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Celebration of the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World

by Rev. Eric Holt—NYC

Autumn in New York is a colorful and exhilarating experience. The air is fresh but not cold. The weather is, of course, changeable. As October 3 rolled around, 4,000-plus Unificationists made their way into Belvedere on a perfect autumn day, to experience a day together with our True Parents.

A series of huge tents had been erected at Belvedere around the Holy Rock area, complete with rows and columns of neatly arranged folding chairs. The tents were so big, in fact, that the Holy Rock seemed like a little pebble! And, it certainly seemed that there were a "ton" of brothers and sisters there.

As the band played a fanfare, our True Parents arrived for the 9:00 a.m.



GRAEME CARMICHAEL

Holy Day address. Father spoke into the afternoon, often leaving the stage and walking down the aisle in the center of the main tent. Father spoke about the victorious dispensational era in which we find ourselves. Father

emphasized personal purity, speaking very graphically and at length about the problems of temptation which we all face. He stressed unchanging, absolute and eternal marital fidelity - a true love between husband and wife which lies at the very core of God's purpose of creation.

At 3:00 p.m. the much-anticipated entertainment began. Our True Parents sat atop an elevated seating area in the middle of the tent. David Eaton conducted members of the New York City Symphony and the Goldman Memorial Band in the opening salvo: beautiful liturgical music from the New and Completed Testament ages. see **UNIFIED WORLD** on page 6

Second IIFWP International Seminar

by Thomas G. Walsh—Louisville KY

On September 17-20, 1999, in Washington, D.C.,—coinciding with the air travel havoc and power outages related to hurricane

Floyd—the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, along with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, the World University Federation and the World Media Association, sponsored the second International Seminar on "True Families as the Foundation for World Peace in the New Millennium," also known as the "hoon dok hae" seminars. This seminar attracted more than 200 participants from fifty-five nations. Drawing from the constituencies of the respective sponsoring organizations, the participants were primarily political leaders, religious leaders, academics and persons from the media.

The IIFWP, building on the foundation of all the various projects initiated over the years by our True Parents, seeks to work with a wide range of religious, political, academic and civic leaders in order to promote world peace. These seminars contribute to that purpose by convening world leaders from all areas of expertise to study and discuss matters of profound religious or spiritual significance. In this way, the internal

aspects of the global peace process— aspects too frequently neglected or avoided in conventional peace efforts—are explored in an open, conscientious way. Through the study of Father's

words, people of all faiths and nationalities come to a greater appreciation of our common values and shared concerns. Moreover, those who have studied at these seminars graduate with a broader, more inclusive vision of world peace, and they come to appreciate the contribution which True Parents have to make at this time in history.

As was the case with the first seminar the program (see article in issue x, volume x) featured, over a three-day period, seven sessions of "hoon dok hae" readings, centering on themes such as True Parents, the Kingdom of God, Life on Earth and the Spirit World and Prayer. Each reading session was, then, followed by the commentary of two discussants. In the late afternoon, the participants joined small discussion groups. Other special presentations for this seminar included the Pure Love Alliance and the Religious Youth Service.

The seminar participants were challenged, stimulated and ultimately inspired by their direct encounter with the words of True Parents. As Dr. Gordon Anderson of PWPA noted, "In many past conferences, we Unificationists stood as interpreters or mediators of True Parents message. In these seminars

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IIFWP

by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

This is the speech given at the closing banquet of the Second International Hoon Dok Seminar at the Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, Virginia, September 19, 1999. The interpreter was Tim Elder

Respected leaders and scholars from all walks of life around the world, I am truly grateful that so many of you have taken time out from your busy schedules to gather here for the Second International Hoon Dok Seminar.

We see today that people in many fields of society are doing their best to prepare for the new millennium in various ways as they believe are necessary. In my opinion, though, a more sober and serious examination of human life today reveals that understanding the Will of God, who is our eternal True Parents, is the most urgent and most pressing task we face now, just a few months before the new millennium.

Over the past fifty years, I have had close to seven thousand occasions to communicate the Word of God in public settings, and this content has been published in a series of some three hundred volumes. These are being read by tens of thousands of people around the world every day.

From among this vast content, I would like to share with you today a sermon I delivered in New York on February 21, 1980 to world leaders who had gathered to celebrate my sixtieth birthday. It has been nearly twenty years since I delivered this sermon. I would like, though, to read and study this content together with you leaders from around the world as a way for us

to enlighten ourselves on where our responsibilities lie in bringing about the new ideal world that God yearns to see on Earth.

What would you say is one thing that God and human beings have sought to possess throughout history, but still are not able to have? Is it monetary wealth? No, that is not it, because there is certainly more than enough money in the world. Is it people? The world is filled with people, too. Is it power? There is enough power as well. What is it, then? The correct answer is that God still does not have a country that belongs to Him. So today I would like to speak to you about God's fatherland, that is, God's ideal nation.

What is your country of citizenship? For most of you here, I think it is the United States. Thus, the United States is your fatherland. Where is my fatherland? It is Korea. Where is the fatherland of Mr. Kuboki here? It is Japan. What about Paul Werner over there? His fatherland is Germany. So there are people here with many different fatherlands.

Where, then, is God's fatherland? Right now, God does not have a fatherland.

God's

What is the origin of all the countries in the world today? Did they originate with God? If not, did they come from some place else? The historical

a world can be achieved on the basis of a mistaken beginning, that is to say, an erroneous cause.

The beginning point leading to an ideal world can be found only in a place where a movement is being conducted that is capable of overcoming and transcending the origin of wars. If the cause is perfect, then the result will also be perfect. It is reasonable to think that if the origin is in peace, development will occur through a peaceful process, and the objective finally achieved will also be one of peace.

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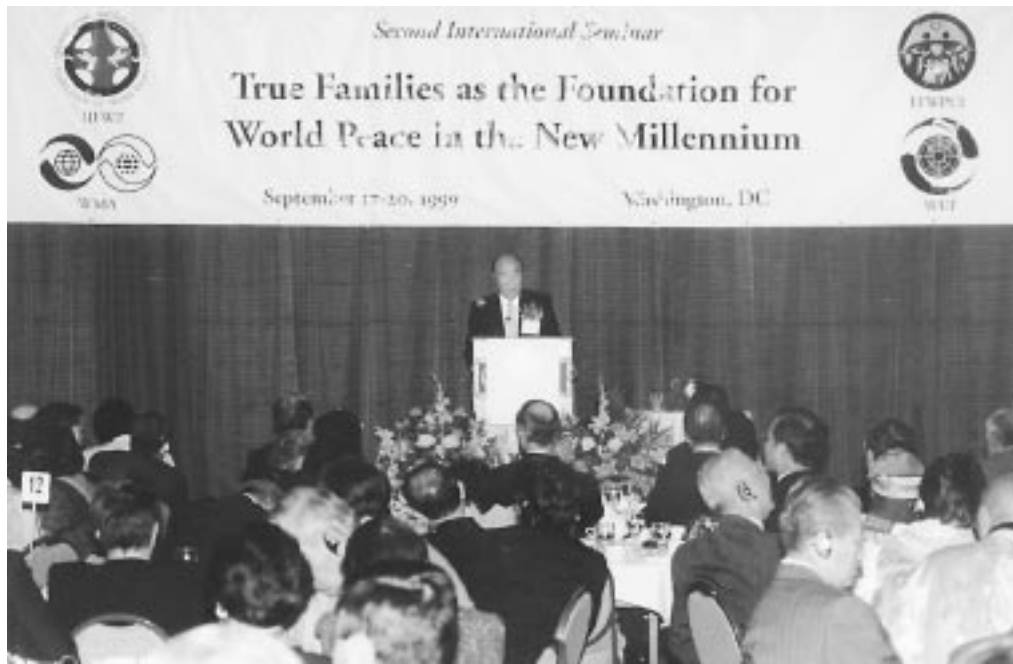
origin of all these countries is the issue here. All the countries in the world today came about as a result of conflict and division. Take any two neighboring countries in the world, and you will see that in many cases the international boundary separating them has a history filled with grief and sorrow. We know all too well that, in most cases, the fiercest and bloodiest fighting has taken place between neighboring countries, as opposed to countries separated by some distance. Thus, the walls of division are highest between countries and peoples who share a common border.

this perspective, it is clear that people who continue to view their neighboring country as their historical enemy and treat that country with hatred will never achieve a world of peace. No matter how much they may yearn for an ideal world and move toward this objective, it will be impossible for them to actually accomplish this goal. In order to nullify the motivation that caused all this conflict and erase the history of evil, there needs to be a movement that teaches a content that is the opposite of what has been the origin of conflict.

If God exists, do you suppose that He will observe the background of these countries and just leave them as they are? Or else, do you think that God will guide these countries into a good direction, that is, toward the ideal path? I believe without a doubt that God will guide us. This is why in the Unification Church, members from countries that are historical enemies to each other will often want to receive the Holy Blessing as husband and wife.

If a person wants to inherit the Will of God, what do you think he should teach? Such a person certainly could never teach people of the world that they can do whatever they like. The key phrase for this person's teaching would be, "Love your enemy with a heart of love." The Word of God that tells us, "Love your enemy" holds the power to reverse the history of evil. These words are like the anchor that can save a ship being blown off course by a hurricane.

In the course of the history of God's restoration providence, no one has practiced the Word of God to "Love your enemy" at an absolute standard. If there exists a group of people who understand how to love their enemies, then these people should be brought together to form an organization, and they should build a worldwide foundation.



Seung-Hwa of Young Jin Moon

Young Jin Moon, the sixth son of True Parents, passed into spirit world at 9:30 p.m. on October 27, 1999.

Young Jin Nim was known for his deep heart of filial piety toward his parents and his sharp intellect. In his academic studies, he demonstrated an intellectual level approaching that of a genius, and consistently ranked among the highest achievers in the schools he attended. After completing two years of study at Columbia University, Young Jin Nim informed his parents of his desire to pursue an advanced course in the field of hotel management. He then traveled to the western part of the United States, which is the location of the University of Las Vegas, with its highly regarded hotel management program.

During this process, Young Jin Nim stayed briefly at a hotel in Reno, Nevada. During this stay, he accidentally fell from the balcony of his room, and lost his physical life.



Young Jin Nim's Seung-Hwa Ceremony was held at 10 a.m., October 30. He was born on June 30, 1978 in New York, and spent his entire life studying in U.S. schools. At the young age of 21, he set out to accomplish some

great task for Heaven and True Parents. That course has now led to this tragic accident and his Seung-Hwa.

The church believes that at this great turning point in the Providence, True Parents have placed their trust in us - even though we are not qualified and lack the proper preparation. They have afforded us the grace and blessing of liberating the entire spirit world and physical world. Young Jin Nim has gone now as the historic indemnity offering for the fruition of such blessing.

Now is a time for us all to repent and reflect deeply, offer our prayers for Young Jin Nim, who has become an offering for our own inadequacies and inability, and make our determination to fulfill the path of the providence in his place. ❖

Fatherland

Since this is our conclusion, we must expect that God will initiate such a movement. I hope you can understand that the various religious movements that have appeared in history have been reflections of such a movement initiated by God.

