.

What is changing is that many of our existing churches are opening up the doors to many new churches. While in years past we have connected with many key ministers through the ICC trips to Korea and the CAUSA conferences, our WFWP conferences, our True Family Values conferences and the Blessings have been opened up to the entire congregations. This has made a dramatic difference in our work with

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by John Jackson—Dallas, TX

Mother's visit to Dallas was a great success. Rev. Jenkins said many times that if the place is full you've done swell. And

was it ever full! 550 seats were filled with people come to see Mother. While there were still seats available, they weren't many, leaving 30 or more people standing in the back. What a great filling!

VIP guests' list included: Mrs. Roxanna Carranza Lopez, personal assistant to the Consul General of El Salvador, was so happy to

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receive the gift of Hoon Dok Hwe books from Mother. She also asked us to please invite her to all our future events.

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by Rev. Jea Seok Kim & Richard Buessing—Boston, MA

The New England Region was ignited with the spirit of True Mother as she came to Boston on Friday, April 3, the third city of her 16-city tour. On the foundation of over 70,000 Blessed

BOSTON

Couples in New England, a 40-day all-night prayer condition headed up by General Mrs. Kim and Rev. and Mrs. Jea Seok Kim, and the unity of all brothers and sisters in all departments, the

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by Rev. William Stoner—St. Louis, MO

On Sat., April 4, 1998 Region 8 crossed a very important threshold with the visit of our True Mother to St. Louis. Having been in existence for little more than a year, this new region, the Heartland region, came together through a unique series of events which challenged us to establish a sense of collective unity that we had yet to experience. Through the sacrifice and devotion of brothers and sisters from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, God did bless the city of St. Louis with the profound experi-

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ence of receiving His Love and Truth only His true daughter can share.

As Hoon Dok Hwe implies, April 4 witnessed a community of believers,

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by Pastor Kevin Thompson—Berkeley, CA

OAKLAND

I'm the Mother of Oakland but Mrs. Moon is the True Mother of the World" declared special guest Mary Anne Wright at the celebration following True Mother's victorious Hoon Dok Hwe event in the Jewett Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel.

The audience was captivated by the dignity of True Mother and the depth of Father's words which penetrated all of our hearts. Mother commented about the receptivity of the audience and the atmosphere in the ballroom.

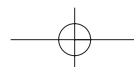
True Mother's party swept into the Bay Area on the wave of victory upon victory all across America and we were determined to deliver a victory in Oakland. Under the guidance of our Region-

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Next month:
Washington,
Bridgeport,
Richmond, Louisville,
Manhattan, Seattle,
Los Angeles, Denver,
Minneapolis and
Toronto



This is the text of the speech given by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon on her American Hoon Dok Hwe Speaking Tour, April 1 - 16, 1998.

Blessed Marriage

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, colleagues and friends: Thank you for coming tonight. My husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and I are speaking throughout the world. We are sharing our desire to work with each one of you, beyond race, nation and religion, to create a world of peace. Therefore I know that you will consider my message seriously.

Humanity is now facing the challenge of the Last Days. In this era, families the world over are breaking down. Husbands and wives, parents and children are becoming enemies to one another. What is the cause of this tragedy? The cause is a lack of true love. Equally significant is the fact that we are ignorant of our most important responsibility. That responsibility is to prepare for eternal life. If we are clear about the concept of eternal life, and if we accept its reality in our hearts, then we can lead our children and our families properly. But in truth, most people are unsure if the spirit world even exists.

If we truly understand the reality of the spirit world, we cannot sin, even when temptation presents itself. We cannot live selfishly, even if told to do so. On the other hand, if we do not understand the spirit world, we cannot enter the Kingdom of God, no matter what our religion.

On the larger scale, without knowing the meaning of eternal life, we cannot create a true social revolution. If it is not connected to eternal life, social revolution may make things worse. No one desires that.

To this day, religions have neither embraced nor encompassed the secular world. As a result, secularism now controls culture. Secularism overpowers the influence of religion. This happened because religions were unable to establish a clear concept of eternal life.

Christianity also faces this challenge. Although people have practiced Christianity faithfully for many centuries, many churches today are confused. In the Last Days, they are objective to the changes taking place in the world. Even Christianity does not have a clear and logical understanding of eternal life.

In short, no one has complete confidence concerning eternal life. In fact, people do not even know with certainty whether or not God exists. When faced with the obstacles and temptations of this world, most people waver. They fall away from their faith, and follow the secular way.

The reason we should understand eternal life

As we reach our forties and fifties, we come closer to the end of our life. We naturally become serious about the concept of eternal life. The older we become, the more serious we are. Ordinarily, the intensity of love declines as people age. But if our perception of eternal life has strong roots, then our love will grow and deepen as we get older. How often have you been confused by the changes taking place in our world today? If our focus on eternal life is clear and unchanging, we will overcome the insecurities of our

changing environment. We will be able to digest all the circumstances of our lives, the joys and sorrows that come our way. God created Adam and Eve as His partners of true love. Accordingly, we should live as God's true love partners. This should not be a theory. We should allow this dynamic to work in our lives and put it into practice each day.

Once we realize the power of true love, we will strive against adversity to walk the road of true love. In daily life, we will always feel the security which comes from belief in eternal life. When this conviction overflows within us, our lives will be secure.

This has important implications for education of our children. If it is clearly explained to them, young people readily embrace the concept of eternal life. They are uniquely blessed to feel eternal life resonate in their mind and body.

Until reaching age sixteen, boys and girls possess an unfallen purity of character. They reflect the original character of Adam and Eve, who did not fall until they were sixteen. Because of this, it is vital that young people know God deeply. Through knowledge of God, we can understand our inseparable relationship with Him. But in order to know this, young people must first understand the concept of eternal life.

Earthly life and eternal life

How long do you think you will live? All of us think we will live until we are seventy or eighty years old. It is hard to imagine that we will die before then. In this regard, we can all be considered greedy.

But in truth, even those who seem confident that they will live a long time have no idea when they are going to die. It could be as soon as today or tomorrow. We may even die during a meal or while we are sleeping. Does God guarantee anyone a long lifespan?

Imagine that you knew you would die within a year. You would have to prepare for your passing in a very short period of time. With this new found urgency, you might actually be happier. After all, you would be able to prepare for death in less time. The less time you use to prepare for death, the less time you will waste in your life. And if you prepare well, you can build a home for your eternal life.

How long do you wish to live? What if God told you that you had to die tonight? What legacy would you leave behind? Would you leave behind something of which God would be proud? While we are living in this world, we should always give our best. We should invest 24 hours-a-day to bring even one more person to God's love.

The highest standard of dedication to God is to not even want to stop to eat or sleep. We should not be consumed by worry over worldly needs. If you live with such sincerity, you will have eternal life in the next world.

The shorter we expect our physical life to be, the more value we will find in it. In this context, we should ask ourselves, "How much do I love others?" "How much do I love my family?" "How much do I love my clan?" "What does it mean to love others, to

love my family, to love my clan?" This serves as the foundation to love all humanity. It is a wise approach to life. You will not lose if you live this way.

The reason to live an eternal life

The purpose of a life of faith is to seek the world of eternal life and God's eternal love. The way of a life of faith is to discover and rejoice in God's joy as our own. By living this way, we become one with God's eternal love and eternal life.

Accordingly, it is most important for people of faith to invest unceasing energy for God's life and love. The world's religions have expanded through history, against the backdrop of every culture. This is because our human destiny is to live an eternal life.

We are to live not just in our own era, but also in harmony with the entire universe. Once we reach the limit of life on Earth, we continue life in an eternal, unlimited world. Such a world exists in reality. Even those who do not believe it exists, or who do not fully comprehend it, have postulated eternal life. They did this in order to help and comfort humanity through their suffering and pain. But God's existence is a reality beyond time and space. When we internalize the depth of this eternal truth, it becomes our starting point. Then we can find the answers to our questions concerning eternal life and God.

For what purpose and in what position did God create humankind? God created man and woman as His partners of true love. We were to have God's absolute and unique value. This is a startling revelation! In this light, the value of each person's life is infinite. Even the entire universe cannot replace the value of one person in the eyes of God.

All people are meant to be born in true love, to live and grow in true love, and even to die in true love. God is eternal, unchanging and unique. We stand as the eternal object of God's true love. Therefore, we are created to live eternally. Our eternal life has its roots in our relationship with God, as His partner of true love.

The eternal love partner of the Creator

God's love is absolute. Since God's love was lost through the human fall, God has experienced indescribable misery and almost hopeless sorrow throughout history. No one has ever understood this; no one has been able to fully comfort God.

God, in the depth of His heart, wants to recreate His long-awaited love partner. God wants to embrace His children. He will trav-

el any distance to meet them. Only by meeting His sons and daughters can He express His joy to the fullest. In actuality, God created the entire universe for His children.

Consider the earth's atmosphere. When a low pressure system forms, a high pressure system appears automatically. Through this phenomenon, air circulation is self-sustaining.

God has taught us to forget the good that we do for others. This creates a spontaneous and natural circular motion of give and take in our daily lives. It is similar to the natural phenomenon we observe in the atmosphere. This constant cycle of give and take leads to eternal life.

Eternal life can begin with nothing other than eternal commitment. To be specific, as long as one lives for the sake of others, one will never perish. A life of giving will surely grow and progress steadily. The person who lives thus will eventually take a central position as the nucleus of society.

If God were to seek an absolute love partner, who would merit such a position? It is natural to conclude that God's love partner would have to be humankind. That is why human beings are held to be the most precious being

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and Eternal Life

among all of God's creation.

When we are able to accept that we are the eternal true love partner of the Creator, we can easily understand that we live for eternity. The concept of eternity naturally follows from this. It takes place right here! The religious world must bear in mind that the foundation of eternal life is the relationship of true love. In its simplest terms, eternal life stems neither from man nor from woman but from God's true love.

Only true love provides salvation

Today, Christians proclaim that any individual can possess eternal life just by believing in Jesus. If I ask them how one can secure eternal life, they answer, "Just believe." Of course it is essential that we have absolute faith, but I would like you to consider a further perspective based on the meaning of eternal life.

Consider the aspect of continuity. The functioning of the physical body has continuity. For instance, our blood circulation, nervous system and brain should function continuously and smoothly.

From this perspective, what would you answer if someone asked you how you plan to secure eternal life? The life of the spirit also should have continuity. Then are you truly able to claim, "My eternal life is guaranteed through belief alone?" Does salvation come from belief and nothing else? Absolutely not. True salvation requires a continuity of the practice of true love from this physical world to the spirit world.

According to the principles by which God created this world, only a true person can become God's true love partner. Only with true love can one become such a person and obtain eternal life.

The key is to rid ourselves of the ignorance and burdens of the Fall. The fundamental question is how to free ourselves from evil love, an evil life and an evil lineage. Only in this context does liberation have any meaning. Only complete liberation from evil brings true freedom. True freedom is self-sustaining.

The idea necessary for eternal life

We are created to live an eternal life. We are similarly created to practice true love. Furthermore, we are to practice true love here on the Earth. We engage ourselves with many things in this world. These things become the material which insures our eternal life. In other words, everything we do in this world is training for eternal life.

We are fully capable of living forever! We desire an eternal life! In our search for eternal life, what does not change? Only true love does not change! Everything in this universe changes, but true love does not change.

This is because true love is the center. The center will remain intact even if everything that surrounds it disappears. True love is the center of the universe. It is one with God's love. Consequently, as long as God is unchanging, true love is unchanging.

What does true love mean? A husband desires that his wife be better than he is. A wife also wants her husband to surpass her. Are there any parents who do not want their children to surpass them? Why do we share this feel-

ing? It is because we all are created in the very image of God. In other words, even God wants His love partner to be better than Himself, in the same sense that parents want their children to surpass them.

God is absolute, but at the same time He is our Parent. Can God impose an absolute standard upon us, and not upon Himself as well? No, He cannot. In light of this, our value is the highest in the universe. In fact, in the realm of true love, we can have a value even higher than that of God Himself. This is why our minds have the highest of aspirations. Thus, we truly should feel that nothing is impossible.

God originally intended that His children rule this universe from the position of highest value. We were not to have been sidetracked or manipulated in any way. We were never to have been under the dominance of any force or being.

To confirm this, simply look into your mind. The mind desires complete freedom. No one wants their mind to be controlled. Once we secure the position of true love, we are totally free. We can travel anywhere. We can travel to God's throne and become God's friend.

God is eternal and absolute. Therefore, since God created us as His partners of true love, it is natural to conclude that we can enjoy eternal life. Clearly then, in order for a man to live an eternal life, he must dwell in the realm of true love. Only through true love is abundant eternal life possible.

The origin, motive and process of God's creation center on true love. No result can come without a process taking place, and the process of perfection is based upon the practice of true love. The perfection of mind and body is possible only when they both belong to the realm of true love.

Only true love can bring about the ideal. This is because God Himself exists for eternity upon the foundation of true love. Upon what, do you think, does God center His own eternal existence? Without question, God's eternal life is centered on true love. Therefore, we also live with true love as our center. In this way we create the realm of eternal life. In order to find this realm, we practice true love in daily life. I would like you to know that Reverend Moon has poured his life, his heart, and the resources of his church into America. Through this practice, true love was actualized. Without actualizing true

love, there is no eternal life.

To know God, eternal life and true love

Even though we are not sure where in the spirit world God dwells, we should at least clearly understand that God is the center of true love. The power of true love is the fastest and the most direct. True love travels in a straight line. Why do you think I emphasize true love so fervently? It is because of my direct experience of this truth. Once



EAST GARDEN CELEBRATION: At the end of her first speech in the tour, held in DC, Mother called Father at East Garden where a celebration was held. In the next few pages we present snapshots of the party taken by Ken Owens.

you experience God and the eternal world, you too will never be able to have an indifferent attitude toward life.

First, we must know God. Second, we must know our eternal life. Third, we must know true love. True love means giving more than 100 percent of oneself. In this way, we can find eternal life. Without true love, there is no eternal life. Without eternal life, we can never meet God.

How should you prepare for the world of the future? First, be altruistic. Second, practice true love. Third, seek eternal life. With the sincere practice of these virtues, we can manage the world in the coming age. The opposite way is the self-centered way of life. That is the ideology of Satan. In contrast to satanic love, what is true love? True love is to invest yourself beyond the point of life and death. It is only through this intensity of life that we can find true love.

The fundamental root of evil life is the satanic lineage. Our lineage belongs to Satan. Our love belongs to Satan. But God's love transcends satanic love. And so the Bible teaches, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment." (Mt 22:37-38)

What does this really mean? Loving God with all your soul and with all your

mind means to give your life completely to God. This is the first great commandment. The second commandment is, "Love your neighbor as yourself." What does this mean? It tells us to love others even at the cost of our lives. We have to invest ourselves in this way of life.

Then why should we commit ourselves with total intensity? Unless we commit ourselves to this degree, first, we cannot make Satan surrender. Second, we cannot free ourselves from the satanic environment in which we live. Third, we cannot eradicate our satanic lineage. Even if we were able to separate from the satanic environment, we cannot eradicate the satanic lineage by ourselves. We need the power of true love, which is greater than our life.

The world after death related to love

There is no concept of time for God. This means that the beginning and the end are the same in eternity. Likewise, the past, the present and the future are the same. Then what within God harmonizes everything and enables God to dwell in peace? This is a serious question. It is not God's almighty power. It is not His omniscience. It is nothing other than the power of love. Even God Himself responds unconditionally to true love. This is because God does not need anything other than true love.

Most people agree that we will enter the spirit world upon our death. But the spirit world is not just the dwelling place of the

departed. The spirit world is connected to true love. The starting point of God's creation is true love. Therefore, once we secure true love in the physical world, this too will become the spiritual world. This alone tells us how powerful true love is.

Through the perfect relationship of vertical and horizontal, harmonious movement in all directions—up and down, right and left, forward and back—can take place. But when vertical and horizontal are disconnected, there is no harmony. In that case, there can be no unification. True love alone can connect vertical and horizontal. This brings about unification and harmony. The central thought of the Unification Church, based on the perspective of the Divine Principle, is that the ideal world is centered on true love.

Ladies and Gentlemen, God wants to guide humankind. God breathes through true love. Since the rhythm of the universe is in harmony with God, the universe exists for eternity. In God's true love, we can find eternal life. That is why when husband and wife connect with true love, they find complete joy. When the rhythm of true love is in balance, we can love one another. In this atmosphere there is only one direction in our life. That direction is centered on God.

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This is the text of the introduction given on Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's American Hoon Dok Hwe Speaking Tour, April 1 - 16, 1998.

Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters. It is my privilege to share with you some excerpts from the teaching of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, taken from speeches which he gave from the 1950s through the 1990s. We can sense consistent themes which are very important for our lives and our world today. I pray that I may be able to convey them to you with my whole heart.

The term "true parents" is a simple term but has astonishing content. No libraries in the world have contained such content. Please reflect upon why it has taken Christianity 2,000 years to announce the simple fact that since our ancestors fell, they became false and bad parents, and that only parents who are not fallen can be true and good parents. History has waited until this moment for the declaration of this fact.

There may have been some person who thought of the term true parents, but that person had no way to discover what stands behind that term. By understanding the content of the Divine Principle, we can comprehend why no one could just decide to use the term "true parents." It is magnificent that we have a clear explanation of history through the Divine Principle, through which we can know the root of the original human nature.

What can we understand through knowing the meaning of the term "true parents"? We can understand that the fall of our first ancestors occurred through an illicit love relationship. We can understand that the Fall left us with a blood lineage unrelated to God, and with no true parents trying to realize the ideal of creation. This means that we are of a false lineage.

Therefore, we use the term "true parents" centering upon two ideas. One, that we will cleanse the history of our false blood lineage. Two, that we will connect to the new root of the original nature through love, life and lineage centering on God.

The origin and meaning of truth

Who in this universe is the original "true" person? He must be absolute. In Korean, we call the absolute being "One and only Lord." When it is shortened, "One (hana) and only Lord" becomes "Hananim" - God. God is our one and only Lord.

A true person should love not only one whom he likes, but even his enemy, who tries to kill him. He should be the person whom we can trust fully, with whom we want to share our problems, and with whom we can dream everything.

"Trueness" is not limited to individuals. "Trueness" must be everywhere because it is something which everyone loves and seeks. We should come together not for our private purpose, but for the sake of the whole. We should exist not for ourselves, but for the family, tribe, nation and world. Before trying to make yourself "true," you should first make your family "true," and the nation and world should also become "true."

The origin of trueness is God. Together with God, trueness can be realized. When God departs, trueness also departs. There comes into existence something not true. This is the origin of evil.

A true result can be realized only when there is an origin in truth. In other words, God's ideal can be realized only together with God. Therefore, words such as "true" or "good" were made not centering upon human beings, but upon God.

From this perspective, too, we can tell that trueness is not something we can conceive based on ourselves. Trueness cannot be controlled by fallen humanity; rather, trueness should control us. Therefore we should always be obedient to the truth. We should prize it and follow it. Observing your physical life and your consciousness, you cannot deny the fact that truth belongs to Heaven.

When we pray, we very often pray



habitually, "Precious Heavenly Father, our true God." But there has been no absolute trueness before today. Therefore, the origin, to which trueness is to be related, is not within the history of humankind but is located outside of history. Everything starts from there. The origin should be sought beyond circumstances; religions should not form beliefs centering upon a human being.

The origin of trueness cannot be grasped in relationship to human beings alone. Trueness must be an absolute standard. Questions of God or the Absolute must therefore enter the discussion. Why is it so? It is because there has been no "true" love on this earth. Man cannot find the motive to seek for truth solely within himself. At each turning point of human history, God intervened. The Absolute Being is necessary in such moments.

Therefore, the origin of trueness is not in the hands of man but should be in the hands of the Absolute being, God. Authentic religions cannot exist without God. Ethics correctly identifying "trueness" cannot deny God.

Where then is the truth established? Of course, Heaven, the origin of truth, will try to establish it on Earth. This is God's Will. The next question, then, is, "Where among humankind will it be established?" It will be established with-

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in our ordinary life. Jesus therefore said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is in the midst of you." The Kingdom of Heaven, the "true" country, is within our hearts. It is in a deep valley where there are no evil motives.

Brothers and sisters, if you have something you hold most precious, where do you want to keep it? You may want to keep it in a place no one knows about, where no one can touch it, and where you yourself can absolutely protect it. Where is that place? It is somewhere deep within your heart. Bury it in the deepest recesses of your heart. Place it where you feel it is very safe, as in a drawer for valuables. Trueness

standard.

We can say that love is created by God; however, He cannot possess love by Himself. Love can be possessed only by two persons. Even God cannot realize love alone. Accordingly, the fundamental standard for evaluating everything in the universe and in the eternal world is indeed love. True love is not affected by any changes.

Therefore, is there or has there ever been a true man among all humanity, a man whose color did not change for thousands, ten of thousands and hundreds of millions of years? That is the question. Has there been a true woman? What do you think?