Who was the person until now that God could love the most? It was Jesus. Jesus presented a new direction to a world torn with conflict. Jesus' philosophy was that the high wall standing between an oppressor nation such as Rome and an oppressed nation such as Israel should be torn down. The two should not see each other as enemies. Jesus' thinking was, "Rome may try to overpower me with physical force, but I will instead conquer Rome with love." That is why even as he hung on the cross he prayed to bless his enemies.

Please understand that it was this philosophy that lay behind Jesus' incredible declaration in reference to the Roman soldiers: "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." Because he acted in this way, he established an archetype, or model, for the way in which nations can rise above a state where they see each other as enemies and international boundaries can be transcended.

Jesus understood that enemies of the individual were not the whole problem. He knew that in addition to these, there were enemies of the family, enemies of the tribe, enemies of the society, enemies of the nation, and enemies of the world, and that these were all around and intertwined in a complex relationship. This meant that anyone who chose to follow him – anyone who walked the same path as he walked – would find many enemies waiting for them along the way. If a person chose to go as a family they would come up against enemies of the family, and if

he chose to go as a tribe he would come up against enemies of the tribe. He could expect to find himself in a fierce fight. So Jesus taught that each time a person found himself facing an enemy he should love the enemy. He said that as long as a person maintains this spirit of loving his enemies, he will eventually be victorious.

If God had acted in the same way as Satan or many people in the secular world – that is, to seek revenge against His enemies – then, this world would have perished a long time ago. That is why He has taught us, centering on Christianity, to love our enemies.

Where, then, is God's starting point in this effort to realize His ideal country – that is, to liberate His fatherland? It is the person who has the philosophy to love one's enemies. That is why, as long as it is true that God exists, it is only natural that Christianity should grow to become a worldwide religion. This is because Christianity has put forward a movement to break down international boundaries, and transcend all cultural and environmental barriers through love so that we may embrace even our enemies. If a person plants soybeans, we will harvest soybeans, and if he plants red beans, then it is red beans that he will harvest. The seeds of a red flower will produce a red blossom. In the same manner, if we sow the seeds of Satan, who seeks revenge against his enemies, we will find that a tree of evil will grow out of those seeds. On the other hand, if we plant a seed of goodness, which loves its enemies, then a tree of goodness that loves its enemies will grow there. This is the law of nature.

Why is Christianity today divided into numerous denominations? It is because people have impeded the Christian spirit that teaches us to love our enemies. The Christian spirit that teaches us to love our brethren has been forgotten. From a perspective centering on Jesus, the Presbyterian

Church, the Methodist Church, the Holiness Church and all other denominations are brothers to each other.

True Christianity based on the mainline philosophy is a religious body that pioneers the formation of a spiritual climate in which people love their enemies. People who love their enemies are the people who will be able to bring



about God's true individuals, families, tribes, societies, nations and world. Yet, today's Christianity cannot even dream of uniting as one body or of coming together with the many countries that exist today. It is distressing sight to this.

What is the role of the Unification Church, then? People in established churches criticize the Unification Church as heretical. This sounds simple, but you should understand that there is a continuity of history here. The pulse of history is beating here.

Does America have enemies, or not? If so, then who is America's enemy? Is it Reverend Moon? Isn't it true that the great majority of Americans think this way? Mothers and fathers of Unification Church members also say that Reverend Moon is their enemy. The enemy of the Communist Party is also Reverend Moon. The enemy of the business establishment is also Reverend Moon. The enemy of the religious establishment is Reverend Moon. The enemy of the mass media is also Reverend Moon. Isn't that true? If you look at this way, is not Reverend Moon America's enemy?

Since I make life difficult for those of you who are Unification Church members, am I not your enemy as well? Or else, do you say that even if your father and mother are opposed to Reverend Moon, and your spouse opposes Reverend Moon, you still cannot bring yourself to turn away from Rev. Moon? Is it your position that you cannot turn away from me even if the government opposes me? Is that your thinking? Is it your determination that even if you are eventually forced to turn away from America and turn away from your moth-

er and father, you can never turn away from Reverend Moon?

Some religious people are praying to God with the mind that it would be better if I were to disappear. They are praying, "God, please take that enemy, Reverend Moon, into the spirit world quickly." On the other hand, Unification Church members are offering a

different prayer, saying, "God, it doesn't matter that I may be persecuted. Please let Reverend Moon live a long life on Earth."

God listens carefully, and He sees that one group is praying, "May he die," and the other group is praying, "Let him have a long life." At the same time,

God sees that Unification Church members continue their witnessing work even when they are mistreated, and continue their economic work when they are cursed. With the other group, people from the President to cabinet members, generals and politicians are all saying, "May he die." Therefore, God's ear, naturally, goes toward the Unification Church members, who are being mistreated. Because God is fair, he tends to listen more to what the Unification Church members are saying.

I was so amazed by all this that I took a look to see who is listed in the Book of Life. I found that all the people listed there are those who are tormented as lowborn and people who are chased from one place to another. Do you think that, since all Americans think of Rev. Moon as their enemy, he should be pitied? It may be true that many Americans hate me. You must understand, though, that when I am able to truly love those who see me as their enemy, a way will be opened for their hearts to be melted in a single day.

That is why I went before God, and prayed, "God, they throw rocks at me so that I may be able to form individuals, families, tribes, societies, and nations that possess the philosophy to love their enemies. So please let them be." When there is a nation in this world that is made up of people who have the spirit to love their enemies, that nation can become the ideal society that God longs to see. It will become the ideal society into which all humankind can enter. This was the reason that I, immediately following the Washington Monument rally, declared an intention to hold a rally in Moscow.

Where did I say is the starting point for God's fatherland? How does it come? It comes by way of the path of loving our enemies. God's fatherland comes by way of the path by which we establish a tradition of loving the enemies of the individual, enemies of the family, enemies of the tribe, and of the nation and world. I hope you can understand that God's fatherland cannot be brought about by any path other than this.

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C A L E N D A R

NOVEMBER

- 1 Shin Pal Nim's 1st Birthday (lunar)
- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 8 TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY (lunar)
- 11 Shin Sun Nim's 9th Birthday (lunar)
- 13 Yun Ah Nim's 21st Birthday (lunar)
- Shin Hoon Nim's 5th Birthday (lunar)
- 25 Jin Whi Nim's 36th Birthday (lunar)
- Shin Young Nim's 13th Birthday (lunar)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessings (1997)
- 30 Heung Jin Nim's 33rd Birthday (lunar)

DECEMBER

- 22 35 Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 30 Un Jin Nim's 32nd Birthday (lunar)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Un Jin Nim's Birthday is celebrated twice in 1999.

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Just wait and see. America has opposed me. The U.S. State Department has opposed me. The Congress has opposed me. Eventually, though, there will come a time when I will receive a certificate that says I was victorious in Congress, victorious in the State Department, and victorious in America. I have friends now, even in the State Department that has opposed me, and I have many friends in Congress as well. It is inevitable that victory will eventually come to me, due to my life of loving enemies.

I am convinced that even if I had no such friends I could still overcome all opposition and bring about victory. The more opposition I receive the more I am able to accumulate experiences of having loved my enemies. There is no reason, then, for me to be discouraged in the face of great opposition.

The law of nature is that if there is an area of low atmospheric pressure in one place then there is sure to be an area of high pressure somewhere else. If I form an area of low pressure when the State Department opposes me from a high place, then the State Department will eventually succumb to me in the same way that a high pressure area is naturally absorbed by a low pressure area.

Even when I was being cursed, I did not fight back but loved them instead. After a while, I found that they were becoming my friends. Then some time later, I found that I had the families of friends, the tribes of friends and the nations of my friends.

You are engaged in the work of family church. People in your family church area may try to keep you from coming back by hitting you in the head, knocking you down, and even kicking you angrily when you are down. If that doesn't satisfy their hatred, they may roll you over, spit on you, and curse you. Even if someone treats you like that, try going back to that person and see what happens. When a person beats you up like that, they will assume that you will never return. If, however, you return even after being beaten, knocked down and kicked out, people watching this series of events will realize that Unification Church members truly practice the life loving enemies. This will move them to be contrite about their misdeeds, and become much closer to you as friends. They will have no choice but to praise you as an excellent member of the Unification Church.

In such a situation, some people will begin to take greater interest in you and look more closely at what you are trying to do. They will see that in reality you are not crazy, and that in fact you are wholesome, clean cut young people, and that you are well-educated. They will have to say to themselves, "Oh, I didn't realize that the people of the Unification Church were like this," and little by little they will grow to like you. If you explain to them about God's fatherland, and give them opportunities to hear the Divine Principle, they will say, "Oh, I never realized that the Unification Church had such profound teaching!" They will repent, and begin to follow you. You need to be able to

teach people in this way.

When people who live by such convictions are beaten and kicked out, then the number of people on our side will soon increase to a hundred and then a thousand. You might be nearly beaten to death in a certain neighborhood and are kicked out. You return later and are beaten and kicked out again. Then the same thing might happen on the third visit. If you go to that neighborhood three times like this, that neighborhood will be completely restored.



I am a man with no remarkable characteristics. That is actually true, don't you think so? You may say this is not true, but people in general society know me as an undignified person. God, though, likes me more than any other person. It does not matter that the world may treat me disgracefully. Because God recognizes me, I am able to launch offensives against the world with a bold attitude.

Once a person possesses a heart of loving his enemies, there is nothing he cannot say. Why is that? A man sent by God. If anyone deserves to be called handsome, he is that man. If anyone deserves to be thought of as fashionable, he is that man. If anyone deserves to be thought of as daring and brave, he is the one. It inspires a sense of honor in me to think of myself in this way, and so I can stage an offensive against the secular world with confidence.

Do you know what happens when I work in such a state of high inspiration? When I do this, young men and women who give joy to God are created. Fam-

ilies of all races who give joy to God are created. Nations that give joy to God are created, and the liberation of God's fatherland becomes possible.

God told us to love our enemies, and that means we also have to love the ugliest person. Even if the most handsome man in the world is paired with the ugliest woman, he needs to love her even more than he loves his enemies. Such a person, in loving the enemies of this world, will be a good candidate to carry the flag of the greatest

prince as he marches forward. If such a man actually exists, think how wonderful he would be. Such a man would easily be able to jump over the barriers between nations.

Some time ago in Britain, Mrs. Moon and I matched people to be engaged. For the most part, we paired up people from nations that were historical enemies. Since they could not understand each other's language, they would communicate their love for each other by smiling. The sensation of holding

hands was more powerful than spoken communication. They could not understand what each other was saying, but that made their kisses all the sweeter. Gradually, they learn about each other. They can learn about each other by sitting down to a meal together. They learn a little at breakfast, a little more at lunch, and still more during dinner. Eventually, they come to know everything.

When people come to live with a heart of love, all barriers will be broken down, the history of the restoration providence will be shortened, and the Kingdom of Heaven will draw near.

All of you should become victors in the family church, liberate God's fatherland, and greet the day when the constitution of the heavenly nation is proclaimed. We must establish a day of victory from which time forward we will never be conquered.

I have a simple philosophy. I have tried to experience everything that I can. I was a farmer, and I was a laborer. I have become a fisherman and caught tuna. This is how I have lived the last sixty years. I thought I was walking this way alone, but now I look behind me and see that British people are

following me, Americans are following me, and many other people from around the world are following me. If I tell someone I hate them and kick them away, they still follow me. That is why I say a person can study the Unification Church and yet still not be able to understand it.

I will give my conclusion now. Today's topic is God's ideal nation, God's fatherland. Members of the Unification Church need to work for the liberation of God's fatherland. Today is my sixtieth birth-

day, and the number six is a number of indemnity. Thus, I hope you will look on this day as a time when you can begin to go beyond the number six, and move toward a new world of the number seven. There are people from all races in the congregation today, and all of you need to live your lives with such a philosophy. The liberation of the Fatherland will not be accomplished by seeking revenge. The Fatherland will be liberated only when nations do not fight other nations.

Where will you go to pass across the stage of your trials and reach the Fatherland? The family church is a miniature form of the whole world, so you need to go the way of family church. All the loneliness, difficulties, and suffering that you encounter as you carry out family church is the same loneliness, difficulty and suffering that I myself have experienced. Please understand that you are learning the process of victory by which I have overcome my enemies through love.

When you are victorious with family church in New York, you will transcend New York. Then, you will transcend the Midwest. You will easily cover all of America. Not only that, but you will cover the whole world, and the spiritual world. You will be able even to conquer the realm of God's heart.

God will welcome the people who are victorious with family church, and tell such people, "You are the sons and daughters that I have longed to see." He will say that your family church is His dwelling, His country, and His world. He will tell you that since the family church has been established you should receive both your parents and live happily. All of you should become victors in the family church, liberate God's fatherland, and greet the day when the constitution of the heavenly nation is proclaimed. We must establish a day of victory from which time forward we will never be conquered. It will be a day that will be commemorated forever.

Do you think it likely that God's nation will be brought about through democracy? That would be impossible. There needs to be a birth of a new philosophical movement that can supplement democracy's imperfections. This means we need to be active in every field of life, including religion, economics, politics, philosophy, scholarship and other areas. Please recognize that this is your destiny.

I believe the Earth should have no international boundaries. In a sense, America is my enemy. But I have put my life on the line in order to love America. I have done this for the sake of liberating the fatherland of God and all humanity.

Where is your enemy? Everything the physical body enjoys is your enemy.

The enemies outside of your body are not the problem. Instead, it is the enemies that are within you. Drugs are the enemy. Free sex is the enemy. Homosexuality is the enemy. Everything that is bad for you is your enemy. You must conquer these and overcome them. You must overcome these in order to liberate God, and liberate God's fatherland, that is, a world of freedom and peace. ❖

Second IIFWP International Seminar

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inars, however, the participant has a direct encounter with the word. They seem to be more transformed in this way, than they were in the past when we presented lectures ourselves."

In fact, with this second seminar, the participants received an even more direct encounter with True Parents. Although True Parents were intending to travel to South America the day before the seminar was to begin, we learned the day of the seminar that they had changed plans and decided to come to Washington, DC and be present at the Closing Banquet on September 19. One account stated that True Parents change of plans was stimulated by the presence of the hurricane which made air travel impossible on the scheduled day of departure; it was reported that Father took this as a sign that he should "do something for North America" before heading south. Indeed he did. At the Closing Banquet, at the conclusion of an inspiring three days of reflecting on True Parents words, Father personally delivered a speech he had given on February 21, 1980 in New York City, on the occasion of Father's sixtieth Birthday. The speech was entitled "Ideal Nation [Fatherland?] of God" or "there was some other title given too, so please check."

The theme of this speech, "forgiveness of one's enemies" as the key to success and the primary quality of God's nation or fatherland, was very well-received by the participants. Having spent so much time studying Father's words, they had a great foundation for receiving True Parents at that moment. As part of the banquet program, True Parents personally presented seminar

graduation certificates to a representative from each continent. In turn many participants presented gifts they had prepared for True Parents. There was a joyful and loving spirit. In fact, there were several reports of participants who had come with a somewhat cynical or distant attitude who, by the close of the banquet, were gushing with warm-heartedness and gratitude. In the words of one participant, "The peak moment of the seminar, its greatest blessing was meeting Rev. Moon."

One other surprise feature of the seminar was a visit from the Vice-President of Uganda, Dr. Specioza Wandira Kazibwe. She was in New York for a series of meetings at the United Nations. At the invitation of Mr. Neil Salonen, the Vice-President agreed to attend the seminar and speak to the participants. Having come to feel very close to True Mother as a result of her visit to Uganda earlier this year, the Vice-President felt very much at home, and delivered a moving speech to the participants. Her visit culminated with the premier performance of the song, "Soulin," written by David Eaton of the New York City Symphony, and presented by the performed, Mzuri. This is the theme song of the Blessing initiative which the Vice-President is promoting in Uganda.

Father recently Directed Rev. Kwak to organize an additional four seminars, making a total of seven, between now and February, when we will celebrate True Parents Birthday. This means that the participating fifty-five nations will each have sent a total of twenty-one participants to these seminars, thereby making a foundation both for the convening of similar seminars in their nation, but for bringing about the complete restoration of the nation. ❖



Testimony to the Hoon Dok Hae Conference

by Svemir Brkic—Macedonia

Let me start by expressing my gratitude to Heavenly Father, True Parents, Rev. Kwak and Pres. Sa for letting me participate in this conference. Also, I want to praise our brothers and sisters for excellent organization. It was an excellent opportunity to witness to our VIP contacts, and for me personally to meet the True Parents for the first time and even to meet my physical parents for the first time in seven years.

Actually, both of these meetings happened at the same time. My parents, who were blessed in Germany 1995 and are living in Leesburg, near Washington DC, came for the closing banquet with the True Parents. It was the first time for all three of us to see them in person.

While we were driving to my parents home after that, my father suddenly said: "Do you remember when we were last time all together? (It was in June of 1992, in our hometown in Bosnia. The war in Bosnia was getting more and more serious and my mother, brother and myself left to Macedonia. Father stayed to guard the house and we were not sure if we would ever meet each other again) If somebody at that time told us that our next meeting will be in Sheraton Hotel in Washington DC, at a banquet with the Messiah..."

Two Macedonian professors that came for the conference are both very famous. One is a university professor of philosophy, who is also starting a new program for primary and high schools. It is about ethics and very similar to "My World and I". He knew about Rev. Moon and he was very happy to meet us! He was even worried that maybe he is not suitable for our conference because he is divorced. He promised his support for abstinence education lectures together with his students.

Dr. Temkov was very satisfied with the conference and is now preparing an article for the newspaper about it. He took many notes and participated a lot in the discussion groups. He even inspired his son, an excellent journalist and one of the editors of an excellent Macedonian magazine, to accept our invitation for the next conference. He gave the "My World and I" materials to one of his students as part of her master course.

Another professor was Dr. Percinkova who already went to some of our conferences. She is an excellent person, with high respect for the True Parents and much understanding of the Principle. She even brought her 22 year old son to the conference (on her expense). I thought he is just coming to see Washington DC, but he came for almost all of the sessions. ❖

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The Voices of Christ singers, led by Rev. Philip Thomas, sang some wonderful a capella gospel, their voices creating an amazing delicate harmony.

Isamu Nakashio and Adruma Victoria followed with a medley of Japanese and South American songs.

Next, the congregation sat back and marveled at a video highlighting True Parents dispensation in 1999. It is miraculous indeed to witness how so much is done by so few, to paraphrase Winston Churchill. Popular singer Mzuri rocked the audience with her reggae performance of *Soulin'* a song written by David Eaton in connection with the participation of several high-level Ugandan delegates at the last *Hoon Dok Hae* conference.

The grand finale feature a panoply of many of our talented brothers and sisters led by Dan Fefferman performing a Fefferman original, *Celebrate It*. The audience joined in rapt enthusiasm and finally our True Parents rose to their feet. True Father danced, putting many of us "younger" folks to shame! While this author is not exactly a student of dance, Father's dance certainly appeared to be none other than the *Twist!* To cap it off, Father turned and gave Mother a big kiss on the cheek!

And so the day wound down, as happy families made their way home, filled with memories to last for eternity. Many thanks are due to our executive staff and our indomitable crew, including: Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Rev. Phillip Schanker, David Eaton, Peter van Geldern, Kevin Pickard, Alistair Farrant, Simon Kinney, Hiro Shimoyama, Ken Owens, Steve Honey, Jorg Heller, Ann Smart, Jonathan Gullery, Kevin Smith, Magnus Larsson, Rev. Yasuhiro Hori, Rev. and Mrs. Peter Kim, Michael McDevitt, Paul Fontaine, Mike Inglis, Marilyn Onoda,

Nobuo Shibuya, Toshiko Izukawa, Misao Trabing, Eric Erstling (and his crew of ten second-generation!), ushers from UTS and UB, and many, many more. ❖



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THE REALITY OF THE ETERNAL RETURN

Reflections on the 40-Day Japan-America Leadership Exchange

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks—NYC

The American leaders who spent 40 days in Japan and Korea had deeply moving experiences. We saw, tasted, touched and felt in our hearts the love and sacrificial devotion of our members in the parent nations. The expressions of devotion are different in the two nations. The different cultural, political and religious environments call for differing methods for developing the church. But the root is the same: love for our True Parents and devotion to the ideals of the kingdom of God. Their love for True Parents is so accurate that they have been granted the position of parent nations.

In Japan I was stationed at the national headquarters. From that perch I could view the entire system. I was greatly impressed with the dedication of the members of that office who, like the members throughout the

nation, work until 11 pm, midnight and beyond every night, day after day, without ceasing. They have their kitchenette in a corner of the office, with a dining table, and they eat lunch and dinner together and just carry on the work non-stop. They have a television set near the dining table, and a few staff may take a break now and then to watch part of a baseball game, or a sumo wrestling match, or the evening news. In fact, because they keep such long hours, their pace of work is measured and never too intense. I never saw a "panic" take place, with papers and phones flying, everyone barking orders and anxiety or temper levels rising. Even though President Ohtsuka's door displays the sign "Emergency Room," and even though Japan is awash with one dire emergency after another, the atmosphere at the headquarters is amazingly calm. I credit it to experience-born professionalism. I credit it to absolute faith, love and obedience. I credit it to good preparation, exceptional communication and complete unity with the directions from above. And that is mixed, always, with a compassionate heart, as far as I could see.