Religions understand that humanity fell. Religions have different backgrounds, of course, but all of them are seeking a new person of value in order to find salvation. They have always pursued this, for they could not attain the image of the true original person. It was the same hundreds of millions of years ago. It is the same now and will be in any future environment. No matter the time, religions are to pursue this.

Each one of you is also searching for that true person, for the true man and true woman. All the men and women who came into the world throughout the ages of history were destined to strive for it, even at the risk of their lives.

The Messiah and True Parents

When God led the people of Israel in the wilderness, did they not follow a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud? (Ex 13:21-22) The pillar of cloud guided them during the day and the pillar of fire guided them during the night. What do these represent? They symbolize the coming of parents in the Last Days, whom the chosen people are to follow. As with Israel in the wilderness, those who do not follow the guidance of these pillars will perish.

God called Moses to Mt. Sinai, to give him two tablets of stone after his forty-day fast because He worried that the people of Israel might die if they lost their direction in the wilderness. You should know that these two tablets of stone symbolize Adam and Eve, the true parents. That is why the tablets were placed in the ark of the covenant. (Ex 40:20)

What do we desire? We desire to be the beloved sons and daughters in the place where God, the vertical (non-temporal) parent, and Adam and Eve, the horizontal (historical) parents, become one and rejoice. It is our deepest sorrow that we have not been able to do this. Everyone fervently desires to receive such love once and for all. All the religions seek this.

Have there been any parents who could love on the horizontal plane in unity with the vertical God? No, there have not. Because of the Fall, all became false parents. Since all became false parents, such parents of perfect love never existed. True Parents need to appear in history.

Who is the being denoted by the term

should settle in the deepest recesses of your heart.

The standard of truth

It is the "true" heart that does not change. This is why without it you cannot set a true standard and you cannot render true judgment. If you do not have a true standard, everything valued according to whatever your standard is will float away.

A measurement, such as the meter, has a primary standard. We can measure any deviation from that standard. We refer to that original standard whenever we need to settle an argument about distance.

There is neither revolution nor change in love. Changeability means imperfection. Diamonds are treasured for their unchanging hardness. Gold is precious for its unchanging color. A pearl is precious for its unchanging harmonious elegance. Why do we base the standard for physical value upon the constancy of an object? It is because that is the universal standard for evaluation.

On Earth there is a standard location for measuring latitude and longitude. Zero longitude is located at the astronomical observatory in Greenwich, England. It is unchanging. The point where longitude and latitude meet at 90 degrees should also be an absolute

Parents

"True Parent," who is to carry out such a historic mission? This is the being called the Savior, the being called the Messiah. When we say "save," what is to be saved? He is not coming to save the body, but rather to fulfill our desire for true love.

To do that, what has to be done? For salvation to be accomplished, as what kind of being must the Messiah come? It is without question that the Messiah needs to come as true parents.

Christianity believes in Jesus as the Messiah, as the Savior. Then what does it mean to be a Christian? Christians seek to become the children of God and establish a beloved family. Thus, Jesus said that he was the only begotten son of God.

It would be a serious matter for the only begotten son to live alone. There must be an "only begotten daughter" of God. Therefore, he had to search for the only begotten daughter, and they had to marry in a place of happiness centering on God. They had to marry, becoming the bridegroom and the bride who could rejoice as horizontal parents, with God rejoicing as the vertical parent, and multiply children on Earth. Then their tribe would start to expand. Is that not what could have been?

Therefore, there was something Jesus had to find above all, even at the risk of disobeying the nation of Israel and Judaism. What was it? And what is the subjective motivation that enables him to seek it again? It was certainly a woman. There must be a woman to relate to a man.

Jesus referred to himself as the bridegroom, and Christians are the bride, but he died unable to accomplish the Marriage of the Lamb. (Mt 9:15; Eph 5:25-27, Rev 21:2) This is why Christianity has been struggling to become the bride, waiting 2,000 years for Jesus the bridegroom.

What is Christianity's standard? It is the Messiah in the position of true parents. That is the meaning of the Marriage of the Lamb.

The love of God, man and woman

If there had been no Fall, God would have become the Parent in the internal position and Adam and Eve would have been the parents in the external position. Where internal and external parents become one through love, we attend the internal Parent and have external parents. With the cooperative relationship of love between God and human beings, true parents, the perfected man and woman, are to be established. Without that cooperation of love, there can be no perfected person.

Our original ancestors, the original man and woman whom God created, should have been true parents. We should have been born from such parents—parents with divine nature. Then we would have inherited God's divine nature and our parents' human nature.

The perfection of Adam and Eve appears externally only when they are connected to the love of God. Without that connection, their love is not good. The point at which God's vertical love

and human physical love connect was to have been the root of our ancestral lineage. That point was to have been the beginning point of our ancestors' lineage. All of humanity was to have descended from there.

The Fall separated the love of man, woman and God. Because of the Fall, the love of man, the love of woman and the love of God were disconnected.

When you review the ages in the providence, you find that the providence for restoration is completed through the Last Days. The closer to the end it comes, the nearer the time when the purpose of religion will be

the origin of this universe. If a heavy burden has fallen on the earth, God cannot lift it simply by thinking. Even God, to pour out His love on the horizontal plane, needs a power that can lift it up.

Where does God enter? He must enter through vertical love. For vertical love to have value, a horizontal foundation must be established. This applies to both men and women. Until the age of discretion, you do not understand anything; however, upon growing up, women want to possess the world and men do as well. To have the world, what do we do? When should



Westchester members in a Western choir.

accomplished. The final moment, in which the purpose of religion will be accomplished, is the time when true parents appear.

Where did the Fall begin? It began with one pair, Adam and Eve. All the problems came about because Adam and Eve fell and became false parents. Because of this, the problems of heart, lineage, personality, language, daily life, nations and the world came about. The original lineage begins centering on true parents; original personality begins centering on true parents; language returns to its original position centering on true parents; life can return to its original form centering on true parents; the formation of a nation and world according to the ideal can be established only centering on true parents.

Mature individuality

Is the body or the mind more important? The mind is important and the body is also important. However, much more significant than either of them separately is the unity between them. That is important. Those who cannot accomplish this unity will be in the wrong even if the world is fully unified.

Now, the body is different from the mind, and the mind is also different from the body. So when can they be united? Neither today nor at any time in human history could anyone declare that he had unified his conflicting body and mind.

Where does the conflict between mind and body originate? To describe the kind of person God is, He is the vertical subject of love, which becomes

we meet? We should grow up completely and become mature; then we can meet. To do so, we have to reach the stage at which we can say that the world, through true love, is ours.

What can enable God, as the internal, invisible mind, and a person, as the external, visible body, to live in oneness? It is not power, knowledge or authority. What is it? It is love. The individual is the model for the unification of internal and external characteristics. Therefore, the origin must have the characteristics of a father who is likened to the body and also of a father who is likened to the mind. Then, the internal father's position is the position of God, and the external father's position is the position of the first ancestor of humankind.

Then in what sort of place do the first ancestor and God become one? Where do they unite? They should unite in the core of the sphere of love. This means that man and woman meet each other horizontally, centering on vertical love.

Through True Parents we meet God

The concept of true parents implies the idea of salvation. This means the liberation of hell and the evil, satanic world. Think about this. You are standing in Satan's world, in the place of death, and true parents can become the power which can shield you from death. Because of this, how glorious it will be when Heaven and Earth recognize true parents formally and history recognizes them officially. The true parents are protected by God and

history!

You should know how the term "True Parent" came about. It does not mean that the Reverend and Mrs. Moon decided to be true parents and then started this work. It means that this work cannot be done without true parents, therefore we are compelled by our consciences to do it.

Even if all our ancestors were to revive and praise the glory of their resurrection, their praise and glory could not rise beyond the realm of the Fall. However, we should be proud of the term "true parents." We should also know that by meeting true parents, the way to meet God is opened. Further, the place where you meet the Unification Church connects you to the way on which you can find, in the near future, the kingdom of God, the homeland for which all humankind is longing.

Who is the Messiah? The Messiah is Adam who has fully substantiated God's love. Therefore, he has the qualification to be the original father. God's original love, centering on father's love and mother's love, is the center of this foundation. Building on this foundation, by centering on true love, the right of true loving ownership for all individuals, families, peoples and nations is returned to God through the Messiah. Then true, godly ownership will expand for nations, peoples, families and individuals.

Based upon this, please realize how great, among all words in history, are the term "true love" and "true parents." They are the only basis for breaking through the realm of the Fall and the satanic world. Therefore, we all are grateful for the term "true parents."

We lost our original hometown because of the Fall. We also lost our original country and world. We even lost God and His love. The one starting point from which we can search for these enormous things which we lost is this amazing term "true parents."

From God's viewpoint, what is the goal of the providence? For what has God longed throughout history? It is the standard of true parents. For what has He been enduring the history of indemnity, from the human fall to this day? It is the search for true parents. Many Christians are waiting for the coming of the Lord at the Second Advent; it is because of this goal. Many religions are longing for this day, because this is the goal of history. From this fact, you must know that the birth of true parents is a formidable event.

True Parents divide good and evil

The term "true parents," which is used in the Unification Church, is an amazing term. False parents had false love, reflecting Satan's love. On the other hand, true parents appear centering on God's love; therefore, they naturally create the world of true love.

Then why do we desire to find this love? It is because love is a great thing, and love is the same eternally. We just hear the word love and we can be immediately lifted up to a higher plane. A woman who does not even know how to spell and a man who is a world-level scholar are equal in the realm of love.

You should know how amazing it is that we came to this earth with the term "true parents." Those words are

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The Kingdom of God and the gate of the Blessing

Both the spirit world and the physical world move in conjunction with true love. The universe maintains a natural balance, centering on the vertical axis of true love. What is the common denominator of the universe? What is the universal norm, by which people of the past and the present can live together for eternity? What is the origin of human desire? The answer to all these questions is the same. The answer is true love. The norm is not selfish love; it is true love. Only the practice of true love can embrace people of all races, all nations and all religions.

There are over five billion people living in this world at present. Yet there are not many among the world's population who understand the meaning of the Blessing. My husband and I have been the first to adopt the word "blessing" in the context of marriage. Many such marriage Blessings have now been conducted.

Where will humanity head in the future? Humanity can enter the Kingdom of God by passing through the gate of this Blessing. There are millions of Christians in our world today, and Christianity itself can enter the Kingdom of God through the gate of the Blessing.

Some Christians complain that Reverend Moon's teaching is self-righteous. Of course, nothing can be done about this point of view since it is their own. Nonetheless, I am here to convey the message that the Unification marriage Blessing is the true road for all fallen

people to take.

No matter how much persecution it may cause, we are to connect the spirit world and the physical world through this Blessing, and enter the Kingdom of God.

Other religious people think of salvation in terms of the individual. They believe that as long as their faith is strong, they can enter the Kingdom of Heaven as individuals. But from the viewpoint of God's original ideal, we were never intended to enter the Kingdom of Heaven as single people. We



Hwa Jung Nim sings.

enter only with our loving spouse and family.

Spiritual life as couples

The real purpose of life is to walk forward on the road of true love. We are to grow through harmonious relationships of true love. We should carefully maintain the ideal of true love in our hearts. We are actually the representatives of the spirit world. Let us constantly strive to spread true love.

viduals but more important as families. Finally, her proclamation that "humanity can enter the Kingdom of God by passing through the gate of this Blessing," illustrated the idea that the Holy Blessing Ceremony, as performed by Rev. and Mrs. Moon, is the originating point by which true love can grow within each heart and each home.

The victory gained April 4 was especially significant because of the heroic efforts of some special brothers and sisters. I am especially grateful to David Payer, Regional ACC Director in Iowa, for his assistance in obtaining the banner. With a promise that many banners and signs were to arrive that very morning from an Italian master sign maker, the painful reality of an airline company that didn't deliver weighed heavily upon our hopeful hearts. With only two hours before the program was to begin, David not only found a local sign company open Saturday afternoon, but was able to convince them that this would be the most important banner they had ever yet created. John O'Connor of the Kansas church did an excellent job of orchestrating the various tasks involved in setting up the main banquet hall. Carl Swearson, of the Missouri ACC, was instrumental in hav-

Let us sow the seeds of true love throughout our lives.

When we bear the fruit of true love and enter the eternal spirit world as a loving couple, we will be embraced by God's eternal love. We then truly become one with God. Even though the physical body grows old, as long as we live as husband and wife centering on true love, our spiritual body will actually become younger! This means that the longer we live, the more handsome or beautiful our spiritual body becomes.

Our spirit is our internal self. At the proper time we simply will shed the physical body. Our physical body may feel that it does not want to retire. But with the coming of old age, it eventually must surrender its life. On the other hand, our spiritual body, like a chestnut in autumn, becomes more solid and more handsome as it becomes our physical body's successor.

Why is marriage necessary?

We must love the things of the material world, which includes our physical body and the food which nourishes it. We love what is close to us before loving God directly. By loving all things, we absorb the essence of the creation. By doing

this, we love and nourish the physical body.

Your first parents, of course, are your physical parents. Your second parent is the Earth. From the Earth we receive essential elements which the body needs in order to grow. In this way the Earth is the second parent.

After being nurtured and cared for by our second parent, we prepare to meet our third parent. There is a process through which we pass in order to real-

ize this. That process is our physical death. We do not meet our third parent free of charge. To be able to return to our third parent, we must resemble our original parent, God.

Why then do we get married? Very simply, we marry in order to resemble God. God exists as a being of dual characteristics. In God, the dual characteristics are completely harmonized as One. When God's dual characteristics manifest in our world, they do so as man and woman. Accordingly, at the proper time, a man and a woman are like a seed. They unite to become one. Thus, husband and wife return to God. Together, we are a reflection of His original nature.

We need marriage because it is the true way to develop our love. In marriage, we ripen as a seed of God. Our entire life should be centered on true love. We should be born in true love; we should grow in true love; we should live centered on true love, and we should return to true love when we die. The way of true love is life for the sake of others. This is the purpose of a holy marriage. If we take any other path, we are taking the wrong direction for eternal life.

The marriage Blessing and eternal life stem from God working through true parents' love. Through our union with the True Parents, we can fulfill God's original hope for the individual, the family, the nation, the world and the entire cosmos. Ultimately, we can complete God's ideal of creation. Through True Parents we can find our original homeland, the starting place for the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven. With this foundation in place, we can welcome an era in which God is our sovereign. The society which does so will never perish. It will continuously prosper and reach its fullest strength.

I sincerely ask that you contemplate deeply about the meaning of this sermon. If you practice it, you will find the way to receive God's abundant Blessing and eternal life. May God truly bless you. Thank you very much. ❖

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both Unificationists and non-Unificationists alike, sharing in a family setting the oneness of God, as well as our growth as His children, through the reading of His Word as expressed through the speech "Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life." Unlike the typical understanding of a family setting as a nuclear family sitting in a circle on the floor near the fireplace, this speech brought people from various racial, religious and cultural backgrounds together to acknowledge themselves as spiritual children of the True Parents. Rev. Michael Jenkins introduced Dr. Moon as True Mother to an enthusiastic audience.

Gathering her children together, she shared internal guidance on concepts that were closest to her heart. Thus, as True Mother revealed that "God created humankind to become His partners of true love," they could understand that as mortals we are to share divinity with Heavenly Father as we complete our growth as His true children. When she shared that "our basic motivation for marrying is to resemble God," it became apparent that we are to share that divinity not just as indi-

viduals but more important as families. Finally, her proclamation that "humanity can enter the Kingdom of God by passing through the gate of this Blessing," illustrated the idea that the Holy Blessing Ceremony, as performed by Rev. and Mrs. Moon, is the originating point by which true love can grow within each heart and each home.

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ing U.S. Senator Christopher Bond join him at the airport for True Mother's arrival. Thanks to Carl's efforts, St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon offered a proclamation establishing Apr. 4, 1998 as the "Day of Renewing America and Our Families" in St. Louis. Rev. Mary Bratti, former Missouri state director, was successful in inviting the eight community leaders who received Father's books. Mark Lincoln from Nebraska church utilized his experience and skills as an East Garden security guard to insure that Mother's visit was safe and secure.

Many leaders of the St. Louis metropolitan area were honored for contributions to the growth of God-centered families and faith-based communities by being named as recipients of 15-volume sets of True Father's words. The eight book recipients were: Dr. Fran Benham, director of library services at St. Louis University; Rev. Dr. Irma Canida, director of Wonderful World of Women; Rev. Dr. William Collins, retired Baptist pastor, retired seminary professor and member of the Board of Directors of Eden Theological Seminary; Rev. Michael West, bishop of St. Michael's Temple; Rev. James Stewart, bishop of Pentecostal Saints Taberna-

cle; Denise Muhammad, assistant minister of St. Louis chapter of Nation of Islam; Evangelist Ruth Coney, St. Louis director of Women Aglow; Rev. Leonard Wrice, Christian Service Center.

Heaven was truly present that afternoon as ministers came forward with a strong desire to join in fellowship with us to study God's Word as expressed through True Parents. Even our own church members eagerly volunteered their time and energy to insure that such event would continue into the future.

This precious and blessed occasion concluded as True Mother opened her heart and her room to our members as we shared in celebration through song. As the practice of Hoon Dok Hwe is enfolded in our lives, members from the Heartland region now share a common bond of heart and many within the community are empowered as a result of our True Mother bringing Heaven to St. Louis on a day in April. ❖

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the most blessed words in this world. For fallen humankind, seeking the words "true parents" is more important than seeking a nation or the entire world. It is more precious than anything on Earth or in Heaven.

Why is Satan afraid of the term "true parents"? If people believe in this term and follow it, then they will destroy everything satanic and defeat Satan. That is why these words are very frightening to Satan.

Satan always hinders true parents' progress, and he hopes that we will fall and become evil. Therefore, you will have difficulties if you follow the way of true love, however much you believe in and are obedient to the true parents. Once you take a stand going this way, you should do your best for God's Will and go forward joyfully. You should know deeply that there is no other way to go.

The Gospel of Gospels

Through studying the providence for restoration, we know that for God's Will to be fulfilled, true parents, not fallen parents, must exist and come to the Earth. You should understand that the term "true parents" was discovered in a situation far beyond what you can imagine. You will never encounter this term by following this world's traditions. The emergence of this term is more than revolutionary. It is a miraculous event. You are able to learn and speak the words "true parents" because the true parents have actually emerged, with absolute love which surpasses the love of the billions of parents this world has seen. For the first time, you can receive the love of true parents, which is comparable to God's love. You can stand in an ideal position which Jesus could only imagine.

Where does true love start? It starts from true parents. This is the Gospel of Gospels. No matter how many good words exist in this world, and no matter how wonderful the term "husband and wife" is, there is nothing better than the words "true parents." After all, if true parents do not emerge in the fallen world, true husband and wife cannot come about.

Historical sorrow and the indemnity which demanded the sacrifice of life are vindicated when the true family is found. Throughout history, miserable conditions for indemnity had to be established. Accordingly, the emergence of the true family made possible by so many sacrifices is the most valuable and happiest event.

There must exist true parents in order to establish a true family. For that, a true couple must emerge. After the true couple is established, true children must be born.

True parents cannot leave any condition by which Satan can accuse them. True couples are not to moan, trapped

by a condition which Satan can accuse. Children of a true family cannot be true sons and daughters of this family if they leave any condition of accusation in the satanic world.

You already speak the words "true parents" and know the meaning of the adjective "true." Throughout history, no one was able to call out the word "true parents" or even conceive of it. Accordingly, we should understand that



Following Mother's speech over the phone hook-up to DC.

we are standing in the happiest and noblest position that has existed in human history. So many sacrifices were made in order to prepare the foundation for true parents. We should know that the most precious Gospel for all humankind is that of "true parents."

When you think about the term "true parents," and that the starting point



The Eastern choir performs.

from which we can enter a new world has been established by true parents, and that the internal condition through which we can subjugate Satan has been established by true parents, and that with true parents we can subjugate Satan, who has dominated the external world, and finally that for the first time ever the center has been founded upon which we can liberate God, you should appreciate the amazing grace of being able to live with true parents, and you should learn from what they are doing.

If you stand in the position to serve on behalf of true parents and your nation, and if you think that your nation and your people can find happiness through your heart, then you will know that it is you, holding the banner of true parental heart, who can revive human history. You can be the vehicle to realize the world for which we are longing.

Our historic responsibility

God's providence must have a focus. Through that focus, God's ideal can be established. That is the very point at which we meet true parents, who were sacrificed. Therefore, that focus is the

center of everything. Try to think how important it is. All the saints fought to gain this point as their foundation. God thinks it is significant, as do all the spirit persons in the spirit world. Therefore, all people on this earth will recognize that it is important.

This foundation will be starting point for the future. From here, the past history will be completed, the present history will be preserved, and the future

the ruler of all nations, who is the master of salvation, and who is the elder son among all brothers, is the true Adam. Since God is the judge, he must receive God's judgment that he is righteous. It was only after receiving this judgment of righteousness that the Reverend Sun Myung Moon began his ministry.

How can you dedicate your appreciation for God, for true parents, and

for your new creation? Human beings inherited the satanic blood lineage through the Fall. This is the problem. We inherited the satanic blood lineage, which is not God's, passed down for thousands of years. How can we atone for it? How can we clean up the dirty lineage

bequeathed through the Fall?