What I have always loved about the Japanese membership is the holy spirit atmosphere in which they conduct their affairs. Every night that I was in Tokyo, for example, President Ohtsu-

ka would arrive from wherever he had been speaking that day, at 10 pm or 11 pm, and go into his office and pick up the day's reports. Sometimes he would call staff leaders in, or sometimes they just seemed to drift into the office just as friends relaxing after a long day's work. In this relaxed atmosphere, they dealt with some of the toughest challenges facing our movement worldwide. They literally moved

signed by True Parents, are a reward the value of which cannot be assessed. Japanese homes always have entertained little altars. Ceremony goes beyond religious boundary. I heard that the typical Japanese is born according to Shinto ceremony, likes a Christian ceremony for marriage, and conducts their funeral by Buddhist tradition.

Our own movement there has had

bolts directly representing Unificationism. President Ohtsuka told me that this is a model for the transcendence of all religions once they are ready.

This is having a big effect upon our membership in Japan, by way of strengthening the central church. At the same time, our members' business activities are privatizing. The economic life of the movement is horizontally-based, not vertically. This allows for



the national church from those simple meetings in that office.

Everywhere I went, I found this spirit of love and fellowship in the midst of dire straits. It is as if one were on an inflatable that has been plunging through whitewater rapids for forty years. The boat is Japan and the rapids are God's providence. The boat is strong and the crew knows what they are doing. The only thing they do not know is when they will clear the rapids. They have confidence in their boat and in each other. "Oh, my brother, could you pull your oar back a tad bit?" "Oh, yes, not a problem, but if you could adjust the angle on yours it would stabilize us even more." All the while, everyone knows that with one false move, everything will be lost—not just in Japan, but worldwide.


Underpinning this is the strong spiritual leadership of the Korean pastors. The Japanese church is a ceremonial church in many ways, and the Korean leaders add depth and heart to the ceremonial life. The church often carries on ancestral liberation ceremonies; their presentation of the Second Coming lecture can be very ceremonial; the very process of gathering members' offerings is ceremonial. They bow, light candles and give gifts and awards. The gifts often are holy candles and holy books. Books of True Parents' words,

multiple branches and forms, including the "K-J church" and a form of Unificationist Buddhism called Tenseikyō. The leadership is now merging these into the Family Federation proper, as one movement with one structure and one spirituality. They are doing this very carefully and respectfully, through prayer and ritual services, removing the Tenseikyō symbols from various chapels and replacing them with sym-

greater creativity, diversification and individual responsibility.

Married women constitute the core of the church's strength in Japan. They have day-care centers for their preschool children, which allow them to attend a mid-morning prayer and study meeting at the local church. After the meeting they may return to their daily round of activities, or stay on for a cou-

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ple more hours to do some door-to-door work. This is a manageable schedule for wives with family responsibilities, one that I would like to see implemented in America.

Our stay in Japan began September 4 with a high-spirited welcoming banquet hosted by Rev. Jeong Og Yu, Japan's national leader, and Mrs. Dae Hwa Jung, wife of former Korean church president Rev. Young Whi Kim. That was followed by an introductory seminar lasting until 2 a.m., presented by the Japanese HQ leaders. It was thorough, comprehensive and unrelentingly honest. The Japanese leadership is spiritual and also very realistic. They conveyed the intensity of the Japanese movement, the theory behind our witnessing activities, the membership situation and everything. The next morning was a 5 a.m. Pledge Service, followed by another two hours of introductory seminar. We then drove to the Headquarters church at Shibuya in Tokyo and attended Sunday Service. We then divided into teams by region and headed out to our assigned areas.

Some of us began fundraising right away. Georg Beutl, Mark Hernandez and Joe Gonzales went on to set regional records in fundraising. Others were out witnessing. Howard Self gained three spiritual children during our time in Japan. We were meeting groups of members, visiting churches and video centers, spending evenings in members' homes, sharing our testimonies about our life of faith and what is taking place now in America. Most effective was when we connected with the Japanese members heart to heart. Americans shed many tears with the members in the midst of the life of sacrifice. The members there are carrying unbelievable burdens, and yet there is a sense of joy in living that makes it all worthwhile. They are grateful for all things. And they strengthen and support each other.

The merging of Korean and Japanese leadership, as well as the matching and blessing of Korean and Japanese men and women, is creating of Korea and Japan one nation, one family with one tradition. Of course it is not yet perfect, but there is a degree of unity and love on both sides, of mutual respect and admiration, that I did not expect to see. It was very touching to me, because I see Koreans and Japanese as having very different personalities. To see their beautiful love as couples and their beautiful children was an inspiring testimony to the power of True



At the
Nagano
church

Parents' love and vision. Hearing young Korean leaders speaking fluent Japanese moved me very much. I was equally moved to see the Japanese members embracing Korean ministers. I realized that there could be only one power to make this come about: the love of True Parents. The only way to bring unification is through love for a common set of parents.

And I asked myself: what power is it that draws all these Japanese women, from 20 to 70 years old, to True Father? I realized that the answer lies in Father's college days at Waseda University in Japan. There, as on any campus in any age, there are temptations awaiting every young man and every young woman. Father has testified to how he was tempted by young women in Japan, and how he overcame their temptations. At the same time he was discovering the secret of the fall of man in spirit world. The victory in the spirit world occurred on the foundation of victory over fallen Eve on earth. To win victory over fallen Eve is to liberate fallen Eve. I felt that this power of liberating womanhood explains this powerful standard of devotion on the part of Japanese women to our

Father, especially because his victory as a young man going to college took place in Japan.

The Japanese church is a church of absolute faith, love and obedience. The air is thick with their desperation to raise funds for the global movement. They know that if they falter even one day, crises will emerge in many places. Their standard of offering and tithing far outstrips our efforts in the west. It means that they really believe in God, in the God who blesses those who live for the sake of others. God is blessing Japan and it was a blessing for us to be with our brothers and sisters for thirty days. We slept together, ate together, did everything together. Their hospitality left us speechless. And it came from the depth of their hearts, from their heartfelt love for us, who are their children providentially, even though most of us were older than most of them physically.

One member, Paulette Wiesinger, had been in Japan for a year with the

and how water was falling from the sky continually, and the air was so humid that it seemed to be coming from the ground below his feet, and water was coming from his eyes in the form of tears all the time. So he concluded that Japan is truly a water world—in other words, the mother's womb. And there, we passed through the womb back to the father nation of Korea.

At the end we had a brief tour, including a church-affiliated hotel. There we donned kimonos, brothers and sisters alike, and joyously sang and danced to karaoke music. It was a night of such liberation, followed by long soaks in the hotel's hot spring fed baths. Two days later we attended the celebration of the 40th anniversary of our church in Japan, with a crowd of 7,000 at a hall in Chiba. We also had the chance at that occasion to say our farewells to our Japanese brothers and sisters and do a full "kyung bae" after singing "I'll Never Leave You Anymore."

After that event we loaded onto buses and headed to our headquarters church in Tokyo. There, after a quick dinner, we went out into the Shibuya station area, Japan's Times Square, and street



The welcome
banquet in Tokyo

New Hope Singers on IOWC back in the 70s, and she discovered at her center in Kyushu photos of herself singing back then! Other members found themselves in centers near their spiritual parents or in-laws. One brother, Howard Self, noted how the royal treatment we received compared with the way Japanese missionaries who come to America have been treated. The day they arrive in America, according to Howard's

experience, they are immediately plunged into church activities. This brought him to tears, as he failed to convince his hosts and hostesses that they had already served him enough!

Another brother, Eugene Harnett, noted how Japan is surrounded by water to the north, east, south and west,

preached and witnessed. Altogether, between 8:30 and 10:00 p.m., we brought six guests to the center and made countless contacts. It was a wonderful conclusion to our stay in Japan. Everyone's energy level revived to the highest pitch to hurl us into the Father nation of Korea.

Korea was a more internal experience. We had no orientation seminar, in part because President Hwang had just departed to attend the holy day in America, but in part because I believe it was God's plan for us to absorb the Korean experience through the skin, not through the brain. I stayed at the headquarters church at Chungpa Dong, but it is the same there as any other local church. Finally, in that church, I was liberated from fax, phone and e-mail.

Korea was a "here and now" experience. Of course there is always a degree of unpredictability to life, but unpredictability has been brought to the level of a fine art in Korea. As often as not, what happened was exactly the opposite of what I was told would happen. Again, part of the cause of this was the lack of translators, but still there is a moment-by-moment quality to life in our church in Korea. But



At the
Kogensha
office

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Jailhouse Rock,
heavenly-style



there is a charm to it, once one accepts it. As Rev. Dong Han Lee of Chungpa Dong church told me as he gave me the printed schedule, "It may change, but if it changes, it will be a change for the better." Again, Rev. Dai Young Lee presented my Japanese partner, Rev. Masatoshi Kawamura, and I an imposing printed schedule. It stated we would have, after our welcoming service, an evening prayer from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. Well, at 10 p.m. we were with some local western members, having a wonderful time sharing over fruit and tea, and Rev. Lee announced, "This is our prayer meeting." Then he told me that tomorrow mornings 6 a.m. hoon dok hae would be "free prayer." I thought, this is the kind of church I like.

I went down to the shower room in the basement of the church. The "shower" was two faucets, each with a short hose attached. They sent water into a tub big enough for a child to sit in, but not an adult. This was all next to the washer and dryer, about six feet from the floor covered with drying potatoes and onions. In the middle of the room, laundry was drying on racks. Walls? Curtains? Are you kidding? Just hang loose there in the basement and splash yourself with nice hot water. And be grateful. After all, next to the dryer were two shelves full of excellent cleansing and beauty products. Strip down, buddy—if someone happens upon you, it's their problem, not yours.

It's this unexpected mixture, or unusual arrangement of things, from the western eye, that subtly affects one's mind in the Orient. Drying onions next to the family shower, with the water heater and cans of motor oil on the opposite wall. In another house, for example, what should have been, from my perspective, on the table was on the floor and what should have been on the floor was on the table. I can't remember precisely, but I think it was the phone on the floor and a wastebasket on the table. It's no major issue, but it leads to an unconscious disorientation. Things just aren't where you expect them to be. Similarly, there is

the wonderful way they play with the English language. I read the following words emblazoned on a small plastic garbage can—a *garbage* can:

"This expresses our life vision
LET'S
Supreme can."

Is this purposeful? Does it really mean that this \$1.29 garbage can expresses someone's life vision—no,

not *someone's* life vision, but **OUR** life vision! I know we are supposed to find God in our mundane lives, but is this not taking it a bit too far? Another question is whether the author of the garbage can label was trying to get it right and is sorry that his English just isn't up to snuff, or whether he believes that it is right? Or was he just plain old having entrepreneurial fun? or are they

out to butcher our language as a way of revenge? Well, thank you just the same, but we do a fine job of butchering our own language right here at home. This is a topic worthy of a doctoral dissertation if there ever was one.

Why do I digress? I do it to point out that our Unification religion comes from a different culture. For us American believers, who have come to comprehend GOD through this teaching and its practice, it is important that we realize that God is beyond culture in that God has spoken to us through a culture that is not our own. You drive down narrow streets in Seoul or Pusan or Kwangjoo or Taegu or Incheon and come upon another building covered with neon signs. Bright lights and strong sounds blare from the thriving grocery store on the ground floor. You make your way past the parked cars and bicycles, and find a stairway at the dark corner of the building. On the second floor is a coffee shop/paperback bookstore for school kids. You continue up the stairs and come upon a hallway full of shoes. You make your way through the shoes 'til you reach the door and have to deposit your own. You are a special guest, so there are slippers waiting on the other side of the threshold, neatly arranged so that you can step into them easily (if your feet happen to be less than size 8; otherwise, you forego the slippers).

You find yourself in a church—*our* church. Most of our churches in Korea require a thorough course of field experience in store front churches in America in order to digest the physical environment. I've been to St. Patrick's Cathedral and they are not St. Patrick's Cathedral. You might find out later that the church owns the entire building, and the stores belongs to members or is leased to non-members. On the floor above the minister and his family live. There is a grand piano in a tiny bedroom and you wonder how in heaven's name they got it there. The daughter plays like Glenn Gould.

As you enter this simple chapel, there are members waiting for you. Some are preparing food in the back, others are holding children; they

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Speaking
to the
Kanegawa
church



With Rev. Dai
Young Lee and
the Unpyung
witnessing team



Posting
in Seoul



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all applaud as you arrive. There are Koreans, mostly, with some Japanese and Filipino wives. In one or two churches I met Africans. You are ushered to the front and the singing and prayer begins. The minister asks you to give a testimony. They look for someone who can translate. If there was no translator, I spoke for a few minutes in broken Korean, which they appreciated just as much. I probably said the equivalent of "supreme can" many times over.

The service is short. When it is over, pews are moved about and space made for refreshments. Then we sing songs, into the night. One night like this, a lady sang "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian." She was so humble, such a simple woman and not that old, but I am told that she learned that song from Pastor McCabe back in 1956. Pastor McCabe. The missionary for a British Pentecostal church, stationed in Australia. Through the work of Dr. David S. C. Kim in England, this church sent him from Australia to visit us in Seoul, and he stayed with Reverend Moon's small body of believers for 40 days. The member who was telling me this said that Pastor McCabe left Korea convinced that True Father is the Messiah, the Second Coming of Christ. McCabe did not, however, share this testimony with his own church or with anyone in the West. The article on his visit in his church magazine, that Dr. Kim showed me years ago, stated not much more than that this was a group of sincere Christians and that their leader, Mr. Moon, was a born orator. And here was this simple sister, in this humble little church above a grocery store, still singing the song that McCabe taught them, "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian."

Oh, it brought tears to my eyes. Rejected of men, rejected of the great and powerful, this humble little church has given everything to save the world. These are simple people, uneducated, unprofessional, denizens of the hermit kingdom for 4,300 years. It is they to whom God has entrusted His beloved Son and Daughter, and without recognition from anyone, they continue to give and give, and worship and pray and sing the very songs of those who failed to honor who they are. The songs of those whose lack of courage and vision has relegated those who should have glory in the eyes of the world, to third class status, struggling, almost pitiful. But in that room there was so much joy. There was no thought whatsoever that Pastor McCabe had betrayed them, or that it was like Nicodemus teaching Jesus' disciples how to sing "Lord, I Want to Be a Pharisee," or that they were foolish to continue this way after so many years of seemingly fruitless effort. No, there was just love in that room and love is eternal, absolute, unique and unchanging. There was just the Holy Spirit of love, gratitude, family, purity—that is the strength to go on forever. Because it is God Him-

self in that room.

And so the people have learned to enjoy their life with each other following the Way. It is a "hobby," in Father's



In Seoul with spirit guides

sense of the word, something in which you invest yourself totally because you enjoy doing it. There is no double-mindedness about it, no second thoughts. In Korea I could just pray. Partly due to language difficulties, partly due to the continual round of Hoon Dok Hae gatherings in home after home, we were always singing and praying. I discovered how the informal life of meals and friendship can blend with the formal religious life of singing, prayer, study and sermons. It happens right in the home, with your friends and neighbors. This is family church.

So we would be out witnessing, putting up posters advertising counseling for those who want to get married, and as midday rolled around my partner would say, as if surprised, "Oh, here is a member's house." It would be an apartment with a Unification flag or a little sticker on the door saying "True Family." And we would enter and, viola!, there would

This was the Korean experience—internal, not external. I visited no businesses (save for hurried jaunts through Segye Ilbo and the Il Hwa laboratories); I was never briefed about church growth strategies or structures or seminars. As I said, everything was absorbed through the skin, like a *sukdum* treatment, I guess, or like the way garlic comes out through the pores of your skin.

We did visit the Rock of Tears, where we heard a tear-wrenching testimony about a woman I had never heard of before. This woman, Mrs. Kim, Jae Sa, was a close friend and counselor to Mrs. Hyun Shil Kang, known as the first member to join in South Korea. Mrs. Kim had received revelations about True Father that had guided her to his mud hut, but she had not knocked on the door. To her, it looked as if it were perhaps an outhouse, or a place where a leper might live. She, a respectable 38-year old wife and mother, could not knock on such a door. Then dreams and visions revealed to her that the Messiah would come as a physical man

another church member, nothing unusual.

We had the blessing of swinging by Sun Moon University on the morning of October 13. It is very impressive and Dr. Lee, the university President, welcomed us and shared lunch with us. I can see that they are striving to carve out and create, literally, a university worthy of the kingdom of God, in a challenging environment—the environment of thousands of young Koreans. The university seems wide open for a variety of viewpoints, some principled, some strongly challenging or rejecting principle. It is a tough mission and I believe that we are making progress there.

We finally made it to Chung Pyung Lake late in the afternoon of October 13. The sky was filling us with golden light, literally, as we walked up the road in the process of being constructed to the Temple. As I glimpsed the Temple, well, you could have knocked me down with a feather. That world, the Chung Pyung Lake world of earth and heaven, has been transformed from the way it was when I was last there,

February of 1997. I won't even begin to try to describe it in detail, but it is huge, majestic, holy, palatial, exalted, ...words fail me. Everyone's jaws dropped to the floor as we walked through the premises.

But best of all, Daemo Nim was there and she met us during our brief tour, walking gingerly with us through the construction debris-laden buildings and porches. We had a great photo-op with her and then each member one by one could shake her hand as we departed. It doesn't sound like much, but boy were we ever resurrected and many were crying and crying away. We rode back to Seoul with Mrs. Soonja Richardson on the bus, Daemo Nim's English translator, and she explained a great vision for the future of that place. The closing banquet featured a fine speech from Reverend Hwang, president of the Korean church, and a happy meeting with Dr. Chang Shik Yang, our American Continental Director.

This is a quickly written account and many like it could be written without repeating anything. The forty days were overflowing with God's love. The providential time of this moment is that of the unification of Korea, Japan and America into one nation. Our great blessing was received in that context. I understand that there may be more such 40-day exchanges; if so, I would encourage any and every American leader to partake of it. Go ahead, indulge yourself.

Finally, whatever we did, whatever we might have given to our brothers and sisters in Japan and Korea—and I know we did give something—it does not equal what we received from them. I hope that we can equal their sacrifice in the months and years to come, by fulfilling the dreams they have for their elder son. ♦

With the Son Chung Women's High School leadership



and that this was his house. These had been spurred by a request from her protégé, Mrs. Kang, that she pray for guidance about the Second Coming. When Mrs. Kim told Mrs. Kang of what God had revealed to her, Mrs. Kang told Mrs. Kim that she had in fact met the man in that mud hut and believed him to be the Messiah.

Mrs. Kim then met Father, and went on to suffer enormous persecution from her Presbyterian church, members of which came into her house daily to pray that she separate from this Satan Reverend Moon. The members influenced her husband eventually to divorce her. This tale was told us by her son, who was 13 at the time. At that time he went with his father, but twenty years later he realized about the Unification Church. Today he is 64 years old. Every day he rises at 3:30 a.m., performs fifty *kyung baes*, and climbs to the Rock of Tears and far beyond it, to the mountaintop where Father prayed. He has carried on this spiritual regimen for seven years now. This is the root of the Korean church. He is just



Sumptuous dinner at a 430-couple's home

be a party going on! Well, I mean there would be eight to twelve members gathered and the table is laden with food and they have prepared everything for this team of people out witnessing. And there, already arrived, is Rev. Kawamura and his witnessing partner. And our minister would arrive soon and we eat and share deep into the afternoon.

Japanese Sisters Descend on NYC

by Rev. Andrew Compton—NYC

The Campaign for Blessing 2000 has begun! From the beginning of October, our Japanese sisters began arriving from Japan, of whom several hundred arrived here in the New York Region. About 80 have settled in at 4 West 43rd Street, with smaller groups staying in the Brooklyn and Queens centers.

What a whirlwind of spirit and activity they have brought! It feels as though we have gone back in time to 1973 when the first Japanese members came to work in America. Every morning they are out on the streets carrying surveys on clip-boards, diligently approaching the citizens and tourists of the city. Within the first couple of weeks they have brought over a 1000

guests to the 2nd floor of 43rd Street, where they have set up a system of embracing the guests (sometimes teaching origami, sometimes reading their palms, and always smiling), educating them (introductory lectures are given every two hours) counseling them, and ultimately signing them up for the matching and a one or two day workshop.

Not only has 43rd Street, Queens and Brooklyn come alive, but camp sunrise is seeing a surge in workshop guests. 14 guests at the first one-day workshop and 11 at the first two-day workshop. 10 of the two-day workshop guests signed-up for the matching after the concluding lecture. Terry Walton, the lecturer, brought each of the guests to the front of the class where they were cheered and had their pictures taken. In addition, an actionizing program for possible full-time members is beginning on Oct. 22.

In Brooklyn, under the care of Rev. Hiro, the Japanese sisters are divided into two teams, one group is visiting churches and the other is bringing guests over to the center, a smaller version of what is happening at 43rd Street.

From the beginning there were many logistical problems, finding space for



GRAEME CARMICHAEL

everyone to sleep, getting the toilets and showers in working order, and providing three meals a day for everyone. Fortunately they have received many food donations from our church related business and friends.

One of the main handicaps has been the lack of English speaking lecturers and councilors. Sometimes it seems that there are more guests than we can handle. What a happy problem.

Under our regional leader, Rev. Kim's support and guidance the focus of activity for the Japanese sisters has become more clear; sign up candidates for the matching. Every evening at the end of the day Rev. Kim meets with the sisters working at 43rd Street in the chapel to listen to reports and testimonies which would often continue until after midnight. One inspiring testimony from

Washington D.C. was of three Japanese sisters who had visited a Korean church. When they entered the church the pastor had a vision of three angels entering his church. When he found out that they were representing Rev. Moon, he was shocked, having believed in all of the negativity that had been spread about us. Finally, moved by his vision, he invited them to move into his church.