The true parents appear centered on true love, true life and true lineage, to indemnify the Fall. We were brought into this world through the satanic lineage. However, in the era of new resurrection, we will find new life through true love: God's love, life and lineage. From here, God is with us and we can separate from Satan eternally.

No one thought that God has pain in His heart. Because He appeared in history, and has appeared through us now here, and has clarified the profound responsibility we all have, we can understand it. How amazing this is! Jesus told us that he could not say what was in his heart. (John 16:12, 25) No other religious leaders understood the secret of the cosmos, which was suppressed. True parents appeared in the world and revealed the secret of the cosmos.

Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters, I hope we can all consider and reflect deeply upon what Reverend and Mrs. Moon asked me to share tonight. Thank you for your kind attention, and God bless you. ❖

world will begin. If you can understand this point, this position, you can conquer everything as an individual. Are you such a person?

Then, how great is the value of this position? How wonderful is it? How much do you love it, admire it, respect it and revere it? This position should be the apex of all history. No matter how great the great people of history may be, they bear no comparison with it. If you come to see it, you will undoubtedly be so moved.

The content which can solve the problem of becoming substantial true parents in Heaven and on Earth accomplishes many things. It clarifies Heaven and Earth, liberates all historical entanglements and pulls out the nails which were pounded into God's heart. The liberation of love which God desires is for giving joy to others, dancing and laughing while warmly embracing, and for loving joyous sons and daughters. Do you not think that the creation must be filled with joy, and that its voice must be full, from the level of all things to the level of the entire cosmos, for one thousand and ten thousand years?

True Parents cannot appear on earth without presenting affirmative alternatives to the limitations of the past. This is so dreadfully serious that Jesus, Confucius and Buddha gathered and gave me an examination. I triumphed in the test and God approved my answers.

God has an indescribable heart with respect to His ideal of creation. As he grows to maturity, Adam must realize God's Will and make Satan surrender voluntarily. He must be a sovereign of liberation. The person who is

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Palm Sunday Crowd Greet True Mother in Atlanta

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T rue Mother introduced Hoon Dok Hwe to nearly 1,000 people in Atlanta on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1998. Mother arrived in the city on a beautiful spring day. The air was cool, and the sky was bright and sunny. All around Atlanta, the buds on the dogwood trees and the azalea bushes were just beginning to open.

Later that afternoon, Mother was greeted by some of the most influential leaders of Atlanta and the Southeast; Civil Rights Champion Dr. Hosea Williams; a State Representative on two powerful committees; President Seuk Hee Lee of the 50,000 member Atlanta Korean Association; a past Dean of Students of Clark-Atlanta University; Dr. Jacob Quiambao, past President of Union Theological Seminary of The Philippines; Southern Regional Minister Jamil Muhammad of the Nation of Islam; Ms. Portia Scott, the Senior Editor of the Atlanta Daily World, the nation's oldest African-American newspaper; Mrs. Karla Brandau of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints; Talk Show Host Ms. Alberta Grant; Dr. Lonnie Edwards, Sr., the Assistant Superintendent of the Dekalb County Schools; Dr. Al Stewart, President of the Institute of the Christian World with projects in Atlanta and in three African countries; and Dr. Charles A. Carpenter, the Director of Pastoral Care and Clinical Psychology at a major regional hospital.

Mayor Bill Campbell of Atlanta, recognized Mrs. Moon's speaking tour by proclaiming April 5, 1998 as "The Day of Blessed Marriage." The cities of Marietta, East Point, Stone Mountain, Doraville, and Clayton County also sent proclamations recognizing April 5th as "The Day of Blessed Marriage."

The Speaker of the U.S. House Newt Gingrich, and Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney also welcomed Mrs. Moon to Atlanta with their letters. Speaker Gingrich wrote, "Your efforts to strengthen family values are essential to the future of America... My best wishes to you as you continue your speaking tour."

A reception prior to the program held

in the hotel's Garden Court gave guests an opportunity to refresh themselves, and to meet one another. The program began at 4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom with welcoming remarks from Rev. Michael Jenkins, ACC Regional Director of the Chicago Region. The Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams offered the invocation. He asked God's blessing upon the assembled guests, upon the Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, and upon their work of saving the family.

As an introduction to True Mother, Mr. Neil Salonen delivered his remarks,



and Mrs. Karen Judd Smith read the speech, "True Parents." There was a growing anticipation of meeting Mrs. Moon, and the audience's expectation was heightened even more by the video presentation, *Toward World Peace*. Rev. Jenkins introduced the video by saying "Truly the Word of God is powerful, but more powerful still, is the life of One who has put those Words into action." During the video, some guests were deeply touched, and even began crying.

Immediately after the video, True Mother came onto the stage, and was greeted with a standing ovation. After the Ballroom quieted, Mother read the speech, "Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life." She read with tremendous dignity and beauty. Heavenly Father and his servants throughout the ages endured unspeakable hardships to bring God's Providence to the time when Blessed Marriages could be proclaimed. Reflecting upon God's profound suffering and present joy, Mother herself was choked to tears several times during the speech, and paused to wipe tears from her eyes. The audience listened with rapt attention, carefully following the reading in their own speech booklets. Many guests marked passages that particularly moved them. At the conclusion, Mother's speech was warmly received another standing ovation.

Gifts and presentations

Following the Hoon Dok Hwe, two dignitaries presented gifts to Mrs. Moon. Mrs. Karla Brandau, the Public Affairs Director for the Lilburn Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints (LDS) presented the book, *Mission*, and a beautifully framed and illustrated message from the President of the LDS Church, describing God's ideal for man and woman, and the eternal importance of the family. Southern Regional Minister Jamil Muhammad of the Nation of Islam presented Mrs. Moon with a proclamation commending Mrs. Moon for her work of reconciliation, and promoting World Peace.

After receiving these gifts, Mother presented a set of True Father's collected speeches to each of eight dignitaries from Atlanta, and the Southeast. The first set went to the Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams. He was Dr. Martin Luther King's Dr. King's Field General.

Dr. King would send Dr. Williams' team into a city to break the fear that the black people had of the white power structure. Dr. Williams' team would do this through demonstrations, and other acts of civil disobedience. Then Dr. King, Dr. Abernathy, Andrew Young and others would come to the city to negotiate with the city leaders. If city leaders would not negotiate, Dr. King threatened that Dr. Williams and his "gangsters" would stay longer.

This was a very dangerous mission. Dr. Williams was severely beaten numerous times, 20 of his men and women died during the struggle, and he was imprisoned 135 times.

Dr. Williams is a recent American Leadership Conference graduate. He is extremely concerned that America is headed down the same road of inner corruption and ruin as the Roman Empire. He applauds the work of Rev. and Mrs. Moon in strengthening the family, and said, "Rev. Moon's family movement might just be the movement that will save America."

Also receiving the collected speeches from Mrs. Moon was Professor Jacob Quiambao, a retired United Methodist minister. Dr. Quiambao is Professor Emeritus of Religion and Theology at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, and is a past President of the Union Theological Seminary in The Philippines. Among his notable students is Bishop Nacpil, President of the World Council of United Methodist Bishops.

Other dignitaries receiving the books from Mother included; Ms. Portia Scott. She is the Senior Editor of the Atlanta Daily World, the nation's oldest African American newspaper, and is also a proponent of journalism at the Clark-Atlanta University; Dr. Lonnie Edwards, Sr. is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools of the Dekalb County School System. He is the director of the department of Staff and Community Relations; Mr. Seuk Hee Lee is the President of the 50,000 member Atlanta Korean Association; Mrs. Karla Brandau is the Public Relations Director of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, Lilburn, Georgia Stake; and Southern Regional Minister Jamil Muhammad of the Nation of Islam.

Following Mother's reading, and the book presentations, Mother, several V.I.P.'s, and church members moved to another room for a victory celebration. Here Father and Mother spoke to one another by telephone. A sound system had been prepared so that Father and the members in New York could hear and speak with Mother and the members in Atlanta.

During the celebration, the elementary and middle school students from the Top Garden School in Bayou la Batre, Alabama delighted Mother and Father with several songs. In New York the nine-year old daughter of Chris and Gillian Cochran surprised everyone with her professional rendition of one of the songs from the play *Annie*.

In Atlanta, Mr. Salonen sang a Korean song, which made Mother smile and even laugh aloud. Mother said the first part was good, but the second part needed some practice. Finally, Mother sang a song, and in closing asked the second-generation children if they knew that they were different from other children. They answered "Yes." She admonished them to protect their purity.

The next morning at 6 a.m., about twenty-five church leaders, business leaders, WFWP leaders, and ACC leaders gathered with Mother for Hoon Dok Hwe. Rev. Peter Kim began by reading sentences in Korean and then translating each sentence into English. Mother stopped him and told him to read only in Korean. After several minutes, Mother stopped Rev. Kim again and told everyone that Hoon Dok Hwe should be read in Korean, not in Japanese or English. It is only by knowing Korean that we can truly understand the depth of True Parents' heart.

Also by learning Korean we can make True Parents happy. Mother reminded the members how Mr. Salonen had delighted Father and Mother with his attempt at singing a Korean song.

Then Mother asked this reporter to read the speech "True Parents." Mother has heard this speech many times before, yet she was again moved to tears. Mother remarked, "The Word of God is so delicious, it never loses its taste." Then Mother asked Rev. Mike Jenkins to read "Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life."

After Hoon Dok Hwe, Mother had breakfast with Rev. Young Sik An, Regional Director of Region Five, and of the leaders from the region. Mother seemed pleased with reports about the American Leadership Conference that had taken place the weekend before, and about Master Marine in Bayou la Batre, Alabama. Ninety ALC guests from Atlanta and the Southeast had profound experiences at the conference. One youth minister had already shared the True Family Values seminar with some of his 1,200 young people, and many had committed themselves to sexual purity until marriage.

After breakfast, Mother signed her name to twelve copies of the tour speech booklet, and quickly departed for the airport. Mother left as Atlanta as the city was bursting in spring time blossom. ❖

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the churches.

For the past several years, each Tribal Messiah Couple has taken responsibility for a specific church. On every second Sunday we visit that church regularly as well as attending Wednesday night bible study and other special anniversary services. In essence we are becoming an integral part of their congregations.

Our campaign really began with the follow-up from the RFK Blessing. Our celebration on December 27th attracted over 1,000 participants and featured an address from Rev. Joong Hyun Pak.

In addition to this we have developed a monthly meeting with our key ministers on the final Saturday of every month. This began with about fifteen ministers and is ever developing. Our meeting at the end of March had over 200 participants and concluded with the blessing of all in attendance.

Our basic strategy was to mobilize the church community. We have the experience of gathering the church congregations through bus pick-ups.



In conjunction with the churches we focus on several areas of key individual and VIP guests. Through the month leading up to Mother's speech, we attended our churches every Sunday and then met as a community every Monday night.

This campaign offered a couple of unique challenges. First of all, our campaign leader under Rev. Kim, Rev. Michael Jenkins was asked by True Mother to be the M.C. for the program and travel with True Mother for the entire 16 city tour. This meant that many other members had to stand up and take more responsibility. Rev. Reiner Vincenz lead the guest mobilization working hand in hand with Chicago's two great campaign ladies, Yukimi Lemont and Maria Helena Tonneyck. These two sisters have been continuously able to care for and love our key ministers. As a result the holy spirit has been able to come down with incredible results.

Great support

I apologize for not mentioning every name that helped—it was reported to True Mother that over 100 Tribal messi-

ah families participated in the campaign. John Ogden once again managed the bus pick-ups. For this event over 50 churches filled up 39 buses. Since the event was on Friday night at 6:00 PM, Bob Wagner arranged for every guest to have a box lunch as they rode to the hotel.

And this event was not just on Friday night, but actually on Good Friday night. This imposed a special challenge in that nearly every one of the churches had their own Good Friday service scheduled. But through the miracle of the Holy Spirit and our own loving and serving of the church communities nearly all of our ministers were willing to re-schedule their services to an earlier time or consider Mother's speech as their Good Friday Service. I remember that someone insisted that we could never bring people to RFK if we had to leave on Thanksgiving night—yet we brought 2500 from Chicago. Likewise, the obstacle to having Mother speak on Good Friday night presented a challenge which God was able to overcome through our determination, persistence and absolute confidence.

In the end, Mother confirmed that over 3,000 guests had filled the Grand Ballroom of Chicago's downtown Marriott Hotel to overflowing. Representatives from the U.S. Congress, the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, the Nation of Islam, the Sikh Community, the Lutheran Church, the Baptist Church and the Church of God in Christ lined the stage to receive the gift of 3 of True Father's speech volumes from True Mother. Proclamations were lined up across the stage held high by proud second generation brothers and sisters. These letters of greeting proudly proclaimed and honored the Founders of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. In all, 11 Proclamations and Letters of Greeting came from the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Governor's Office, the City of Chicago, the Mayor of Chicago, our U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressmen, the Coalition of Religious Leaders for Northern Illinois, and the South Shore Ministerial Alliance.

The program itself went beautifully guided by Rev. Jenkins and Mr. Salonen. Dr. Hycel B. Taylor, from Evanston's



renowned Second Baptist Church delivered the invocation. Mrs. Myra Stanecki especially flew in to Chicago to read the speech entitled "True Parents" and did an excellent job. Then it was our True Mother's turn to take the stage.



The congregation was geared up and ready to receive her. Ever since the RFK Blessing, so many of these guests have had the single minded desire to receive True Parents in their own Home Town—Chicago. True Mother read her powerful speech to a resounding and continuous chorus of Amen, Praise the Lord and Hallelujah. When she finished she received a standing ovation throughout the entire ballroom.

events, joined us and spoke lovingly and gratefully to both of our True Parents. Major General Ted Sorensen, the Illinois President of the American Freedom Coalition and himself a Korean War veteran joined many of the ministers, guests and Chicago's growing second generation as we once again filled the celebration room to overflowing.

One after one, starting with Dr. Amos Waller, who was responsible for bringing over 600 guests from several of his Baptist Coalition of Churches, the ministers began to sing gospel songs for True Parents.

Rev. C.L. Sparks offered a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace, Pastor Connie Banza and her sister Sheila Sims equally sang and praised our True Parents and then everyone broke into song and dance.

The evening concluded with several songs from our True Parents, both in Korean and in English. When we finally began to sing Tong-Il, we were interrupted as True Father began singing yet another song even though True Mother was imploring him that it was late and time to go to bed.

Saturday morning found us all gathered in Mother's suite for Hoon Dok Hwe. The room was filled with CARP members who had brought 3 busses of university students, professors and members of the Filipino community. In addition, the CARP members visit-



Mother then received a beautiful bouquet of flowers from one of our RFK newly blessed couples, Dwayne and June Luckett as well as 2 special plaques from the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Coalition of Religious Leaders, a group of over 30 of the most eminent religious leaders in Illinois.

Mother then gave out the eight gifts to our distinguished guests and then invited them all to immediately join our celebration.

Celebration

The cake cutting, phone hook up with True Father, testimonies, singing and dancing lasted for hours. Our U.S. Congressman, a graduate of CAUSA, Religious Freedom and Parents Day

ed all of the embassies in Chicago. Afterward Mother spoke to us for 30 minutes about the importance of learning Korean and the importance of educating our children from the earliest age in the language of the True Parents. Mother was totally serious and gave us exact instructions.

Once again, the City of Chicago provided a police escort for True Mother's motorcade to and from the airport. Thus, immediately after breakfast, photographs and program signing, Mother was whisked off to the airport.

Mother waved good-bye and after taking several more pictures in the airplane, Mother was airborne, bound for the next days program in Seattle.

Now the ministers are focusing of the Madison square Garden Blessing on June 13th. We are planning a celebration banquet as a kickoff event as we march forward 2 months from today toward the Victory of the 360 million couple blessing. ❖

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She wrote a very wonderful letter as well.

Rev. Rufus Kyles from Houston, TX, a Blessed minister, gave the invocation; he was also a recipient of the volumes of Father's speeches. He is superintendent of the Thanks Progressive Evangelistic District, C.O.G.I.C., and on the mayor's Ministerial Advisory Board. He loves True Parents. He and his wife Louisa joined the victory party, sitting in the front row.

Dr. Lonnie Kliever, the director of Religious Studies at



gratefully he presented the letter to Mother.

The Rev. Robert Willingham, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, and former president of the NAACP-Little Rock, came to receive Father's books. He is an old friend from ICC days, who is very close to us.

Pastor Manuel Nabarete, Jr. of Victory Life Ministries, whose Victory Home is working in Dallas to help people get off drugs, is doing a great job; we were honored to have him attend.

Mrs. Kay Schecht, founder of Irving Together, also received Father's gift. Her organization's purpose is to enhance opportunities and the quality of life for minority youth.

We had victory on other levels with many ministers coming for the first time; Pastor Jefferson brought 50 members of his congregation; joining us in Mother's victory party, he even sang a song for Mother. During Mother's speech, True Mother was smiling. Near the end, as she waited for the applause

to end, she let out a small laugh, then read on to the finish with a standing ovation. The room was electric as she came down from the stage to present the books of Father's words.

Mother seemed very happy at the victory party, as brothers and sisters sang for True Parents. She was openly laughing as two brothers tried to sing in Korean. All in all, a great victory for True Parents. And great bless-



ing for Dallas. All of our brothers and sisters worked hard. Members from other states from all over Region 9 united with each other centering on Bishop You, making this the greatest event for True Parents in Dallas history. ❖



Southern Methodist University, has written many books from the historical viewpoint of religion. He is a top authority quoted by newspapers around the country. With his encouragement Dr. Ronald Flowers, professor of religion and chairman of the Department of Religion, Texas Christian University, attended. The author of many books, he came with his guest, Dr. James Atwood, church vocations counselor in the Religion Department at TCU. Drs. Kliever and Flowers both received the books and were very happy to do so for the University. Dr. Flowers invited Rev. You to come and speak to his

class.

Minister Robert Muhammad, Southwest Regional Representative of the Hon. Louis Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam, came with about seventy guests to Dallas to welcome Mother. He was Blessed at RFK and presented Mother with a beautiful plaque and flowers. The letter he had framed was very lovely as he thanked Mother for the way she and Father had welcomed Louis Farrakhan and himself in Korea. Very



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al Director Rev. In Hoi Lee and with the spiritual power of Mrs. Onni Durst and our new KEA director Rev. Dong Woo Kim, all brothers and sisters united to give our best effort to secure a great victory.

True Mother spoke briefly to our church elders before lunch and inspired us all to try harder and do more than ever before. She told us that there are many elder members of our church who have already gone to the spiritual world and their level or position there is determined by their efforts here, how hard they worked for God's providence and how much they connected to the heart of God and True Parents. Father has warned us that we should be prepared to die properly, with no regrets, having used our life for the greatest purpose. Mother encouraged us that we should keep the Hoon Dok Hwe tradition and then eventually we will become the embodiment of the word. Even we have areas of regret in our life but by following this tradition we

can let God's word's clean us up.

Mother said that the divisions within Christianity are caused by not having Jesus' direct words, only the words of the disciples. Our Blessing is to have

Father's direct words in 300 volumes. Out of those 300 volumes the 15 volumes are the essence and we can be reborn through these words. Then if there are points we want to research

more deeply we can research further in the 300 volumes.

At the event itself we could all feel an air of expectation and wonder. Mother delivered Father's words and the audience responded, urging her on, and the connection was made deeply.

Book recipients included the Institute for the Study of American Religions located at the University of Santa Barbara, Graduate Theological Union Library, consortium of 9 seminaries located at Berkeley, the Bishop of the Church of God in Christ in Oakland, Minister Keith Muhammad of the Nation Of Islam and of course Mother Wright.

Mother Wright made up a song to sing to True Parents at the victory celebration and she summed up the whole evening with these words- "It was richer than rich, greater than great." ❖

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event at John Hancock Hall was the best ever in the history of Boston.

The first miracle was in finding John Hancock Hall. Our Regional Director, Rev. Jea Seok Kim, began inquiring about a church for True Mother to speak in, beginning in late January. About two and a half weeks before the event, after looking at many churches and receiving some rejections, we were able to secure Kings Chapel in downtown Boston. Kings Chapel, a Unitarian Church building, was the first church building to hold services in the New World in the Boston area. However, even though we secured it, we came to realize that it was not suitable for a video setup, an adequate stage, or proper facilities for all that we needed to accomplish. We started to look again, this time at hotels.

After calling every hotel in Boston and finding no space, we finally found the John Hancock Hall. It was perfect for us. It had been newly renovated and when we went to sign up and looked in the date book, someone had just canceled out a few days before. It was truly reserved by God. In fact, later on we discovered that it was the same hall in which True Father had spoken 25 years ago on the Day of Hope Tour in 1973.

More miracles

A second miracle was that not only were we able to fill the hall, but people were standing up because the seats were all totally filled. This was accomplished even without the help of so many of our Japanese sisters who were on a special condition in Japan. This was the first time ever that the one Japanese sister, Mrs. Yukiko Fairbrother, who is always in charge of serving True Parents in Boston, was away (she had left for Japan a week earlier). However, Mrs. Jea Seok Kim, Yoshie Takahashi, Aiko Onoe, Kinnio Edgerly, Cynthia Myers and Marjorie Buessing (with the help of many Japanese sisters) did a tremendous job in making True Mother's stay so special and warm.