Our True Parents want to bring a heavenly hurricane to America through our Japanese sisters. By their sacrificial example this hurricane is beginning to grow as more and more American brothers and sisters are becoming involved in the campaign. What a historical time it is as we approach Blessing 2000. Don't miss out on it! ❖



Japanese Witnessing in Alabama

by John Grapek—Bayou La Batre, AL

We were pleasantly surprised when we got word that 30 Japanese Sisters were coming to Bayou La Batre for the mobilization. Although members have joined here through the businesses over the years this area hasn't been considered a witnessing mecca. Mobile is a growing and prosperous city, but there is no area where people walk around like they might in a larger city. Even on the campuses students don't tend to linger, but are usually seen going from one class to the next. Of course, with 30 Japanese sisters here ready to go to work we had to throw all our concepts out the window.

With our leader, Joshua Cotter, still in Japan and Korea the community here thought it important to quickly claim victory to inspire him upon his return, October 15. Some western members and local Japanese members went witnessing door to door near some of the colleges in Mobile. They took a survey and invited guests to a Japanese cultural event to be held at a local coffee shop that Saturday, October 16. The coffee shop had a beautiful room upstairs which they rented to us from

noon to four for only ten dollars (with the purchase of some of their self-roasted Colombian Supremo Coffee).

Any concepts we had remaining vanished Saturday afternoon when 24 guests came to our event. Terry Yamane hosted the event dressed like many of the Japanese sisters, in a Kimono. The room was decorated oriental style and many of the sisters had poured out their heart all morning making Sushi. It was fun to watch a few people eating with chopsticks for the first time. Joshua Cotter arrived Friday evening from Korea to find out that he was giving a presentation the following afternoon.

He didn't sleep on the flight, or that evening but he and Terry both gave great talks Saturday afternoon. The event was sponsored by the Family Federation for World Peace. Joshua Cotter announced the Founders and spoke of the upcoming matching and Blessing. Following the presentation, matching applications were distributed. The Japanese sisters have been staying in our homes, mostly two per house, and as it turned out the sister staying with Ruthie Finamore brought a guest who could have been Ruthie's younger sister. It reminded me of times long ago to see them sharing in earnest as the matching application loomed

heavy on the table in front of them. This guest was very prepared, and very open and signed up for the matching! Although she was the only one to sign up at the time, others were inspired about it and many looked forward to upcoming workshops.

Starting this Monday the witnessing teams brought the matching applications door to door to get people to

sign up immediately. On the first day with this approach nine people signed the applications! Paul Rotondo, who's been witnessing every day said that peoples' hearts open completely when they open the door and see the Japanese sisters. Soon we will have an apartment in Mobile with daily evening programs. ❖



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New President for The Segye Times

Sun Jo Hwang, President and the chief director of the Foundation, took office as the third Vice Chairman of *The Segye Times* on Sept. 9, 1999. Byung-Joon Song, the executive Vice President, was appointed as the executive President and was also inaugurated that day. The inauguration ceremony was held at *The Segye Times* grand hall at 11 a.m. on Sept. 9th, with approximately six hundred distinguished guests, executives and employees attending.

With Sang Jin Lee, manager of general affairs, serving as the MC, the ceremony commenced with a report on the history of *The Segye Times* by the general affairs director Chan Ho Kim, introduction of the honored guests and a presentation of bouquets. Following a brief introduction of both Vice Chairman Hwang and President Song, inaugural speeches were delivered.

Then, congratulatory speeches were made by the Kungang Group Chairman Bo Hi Park (former president of *The Segye Times*), Myung Hun Choi, vice president of the National Congress for New Politics, other congratulatory

Chul of the National Congress, Dr. Hang Yong Lee, advisor to *The Segye Times*, Mr. Chul Jo Paek, Vice Chairman of Soon-Haeng Cho, former president of *The Segye Times*, Hwan Chae Hwang, advisor to Tongil Group, Yong-

Hyun Moon, President of Sun Moon University, Kyung-June Lee, former president of Seil Travel Co., Jung-Ok Lee, president of the Women's International Federation for Victory Over Communism, Soo-Ja Moon, former president of Sun Moon University, Se Won Yoon, chairman of the Committee for the Compilation of History, Kwang Yul Yoo, vice president of the Women's Federation for World Peace Lan Young Moon, tribal messiahs and chief directors of church member-run companies.

In his inaugural speech, vice chairman Hwang said that "*The Segye Times* has a clear basic vision provided by the Chairman and founder of the paper, Sun Myung Moon, who has taken the initiative in the movement for world peace and unification throughout his life." He emphasized the necessity of an all-out reform and of facing up to the reality that there can be no regression. He also said that "For this, it is necessary to examine many aspects such as organization, personnel management, finances and projects as well as the basic areas of editing, sales, printing, advertisement, etc. It is necessary to check whether the founding ideals are being realized, where we are standing as an established opinion paper and how much influence we have on government policies." He added, "I can't help but give special attention to company members as they are the driving force for the paper's development. In order to be first class, we should create conditions in which employees can make optimal use of their abilities. For this I wish to re-examine everything from the starting point."

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messages were cited followed by commemorative photographs.

Distinguished guests who attended or congratulated the inauguration were as follows: Chairman of the Free People and Democratic Congress, Chul-Sueng Lee, Representative Dae-Chul

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It will take political change, then economic change, before social problems get any better, he said.

Chernomyrdin is currently chairman of Gazprom, Russia's largest gas production



Viktor S. Chernomyrdin

and distribution company. He also is Russia's special representative for Kosovo.

As C-SPAN cameras documented the speech and U.S. Secret Service staff stood watch, Chernomyrdin through an interpreter made a pitch for continuing and strengthening American aid and partnership with Russia, even though he acknowledged all in Russia is not well.

"There's been a great deal written both here and at home about corruption, about money laundering and about the outflow of investment capital from Russia," he said.

He said efforts are being made to solve both problems. He also said he is working with his "good friend [Vice President and presidential candidate] Al Gore," on a committee that is trying to strengthen U.S. and Russian economic ties.

"This is the first time in history that our two countries are working like this. This committee has helped bring about

200 projects and has created 100,000 places in the [Russian] work force," he said, adding he wouldn't want a wave of "isolationism" to stop the process.

Vinogradova, said she and lots of her friends will be graduating in May, told the Russian leader she is at a crossroads.

"Most relatives call us and say stay where we are. But we are patriotic Russians and want to come home. What should we do?" she asked.

"I understand the concern your parents and friends feel for you," Chernomyrdin answered. "But these are problems that have to be solved by us, by you."

Although he acknowledged that reform in Russia is coming much slower and less smoothly than hoped, young educated Russians studying in the U.S. should "come back as soon as possible to help implement reform."

Although the new center has yet to be officially ratified by the university's Board of Trustees, which meets Saturday, Stoyan Ganey, director of the university's New England Center for International and Regional Studies, said he expects a major function of the Chernomyrdin Center will be to host dialogues, seminars and conduct

research.

He and a number of trustees were on hand to award the Russian dignity an honorary degree from UB.

"They should become closer," said Dany Kostadinova, a student from Bulgaria. "If there is contradiction [confrontation] between Russia and U.S. the world will be messed up." ❖

Combined reports

Former Russian Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin helped open a new Center for United States/Russian Economic Relations at the University of Bridgeport Tuesday, Sept 28. And the university received a large painting said to be of "one of the heavenly corners of Siberia" to hang in the center, which will bear Chernomyrdin's name.

That and a gift-wrapped baseball bat from the Russian leader, who said it should come in handy for "debate and arguments" he expects the center to generate.

"Never would I have thought a U.S. university would accept my name on such a center," said Chernomyrdin, speaking before a standing-room-only crowd of about 350 students and university officials in the tower room of the Arnold Bernhard Center.

Sitting up front was a contingent of Russian students, who said they were there to hear someone speak who may soon be running for president of their country. UB officials estimate about 70 Russian students are enrolled.

"He's a very powerful person. When we told our parents he was coming here they didn't believe us," said Maria Vinogradova, a senior majoring in international business.

American students were there, too.

"I know people from Russia with masters degrees who cant make a decent living back home without entering the black market. Its not right and I'm curious what he would do about it," said Michelle Trieste, a UB student from

DP on TV

by Erling Lea—Katy, TX

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Pagoda to be Erected on Chung Pyong Holy Ground

A pagoda is to be erected on the Chung Pyong Holy Ground. True Father himself named it Chung-Shim-Tap (the pagoda of loyal heart), and gave detailed directions regarding its shape and location. He was very pleased by the occasion. Chung-Shim-Tap will be 33 meters in total height, 6 meters at its base, and 10 meters in width. This project is being carried out by Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim as a gift to congratulate True Father's 80th birthday and True Parent's 40th holy wedding anniversary.

Chung-Shim-Tap will also commemorate the completion of the Chun-Sung-Wang-Lim-Gung-Jun (the Palace of the King's coming to Heaven) in Oct, 1999 and those who made offering to the building construction.

It is not simply a piece of artistry but a holy monument with religious significance. It will certainly become a destination for pilgrimage, confession, and blessing. Its exterior will show upward images of climbing to the Heav-

ens, while the interior will represent images of grace and blessings poured down from Heaven. The names and meanings of the parts are, from the top, Yang-Wi-Suk (symbolizing True Parents), Yi-Sung-Sung-Sang-Gu (the subject being of the harmonized Original Sung-Sang and Original Hyung-Sang), Ok-Gae-Sang-Suk (Give and Take Action), Sa-Wi-Gi-Dae-Suk (God, Parents, Children, the Four Position Foundation), Ok-Gae-Joong-Suk (symbolizing 24 hours of day, night and eternity), Ok-Gea-Joong-Suk (symbolizes 12 months of a year, an extension of the Four Position Foundation, the Gate of Teachings (mean-



ing purification and rebirth), Ship-Myun-Bu-Jo-Sang (a ten-sided relief figure, symbolizing True Parent's life history, the course of restoration and perfection), Gwang-Ro (the path of light, God's grace and direct dominion), Gwang-Jung (the source of blessing and grace, the starting point of Universal Prime Force), Gung-Ryoong-Chun-Jung (symbolizing Heaven, harmony, affluence, and perfection).

There is a monolith on which the names of the donors for the construction of Chun-Sung-Wang-Lim-Gung-Jun, the Chuk-Bok-Sung-So (the place of grace and blessing) will be engraved.

Chung-Shim-Tap consists of five

parts which are Sang-Joo-Bu, Goo-Sang-Bu, Tap-Shin-Bu, Ok-Gae-Bu, and Ki-Dan-Bu and has interior and exterior parts. In particular the Ship-Myun-Bu-Jo-Sang shows True Parent's chronology, miracles and works with ten sides of relief figures, each which has single or multiple features. Each side expresses important scenes concerning the providential age and True Parents who have achieved perfection; therefore, it is an essential part of the pagoda. These ten scenes are carved on the left side and represent ten important phases such as True Father's birth, True Parent's wedding, his lecture tour in America, the victory in Danbury, God's calling, the writing of the original edition of the Divine Principle, the founding of the Unification Church, the True Family movement, the Inter-Religious denominational movement, and the victory of the 360 million couple blessings.