The third miracle was making it possible for True Father to listen to True Mother's speech and celebration after the event. Little did we know that even though we had paid to get phone lines to transmit True Mother's speech to East Garden, because we were one floor downstairs the equipment couldn't transmit the speech out with the equipment Dominic Barber brought from New York. Dominic didn't arrive till late Friday afternoon. Through much maneuvering, he could at least hang a phone over the curtain so it was near a speaker from the ceiling. It was very unortho-



dox, to say the least. However, the big problem was the cake-cutting room, where True Mother would go after the speech for the celebration. At 7pm our brothers went out to find a 300-ft. extension cord to run from up- to downstairs. The first brother returned unsuccessful, so Rev. Seok Kim sent another brother, Peter Roy, to look. After looking in many places, not giving up, Peter finally found one in the very same store the first brother had already looked in so desperately before. It was a miracle we could make it work in such short time. We knew, no matter how good the event went, it would be a hollow victory if True Father couldn't celebrate with True Mother over the phone hook-up.

Wonderful guests

In all, over 700 guests attended the



event, with 36 VIPs signing a promise of support for our True Parents and fulfillment of Blessing '98. One of our distinguished guests, Rev. Dr. Albert Welch, a Congregational minister for 50 years, gave the invocation. He is a direct descendant of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower and his Pilgrim ancestors were the first to intermarry with the Native Americans. At the celebration he gave beautiful congratulatory words to True Parents, thanking them for the work of establishing True Families.

Also present were two representatives of the Nation of Islam. Rev. and Mrs. Kim and other representatives of the Unification movement attended the Nation of Islam Unity Sunday in Boston

on March 29, 1998. The leader of the Boston Chapter of the Nation of Islam, Minister Don Muhammad, and all members, were invited to attend True Mother's speech. Minister Don Muhammad was scheduled to be one of the recipients of True Parents' speech volumes. However, due to a death in the family and another death in the community, Minister Muhammad was unable to attend. Instead, Minister Jabbar Muhammad received the books in his place. Minister Jabbar Muhammad shared with us later how inspiring the entire event was, and that when he closed his eyes,

he had the same feeling he had when attending Unity Sunday. He was particularly impressed with the telephone hookup between Father and Mother



after the speech and how True Parents shared with each other. He asked us for the remaining dates and locales of Mother's tour to announce on the local Nation of Islam radio program, so all members could pray for the tour. He also asked for contact addresses in the remaining cities, saying he'd encourage members in those cities to attend Mother's speech.

One school teacher of 25 years attended the event because a friend invited him. He had heard many things about our movement, but when attending Mother's speech he found it so different from what he had ever heard. He found the speech so enlightening and so deep. He said the speech was simple but profound and was moved to find our more about the Divine Principle. He always felt his life was going along all right, but after Mother's speech he realized that for eternal happiness you have to be married, and to receive true love you need a spouse. For the first time in his life he realized how lonely his life has been.

Another guest was a six-term Massachusetts state senator who got up and testified to the work of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, thanking them for their efforts to create true families. He then sang a



song for True Parents; because of the words of the song, everyone in the room was laughing. He was also a recipient of True Father's speech volumes.

Celebration

Mother's final words to us were that we should not think just "One Nation Under God," but New England should ignite the revolution of "One World Under God."

She said we must bring over 2 million couples to the Blessing from New England because of the great success brought by our members in New England blessing over 70,000 couples.

All of the brothers and sisters of New England were full of joy in celebrating the victory of True Mother in Boston. Special

thanks go to Rev. and Mrs. Jea Seok Kim for their spiritual guidance and inspiration, to Sam Wada from Saeilo for his organization, to Mrs. Jea Seok Kim, Yoshie Takahashi and Mrs. Onoe for serving Mother, to Mike Myers for coordinating the details of the entire event, to Andrea Higashibaba and Gerhard Weisinger for stage production and sound, to Dominic Barber and Peter Roy who saved us by arranging the phone setups, to Mary Zinno and Carol Osborn for all the floral arrangements, to Phyllis Loum and Vince Carty for their VIP guests, and most importantly to all the brothers and sisters who contributed their prayers, time, energy and resources to help Heavenly Father and our True Parents to make this event a success. ❖

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The Meaning of Pledge

T rue Parents Birthday, February 2, 1998, was celebrated in Seoul, Korea. On that day, Parents gave us a special gift! Not one of diamonds or gold, but something more precious than that—the content of the Family Pledge, section 8.

With this gift, it is now our responsibility to study this new addition and understand its deep meaning, for this is important spiritual food.

You may be asking, "Will there be a No. 9 or No. 10 yet to come? When? Next year? Well, I actually asked Father the question and he answered me: "No. 8 is the last" he said. It is our heavenly obligation to carefully and deeply understand the entire Family Pledge Nos. 1 through 8.

The Family Pledge is our road map to the Kingdom of God

The Family Pledge is the blueprint of the Kingdom of God. Our goal in our life of faith is to reach that Kingdom. The Family Pledge is also the road map to enable us to successfully arrive there. It is indeed a precious gift to all humanity.

We know from this blueprint that it will not be through individual salvation that we will reach the Kingdom of Heaven, but only through the restoration of our family. Through establishing the family foundation we expand the Kingdom from the level of the family to the cosmic level. Traditional religious teachings are usually ones of individual salvation. However, no matter how devout an Orthodox Jew may be in his faithfulness to the Torah, he must take his family into the Kingdom, not enter just as an individual. The same thing applies to Traditional Christians or any other devout persons, no matter what their religion, they simply cannot enter the Kingdom except as families. The Kingdom of Heaven is made up of families—harmonious, wonderful families.

Adam and Eve were created to be a family. Because they fell, humankind became individualistic. To get back on track and reach our goal, we must have a family road map, this Family Pledge road map. When we fulfill Pledge No. 8 we have reached the goal line. If we understand and fulfill all verses from Nos. 1 through 7 but do not fulfill No. 8, then we lose the preceding seven numbers as well.

We Pledge to attain the Kingdom of God

Pledge No. 1 reads: "Our family pledges to seek our original homeland and establish the original ideal of creation, the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on True Love." This is the first step toward the goal in which we pledge to attain the Kingdom of Heaven. Pledge No. 8 is the concluding steps; the final step we must reach.

When God created Adam and Eve they were not automatically perfect, for

if they had been and then fell as they did, we would have to say that God is not perfect. But rather, Adam and Eve were to pass through three stages: formation, growth and perfection to reach the level of maturity, that total Oneness with God and Completion (see accompanying chart). Just as Jesus told us, "Therefore, you are to be per-

sage and deep meaning of the New Testament age—the coming of the Third Adam. The New Testament teaches us that when the Third Adam comes, we must obey and follow him, fight the battles alongside him, even protect him by fighting the battles for him, and become victorious together with him.

Who is the Third Adam? True Parents. We absolutely have faith in this. We love them and obey them. True Parents have given us the Completed Testament which is the Divine Principle. The purpose of the Complete Testament is to reach the perfection level with the Third Adam. This is the fulfillment and completion of the dream of human history.

Think of it. We can now reach our completion. Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed—all the historical saints, suggested the possibility of this goal, but yet even they could not reach that goal. Now humble you and I can reach the perfection goal. This is very special!

While the entire Family Pledge, Nos. 1 through 8 is the road map for fulfilling the Kingdom of Heaven, still that is not enough. With True Parents, the pioneers, the role models, who have cleared the wilderness path to the Kingdom, we must now climb up the rope which they have provided for us. This is 1998. True Parents began announcing the arrival of this era, the new age of the Complete Testament, in 1992. 1992 through 1998 is seven years.

How is it that the age of perfection is available to us? It is because True Father has attained the Fourth Adam position, fulfilling the Four Position Foundation. Adam No. 1 fell and created the most miserable situation possible for all humanity to follow. Adam No. 2 died on the cross; he came to restore Life but the disbelief of the people brought death instead. Adam No. 3, the True Parents, paid such enormous indemnity and sacrificed for the entire restoration and for the failure of the first two dispensations as well; they followed the way of the cross also, but this time it was the cross of love. They paid the physical and spiritual indemnity for the restoration, our resurrection.

True Parents and True Family had to go through such depths of indemnity, being beaten down so many times, over and over again, that they bore all the scars of all the Adams, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and finally arrived at the level of the Fourth Adam, the original Adam and Eve position, pure and clean with no blemishes. and no struggles.

Realm of the fourth Adam

The position of Fourth Adam, the Completed Testament, was the goal of the first Adam; it was the dream of Jesus and it is the position which is very necessary for the completion of humankind.

Thus, while the first, second and third Adam are single individuals, the

fourth Adam is a realm of many people who have grown to be like True Parents. This is truly an amazing grace!

You and I are not yet at the place of True Parents. Is it always to remain so? Will it remain like that throughout eternity? Of course not. We also must arrive there. In 1992, True Parents blessed 30,000 couples; in 1995, they blessed 360,000 couples. In 1997, they blessed 40 million couples. This year, 1998, True Parents will bless 360 million couples. They are inviting us, saying "My sons and daughters, please come quickly." By the year 2000—less than two years away—we should reach our destination.

Perfection, according to the Divine Principle, is to "enter the direct dominion with God" (Exposition of the Divine Principle, p. 34). God will be dwelling in us and we will be dwelling in Him. We will be the "house" for His spirit to dwell. When we pray, "Our Heavenly Father, I love you, please come to me," God will answer, "Yes, my son, yes, my daughter." When that sound comes, not from the blue sky, but from inside ourselves, that then is the direct dominion.

The three great formulas of creation

To become like the Fourth Adam, to be engrafted into him and to become as him, ultimately bearing no scars, no blemishes, we can fulfill the three great conditions of attendance:

1. Absolute Faith
2. Absolute Love
3. Absolute Obedience

These are the three great formulas of creation.

In the first place, what is the meaning of "absolute"? It means "true, stable, unchanging." What is the difference between ordinary faith and absolute faith? Ordinary faith is somewhat vague; as St Paul explained it, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). This is somewhat vague, don't you think? We can have absolute faith because we have the Divine Principle which clearly explains the nature of God and His coming Kingdom; there is nothing vague about the Principle. We can have faith in the love relationship possible between God, with His dual characteristics, and ourselves, also with dual characteristics. While Christianity had to have faith in unclear and symbolic concepts, we can have absolute faith in clear and substantial reality.

If we speak of relative love, for instance, that is love which can change. But in absolute love, there is only one vertical line, unchanging. The meaning of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience is that we have unchanging, true, vertical love for God and True Parents. To say "I love you absolutely" means I love you with an unchanging vertical love (which then stabilizes and makes absolute our horizontal love).

When we feel absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, then we can say we are on the perfection level. Adam and Eve received God's will, direction and love but they did not follow

Family Pledge No. 8

OUR FAMILY PLEDGES, AS WE ENTER THE COMPLETED TESTAMENT AGE, TO ACHIEVE THE IDEAL ONENESS OF GOD AND HUMANKIND, IN LOVE, THROUGH ABSOLUTE FAITH, ABSOLUTE LOVE AND ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE, THEREBY LIBERATING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN, BY CENTERING ON TRUE LOVE.

fect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5:48). Of course, there are many details within each period of growth, but these three stages represent the overall picture of how each of us grows.

Adam means "mankind" which includes Eve. The first Adam was to have grown through the three stages reaching the level of completion. The perfect Adam was to pass from indirect to direct dominion of God. This is the responsibility of each human being. Because of the Fall, Adam lost direction and did not get beyond the growth stage. Adam and Eve failed; so God must restore them (humankind) and bring them back to the top of the growth stage so that they may proceed on from there. That applies to each of us.

We lost the first Adam. Adam and Eve should have absolutely believed, loved and obeyed God's Words "not to eat the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Gen. 2:17)." To do so would not simply have been "obedience" but ultimately "oneness" with God, feeling and understanding God's heart. They had to completely understand the purpose of creation and then take responsibility to reach the perfection level.

Absolute faith, love and obedience is God's formula of creation. God followed this principle as He created, so Adam and Eve, in order to resemble God, had to follow the same formula as they perfect themselves.

New Age of Complete Testament

They lost God's Words, God's Commandment. As a result of this loss, God gave the Old Testament age, with Moses and the Torah. The key message of the Old Testament is the prophecy of the coming of the Second Adam. Humankind would then have to follow and be engrafted into the Second Adam by faith, love and obedience in order to become people of original nature. This was the purpose of the Old Testament.

Very unfortunately, those living in the New Testament age killed Jesus Christ, the Second Adam. People did not believe in him, did not believe, love or follow God's Commandment. So he must come again. This became the mes-

No. 8

and attend God, so they fell. When we overcome the fall of Adam and Eve, it means we have gone in the opposite direction, not the way of free love and free sex. If we achieve God's ideal, then we will be in His direct dominion, having attained perfection.

In America right now we exalt everything which is "free"—free love, free sex, and so forth. So "absolute" to some people might seem like slavery. They don't like the sound of it. But God created Adam and Eve with His absolute love. He sacrificed many millions of years for the creation of humankind and for the re-creation and restoration of humankind to be achieved. God Himself was obedient to His ideal. It is not enough to just have faith, love and obedience. We must understand why True Father uses the word absolute.

Oneness of humankind with God

Father said that once we reach the level of "oneness with God, oneness of humankind with God," that means God is in us and we are in God. If we use Chinese characters we can make it more clear. How do we arrive at oneness with God? Centered on love and faith (as a spiritual element) and obedience (as the physical attitude), we have give and take in spirit with the direct dominion of God. God is a spiritual being—human beings are physical. We need each other. So centered on True Love, we have give and take with each other and become one.

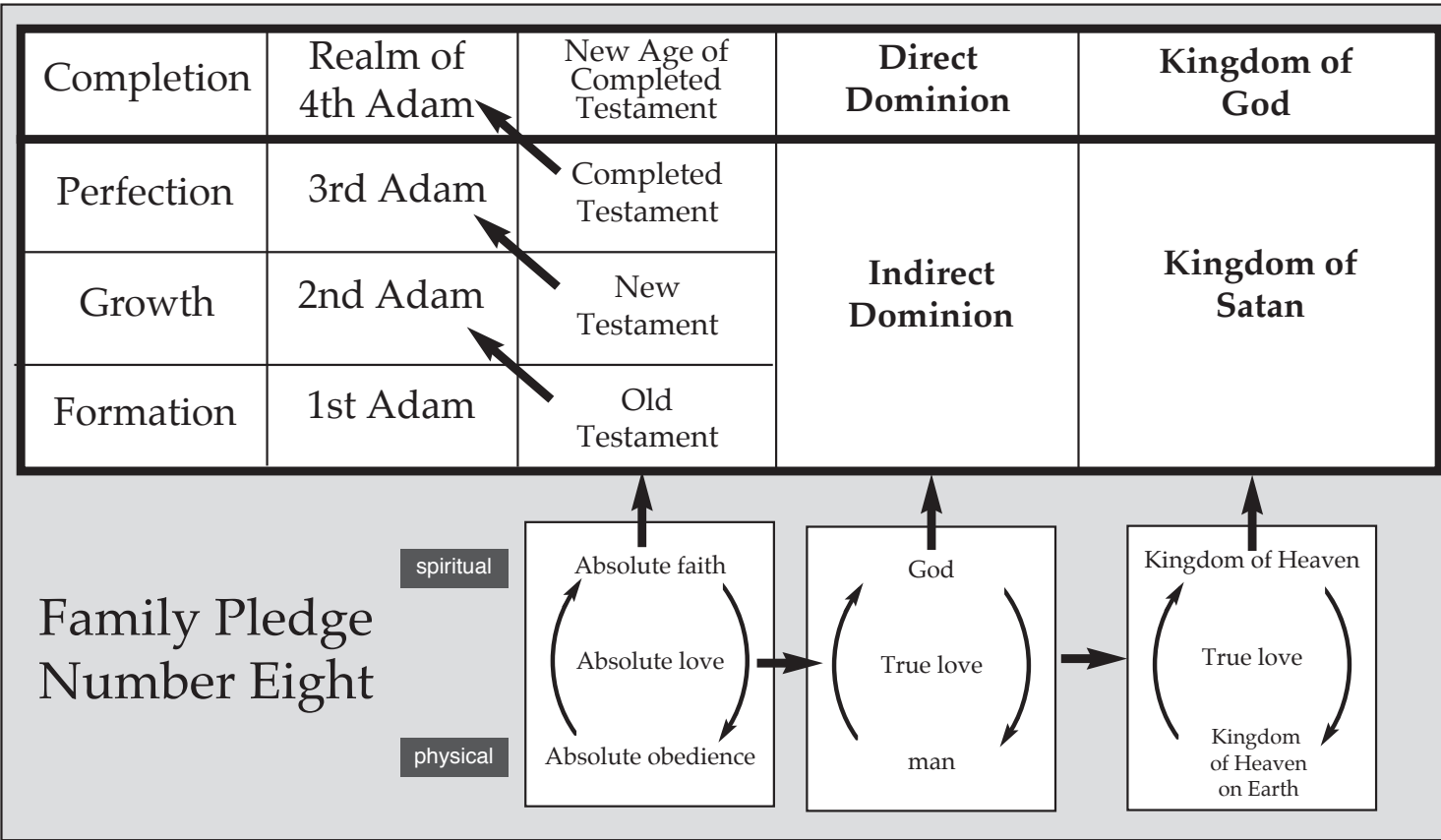
In the Family Pledge, each number from one to eight, concludes with "by centering on True Love." True Love is the center of give and take, its purpose is give and take, its center of power is give and take. We must really be centered on True Love, and believe in it and practice it. We practice it by being obedient. This is the physical practice of True Love.

When God created Adam and Eve, He needed their physical bodies to house His own Spirit. The substantial physical life is so very important. So the physical practice of True Love is the purpose of creation. We and God become one. So many spiritual leaders and philosophers have this goal. Our goal is to become the image of God; to become as the Living God. You can say "when I am walking down the street, God is walking down the street; when I am sitting in this room, God is sitting in this room; my family is the family of God; my city is the city of God,"

like that. This very important level is *Shin In Ae Il Che*—the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and the Kingdom of Heaven in Heaven. This is multiplication of love from the individual through the family. This is the Kingdom of God.

The Statue of Liberty symbolizes liberation from tyranny

Father often uses the word "liberation." What is the meaning? Well, this world has been the kingdom of Satan, Satan's sovereignty, Satan's people,



Satan's land. When we overcome this satanic world and bring back God's sovereignty—this is liberation. In America, at the entrance to the harbor of Manhattan, New York we have the Statue of Liberty. What is the meaning of this statue? What does it symbolize? It symbolizes liberation from tyranny. Two-hundred years ago, in America, the ancestors rejected tyranny and fought against it and brought back the people's sovereignty, the people's dominion, the people's government. This was the liberation from oppression of the British monarchy.

In the same way, we must overthrow and overcome Satan's dominion and reach God's dominion; this is liberation. Centered on love, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and the Kingdom of Heaven in Heaven have give and take; that is, the spiritual world and the phys-

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ical world have give and take and through this we reach the Kingdom of God. This means the power of dominion is true love, not fallen selfish love. Unselfish, unique, eternal, sacrificial love, "investment" love, "invest and forget" love, "dominion" love, all of these.

And of course, to bring this dominion about, we need absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, our three great acts of attendance. The Completed Testament age is the age of attendance. By the practice of these

three great commandments we reverse all the failures of the original fallen Adam and Eve.

By believing in God's ideal of creation of love and by practicing it we will fulfill this ideal of love. If we practice this, everything is available to us. In this year of 1998 we can practice by fulfilling the 360 million couples. This is our attendance. Our practical goal is very simple: invite people to the Blessing. If we believe in True Father's goal of the Blessing then we must practice it. This is the key point of Family Pledge No. 8. We can achieve what True Parents have achieved by practicing what they have done. We follow their pattern, their path, their tradition, and then we, too, can become people of perfection, the images of God.

True Parents are always teaching about God and inviting everyone to come and celebrate in the Blessing, not based on religious beliefs but through True Love. Jesus always taught about God. His disciples challenged him "Show us the Father and we shall be satisfied" (John 14:8). Jesus said to Philip "Have I been so long with you and yet you have not come to know me? He who has seen me has seen the Father..." (John 14:9). We also must come to the point when we can say those words of Jesus. People should be able to see God in us if we practice absolute faith, love and obedience. Our external positions have no meaning; only how we practice absolute faith, love and obedience, that is what makes us begotten sons and daughters of God.

We have to cut off Satan's blood lineage. We have to cut off our bad habits and lifestyles. We receive God's blood lineage and live God's tradition. St. Paul said "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (I Cor. 3:16). We become saviors. We do this by inviting many people to the Blessing. The spiritual atmosphere has changed and it is easier to accomplish. Many positive elements are existing now, like a change in the attitude of the public and the media.

Let us make our church motto this year: "Cut Satan's lineage!" Many people are becoming concerned this year with how they are going to celebrate

the turn of the century in 2000. Advanced reservations are being made at restaurants and many places of celebration. Should we bring in the Third Millennium by toasting with expensive champagne? No. Instead we are producing "holy wine" (holy juice) to toast in new blessed families! This holy juice is being mass produced in wonderful tiny individual containers that can be popped into the pocket. This is our liberating tool. With these containers we can go about changing the blood lineage from Satan to God in men, women and children.

Before the year 2000 we can dramatically change this world

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ sacrificed for God and humankind. Many Christian martyrs and pioneers sacrificed too. Power, knowledge and money will not bring in the Kingdom—only cutting Satan's blood lineage. Before the year 2000 we can dramatically change this world. For this, Father gave us Family Pledge No. 8. This is the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. We are fortunate to be living in this age.

In addition, we have the tradition of Hoon Dok Hwe, another gift from True Father, which serves to empower us spiritually as we read and learn the Word. So we have the power and we have the powertools. Now let's make 1998 our great year for attendance to True Parents and humankind.

We have now just 600 days before the Third Millennium starts. While all is confusion at this transitional time, so many people are confused in their image of the new millennium. England, for instance, is building a Millennium Dome, France is planning a Millennium Monument, America is working on sending up a spaceship.

We, on the other hand, are the flag bearers for humanity to follow with our clear image of the Millennium:

1. Cut Satan's blood lineage.
2. Receive the Blessing.
3. Become true parents and create true families.
4. Multiply and establish the Kingdom of God.

Thank you God, thank you True Parents for Family Pledge No. 8! ❖

by Paula Fujiwara—Pasadena, CA

The Bridge of Peace Ceremony was introduced to Southern California by the Women's Federation for World Peace in Sept. 1995 as part of its International Women's Friendship Conference series between Japanese and American women. It is a ceremony of forgiveness, reconciliation and healing of the wounds caused by past wrongdoings. Nine Japanese-American bridge ceremonies took place in Los Angeles. Out of the urging of Southern Californian participants in this conference series, a new project was born in January 1996. The Interracial Sisterhood Project (I.S.P.) was established to address the problem of racial division in the Los Angeles area. The first interracial bridge of peace ceremony was held at the L.A. Convention Center with 350 participants on Oct. 5, 1996. It was an entirely volunteer effort with many goods and services donated.

"After months of hard work and fund raising for the first I.S.P. event, we found that participants were inviting us to bring the ceremony to their 'realm of influence,'" said I.S.P. chairwoman Sheri Rueter.

Consequently, in 1997 there were bridge of peace ceremonies held in four different communities. The first event was held at the beginning of spring as an interracial ceremony for 185 girls of the ABC High School District. It was coordinated by Diane Stonbraker, a teacher and founder of the Artesia High Rainbow League, which promotes interracial harmony on their culturally diverse campus. Now the campus has an Interracial Sisterhood Club which just put on the second annual bridge ceremony including girls from the other four high schools in the district. The second event was held for residents of a large senior citizens' complex in Pasadena. I.S.P. supporters from the Pasadena Interracial Women's Club organized the ceremony, pairing residents from the two towers in order to encourage a closer-knit community. The third event involved a national Native American conference held in Anaheim. The bridge ceremony was part of the conference's cultural night coordinated by Paula Star of the Southern California Indian Center. There were 250 participants; mostly Native American women were paired with I.S.P. supporters but also some men, children and family "partners for peace" were formed.



The fourth event was the first City-sponsored ceremony in Carson, California. Several city officials who were

invited to earlier ceremonies were instrumental in making it happen. It was held in October (Cultural Diversity Month) as the second anniversary of the original Interracial Sisterhood Ceremony. There was a total of 300 participants, including all the city officials.

I.S.P. Builds Momentum in 1998

The spring season was ushered in once again in 1998 by 150 excited girls from the ABC Unified High School District at the Cerritos Park East Community Center. The new Interracial Sisterhood Club of Artesia High took responsibility for many aspects of planning and preparation of the event, which were done by faculty advisors and the I.S.P. in

1997. This year's event was "very challenging but equally successful," commented club advisor Diane Stonbraker; "the girls got to know each other better this time." A segment was added to the program allowing time for new interracial pairs to interview each other.

Above left, left and below: the Chaffey College Interracial Bridge Ceremony



This year's event was covered by the Long Beach Press-Telegram and the New California Times. The keynote speaker was school principal Dr. Genevieve Shepherd, who spoke at the first-ever interracial bridge ceremony in Los Angeles. She reminded participants that something as simple as a smile and a kind word go a long way to bridge the gap between individuals.

Held on Friday, March 20, some girls were eagerly awaiting the experience. "People said it was really fun last year and the girls were nice and friendly," said Whitney High sophomore Lejone Morris, 15 years old.

Honesty Brown commented that "in high school people have a tendency to hang around people of the same race.... But here you don't have a choice and you



Left, above and below: the 2nd Annual Interracial Sisterhood Ceremony held at the ABC Unified High School District, Cerritos, CA



and I learned so much!"

"I think it's probably one of the best events that has ever come to our school district," says Kristy Crumbo, Artesia High student body president and ceremony coordinator. "It built unity among the whole community."

Interracial Sisterhood Club members are considering sponsoring a retreat to address women's issues and things which affect them every day, since meetings during the school day have been too brief, and after school and weekends are crowded with other activities.

First College-Sponsored Bridge Ceremony

Saturday, March 28 marked the historic first college-sponsored Interracial Bridge of Peace Ceremony. It was held at Chaffey College in the community of Rancho Cucamonga in California's Inland Empire region northeast of Los Angeles. The coordinator of the event was Chaffey College Professor Arlene McCall. Arlene came in contact with Women's Federation for World Peace when she responded **BRIDGE** on page 16

Universal Ballet Makes a Splash in NYC

NEW FUTURE PHOTO

by Richard L. Lewis—NYC

The Universal Ballet toured America from March 13 through April 28. We will have a full report in next month's *Unification News*.

In New York City, the press coverage was quite remarkable. Anna Kisselgoff of *The New York Times* covered Shim Chung, the Blind Man's Daughter in her first report (NYT, 4/16) where she wrote:

"Given their American influences, occasional Russian coaches and the fact that most of the dancers are Koreans trained in university dance departments in Seoul, it is no surprise that there is a hybrid style of classical dancing.

"The model appears to be Ms. Moon. Along the way she has picked up the supple torso of the Russian school, the soft toe work of the Royal Ballet and a streamlined American line.

"In the title role of 'Shim Chung,' she has a genuine star presence, using her natural lyricism and perfect arabesque to evoke the delicate purity of the heroine. The female corps, often seen in the Korean-style costumes designed by Sylvia Taalohn, is similarly well placed in its upper body and generally avoids strong attack.



"By contrast, the men (village folk or drunken sailors) are encouraged to erupt into passages of standard bravura.

"Ms. Dellas's choreography, propelled by Kevin Barber Pickard's score, is never difficult. Mime is used to tell the story, which is straightforward: a blind man (Hyun-Woo Kim) is rescued from the river by a Buddhist monk

The dance critic of the *New York Post*, Clive Barnes, was not so impressed. As a sophisticate and esthete, he found its simplicity much too much for him. But even he, at the end of his snippy review, said (NY Post, 4/16):

"The dancing is quite good. The men seem rather better than the women—I noticed particularly the dash of Jun-Kyu Lee and the enthusiasm of Ji-Hoon Yum—and the ballerina role was neatly taken by Julia H. Moon, the Rev. Moon's daughter-in-law and the company's prima ballerina and general director, although of sufficient quality to suggest that nepotism had not all that much to do with it."

Swan Lake

Both dance critics, however, praised the performance of *Swan Lake*.

Anna Kisselgoff (NY Times, 4/20) wrote:

"It isn't every ballet company that can afford to restage a lavish full-length production of 'Swan Lake' which was originally produced for the Kirov Ballet. Nor can every company drill into its corps de ballet the astounding precision and attention to stylistic detail which the Universal Ballet from South Korea demonstrated in 'Swan Lake' over the weekend.

Backstage at the City Center after the first night's performance of "The Blindman's Daughter."

"Here again it was obvious that this company, which dates its founding to 1984 in Seoul, is an anomaly on the international dance scene. Even the weekend series of debuts in 'Swan Lake,' which led off at City Center with Sun-Hee Park's admirable performance as Odette-Odile on Friday night, defined the paradox apparent on the troupe's first United States tour. Earlier in the week, the company had opened with a simple contemporary work drawn from Korean legend which made no demands on technique. Suddenly, it was asked to perform in a production of 'Swan Lake' that, except for a few changes, is the same which Oleg Vinogradov presented with the Kirov Ballet at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1992 and 1995.

"One might have certain reservations about this version: they were apparently shared by the Universal Ballet, which made the changes for this tour. Nonetheless, what is on view is an elaborate 19th-century classic

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At the end of the week of NYC shows, Father and Mother entertained the troupe at East Garden



who promises him sight in exchange for 300 sacks of rice. Shim Chung, the blind man's daughter, obtains the money from an impressively virtuosic sea captain (Jun-Kyu Lee) who sacrifices her to a sea dragon.

"An underwater scene in Act 2, reminiscent of Diaghilev productions, is the best, with various sea creatures allowed to express their individuality in solos, contrasting with the reticence of the ensemble. Here, Ji-Hoon Yum, like Vito Iacobellis in Act 3, did well with his turns, and there was a welcome vibrancy from Sun-Hyung Yoon and Yena Kang.

"The heroine rejects the sea king (Jae-Won Hwang) in favor of a real Korean king (Chung-Lin Tseng) when she returns to earth. Ms. Dellas incorporates a stylized Korean mask dance in the wedding divertissement, which includes a vivid pas de quatre for two couples (Hyuk-Ku Kwon, Dragos Mihalcea, Yoo-Mi Lee and Mi-Ja Lee). All the blind men of the kingdom regain their sight in a truly happy ending."



Backstage at the City Center after the last night's performance of "Swan Lake."

New Eden Academy Makes A Joyful Noise

by Clopha Deshotel—Bridgeport, CT

As we come to the close of this first year of New Eden Academy, a college preparatory high school located in Bridgeport, Connecticut, New Eden students and staff have had the unique opportunity recently to spend time with the True Parents. Because of our location, New Eden students were able to see and sing for True Mother three times on her national Hoon Dok Hwe tour: in Bridgeport, Boston and New York.

Especially meaningful was the special opportunity to make a joyful noise before True Parents at their home at East Garden, a privilege rarely experienced by others. In that way, the students were able to receive very personal love and attention from the True Parents.

Such opportunities help to fulfill the True Parents' hope for protecting second generation high school students from the adverse influences of the secular world. Imagine the excitement of students at having sung to the True Parents in such an intimate setting!

All parents want to give their son or daughter a competitive advantage in choices of colleges and careers. New Eden Academy provides that opportunity

because it is located on the campus of the University of Bridgeport and students are able to obtain 24 college credits while still in high school. In addition, all parents want to keep their children morally pure; this includes courageously avoiding the misuse of sexual organs by being in a healthy spiritual atmosphere and moral environment like New Eden.

On June 5 the first class at the Acad-

emy will complete the first year of school and begin summer vacation. The next school year will begin on Aug. 29. For an application and information for the 1998-99 school year, please contact either Dr. Hugh Spurgin or Mr. Clopha Deshotel at (203)334-3434, fax (203)334-8653. ❖



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which requires a level of technique and coherence that only major companies can deliver.

“What looked like a still-young troupe centered on its leading ballerina, Julia H. Moon (Odette-Odile on Saturday night), was suddenly transformed. How could the Universal Ballet stage such a big-league production this well? One reason is generous financial support from the Korean Cultural [and Freedom] Foundation. This group is affiliated with the company's founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, leader of the Unification Church.

“Another explanation is the rigorous coaching given to the visibly committed dancers. The discipline of the corps, especially in the ‘white,’ or lakeside, scenes of ‘Swan Lake,’ can put even internationally ranked companies to shame.

“Snaking around the stage in their entrance, regrouping into lines for the waltz, cringing in

fear, wrists flexed upward, the corps moved in riveting unison. Where other companies would have Lev Ivanov's traditional choreography breathe a collective sigh, all was now abstract, petrified beauty.

“But there's the rub. Passion is sacrificed to precision. Here is a company which reaches toward perfection but with no juice.

“There are exceptions: notably, the long-limbed Yena Kang, who performed in the pas de trois in Act I on Friday, has contemporary daring, and Mrs. Park draws a clean distinction between Odette, the Swan Queen, and Odile, her evil double....

“Ms. Park gave the choreography full value and shape, especially in the Act II solo, and her Odile, teasing rather than seductive, included the usual fouetté turns. Jae-Hong Park's Siegfried, an attentive cavalier of noble line, was adequate in his solos while Dragos Mihalcea on Saturday night seemed to suffer from nerves as partner to Ms. Moon's under-danced Odette-Odile.

The evening's bravura belonged to the jester: Ji-Hoon Yum was an exuberant turner on Friday and Jong-Pil Lee a jumper with exceptional spring and split leaps. A word also for Seung-Han Choi's excellent conducting of the company's Prime Philharmonic Orchestra.”

And even Clive Barnes loosened up (NY Post, 4/20):

“Although based on [an] earlier staging, Vinogradov's present reading is an improvement.... More significantly, the young company was able to leave an unequivocally excellent impression, even if, with its 26 swans, it appeared somewhat cramped on the City Center stage.

“Admittedly, the national dances in the third act emerged with more spirit than style, but the general manner of the company, under the artistic direction of American Bruce Steival, proved absolutely exemplary, with swans so well drilled that they could give our Radio City Rockettes a lesson or two in conformity. The troupe also

has considerable strength in depth—it produced four completely different sets of principals in ‘Swan Lake,’ of which I caught two, led by Sun-Hee Park and Julia Moon as the Odette-Odiles, partnered by Jae-Hong Park and Dragos Mihalcea as their Prince Siegfrieds.

“Moon, with her appropriately lambent style, was more the tragic Odette, while Sun-Hee Park did better as the coruscatingly wicked Odile, while Mihalcea was far the more impressive Siegfried, although Jae-Hong Park did well enough.

“Among the rest both Jong-Pil Lee and, particularly, Ji-Hoon Yum were brilliant as that perkily intrusive Jester, and I was most impressed by the Friday cast of the cleanly danced first act pas de trois, with the elegant Hyuk-Ku Kwon partnering the lively pair of Enrica Guana and Yena Kang, who both appeared as Odette/Odile at matinee performances.” ❖

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ed to an invitation to the International Women's Friendship Conference in Los Angeles. She attended the first Interracial Ceremony at the L.A. Convention Center as well as the third International W.F.W.P. Convention last November in Washington, D.C. By the beginning of this year she was determined to put on a bridge ceremony on campus this spring and intends to have a bridge crossing at her church in May.

This semester she was able to rally the support of the faculty, staff and students as well as the local mayor and city council. There were approximately seventy attendees and about twenty pairs of sisters crossed the bridge. Arlene and I.S.P. chairwoman Sheri Rueter were co-emcees. Arlene's talented students created the atmosphere for harmony in poetry, song and modern dance. Director for Student Activ-

ities Susan Stewart made acknowledgments and presented the proclamation from the city of Rancho Cucamonga. Keynote speakers were Cheryl Landon and Dorinda Henderson. Cheryl shared something of the lessons of love her father, actor Michael Landon, wanted to convey through his TV series Little House on the Prairie and Highway to Heaven. Dorinda Henderson is an active WFWP/ISP member who was an exchange student at Chaffey College and was named Alumni of the Year in 1996. A native of Belize, she has served in the management of Bank of America and as deputy director of the state's Fair Employment and Housing Department. Dorinda told of many positive experiences with her advisors at Chaffey who understood about cultural diversity and the challenges she faced adjusting to the American education system and culture. She concluded: “I'm back and I'm proud!”

Students were heard saying that a teacher told them to come and they could get extra credit, but they had no idea it was going to be so magnificent. They were surprised that they were so moved. Chaffey student Rhonda Sanchez remarked, “It was more than I expected. I felt so touched today.” Arlene added, “This is really a groundbreaking event for this community and I'm sure it's just the beginning; it's paving the way for much larger events to follow.”

Prof. McCall is currently working on a Ph.D. in International Education. She plans to develop and implement a certificate program and an Associate of Arts degree in multicultural studies. Ongoing bridge of peace ceremonies will be part of her program.

The Interracial Sisterhood Project of Southern California is planning more bridge ceremonies this year; as part of a youth conference in the City of Car-

son and with the International Friendship Festival in Long Beach, among others. ISP wants to multiply these ceremonies in schools, churches and cities. Partners for Peace who have had a chance to recognize and heal the wounds of the past can make great strides toward a future of harmony. The ISP can be reached at (626)395-7491, fax -7494; 761 E. Green St., Suite 9, Pasadena CA 91101. ❖

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True Love Rally Held in Newburgh NY

by Gale Alves & Ina Conneally
—Newburgh NY

Was it that hourly condition of reading Father's speeches which convinced us to have a rally "all of our own" right here, in our adopted hometown, right now?

This city of Newburgh certainly was the right environment for what we suddenly envisioned in our minds: to have a revolution, nothing less than that, marching down the main street together with religious leaders, parents, teachers and maybe even the Mayor herself. We would stand right where George Washington had his soldiers gathered, waiting for the final peace treaty between the British and his own troops. Just the two of us—it seemed a bit much, though.

Making up a flyer was not so difficult, and we had one brother helping us on the computer. The next step was to get a permit from the city and from George Washington's headquarters. With a baby in one arm, we went back and forth between the police and the fire departments, to deliver the permit personally. The original had gotten lost, and we didn't have much time to lose, for within only a couple of weeks the rally was to take place. But the hardest part was yet to come: it wasn't really clear to us who exactly would participate in that rally which we had so proudly advertised all over the city. The secretary from Orange County College gave us the third degree: she wanted to know who, by name, those sponsors were that our flyer had described as "members of the religious community." Well, there was Nettie from the Baptist Church and another woman from a mosque and, yes, a Buddhist monk had said he would come, too. At least it was ecumenical, but who would want to walk down Broadway with two women and a monk? We decided we would hold that rally under all circumstances.

A youth pastor from the Catholic Church was rather surprised: an event like that, she said, usually takes months of preparation, with many churches and organizations involved, committees created and funds raised. We realized we had none of all that, but we would still have that rally!

The first rays of hope shone when suddenly another priest called and responded with interest to the flyer we'd left, without much expectation, at his church. He was very concerned about today's moral standards. Especially here in south Newburgh, with prostitutes parading up and down the streets at night—yes, he would come and bring his youth group on Saturday.

That gave us new energy, but still many churches had to be contacted. We could see how much spiritual foundation members working here previously had made, and how much more we ourselves could have invested. Many guests from Women's Federation events and True Family Values workshops were re-contacted, but in some cases the freshness of an ongoing relationship was missing. "Haven't seen you for a while—how many months has it been?" But we also felt that people were happy to see us

again.

However, not all churches could immediately relate to the theme of "Purity Before Marriage and Fidelity Within." One Episcopalian minister handed us a letter of protest against welfare cuts in response to our flyer. One Presbyterian pastor was not sure whether purity was something he could identify with. ("After all, are we pure ourselves?") But he said he would walk with us.

Since our church is part of the Ministerial Alliance here in Newburgh, we are somewhat protected and have the



status of being the "underdogs"—which is a friendly gesture, in a way, because ministers can see the persecution our church had to suffer. On the other hand, who wants to be an underdog?

Going back and forth between Hispanic, black and white churches, we felt like two balls bouncing all over the place. Since the Catholics seemed more inspired about purity and fidelity than the Protestants, we gave it another try at Mt. St. Mary's College. During that same week, there was an AIDS Awareness Program on campus. We walked by an office which counsels gay and lesbian students and went over to a building where retired nuns live. Would they march with us? Well, they were already past the age of marching, one friendly sister advised, regretfully, and showed us her leg.

On Sunday morning we drove to the Unification Theological Seminary in Red Hook. What we had to say was basically "Can't you all come, pleeeeeease?" We hoped especially for the African brothers to join us as an inspiration for our black community in Newburgh.

We also got the number of one brother working at a radio station nearby. We called him up and were able to advertise our rally. One day later, another radio station asked to do an interview with us. As two concerned mothers, we were looking for morality in the media, in schools, health institutions. The interview was friendly and we were congratulated for our efforts.

Saturday came, and the weather was foul. The balloons we had blown up were taken over to the priest's office, and there they floated feebly over his desk.

Fortunately we had set a rain date, March 28. The good thing was that now we had more time to prepare to contact more people. And besides, it was True Parents Day, which we could celebrate simultaneously with the rally. Michael Balcomb and Robert Kittel from the Pure Love Alliance, who promised to come, might find it easier to drive up here from Belvedere and possibly to bring other families with them. We had already received seven megaphones from them; another substantial contribution consisted of 22 creative signs (from the Red Hook Sunday School) for the march, with slogans

like "Fidelity Forever" and "Save Sex NOT Safe Sex." One sister from our own community had also contributed a front banner.