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YFWP Holds North-South Korea Reunification Seminar

The 5th South and North youth-student's seminar for reunification was held in Beijing on July 25th-29th. South and North Korean youths who grew up in different ideologies and political systems re-recognized themselves as one nation going beyond the peninsula.

The Youth Federation for World Peace (President: Bong-Tae Kim) and the College Association for the Research of the Principle (President Young Joon Kim) co-hosted the seminar under the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, which was the fifth event since the first one was held at Moscow, Russia in 1994.

President Bon-Tae Kim and 143 youths & students from the South, Hyuk-Pil Huh, vice president of Hyung-Jim Kim educational college, 60 professors & students participated in the seminar. They attended seminars, cultural events, sporting events under the theme: 'The role of youth to build a reunified country'.

200 South and North Korean professors, youths, and students had enthusiastic discussions during all three sessions. Each session had its own sub-theme such as "Plan for restoration of national identity." In the cultural events and sporting events, they had body contact and sang together, they became brothers and sisters without any kinds of hostilities.

President Bong-Tae Kim of YFWP said in his opening ceremony, "mankind



is moving toward the new millennium of peace and unification closing the 20th century where wars and the cold war occurred due to the ideological conflicts." He also urged the southern and northern youths to have a deep discussion about reunification and to be the model of great harmony between the South and North Korea.

Vice president Hyuk-Pil Huh the northern team leader gave congratulatory remarks, saying "I hope this event which has great national expectations can contribute to building the independent and peaceful bridge of reunification between the North and the South.

Next, In Sul-Jeong (Seoul Univ. National History 3) and Wan-Chul-Ryu (Graduate school of Kim-II Sung Univ.) presented their paper on the main theme, "The role of youth in building the reunified country."

After the opening ceremony there were sectional discussions on the sub-theme of "Planing for restoring the national identity", "settlement of peace in the Korean peninsula and a nation's independence", also "creation of unit-

ed cultures through youths and student's cooperation." According to these three themes, southern and northern student representatives presented their paper, and a Q&A and free-discussion session followed.

Sometimes, South and North

Korean students felt as though there was a high wall between them and became apprehensive the other sides assertion. But, everyone avoided mentioning subtle issues and hurting one another's pride. Both south and north Korean students showed their maturity and finally completed the seminar.

After that, they escaped from stiff discussions, and enjoyed Yutnori (traditional game), sporting events, sight-seeing, and cultural events together, and became closer as one nation.

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Recent Activities of IRFF

by Kathy Winings—NYC

This is a progress report on the status of three projects for which International Relief and Friendship Foundation (IRFF) has received worldwide donations. I apologize profusely for not having given a progress report until now but with only me in the HQ office running the network, I simply didn't think about it.

This report covers the three projects of: North Korea, Honduras, and Kosovo.

North Korea

IRFF received tremendous support for the North Korean famine project—"Food for Children." We sent a small shipment of high carbohydrate food to North Korea via a mixed shipment that was given to the World Food Program. This was just a small initial shipment. Also, photos were not allowed by the DPRK government. The main shipment of Fish Powder is still under preparation. IRFF was given 10 tons of Powder, received our visas, then had those visas taken away because of political reasons between the US and the DPRK in NY.

As a result of waiting for new visas, the Fish donation was canceled by ISA. IRFF has vigorously pursued the reinstatement of that donation. It was reinstated around November 1998. How-

ever, we have yet to hear from ISA as to when we can pick up the donation. Meanwhile, IRFF is now looking into purchasing pharmaceuticals for the hospitals in case the Fish Powder does not materialize. The donated funds are still in the North Korean account and will be reserved only for that project. We are speaking with another US agency to work together on this effort. We have been given assurances of visas from another DPRK embassy outside of the US.

IRFF is also seeking guarantees that this shipment will be monitored and given directly to those hospitals most in need. To that end, IRFF is talking with officials of the UN and other organizations in the DPRK to see that those guarantees are in place.

Honduras

Due to Hurricane Mitch, Honduras experienced tremendous damage and devastation. Again, IRFF received tremendous support from people around the world. That project has already begun

and the money was used to purchase building supplies. The first team of trained professionals already went through specific training and went to begin construction of a clinic on the island of Guanaja on the Atlantic side of Honduras. This island was deemed most in need because the Hurricane sat over that island

for more than 10 hours. All homes were lost. Therefore, the long range plan is to construct 100 homes as well as the clinic.

IRFF is working with a long-time friends—Christian Disaster Response. This is a reputable and serious humanitarian agency which has partnered with IRFF in the past. The moneys collected helped to purchase the first shipment of building supplies. In addition, the comfort kits were used for that island region as well. IRFF thanks all of you who gave so generously.

The next step in that project will be to sponsor a volunteer team of teens who will take part in the construction project.

Kosovo:

IRFF conducted a project—"Reaching Out to Kosovo" which collected comfort kits and monetary donations. When we finally received all the donations, it became clear that the ethnic Albanians were going to be able to return to Kosovo. Therefore, IRFF held onto the supplies until that process was begun.

At this moment, the monetary donations are destined to purchase pharmaceuticals that will be used in a hospital in Pristina. I was hoping to go to Kosovo soon, but USAID reports and UNHCR reports indicate that it is may not be good to travel to that region. Therefore, IRFF is in negotiation with the International Medical Corps and another medical non-profit to assess which pharmaceuticals are most needed and to send the shipment to that organization. Pharmaceuticals will probably be purchased in Europe to lessen the cost of transportation.

All financial contributions for that project are in that account waiting for the direction as to which pharmaceuticals will be most needed. If I travel to that region, I will take photos. If not, in order to save money, I will seek to obtain photos from the medical agency.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: Kathy Winings <IRFFint@aol.com> ❖



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Jardim: Build It and They Will Come

by Tom, Edy and David Iversen

My family and I were given the opportunity to come to Jardim the 25th of June and have been here a total of 28 days. Our experiences have been so extraordinary that I felt compelled to write to each member around the world and encourage them to come here as soon as possible.

It is hard to believe that Father is actually building the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, but in reality it is happening as I speak in this remote and serene area of Brazil, three hours from Campo Grande in the small town of Jardim.

I really didn't know what to expect and what I would find. My central figure sent me a video about Jardim and it looked so inviting, yet I felt how could I ever afford to go? Yet, my husband and I felt so spiritually compelled to go. So on a whim and a prayer we took all our savings and went. The trip includes a flight from Miami to Sao Paulo and then a three hour flight to Campo Grande, and then a four hour trip by bus to Jardim in the Brazilian countryside.

When we arrived I was exhausted but excited. At first glance there were only a few small bungalows for housing and two larger huge buildings for prayers (one called the Temple) and one for lectures, plus three unfinished buildings where members are now staying. The buildings also house our school and nursery. Being the queen of external comfort and beauty, it was hard for me to imagine this as the ideal world. Yet my vision soon expanded after hearing all the plans for this future Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and being here just a couple of days and absorbing the incredible spiritual atmosphere here. I was never at Chung Pyung, but everyone I talked with says this is absolutely the Kingdom of Heaven compared to the difficulties of Chung Pyung, hot showers, good food, lovely lecture

room and Holy Temple included. them. Think about it. The Messiah is on the earth and you are given the opportunity to register to be part of his family in the Kingdom of Heaven forever and ever Amen. Almost unfathomable!

The fee for the workshop is \$1000 per adult over 12 and \$500 per child. If you have heard that you cannot come to the workshop without the \$16,000 donation, please do not let that stop you from coming. Just come with your workshop fee. The purpose of the donation will be explained on the foundation of what is taught in the workshop. It is a long term project.

Father has so many extraordinary plans for the development of the Kingdom of Heaven here and for this land. It would take me hours to enumerate, so I will just list a few projects:

1. Ideologically we want to change from the selfishness and living for others centered on God and Father wants to solve the problems of immorality, so firstly we must educate as many people as possible with True Family Values. Father is giving workshops every weekend here called the "True Man Campaign" for 500 Brazilians every weekend, as well as simultaneous 40 day Hoon Dok Hae workshops for our members.

2. Every day over 50,000 people die of starvation. In order to end world hunger and Father want to develop high level research facilities and laboratories and centers of excellence to find the appropriate techniques for the development of fishing agriculture and forestry.

3. Father wants to create a new education system for blessed children and the citizens of Brazil. In this country alone there are 65 million illiterate and semi-literate and he would like to start schools in 33 cities to educate the people. Also, he wants to develop art and culture too which is almost

7. Civil construction where they are going to build roads, hotels and international airport.

8. Hobby industry, the development of different hobby type industries in 33 different cities, such as fishing, golfing, a variety of them.

9. Creating model societies and getting people from all over the world to come here and follow our example and take it back to their countries so that they can duplicate it.

10. We are going to create a micro-world. For example within each region we will have small communities like

shop specifically for blessed couples and families. Father said nothing else is as important, no job, no mission, anything. He is serious about bringing everybody to Brazil. He is now 80 years old. How much longer will he live? We never know.

During this time here our dear workshop leaders, especially Reverend Yoon, gave us wonderful morning services. His internal guidance was the high point of the workshop. He told us about the tremendous conditions Father and Mother are doing to prepare for the coming blessing of 400 million and of



Germantown, or Japantown and we will have festivals that will bring tourists from around the world.

Father also provided us with three wonderful trips to our Holy Grounds in Forte Olimpo, which houses a very quaint Brazilian style hotel, the Hotel Salobra and the Rio Perdido. On one trip to Forte Olimpo we went down the Paraguay river eight hours on a slow moving ferry and had a terrific time seeing alligators, beautiful birds and even danced the samba on the way back. My husband and I had always wanted a cruise and this was our honeymoon cruise as the day was one day before the 1st of July, our Blessing anniversary. Rev. Shin explained the suffering course Father has been through and the indemnity conditions he made before the blessing. The trip was unforgettable.

At Hotel Salobra we went down the river and went fishing in small boats where my son was able to catch three fish and our boat driver caught a piranha. Also, we had otters come right up to our boat and eat out of our hands. Alligators lined the banks and it was thrilling to say the least. On Rio Perdido we went for a beautiful walk in the woods and saw a clear-as-glass river full of fish that Father wants to develop into a tourist spot. We also went to Father's home there and we heard deep stories about Father and Mother and what they have gone through to give us this special blessing.

Father has so many dreams for Brazil and for our members, but most of all he wants he wants all members to come to the 40 day workshop and register and become part of the True Parents' eternal family. There are billions of people in the physical world and in the spirit world and we are the chosen few. I cannot impress upon you the importance of doing this. Everything else seems insignificant in comparison. Father says to bring your children and especially your spouse. Do not come with out your spouse. This is a work-

all the incredible conditions they made here for the previous blessings. Father wants to give us everything, more than we can ever imagine. If you are thinking of coming, do whatever it takes, even if you have to borrow money from relatives, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

What if Father dies tomorrow and you miss the chance to be with him and take a picture and become part of his family? Will you ever forgive yourself? So dip into your savings, call your relatives for help or whatever it takes, but please come. God and Father and Mother are waiting for you.