Finally True Parents Day (worldwide) and True Love Day (locally) arrived. While we had taken our children out sledding the previous weekend, this Saturday we felt inclined to take out our beach chairs—if not for the rally!

A trop-

ical breeze blew through our 36 balloons as we carried them over to the parking lot where we would meet all those righteous, pure-minded people. While we had walked all the way down Broadway ourselves to see how long it takes, we made up slogans to shout for the march. "Don't be a fool: purity is cool!" "That's the rule: marriage is a jewel!" These slogans were handed out first to the imam with his masjid's youth group, along with balloons. "Glory, glory, Hallelujah" was a base of ecumenical unity beyond differences of Christian and Muslim, for example. A few minutes later, the priest arrived with his group, bringing along their banner. One after another, people came together while five police cars waited for us to start the rally. Of all the sixty participants, twenty Unificationists were present. Pres. David Kim appeared, taking pictures and wishing us much luck. It was time to get started.

We looked at each other and felt suddenly the pressure and responsibility of it all. Boy, we hadn't done anything like this before. Couldn't one big brother, Robert or Michael maybe, just take all those people down Broadway, with us marching behind? But the police car had already entered Broadway and we had to keep up.

Right behind the front banner, the imam, priest, evangelical minister, Mormon bishop and Buddhist monk walked. People came out of their shops to see what was going on while cars drove slowly by. Since our group was very diverse in character, it wasn't easy to have everyone sing and shout at the same time, but we knew already that this wasn't going to be like one of those strongly unified Pure Love walks—it was rather an "of the community, for the community," potluck type of march. Half an hour later, we arrived at George Washington's headquarters. The stony stool which Washington used to mount his horse was now our

speakers' podium. First we greeted everyone and then read a proclamation of our "revolutionary army" calling for a God-centered, true-love, true-parents and true-children society with purity and fidelity as the two pillars holding America up. The speech ended with George Washington's final words to his officers on March 15, 1783: "Had this day not been, the world would have never seen the last stage of perfection to which humankind is capable of attaining."

Father Bill then weighed heavily upon our hearts as he told the story of a pure young girl who had been killed by her schoolmate because she didn't want to have sex with him. The Imam Muhammad, having worked for some time in prison, pointed out the relationship between a lack of parental love and the search for premature sexual love instead.

Between the speeches which the clergy gave, Diesa Seidel from Red Hook, a second-generation sister, freshened up the spirit of gravity by her testimony. Finally, Michael Balcomb concluded the purity-fidelity circle by saying that without absolute values, America will continue to have overwhelming problems. Other churches, which couldn't participate themselves as such, had orally expressed support and were mentioned, too.

More people had arrived by then, so we counted between 70 and 80 participants.

After a last prayer was offered, the group dissolved, and everyone went home by car. After the rally we had a light luncheon together in one of our homes, with almost all speakers present.

We both felt that, though small in number, this "declaration of a moral revolution" was truly significant. Almost everyone who had participated was personally invited; these people weren't just mere bystanders, but almost all of them were activists in their own religious and moral-educational fields.

Thinking of how doubtful we ourselves had been at times, when our dream seemed not much more than a nice idea, we realized once again that without God as our general and True Father's strategy to rely on for spiritual support, we wouldn't have been able to make this rally a success. But with cooperation among family, friends, networking and mutual inspiration, all obstacles can be overcome and battles can be won. ❖

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by Dr. Frank Kaufmann—NYC

The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) is undergoing an era of expansion through the establishment of regional and national chapters.

In the middle of 1997 IRFWP headquarters extended an invitation to all nations to apply to establish a national chapter. Over 56 nations responded requesting application procedures.

Just at this time however, pressure for the Fourth IRFWP Congress (part of the World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) began to mount, and we were inhibited from devoting sufficient attention and resources to this most encouraging response.

These limitations notwithstanding, in 1997 and in the months since the Congress, a number of nations have successfully inaugurated national chapters. The first countries to establish chapters were Cote D'Ivoire, closely followed by Benin, both in West Africa, in 1997. The inaugural convocations in these countries were particularly impressive with overflow attendance and participants at the highest levels of both the religious establishment in their countries, as well as having some

participants from the political establishment.

Currently Venezuela, Guatemala, Finland, and the United Kingdom have completed or are in the process of establishing national chapters. Communications with the many nations which have applied in order to resume the process of completing establishment in each nation is pending and will resume shortly.

On March 1, 1998 the IRFWP had its inauguration in the United Kingdom. Nineteen people representing the religious traditions of Buddhism, Christianity (Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox), Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism, and Unificationism met. It was a simple but effective program consisting of the following elements.

Marshall D'Souza, IRFWP Director for the UK hosted the meeting and acted as Moderator for the evening program. Prayer was offered by Father Anthony Shenouda, followed by an overview

of the history and international activities of the IRFWP presented by Dr. Thomas Walsh, Presiding Council member of the IRFWP, and Executive Director of the International Religious Foundation (IRF).

Following Dr. Walsh's presentation, Dr. Frank Kaufmann, Executive Director of the IRFWP moderated a roundtable discussion around the question "What Are the Aspects of Life in the United Kingdom to which Interfaith Endeavors Can Contribute or Respond." Each symposium participant had prepared a written response to this question as their contribution to the session. As a result the conversation and exchange was quite substantial and instructive.

This session began with brief, formal remarks from Professor Ursula King and Rabbi David Goldberg, both chosen for their long association, and intimate knowledge of the work of the IRFWP over the years. Their presenta-

tions were followed by responses and open discussion from the floor. A significant number of valuable recommendations and insights arose in this session not only pertaining to the UK situation but also some which are applicable to interfaith realities in other place and more generally.

Many of these presentations related interfaith potential to such areas as education, family life, and social reality including racial harmony, social service, youth issues, care of the elderly, prisons, and other areas where religions can cooperate under shared values and concerns while transcending doctrinal and ecclesiastical boundaries.

It is the hope of the author that those reading this article will consider the possibility of establishing an IRFWP chapter in your nation, region or state. Interfaith activity in almost all cases proves a great benefit to the societies in which it occurs, as well as in the lives of those who engage in it. ♦

IRFWP Regional Expansion: The United Kingdom Chapter

Good Fortune Comes To New Jersey Jin-A School

by Jin-A Staff—Clifton, NJ

We wish to publicly acknowledge and thank Mrs. Hiramoto and the Los Angeles National MFT for donating a very special gift to New Jersey Jin-A Child-care Center. Valued in the thousands of dollars, the "Ohinasama," or Japanese display of traditional dolls, stands tall in our office, waiting to be seen by all the parents, children and teachers.

Every year, from the end of February until March 3, a holiday especially for girls, is celebrated in Japan. This holiday is called Hina Matsuri, trans-

lated as "Doll Festival." Dolls are displayed on a red-carpeted staircase elaborately decorated with the Emperor and Empress on the top stair, followed by six lower stairs for the Emperor and Empress on the top stair, followed by six lower stairs for the Emperor's close attendants, next step their musicians, next step their prime ministers with weapons which means loyalty, next step the servants, next step furniture which includes a tea set for the tea ceremony, and finally down to the last step of carriages and a gyushah—which is similar to a rickshaw but pulled by a cow. The cow has a special meaning as a messenger from God which only royalty can use in this way. This doll display is all in miniature, of course. Such displays are passed down to a daughter's descendants if kept in good condition.

The Hina Matsuri holiday is not just for fun. Parents pray before this display for their daughters good fortune through life, which includes finding a good husband. And the display cannot be exhibited too long or the daughter may never marry!

Part of a good school program



is recognizing the cultures of the children attending the school. Therefore, Mrs. Izumi Zaccaro explained the holiday in a talk specifically designed for her young audience. And then came the fun of preparing Oshi Sushi, a large rice cake, together. Mrs. Yuko Karjalainen led a lovely origami art project. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. To, who brought the collection to us from Los Angeles and set up the doll display for

us at Jin-A.

Jin-A deeply appreciates this gift as a tool to better love, serve and educate all the children. We also wish to convey our pride in being the caretakers of such precious gifts. Mrs. Christl Brunkhorst, director of N.J. Jin-A, reminisced, "You know, I was once on Los Angeles MFT myself." ♦

Philippines Court Victory

by Lloyd Howell—Manila, Philippines

Your readers might like to know that the HSA-UWC of the Philippines received word on April 7th from its lawyers that the Department of Justice had issued a resolution (dated March 12) dismissing all cases against all persons.

Readers may recall the charges were 1) Violating the "mail order" bride law (Arranging of marriages to foreigners for profit), 2) Usurpation of authority (conducting a marriage ceremony without proper license to do so), 3) Illegal recruitment of overseas workers (women married for the purpose of manipulation into forced into servitude).

The Philippine headquarters held an all night celebration to hear the good news that this cloud which had hung over the church for more than a year (impacting many activities) had been lifted. ♦

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Celebrating Easter With Churches in NYC

by Christine Libon—Gliffton, NJ

Arise! Your light has come, the Savior promised long. Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song. He comes the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield. I will make you the everlasting pride and the joy of all generations...and the days of sorrow will end." So go the lyrics of the beautiful choral selection by Doddridge (1775) from Isaiah 60-61.

Whom will God make the joy of all generations? You, and me, and all the faithful Christians regardless of the color of their skin, all of us currently benefiting from the Providential Age. Your days of slavery, of slander, of being downtrodden will be over—you will be the pride! My heart sang out to the virtually all-black audience and their unseen ancestors. Yes, I'm proud of you, my precious brothers and sisters in Christ, for I know that the fervor of your praises outshines many a white congregation.

This event, held at the beautifully restored Pilgrim Renaissance Convention Center in Brooklyn, NY, was videotaped Apr. 5 and aired on Cable Channel 31 on Apr. 12 at 9pm. It was a support to the community in many ways, advertising health care, youth and family services offered by both churches and businesses. I was proud to be there

to support the noble motives of the organizer, who said the main reason for holding this revival was to make it known how the "blacks" worship, to publicize their worship more than the white Catholics at Easter, the Jews at Passover, and the black "criminal activity" on the streets. A lone Amen rang out as this man urged the black Christians to raise their children properly and not to be sent off to jail—so that Jesus' Resurrection would not be in vain!

Ministers and viewers melted out the exits as the hours passed and apology after apology echoed for the lengthy delays. We, of course, had been well-primed, conditioned to sitting and listening for countless hours before Father; we had been well-primed, conditioned to sitting and listening for countless hours before Father; we had been well-taught the value of enduring to the end—about 10pm.

Song truly expresses the emotional aspect of our faith in worship, facilitating swells in our hearts, tearbursts of awe and reverence, inspiration, moments of ecstasy, shakes and quakes

founded upon solid conviction. We focused on the expressed arms of our director, Francesco Santelli, who felt extremely honored to lead the choir in support of Bishop Pak. Many well-respected brothers and sisters traveled far distances to practice and partici-

ity, professional.

During the program, four commercials were shown encouraging couples to rededicate their love because family is important. Although it is not always easy, marriage is life's greatest blessing. The commercials were from the

Family Federation, founded by Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. The Rev. Bishop Pak received the rousing support of the audience as he uttered powerful yet simple Biblical truths: "By living as Jesus taught, we become engrafted into God's lineage. This is the adoption as sons (and daughters). Jesus came to teach us true love...true love begins in the family.... Let us be true parents to

our children, true husbands, true wives." We bring the sacrifice of praise to the House of the Lord. Energetic youth choirs, solo performers, the "Second Chance," and devotional dancers offered their expressions of praise. One Jamaican selection was particularly uplifting.

Was it worth it? In True Parents' own words, "We should invest ourselves 24 hours a day so that even one more person can be brought closer to God." ❖



The massed choirs

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pate in this special opportunity. Thirty-five white choir robes had been purchased by Rev. John Hong of New Jersey, thanks to contributing businesses. Three sisters had sewn the necktie-like royal blue satin stoles. Our pianist was Rikako Asanuma, with whom we had performed on other occasions such as the Fourth of July. The edited version began with a close-up of Mrs. Yasuko Kono, the mother of the choir. It sounded quite good, well-studied, high-quality.

THE RESURRECTION OF TRUE LOVE

This is the sermon that Rev. Joong Hyun Pak gave at the Easter in New York celebration, Sunday, April 5, at Brooklyn's Pilgrim Renaissance Convention Center.

Brothers and sisters, as we approach the close of the second millennium, we gather to reflect upon the meaning of Easter. What is the impact of Easter, upon our lives, our marriages and families, our churches and communities, and our nation and world?

At Easter we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. By his Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus made true love into a living reality on earth. I would like to share some thoughts on how we can inherit his true love and share it with others. So my topic today is "The Resurrection of True Love."

First and foremost, the Resurrection was based upon true love. Jesus departed this earth by way of the cross. The cross was an act of true love. Jesus' love given through the cross led to the Resurrection. The sacrifice upon the cross was the condition for the Resurrection. On the cross Jesus manifested love facing in two directions.

First, Jesus expressed true love for all humankind by his forgiveness. We all stood as Jesus' enemies, indeed, as enemies of God. Jesus, facing us from the position of God's son, forgave his enemies. "Father forgive them," he cried out, "For they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) We see that Jesus was true to his own teachings, "Love your enemies and pray for those who per-



secute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven." (Matt 5:44)

Second, from the position of man, Jesus faced God in complete obedience through the cross. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, "He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him." (Phil 2:8-9). This was the second form of Jesus' true love. As the true son of God, he "learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, became the source of salvation for all who obey him." (Heb 5:8-9)

So we can say, with the apostle John, that in Jesus we see the love of the Father who is love itself: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his

life for us." (1 John 3:16) Therefore, the Resurrection was not just the victory of life over death; it was the victory of true love over death.

Surely Jesus wants to make this love real in our lives. He wants his love to be perfected in us. (John 4:17) This is the meaning of Easter. This is the reason for the Resurrection; this is why he came back. He would not have come back unless he had something to do. And everything that Jesus does is for our sake. So he spent time with the disciples. Let us examine exactly what Jesus did after his Resurrection.

Jesus was active during the 40 days following the Resurrection. He conducted a 40-day workshop for his disciples. He did this so that his love could be perfected in them. He spent his time teaching and practicing true love.

How did Jesus manifest this? We know that the Gospels mention only a little (John 20:30, 21:25), but still we can perceive that Jesus was the model of true love and the parent of true life.

First, he did not just tell the disciples to come to him; rather, he visited them (John 20:19). He had already forgiven them; now he set about organizing them for what was to come. Second, he "opened" to them the truth of God's word; he "opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:32, 45). Third, he fed them many times. So he cared for his friends, body and soul. Finally, and most important, he gave them the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20). They became disciples of true love and they went about teaching and witnessing, practicing true love as Jesus had taught them.

Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" At that moment, Peter represented all humankind. Three times, Peter responded yes, and the Lord told him, "feed my sheep." (John 21:15-19) This means that Jesus wants us all to inherit his life and practice his love. In this way, we become his children, engrafted into his lineage (Rom 11:17). This is our "adoption as sons" (Rom 8:23), by which we are "born of God" (1 John 3:19). We become part of Jesus' family. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are truly our new parents, for anyone who is in Christ is a new creation (2 Cor 5:17).

This 40 days with the disciples led to Christ's Ascension. So, by the practice of true love, Jesus walked the path to heaven.

Then, where do we go from here? Paul see **EASTER** on page 20



The UC choir

David Carlson was my brother and my friend. He passed on last March. He was a man of great passion, of great drama and great dedication.

During the past two years that I have known him and worked with him, God has blessed me with a sisterly love and compassion which helped me to see his potential and to understand his hopes and struggles.

We shared several things in common, one being a similar perspective on spiritual matters. This helped us to confirm and validate our life experiences and through this we could offer one another empathy. We also shared a love for chocolate, which helped us to laugh and poke fun at one another.

But much greater than these two was our common vision for the betterment of our church building and our church community. This was the basis for our working relationship in the finance committee of our church.

In the finance committee, we relied heavily on David's knowledge and expertise in planning the renovation of our church building. His sharp mind was always looking for the best way to accomplish every project. He was able to clearly articulate his plans for the future well-being of our community and always expressed deep sensitivity and concern for the whole community's needs.

He was always willing to lend a helping hand; no job was too big or too small for David.

He and his wife Kyoko and daughter Kristy have been good friends to our family for the past two years and we have shared many a friendly supper, board

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David Carlson

game or basketball game.

Although his spirit, with his kindness and sportsmanship, will remain with us, we will miss him. We will miss his good ideas and his funny jokes. We will miss his passionate presence in our daily lives.

As a tribute to David, I have written a poem which I would like to share with you. It is an impression I received about his spiritual journey.

It is entitled "Ode to a Warrior."



ODE TO A WARRIOR

The warrior sinks to the rocky soil at the mountain's peak, his body aching with exhaustion. he glances back momentarily at the steep incline he has just traversed. His eyes burn with the memory of the climb and he presses the palms of his hands against them, trying to block out the harrowing images of his journey. He breathes in the fresh mountain air; a memory of a fragrance

assaults his nostrils.

How many mountains has he climbed in his quest? How many deserts has he crossed? In how many valleys has he found rest?

Too many to count. Too tired to remember.

He opens his eyes and surveys the deep green valley before him. It stretches out for seemingly endless miles until it touches the vast ocean far in the distance, the twilight sun now grazing its surface with amber, glinting gently in the warrior's eyes.

The ocean that waits, holding the ship that will take him back home.

He rests. And while he rests, he dreams.

His dreams, at first, are stormy, full of the images of his clashes and his con-

quests, and he cries out, tossing in his sleep.

Then he is calm. He breathes deeply in his sleep, and the fragrance is of his wife, her clean hair against his face while he slumbers. His mind yearns for her comfort, his body for her soft caress.

He hears her tender voice waking him, encouraging him to rise to the challenge of a new day. In the background, the laughter of his daughter, beckoning him to play. And ever so faintly, the tiny heartbeat of his unborn child.

The beat throbs inside of him...envelops him...becomes him.

He wakes with a start.

He is on the sandy beach of the crystal blue ocean.

The waves crash against the shore, beating rhythmically, penetrating his mind, amplifying the beat that throbs within.

The sails of the ship billow in the morning breeze, pure white like the clouds that glide by on the sapphire sky.

He stretches his arms to wave a greeting and notices that the weariness is gone.

His jubilation reflects a single thought: one more ocean to cross before he is home.

Sail on, young warrior. Fare well.

Vanessa Nishikawa ❖

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expressed it this way: "I want to know Christ and the power of his Resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so somehow to attain to the Resurrection from the dead." (Phil 3:10-11). That is, we should live as Jesus lived. Through unselfish true love, we can share in his Resurrection; then we can share also in his Ascension.

To practice his love means that we become people who live for the sake of others as Jesus did. We forgive our enemies. We are completely obedient to God. Jesus empowers us to do this through the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22). We should manifest this in our daily walk. Where does our daily walk begin? It begins at home, in our families.

As children, we should be obedient to our parents. The Ten Commandments consider this a cardinal virtue, comparable to honoring God. As brothers and sisters, we should set our minds upon God, and bring our body to submit to the commands of the mind given in the conscience. (James 1:7-8, 3:2) As husbands and wives, we practice Christ's love of the church, and the church's submission to Christ (Eph 5:22-33). We keep the marriage bed pure (Heb 13:4) in holy conjugal love, giving totally to one another (1 Cor 7:4, 11:11).

As parents, we take responsibility for our households (1 Tim 3:4-5). In this way, we build up the church and community, the nation and the world, for God's love is ever expanding; it encompasses the earth and heavens (Gen 1:28).

The early church practiced this life of true love. Thereby, they brought the Roman Empire to its knees before the crucified Christ. God's love is the same today. If we practice true love today, we can bring America to real-

ize its calling from God, to be a city on a hill, a light to the world. This means that we love each other beyond barriers of race, nationality and religious doctrine.

Before his Resurrection, Jesus practiced true love. Before his Ascension, Jesus practiced true love. Let us follow his way of true love, which is the way of Resurrection and the way of Ascension.

Let us practice this true love beginning in our own families. Let us be true fathers and mothers, giving our children the true love of God which is their birthright. When husband and wife devote themselves to their children, they will automatically deepen their love for each other. By having true love for our children, we are empowered to be faithful and love each other absolutely as true husband and wife. To commit ourselves to this is the Blessing. This is the healing balm through which people will create God's dwelling place in the home, in the love we share as true parents and true families.

This is Jesus' lesson of the Easter season. It is the key to the kingdom of God and world peace. I can see a great day of true love dawning in the churches and on the streets of America.

Jesus resurrected not for himself, but for us. Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father not for himself, but for us. Now let us praise the greatness of his love through our inheritance of his Blessing of marriage. Let us bring our marriages into the realm of his love, separating forever from Satan, selfishness and sin. The day of this great blessing is at hand.

I sincerely thank you for this opportunity to share with you today. On behalf of Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, I wish for this year to be a year of Resurrection and Ascension for America.

Thank you and God bless you. ❖

TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

A Little Peace: Painting for a Living

by Chris Garcia

Won Pil Kim sat at the long steel table in the army mess hall finishing off a plate of potatoes and ham. It was a feast; but American food was so different than anything he had eaten before. It was hard to get used to. Still, he knew that ham and potatoes were a lot better than what most of his fellow Koreans were having for dinner right now.

Suddenly, he thought of his mother's *twen jon chi gae* soup—and the summer style kimchee with a steaming bowl of barley and clean white rice. He hardly ever thought of his family anymore, but today his thoughts wandered back to northern Korea, and he wondered if they were even alive. He didn't know, couldn't know. War had changed so many things. And his life with Father had changed so many things.

Anyway, he knew he had a lot to be thankful for. Every day, he came to the American army base and worked with Ju Won, another Korean refugee, painting buildings.

He wiped his hands on his gray coveralls. They were spotted with gobs of gray paint and gray fingerprints. He knew God had been good to him. And yet, he felt it wasn't so much because of him, but because of Teacher Moon that he had received so much blessing. With Won Pil Kim's job, they could buy the basics of survival, and Teacher Moon could go on with his mission for God. That was most important.

For one month Teacher Moon had also worked at the army base—as a carpenter. It seemed that he could do just about any job he decided to do, even building things.

During that month, Teacher Moon sometimes finished work first. Then he would come to where Won Pil Kim was working and wait for him so they could walk home together.

Won Pil Kim finished his meal with a cup of coffee. He was learning to like coffee a little. It had that bitter *twang* that the Korean soul naturally likes. All the Americans drank coffee. They made a big deal out of it. They wanted him to drink it black. "Like a man," was how they said it.

The army guys liked him because he was sweet natured and sympathetic. He was friendly, never complained and didn't have to have someone standing over him all the time to make sure he did things right.

"You're alright," they would say. He tried to learn the word. They also liked him because he never stole anything.

He got up and took his tin plate and cup over to the kitchen. He handed them to the Korean man washing the dishes. Behind this man, Won Pil Kim noticed a stack of pictures on a crate of onions.

"What are those?" he asked.

"Those are Ju Won's pictures," said the dishwasher man. "He left them here. And if you see him, can you tell him he better not leave them here anymore? They're going to get messed up."

Won Pil Kim went over to have a look. He picked up the stack of photos and thumbed through them. They were black and white photographs of soldiers and their families.

"Why does Ju Won have these?" he asked.

"I think he paints them or something," said the dishwasher man. "I'm not sure."

"Does he get paid for it?" asked Won Pil Kim.

"Yeah. The soldiers like stuff like that."

"Interesting," said Won Pil Kim. Faces from other countries he had never seen. Most of them were probably Americans, he figured, although there were soldiers here from all over the world.

Now that the worst fighting was over and a truce had been called, most of the soldiers were going home—most of them, except for the Americans. Thank God for General MacArthur. He wore sunglasses and smoked a pipe. The General and his men were like a wall holding back that madman Kim Il Sung and the North Korean Army.

"I'll take the pictures to Ju Won," offered Won Pil Kim. He headed for the tool shed. He found Ju Won washing some brushes with turpentine.

"You're working so hard," said Won Pil Kim.

"Not that hard," answered Ju Won politely. "Finished for the day?"

"Yes. I just brought you these." He held out the pictures.

Ju Won stopped washing brushes and looked up with a surprised look on his face. He pushed his thick glasses up on his nose and peered at Won Pil Kim.

In North Korea this painter had been a rich and well respected lawyer. People had come to him with complex problems which he solved with his sharp mind. Now he was painting walls all day and cleaning paint brushes. "That's what war does to you sometimes," thought Won Pil Kim.

"Ah yes! Thank you very much," answered Ju Won. Then he sighed, as he said, "I don't know how I'm ever going to finish all these tonight."

"What do you do with them? Do you think I could help?" asked Won Pil Kim.

"I'd be glad for you to help. I draw a picture from the photo, and then I paint it so it looks like a portrait," he explained. "You could help by painting some of it in after I draw it."

Won Pil Kim was pleased. Just a few days ago Father had seen a sketch of his and had told him he should practice a little each day and develop his skills. What a coincidence!

The two young men found a spot and got to work on the pictures. Ju Won saw that Won Pil Kim did very well. He felt bad, though, that Won Pil Kim was doing such a nice thing for him without pay. Then he had an idea.

"Won Pil-A," he said. "I've got more pictures than I can handle right now. Let me give you one photo to do. Just sketch it and paint it in like I've been doing. Here's some paint and paper. I'll give you 10 won. What do you say?"

"Alright," said Won Pil Kim, using

the only English word he knew.

Ju Won laughed. "Alright."

It was getting dark outside as Won Pil Kim headed home. He stopped at the front gate of the army base where a soldier stepped out and stamped his passbook. Korean people looked at him enviously as he passed. He felt sorry for them, for all of them.

His thoughts went back to Pyongyang

"Good evening, Sangsaeng-nim," answered Won Pil Kim, his face brightening.

As he lifted the cardboard flap aside, which was the door, part of it came off in his hand. Soon, they would need to replace it.

The kerosene railroad lantern lit up the room with a warm yellow light. There was a little charcoal grill off to the side,

which they used to boil water and cook meals whenever they couldn't cook outside. Sometimes in the winter, they would wake up in the morning with a thin line of snow on their clothes where it had simply snowed through the breaks in the roof.

"Look what I have," said Won Pil Kim, and he took out the photograph and the paints, brushes and good paper. He found a dry spot on the floor and sat down. Father took the photo and held it up to the lantern light for a better look.

"Where did you get this?" he asked.

"Ju Won gave it to me. If I can draw a picture from this photograph and paint it, he will pay me 10 won. Isn't that a good idea?" Father looked impressed. He examined the picture slowly, fascinated.

Won Pil Kim watched and waited. In the lantern light he looked at Teacher Moon's face. It was thin and serious. It was the face of a man who had not had enough to eat, and had not had much rest for many years. It was not the look of a starving man, but a man who didn't eat or sleep because he did not want to, a man with much to do and much on his mind.

"Have you eaten today, Sangsaeng-nim?"

"No, I guess I haven't," said Father, setting the photo down. "I fixed some food, but then I gave it to the people who came today. I taught them, and then I fed them. They had no money. The rest I used to buy matches. I'm so sorry the money is gone already. You worked so hard for it."

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city where he had lived with his family and friends. (This seemed to be a day for remembering.) He had lived in a fairly nice house—nothing great, but always clean and comfortable. His family had lived there for generations—his parents, his grandparents, his great grandparents.

He smiled as he remembered his dear aunt, who had invited him to hear a man speak. And everything had changed for him. He had become part of "The Weeping Church." It was called that because when Teacher Moon preached a sermon, he wept. And when he prayed, he wept. And when he began to weep, everybody in the group began to weep, too. So, it was "The Weeping Church."

He trudged up the muddy hill, slipping here and there. Maybe someday people would want to hear about his experiences with Sangsaeng-nim (Honorable Teacher). But get up in front of people? Give a speech? Impossible!

Finally, the little hut came into view—home—and there at the door was Father.

"Good evening, Won Pil-a," he called out with a smile.



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In recent months, this author made many dire statements about American society, and its leadership in particular. This month we'll take a positive turn, and review some of the things that have made this nation great. An earlier version of this article appeared in May 1993.

The United States of America burst upon the world as a new type of nation, deliberately created upon a vast and undeveloped land, by a group of wise and inspired leaders. In all history, no other nation has advanced so rapidly, or influenced the world so profoundly.

In the past, many nations traded widely, and some built Empires through military conquest. Historically, the Greeks and Romans altered the world forever. Today, America's ideals and form of government have already changed everything. Its fashions and culture now pervade the world and, overall, this has been a positive influence.

America has the world's oldest functioning Constitution. Most other national constitutions owe much to the system, rights and responsibilities spelled out in ours. Even the most despotic governments claim to emulate American

freedoms and legal procedures.

HISTORY

America has multiple roots. Her founders were educated, well traveled, experienced people. They knew of the "written rights" of England's Magna Carta, the "divided powers" government proposed by Montesquieu of France, the "religious tolerance" of the Dutch, and the "independence" of the Swiss. Nearer at hand, the Iroquois Indians enjoyed an "elected representative government." These and many others contributed their "wisdom of the ages" to the American formula. Most important of all, from Hebrew tradition and Anglo-Saxon common law, came the concept of "God given rights."

Recently, the 500th anniversary of Columbus's landing renewed the debate about his legacy. Although he contributed little to America's intellectual heritage, his voyage made its founding possible. Was he a "good guy" or a "bad guy?" It's absurd to apply our modern standards of behavior to him. His was a brutal era of powerful Lords and Ladies; of capricious cruelty rendered without appeal. Lucky indeed were those lands favored with a just ruler!

There are many versions of American history; as many as there are historians. Opinions come and go, and popular impressions change. Were Americans the bearers of Manifest Destiny, pioneering the untamed wilderness? Or were they barbarous conquerors, ravaging the land and the peaceful natives? Actually, both—and neither.

Look at the portrayal of native Americans by Hollywood. Originally they were "screaming hordes," mowed down by brave wagon train riders. Next they were "noble savages," destroyed by rapacious cavalry soldiers. Later, movies like *Dances with Wolves* admitted to both good and cruel soldiers, as well as Indians. Even that portrayal of "virtuous Lakota" and "murderous Pawnee" was not without controversy. (Note that the beautiful horses they rode arrived a mere 300 years before, after they'd lived without them for at least 10,000.)

How much does the average American know about history? It's a vast and often controversial subject. Just look at the Kennedy assassination, which is still within living memory.

Most people know that the young George Washington didn't really cut down a cherry tree. But how many know that he didn't have wooden teeth? That little item came from a British smear campaign.

Were the Puritans dourly religious, clad in black, and very "uptight?" (Whether that's considered good or bad.) They were not! They had sexual problems too—and discussed them openly in their regular church meetings. They had marriage manuals as explicit, and as fun for man and wife, as anything Dr. Ruth has done. (Read Richard Shenkman's *Legends, Lies and Cherished Myths of American History*.)

How many people are aware that thousands of Blacks, free and slave, fought during the Civil War ... on the side of the South. Shocking indeed—but true. Modern sensibilities unavoidably color our view of history.

America has combined much evil with its good, yet it is the freest, fairest, and most prosperous nation that has ever existed. Gradually, wrongs (like slavery) were ended, and rights (such as the vote) were extended to all.

INDUSTRY

A century ago, Jack London and Upton Sinclair wrote about the horrible "sweatshops" in our emerging industrial centers. London thought that the "Robber Barons" of early Capitalism would rule the world for ages to come. (Read his prophetic novel *The Iron Heel*.)

In the event, history took a different course. Unions, often fighting pitched battles with company-hired goons, won better working conditions. The people elected crusading "Reform" politicians, who broke the stranglehold of the railroads and other industrial giants.

Fairness and prosperity grew together. Henry Ford and his men developed the "moving assembly line", enabling mass production of a cheaper, standardized product. In a fateful decision, Ford raised his worker's pay to five dollars per day, far above the usual "starvation wages." Thus he increased his own market, because afterwards his workers could afford their own Model T cars. Other companies followed suit, and the American standard of living shot through the roof.

Ever since, whether it's refrigerators, radios, or the newest computer, goods have come to market, fallen in price, and spread into every household. An affluent "middle class" appeared. As far back as Aristotle, scholars have written that it's these stalwart citizens who bring stability to a nation. The rest of the world has followed suit, where their leaders were wise enough to allow it.

IMPERIALISM

Critics of Imperialism claim that America's prosperity is illegitimate, looted from our "economic colonies." Was wealth sucked out of the Third World, leaving it in long term poverty? The answer is mixed.

Marxists cry "exploitation," but it was their own inept, corrupt rule that threw many newly independent nations into ruin. There certainly was exploitation in the "banana republic" domains of American businessmen, including Hawaii. One embittered, former Marine Corps General said, "Al Capone ran three districts of Chicago. I ran three countries for United Fruit."

There is another side to the story. A respected Idaho farmer, a man in his nineties, once gave this author his personal testimony. Decades ago, he and his partners bought a plantation in Central America. The local's pay was one coin per day—about 50 cents. Aware of the "evil Yanqui" criticism being voiced even then, the new owners doubled these peasant worker's pay. What happened? The locals started showing up for work only half the time! Who prospered?

Little of America's wealth came from there. (Read the CAUSA manual on "Imperialism")

FOUNDERS

Many see God's Hand in the founding of America. Rev. Moon speaks often about the Pilgrim's dedication to God. (Manuel and Marshall's book *The Light and the Glory* documents our amazing history of worship and revival.)

America prospered because of her people's freedom and self-reliance. Inspired ministers and inventors changed her, and the world, forever.

Children could be children, with many years to learn and play, instead of being conscripted as "junior workers." For the first time in history, an entire national populace was free from starvation. And even the humblest worker could enjoy "free time." (Read *The Mainsprings of Human Progress* by H. G. Weaver.)

Americans are very religious people. Much of their free time is spent in church. In fact, attendance has steadily risen over the past 200 years. The charitable generosity of her people has increased every year, through good times and bad.

Some of the fieriest historical arguments are about the Founding Fathers. Did George Washington "smoke dope," as the hippies claimed? No, but he did grow it, for hemp fiber. Did Jefferson have children by a slave? Historians aren't sure. Most important, were they Christians? Did they intend to establish a "Christian nation?"

Whatever one labels the Founders, they did believe in a creator God, and the Fall of Man. This understanding was crucial to what they wrought. They affirmed our "God given rights," which no human can annul. An "immortal soul" has infinite value, far above any social object, or any passing ruler or government. (Thus her citizens ought never fall victim to some dictatorial ruler's "killing fields.")

We hear a lot of talk about "putting government in the hands of the people." That's not what the Founders had in mind! In their writings, they did not use the word "democracy." Rather, they "insulated" the leadership, as with the (originally State-appointed) Senate. This is because people are fallen: often selfish, impulsive, and short-sighted; sometimes mean-spirited. Leaders too! That's why the Founders wanted "citizen leaders," elected frequently, and held in check by a "balance of powers."

These brilliantly realistic insights lead the Founders to write the Constitution as they did. And that's the basis for its unprecedented survival through two very turbulent centuries. Hopefully, Americans will always bear this in mind.

America's heritage offers great hope to the world—if we ourselves don't bury it. The parallel between modern Russia and our old Continental Congress is remarkable. They too need unity, and centered on Godly principles, rather than communist guns.

Administrations come and go, but America endures. Her people's life expectancy and living standard are steadily improving. Its houses of worship continue to fill each Holy Day.

Twenty years ago, Rev. Moon told us that we need to take one more step: a "quiet revolution from selfishness to unselfishness." Actually living by the Golden Rule would transform American society beyond the fondest hopes of her Founders. Thus our third century will progress far beyond the first two. ❖

Movies, Advertisement and Women

by Erling Lea

Many wonder why advertisers and film-makers usually cater to women, and men are only given first consideration when sports are considered. Film and the TV industry work well together with sponsors to catch the fancy of God's feminine aspect. Why is this so? How does this benefit these companies?

Who spends more time in malls and shopping centers, men or women? Of course, the answer is: women. And men often want to make their wives happy with nice things. In any case, our materialistic culture focuses on how to get women to shop, shop and shop again. It follows that a movie with women portrayed as powerful and bossy has more value to a sponsor than a male-oriented story like *Rambo*.

If you watch a football game, for example, who are the main advertisers? Beer, soda and pick-up trucks prevail. It's pretty clear that men have more limited spending habits than women.

The production value of TV-sitcoms and movies is very much centered on women, sex, violence and exploitation. Hollywood will not even finance a film if it does not have these things in it. Robert Duvall's *The Apostle* was financed by private sources. So some True Family Values education is sorely needed in Hollywood!

True Family Values offer a true equality to women without compromising the precious Godly femininity this world so desperately needs. Thank God for True Parents and their infinite gifts to this wayward world. ❖

DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

THE ORIGIN OF CONFLICT AND SUFFERING

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Thus far we have seen that the Fall somehow involved not just Adam and Eve, but also the angel Lucifer. Yet who was this angel, Lucifer? And what are angels? Let us look at the angelic realm.

Belief in friendly, invisible spiritual beings has been a part of human culture since time immemorial. Their presence is recorded in the early chapters of Genesis (two angels ate with Abraham) and recently Billy Graham has written a best-selling book on the topic, called Angels.

In this area also, however, we must distinguish fact from fiction. We have only to look at much religious art to discover what is the traditional belief regarding the angels' appearance. They have been portrayed as being glorious man-like beings with huge swan's wings, often times carrying harps or hymn books.

Is this really how they appear? Genesis 19:1-5 makes reference to a time when Lot was visited by two angels, and the people of Sodom mistook the angels for men. Similarly, the Gospels of Luke and Mark refer to the angelic visitors to Jesus' tomb as "men" (Mark 16:5, Luke 24:4).

From such Biblical accounts we can conclude that the angles appear differently from what most medieval paintings would have us believe. In fact, man and angels look alike. The difference is that angels are created as pure spirit, whereas human beings are both spiritual and material.

The Mission of the Angels.

Angels in the Old and New Testaments serve three distinct purposes. The first was to be servants to God: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?" (Rev. 1:14)

Beyond being created to minister to God and man, the angels also serve as messengers. Throughout the Old and New Testaments there are reports of God sending His angels to communicate with men.

For example, angels appeared to Abraham telling him that Sarah would have a son named Isaac (Gen. 18:10). It was also an angel who told Mary of the coming birth of Jesus (Luke 1:31).

More than act as servants and messengers, however, angels praise and give glory to God. Their function here might be compared to a military honor guard paying formal tribute to a nation or its flag.

John of Patmos, the writer of the Book of Revelation, records: "Then I looked, and I heard around the throne.... the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands and thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the lamb who was slain....'" (Rev. 5:11-12)

Servants not Children

What is the difference between man

and the angels? Beyond the fact that angels exist only as spiritual beings, there is also a difference in roles. God created the angels as His servants and messengers, but He created mankind as His children. The ultimate joy and purpose of creation was manifested in man.

Since God created man as His child, His servants, the angels were intended to serve not only God but His children as well. As God's child, man was intended to rule over the angels.

To say that man was to rule over the angels many seem to be a radical statement. After all, within the Christian tradition angels have always appeared to be glorious and superior beings. Reinforcing this view, there is the famous Psalm: "What is man, that Thou are mindful of him...Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels." (Ps, 8:4-5).

According to Divine Principle, man was actually created on a higher level than any of the angels and now exists on an inferior plane only because of the Fall. The roles which scripture ascribes to angels would indicate that they were created as servants of God, whereas men were designed to be His children.

The true relationship between men and the angels is more accurately reflected in the apostle Paul's famous assertion: "Do you not know that we are to judge the angels? (1 Cor. 6:3)

Eve and Lucifer

The book of Genesis indicates that man was the first of God's creations. We are told that first God created "the heavens and the earth," and successively, day and night, sky and water, land and vegetation, fish and animals, and finally, man. In this process the spirit world—the world where the angels dwelled—was created before man.

After the completion of the angelic world, God placed an archangel to rule over the entire angelic kingdom Just as God gave a blessing to Israel through one man, Abraham, so God's love for the angelic world was given through one angel. According to the traditional understanding of many within the Judeo-Christian faith, this archangel's name was Lucifer.

Before the creation of man, Lucifer was the supreme, being in the heavenly hierarchy and was the greatest singular recipient of God's love. He appeared to be closest to God and even seemed to be God's favorite.

According to Divine Principle, Lucifer was placed in the Garden with the young Adam and Eve to serve them and guide them in their growth. As he pursued this mission, he noticed that something had changed. He began to realize that Adam and Eve were receiving more love from God than he.

His situation can be compared with that of a child who is suddenly displaced by a newborn baby. Until the

new infant arrived, the older sibling was the sole recipient of his mother's love. Now, however, he may feel that his mother's love for him has decreased and he may become burdened with feelings of rejection and envy.

Such was the feeling of Lucifer after the creation of man. Because Adam and Eve were created as God's children, not His servants, they received more love from God than Lucifer did. Lucifer was unaware that God loved him as much as He always did but that He simply loved Adam and Eve more.

Lucifer was jealous of God's attention to His children and felt particu-

loss of love, he sought to receive more love from Eve.

The more Lucifer was with Eve, the more their relationship grew. Wanting to preserve his supremacy, Lucifer sought to win Eve's heart. From her side, Eve was attracted to the angel. As the "angel of light" he was wise beyond anyone, and she was flattered by his attention.

Even though Lucifer knew his intent was absolutely against the will of God, Lucifer's desire for Eve began to grow beyond the fear of law or death. Finally he was determined to defy even God, if God stood between him and the object

of his desire.

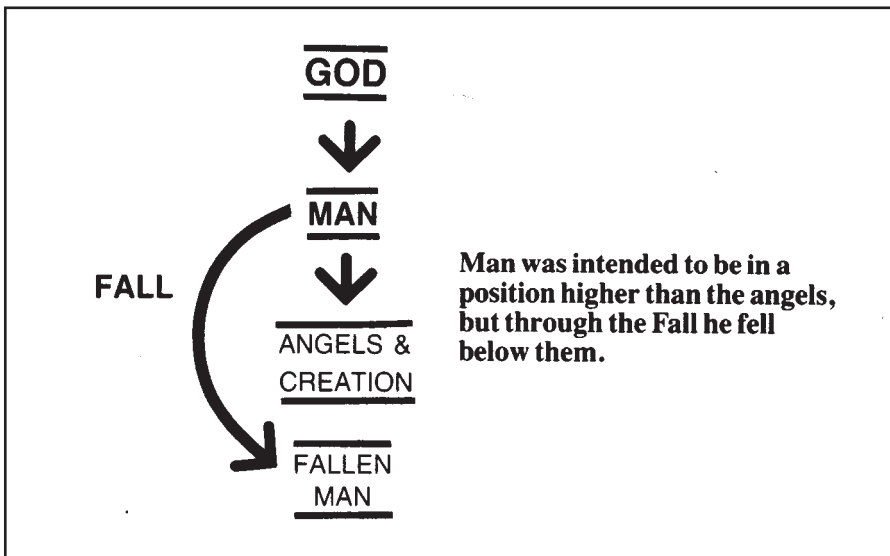
Because of God's warning to her, Eve initially rebuffed Lucifer's advances:

"And the woman said to the serpent. 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. But God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it, your eyes will be

opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'" (Gen. 3:2-5)

As her initial resistance crumbled, Eve became confused by Lucifer's words. God had given Lucifer to Adam and Eve to guide their growth; yet now he was telling her something that was absolutely opposed to God's direction. Instead of attempting to get further advice from God, or even consulting with Adam, Eve allowed herself to be wooed.

Her love grew and her desire for Lucifer's promised knowledge increased as well. At last she allowed herself to be persuaded that God was misleading her and she consented to a sexual relationship with Lucifer. This sexual union between the spirits of Lucifer and Eve brought about the initial spiritual Fall of Man. ❖



larly envious toward Adam who was male as was Lucifer. Lucifer knew that when Adam reached his full maturity, Adam would have dominion over himself.

Other holy books ascribe such feelings to Lucifer. In the Koran, for example, the angel says "What should I serve them? They are but of dust while I'm of fire." Why, he thought, should God degrade a servant who had always been faithful?

Unprincipled Love

At the same time Lucifer saw Eve as a very beautiful and attractive figure. Since the source of beauty of God is His love, those who receive more love from God reflect the most beauty. As Eve grew, she became more and more beautiful and Lucifer was naturally attracted to her. In addition, feeling a



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**PEACE
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"It's alright," said Won Pil Kim, feeling a little uncomfortable.

"I want you to know just how the money is spent," answered Father. Later he understood that it was Father's way of letting him know that he was very careful with the money Won Pil Kim earned, even though it seemed that they never had any.

Picking up the photo again, Won Pil Kim said, "I've never seen anyone like this, have you?" It was a black and white photo of a beautiful girl with a rather flat nose and large lips. She had dark wooly hair and dark skin. "What color do you think I should paint her?"

Teacher Moon wasn't sure. He'd never seen such a person either. "Maybe brown," he said. "Yes, brown is nice."

Won Pil Kim set to work on the picture. All the while Father sat by his side watching. For four hours he worked. Finally, he finished and put the paints away.

As he lay down on the mat, Won Pil Kim gazed sleepily at the walls around him. He looked at the names on the boxes, which were all in English, and he wondered what they said. He had brought some of them from the army base. Some boxes said "Sun Maid Raisins: California, USA" and had a picture of a pretty lady with a basket of grapes. Others said "Budweiser, the King of Beers" and had a picture of an eagle with its wings spread out.

He read some of the amazing things that were written in Chinese and Korean characters all over these boxes—the things Teacher Moon had written, sometimes while praying, sometimes jumping up out of his sleep with some new revelation which he would quick-

ly scribble on the wall in the dark. Surely, not many people slept surrounded by eagles, ladies with grapes, and the most deep and heartfelt ideas about God imaginable.

Father turned out the lamp, and the room was instantly dark. A soft breeze blew through a chink in the wall. Won Pil Kim put his hands under his head, feeling very tired and a bit lonely. A little peace. As much as he loved his Teacher, living with him wasn't always easy. Sometimes he felt so little. Like a tree, like a rice field or a bamboo forest when the wind blows across the water, he sometimes thought about the meaning of peace.

But sometimes God chooses you for something great whether you look for it or not. And that's an honor.

Outside, he could hear sounds of the night. The bark of a dog far down the hill. Little night animals scurrying through the hills. He heard the squash, squash, squashing of footsteps coming up the hill, past the side of the shack to the little well Father had dug. The sound of a bucket. The sound of water. The sound of some weary soul squash, squash, squashing away again.

Many people further down the hill had heard about the little spring of clean water up by the shack where the two young men lived. They would come all the way up the steep hill just to fetch some of it, for clean water was hard to find in Pusan.

He listened for the sound he knew would soon come. There it was. Yes. Father was praying. Sometimes, the praying became singing. The singing was

praying. And soon another sound would come. Yes, there it was, too. Sobbing. Desperate weeping.

Won Pil Kim began to drift off to sleep. He dreamed he was back in The Weeping Church again.

The next day, Won Pil Kim took his painted picture to Ju Won a bit timidly. Would he like the painting? "If he likes it, I will be happy enough," he decided, "even if he does not think it is good enough to pay for." He held it out uncertainly.

Ju Won looked at it, and immediately his face broke into his biggest smile. "It's great!" he said. "You are really very good. Here I want to pay you 15 won instead of 10."

Won Pil Kim was surprised and very happy, indeed.

"Thank you, thank you," he said gratefully.

"Would you like to do more?" asked Ju Won.

"Sure." He would be able to offer more money to Teacher Moon.

That night Won Pil Kim took home several photos. As he drew and painted, Father again sat with him, watching, encouraging, even giving suggestions. It was about midnight when he finished.

The next day Father had the paints already laid out when Won Pil Kim arrived home. When the work was finished,

Won Pil Kim immediately fell into an exhausted asleep. The next morning

everything was cleaned up and put away, and the pictures were rolled up neatly, ready to go. Father had done this for him during the night.

A couple nights later, Won Pil Kim was delayed and got home later than usual. When he came in sight of the hut, he saw Father, standing by the path peering into the darkness.

"Oh, good," said Father with relief. "I was getting worried. Are you alright?"

"Yes, Sangsaeng-nim," he answered, "Everything is fine. It just took a little longer to find pictures to do, that's all." Then Won Pil Kim thought to himself, "My teacher is like a Father to me."

He sat down to work on the pictures. This time Father surprised him by picking up a brush himself. He started brushing color onto the background of each picture, and Won Pil Kim painted the people. They finished a little earlier that night.

As the days went by, Father also helped paint the clothing. Won Pil Kim drew the pictures and painted the faces, and Father added little details, such as lines in the hair. In this way, they could finish a picture in 20 minutes, and they were able to do 15 to 20 pictures in one night. Even so, they sometimes didn't finish the work until well after midnight.

This was their life. After a hard day's work at the army base, Won Pil Kim would come home and paint. Father, after his own long day of prayer, witnessing, teaching, and even cooking, shopping and cleaning, was always by his side while he worked. They were doing it together. This made Won Pil Kim feel strong.

When the last picture was done, he drifted off to sleep to the sounds of night, his heart surging with love—and a little peace. ❖

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**CRISIS
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committed. Such was the sovereignty of Satan.

But theology tells us that it was a moral sin to crucify Jesus. The Gospel writers felt such; John said that "Satan entered into Judas." Jesus called upon God to forgive those who killed him. The centurion exclaimed that they had killed an innocent man. Judas threw the blood money back at the Sanhedrin and killed himself. But from the viewpoint of the predestination of his death, no one was responsible for this sin. Thus, irresponsibility is again integral to the dogmatic foundation of faith.

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I hope that at this point, all Chris-

tians would cry out, "NO! We are responsible for the crucifixion! The whole human race is responsible and thus held worthy of death and hell! This is why Jesus' forgiveness and shedding of blood is so great, because it removes this curse from us."

To such a conscientious Christian, I would say two things. One, Jesus died for our sin, yes. But we can be more precise. He did not die for sins in general. Sins in general he could and did forgive on earth. He died for one sin and one sin only: the sin of rejecting him, the one unforgivable sin. This one sin is beyond the vernacular of "sins." It is not just another sin, such as a robbery, adultery, a murder, a lie. It is the sin by which we confirmed ourselves willfully alienated from God, because it is the sin of rejecting the holy spirit, rejecting God. Jesus came to bring in God's Kingdom, and we failed to accept him, and he died for that. Thus he came as a judge for the human race.

Judgment came while he was on earth. Had he been accepted, we would have been judged righteous and he would have forgiven all our sins and gone far beyond that. But we rejected him and nothing was forgiven. Therefore, he had to die. He died because we failed our responsibility. It was not the devil's fault. It was not God's fault. It was not a requirement of pure theological reasoning.

Two, we must reinstate responsibility in a thoroughgoing way. If a worldview denies human responsibility at the two events which define the human condition, then there is no way that it can serve as the substratum for a culture of responsibility. There will always be an out, a shrug of the shoulders, a pointing of the finger, a closing of the eyes.

True children take responsibility. Immature children blame others. "I hit you because you made me so upset! The house is a mess because he messed it up!" Growing up is a process of accepting responsibility. Our culture has two areas in which to accept responsibility.

One has to do with the fall of man. Our culture must take responsibility for its sexual behavior. Anything short of sexual purity, chastity and complete faithfulness (absolute sex) is a failure of responsibility. No more winking, joking, bending the rules, playing around.

The second has to do with the messiah. Our culture can grow beyond the paradigm of the "man who cannot but sin but praises God that he is forgiven." Christ did not come to forever forgive generations of inveterate sinners. Christ came to bring us into the Kingdom of God. And this is what Hebrews 9:28 says he will come back to do: not to deal with sin, but to save those who are waiting for him.

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Jesus would surely be glad were we to move beyond the need of continual forgiveness, into the realm of God's orig-

inal love. In fact, he returns to bring us into this realm. If we did not accept the messiah then, 2,000 years ago, we can accept the messiah now. Accepting the messiah, we accept human responsibility in a thoroughgoing fashion, reaching back to the beginning of history.

Love is not achieved by magic. It requires the hard work of actually loving people and this takes responsibility. Since people are not perfect, and thus are not worthy of love, actually loving people means loving the unlovable. It is easy to love people when they are nice to us, when they are loving us, when they are good. Love comes to have meaning for growth when we love people who are not nice to us, whom we feel are hating us, whom we feel are evil, and may actually be so. This is what it really means to be a Christian, in fact, to be a devout person of any righteous faith or culture.

This is why marriage is crucial to eternal life. Marriage is the intimate, no-escape relationship in which we "love or suffer." Marriage is the crucible of responsibility.

The problem has been that the most righteous among us can and do love others, but receive mostly suffering in return. This is because we are not truly righteous; our righteousness is as filthy rags, as the Bible states. What Christ does on his return is give us the key to practice true righteousness. This does not remit us from our responsibility. It allows us finally to fulfill our responsibility. Fulfilling our responsibility will in turn create a culture of responsibility, a society of true love. ❖

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Responsibility and Our Cultural Crisis



The question of responsibility looms large in our current political affairs. The president, Mr. Clinton, seems unable to take responsibility for his behavior or alleged behavior. Allegations swirl around him. If he is innocent of the accusations, taking responsibility would be to exonerate himself. If he is guilty of them, taking responsibility would be to admit the error of his ways. In either case, it would allow the ship of state to progress into the coming millennium.

Instead of taking responsibility for his actions, Mr. Clinton throws himself into a conglomeration of legal, political and media institutions and allows their inborn nature of the balance of powers to eliminate the application of any authority with regard to his judgment. In other words, Mr. Clinton becomes a ward of the state, more broadly, a ward of the culture. The chief executive becomes the chief recipient of society's self-healing institutions. The therapeutic society is designed for this. But it is, as we all see, a failure, for it absolves anyone of responsibility for their actions.

In traditional America, a lawyer setting up shop in a town was taken to indicate that the town's clergy had failed its mission. The phenomena of lawyers setting up shop defines our present social landscape. We occasionally read tales of outrageous litigation. Here's another one: a woman left her horse in a neighbor's field, without permission. She was told many times to take the horse away, but refused. One day the horse escaped the field, jumping over a low point of the fence. It caused an automobile accident nearby. The woman sued the neighbor for failing to keep up his fence. She won and the neighbor had to pay for the damages in the accident.

The real failure was the lack of community which led to such a breakdown in neighborly relations. And community is rooted in religion.

If the wisdom of traditional America is correct, and I believe it is in this instance, this state of affairs results from the failure of our religious and moral institutions. Why did they fail? In the current issue of First Things, Wilfred M. McClay approaches this question in relation to the rise of "the ideal of the autonomous self" in our culture: "Was it implicit in the nation's very beginnings? Or did it arise out of some detour from those beginnings? If the latter, then when and where did the detour occur? If the former, then what are the implications for those of us who see that the ideal has now become pernicious and destructive?"

We would turn this question as to the failure of our moral and religious institutions as follows: were the institutions implanted at our nation's beginnings good, and evil people abandoned them, or were the institutions flawed and deservedly discarded? In general, the conservative position, on the right, would opine that the former position is correct, and the liberal position, on the left, would choose the latter. The truth as to the cause is somewhere in-

between. But the truth as to the effect, the disappearance of our moral institutions, no one disputes.

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The cause of our moral breakdown has everything to do with responsibility, because both the left and right have abandoned the tenet of responsibility. The conservative position, on the right, tends toward predestination, that all things are controlled by God. Injustice is only apparent; it is in fact decreed by God. God is sovereign and planned everything to be as it is. The liberal position, on the other hands, believes that everything is the hands of man, that nothing is pre-ordained. Both positions abrogate responsibility.

The right abrogates responsibility by assigning everything to divine determination. The left abrogates responsibility by assigning everything to social, historical and finally biological forces. A person, finally, is not responsible because his social or biological, including psychological, setting prevented him from doing other than he did.

The abdication of responsibility on the right is more subtle. In a way, it is rather abstract, the assigning of predestining power to God. To their credit, conservative actions are not consistent with this doctrine. They do call for human responsibility, for example, for homosexuals to consider their behavior a choice, not a condition. They call for those on the welfare rolls to take responsibility for their poverty, and for sex offenders to do likewise.

The abdication of responsibility on the right is more subtle but just as far-reaching. Their ultimate abdication is that man bears no responsibility for the general human condition. That's a sweeping statement. Let me unpack it.

The conservative tradition in America proudly identifies itself with Judeo-Christianity. This tradition in general exalts human freedom and responsibility. The covenantal tradition of the Old Testament views God and man as partners. Consider Abraham's negotiating the fate of Sodom with God, a typical instance of the relationship of the chosen people with the Lord. If you follow my commandments, sayeth the

Lord, you will prosper. If you violate my commandments, you will perish. Your fate, within the principle of creation, is in your hands. And God is forbearing, "flexible" in today's vernacular. He warns, He waits, He tries to work things out; He always gives a second chance.

The tormenting questions concern the relationship between our suffering and our responsibility before God. If God is just, and cannot protect those who violate His commandments—i.e. who fail their responsibility—if we suffer, what commandment might we have violated? There are three answers. One is "narrow-minded": somewhere, somehow, you failed your responsibility and you are justly suffering. To solve your suffering, your disease, for example, the first thing is to get yourself right with God. A second is "broad-minded": let's not jump to conclusions about this; God is mysterious and we don't really know why or even if He is punishing us nor what our responsibility was. If you have a disease, don't blame yourself; just go see a doctor. This tends to pull us toward the third answer: atheism.

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Christians like to posit that man is free to respond to God's love or to reject God's love. Here Christianity is consistent with the Torah. But this principle is hung out to dry at the two most crucial points of providential history: when Adam and Eve were in the Garden, and when Christ was on the earth.

These two points are the points of creation and re-creation of the human race. Suddenly, Christianity declares that we had no choice. We were victims. We were just doing what he had to do, what we were created to do. God knew we would do it and in fact, He wanted us to do it.

In the Garden we witness the first cover-up. In fact, human history started with a cover-up, and we've been covered-up ever since. What did Adam and Eve cover-up? The same thing Mr. Clinton is covering up: what they did with

their lower parts. They came up with the first human invention: aprons of fig leaves. Adam said it was not his fault, that he was not responsible. The woman, he said, whom You gave me (so it's ultimately Your fault, God); she tempted me. That's why I ate. There's really nothing wrong with me; it was her temptation. Likewise, the woman blamed someone else, the crummy serpent, who wriggled off to live on the dust of human veniality.

So history begins with a set of responsibility denials. But that's not the only problem. The serious problem is that theology justifies their denial of responsibility by teaching that they had to fall, that it was no less than the will of God that they fall. Christianity is reduced to teaching that Adam and Eve followed the will of God by rejecting the commandment of God. God becomes a silly fellow who commands His children to do the opposite of what He really wants them to do.

Let's consider the issue of responsibility in relation to the event of re-creation, the coming of Christ. Let us assume, for the sake of moral coherence, that human beings had the responsibility to follow Jesus. That is the Christian's responsibility today, and, presumably, that was the responsibility of moral persons back then. Jesus believed this. He praised those who believed and followed him. He chastised those who persecuted and rejected him. At one point, he referred to those who did not follow him as spiritually dead ("leave the dead to bury the dead; you come and follow me").

If we follow what Jesus taught here, then, we would conclude that those who crucified him did evil, spiritually dead, and that those who protected him did good, spiritually alive. And we would assume, since Jesus did try to persuade them to do good, that they had the freedom to do good and that to be responsible was to do the right thing.

Enter "theology." The assertion that Jesus came to earth for no other reason than to die mitigates against the freedom of people to accept Christ on earth; i.e., to do that which Jesus was persuading them to do. Somehow the rules of the covenant between God and man changed during the life of Jesus, not with an abrogation of the principle that disobedience brings on a curse, but in abrogation of the principle that it is possible to obey the commandment. It was necessary that he die, therefore, it was necessary that people kill him. If it was necessary that they kill him, then they had no freedom not to, and if they had no freedom not to, then they had no responsibility to accept him. Those who executed Jesus, quite legally, were victims of their social/historical environment. There was no crime

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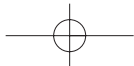
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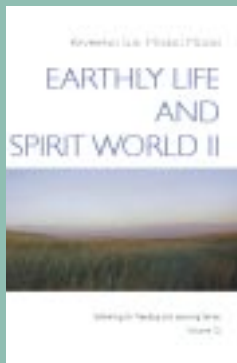
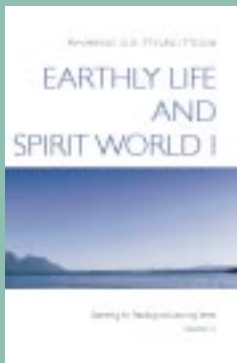
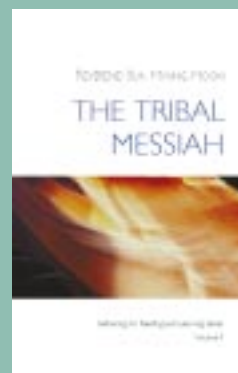
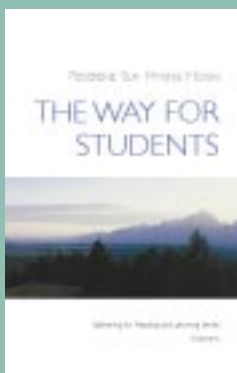
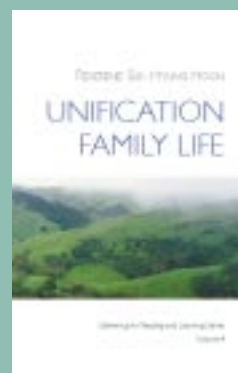
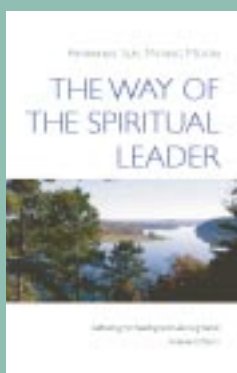
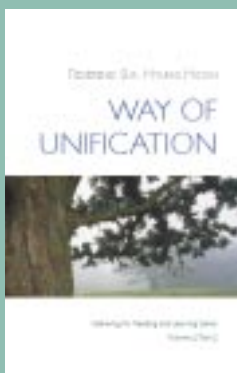
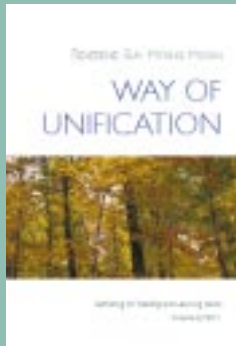
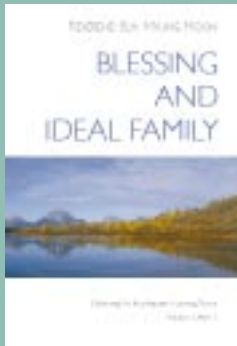
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