And don't forget to bring your warm clothes, it gets cold at night so bring warm clothes and a coat. We could use toys, games and books and art supplies for our nursery and school. Also, we could use a basketball and net if you can find one you can leave here. Call your regional central figures for an update or talk to Betty Lancaster for an informational fax on everything you need to bring.

Also, don't forget to bring extra cash as it cost \$35 each to leave the country and just in case you want to use the fax, or e-mail or telephone it will cost money. Also, a little store sells some necessities, but not much, so bring anything you might need such as vitamins and medicines. It is important to bring good clothes too for when True Parents speak and for Sunday entertainment which is usually spectacular. Currently the exchange rate is approximately 1.70 Real (Brazilian dollar) to \$1.00 (American).

My husband and son are building a baseball field for all the members. It should be ready by the time you come, so if you have any baseball equipment you can leave here, gloves, bats soft and hard balls, please bring that too. If someone has a copy of the movie, "Field of Dreams" please bring that too. We want to show it here.

True Parents are building their Field of Dreams and waiting for you to become part of it. Won't you join them for eternity? Hope to see you here soon. ❖



room and Holy Temple included.

So I managed to overcome quickly some minor inconveniences as do all of the members here as the spiritual atmosphere is so high, members so wonderful, Hoon Dok Hae so deep and meaningful and best of all, True Parents came twice to see us since I was here.

Seeing True Parents and actually doing Hoon Dok Hae with them was the highlight of my life and actually taking a picture with True Parents and registering in the Kingdom of Heaven as there family. Yes, I am not kidding, we actually were able to register with

non-existent here.

4. Father wants to create a permanent exhibition center for eco-tourism and the most advanced technology in the world.

5. Father is developing tree production throughout Brazil. He will plant trees of all different species which will not only benefit the ecology of Brazil but become an extraordinary tourist attraction.

6. Development and manufacturing of all the items that are created in secondary industries and fish farming, raising crops, hunting and much more.

Pennsylvania Summer Camp closes with Il Shim Purity Pledge

by Rob Sayre—New Tripoli, PA

The last day of the Summer Camp started with Pledge at 7am for the 220 adults and kids in attendance followed immediately by a pledge by three young teens with their families beside them and in front of the entire Camp.

The Pledge and ceremony itself was short and simple, but the effect for those attending—both kids and adults—as well as the participants was immense. This simple right of passage in front of their families, peers and “extended spiritual family,” I believe, will become one of the most significant acts we can use to help our children make a commitment to their faith on their own.

For information regarding this pledge and ceremony, contact your local church leader, or Rev. Hong, Brian Sabourin or Cathy Winings at the New Jersey church. Or you may contact Rob or Sally Sayre at sayrent1@aol.com.

Il Shim Pledge

As a Blessed Child of the second generation I freely and sincerely dedicate myself to:

1. Love and honor God and True Parents by practicing a life of attendance with absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience.
2. Love and honor my parents by maintaining the traditions of our lineage that began with the Matching and Blessing of True Parents and has been passed on to me.
3. Love and honor my church and



community by giving of myself in service to others and by participating in God-centered activities.

4. Love and honor my future spouse, my future children and myself by saving sexual relations until the day I receive the Blessing.

This Pledge shall serve as a Covenant between my parents and I, between my future spouse and I, and between my Heavenly Father and I. The ring I wear shall be a sign of the covenant I enter into on this day.

Highlights!

Staying up last at night and watching shooting stars with my group. I had a chance to think about God and ponder the universe.

The Summer of 1999 saw 50 families from 8 states including 144 kids and 74 adults in attendance. This summer, the program was FAMILY CENTERED, which meant practically that at least one parent had to accompany their children. A provision was made for kids to be “adopted” by other parents and thus able to attend.

Our field reporters were able to catch up with many campers and able to read the reflections written by the kids and adults. A sample of these appears below. Note from the author; I left

unique spelling, grammar and wording of the kids AND adults reflections to retain the special flavor and feel of the Camp.

YOUNGER KIDS Best Experiences:

The best experience I've had... is the arts and crafts and all the time we've had together at the campfires and the time with friends and family. Seeing the bears up close and the

deer too. Also playing volleyball and soccer. When I was able to eat smores.

The lecture was, because I learned allllll-loooooottttttt. Being with my family in the cabin.

Being with my best friend. The swimming, it cools you off.

The time I went and saw the deer at the campfire.

My best experience was when God protected us with the storm.

The best experience I had was when I went to the campfire.

Most Important Thing You Learned and WHY:

I think Cain & Abel, because it's a good lesson.

I learned the four-position foundation, because it's important.

To respect and listen to people who are in need.

That Jesus could have changed the world it wasn't for John the Baptist and Jesus was most loyal people would even do one thing Jesus asked him. I think that because I never heard it before.

The diagrams, as a good review.

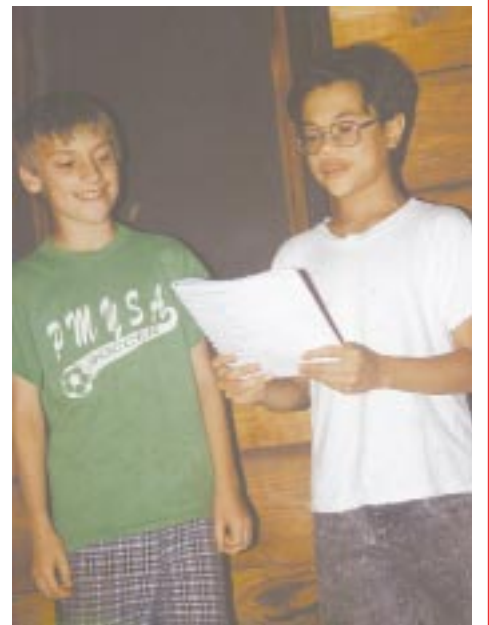
How Adam and Eve messed it up for the world. It's spiritual,

they ate Eve's love.

The fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil is really a symbol.

The most important thing is about Jesus, because he was God's only son to help with the will.

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Chicago Holds Hoon Dok Hae Seminar for Ministers

by B. Russell Sucharoff —Chicago, IL

Rev. Michael Jenkins had barely stepped off the plane returning from the 2nd Hoon Dok Hae Conference in Washington, D.C. when he turned to our Chicagoland Bishop, Rev. Ki Hoon Kim and remarked with incredible enthusiasm, "We should have a Hoon Dok Hae seminar for ministers right here in Chicago."

The remark was standing on the foundation of an incredible weekend in Washington, D.C.; reading, discussing and reflecting on the words, the vision, the prayers and the heart of our True Parents 50 years of public ministry. Dr. Hycel B. Taylor (Pastor of Evanston's Second Baptist Church and former National Director of Operation PUSH) and Dr. Paul Swanson (Professor Emeritus of Family Counseling from the Lutheran School of Theology at the University of Chicago) who had each been selected to offer prayers representing American Protestant Christianity at the Madison Square Garden Blessing ceremony had each attended this seminar in Washington, D.C. Dr. Taylor had eloquently addressed the entire conference and Dr. Swanson had been an active participant. Joining them were a number of distinguished Clergymen from the Chicago area as well as former Ambassador Joseph Amamoo from Ghana. Of course, the most exciting part of the conference was the fact that True Parents themselves came to the final banquet and True Father addressed the distinguished participants.

Upon the confirmation that True Parents would in fact be present, Rev. Jenkins requested that several additional ministers could fly in at the last minute to be present for Father's remarks. So on but a few hours notice, several ministers left immediately after their Sunday Sermons and hopped on at 1:40 pm airplane which allowed them



to arrive at the Sheraton National Hotel's banquet room just in time to receive Rev. Kwak's opening remarks as he prepared to introduce our True Parents to the audience. One minister, Rev. Olivia Jones, who has been with us "through it all" over the past 15 years said that she literally arrived, preached and departed "faster than a speeding bullet" in order to arrive on time for the closing banquet. I mention Rev. Jones, because every year in her anniversary bulletin, she states "I want to especially thank Rev. and Mrs. Moon and my Unification Church family for the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the world. And let us continue our journey with God to the end." Rev. Jones is also so proud of the fact that when she traveled to Korea and Japan on the ICC tours, hers was the only conference in which True Father addressed the ministers personally.

So on the foundation of this exciting conference in Washington, D.C., in which True Father himself, gave the keynote address to close out the conference, Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Kim began to prepare for Chicago's first Hoon Dok Hae Conference. Amazingly, a little more than 48 hours later, more than 40 members of the clergy were gathered at the Ramada Inn

on Chicago's beautiful lakefront to begin the conference.

It was a very simple conference, convening at 9:00 am on Wednesday morning and concluding after a beautiful luncheon. After the welcoming recep-

tion, the program began with a very moving prayer from Rev. James Bass, the Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church and opening remarks from our Bishop, Ki Hoon Kim. We then began the conference by reading Father's speech entitled "True Families as the Foundation for World Peace in the New Millennium." Rev. A. I. Dunlap, Shepherd of the Mt. Olive African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and myself took turns reading Father's speech. After completing the speech, responses were presented from Dr. Paul Swanson and Ambassador Joseph Amamoo. Afterwards, the panel which also included Rev. Michael Jenkins (our host and M.C.) entertained questions from the ministers in the audience.

A lively discussion followed as several of the ministers brought up topics related to the speech that we had just finished reading. We talked about the role of grandparents, parents and children in a healthy family. Dr. Swanson remarked that "only as we can forgive our parents, can we accept ourselves." Ambassador Amamoo remarked about how the churches are challenged to meet the needs of their families.

Ambassador Amamoo

talked about how churches are often failing to address the real problems and challenges of their congregants. We discussed many of the difficulties that are attacking our society and began to form strategies which can be implemented through the cooperation of our church community.

In a similar spirit to the conference in Washington D.C., many of the participants offered praise and gratitude to our True Parents for their efforts to bring the American Family back to a God-centered life-style.

Personally for me, the most moving

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Goals & Determinations:

My goals for the future are to be a true parent and have children and live for God and others.

I would like to have a stronger relationship with God and a better prayer life.

I should have better character.

Grow my spirit and get 150 pokemon battle figures.

Sit in nature and do crafts.

To be a better person and be a good parent.

I could try to help my Dad and my Mom more so I can become better and could be more helpful to other people. I will try not to complain to my Mom and Dad.

To be an actor and bring joy to people.

I would like to be a fireman.

To become a better painter.

I want to become a dolphin trainer.

ADULTS

We had a really good time. Especially our children were so happy w/friends and so many events. It was just like a Heaven!

Highlight came today at the Ceremony (Il Shim). That's good for all of us parents. It's moving & it felt like the baton was being passed to the next generation. I have a goal this year of becoming more patient. I was a little shocked at myself that I did basket weaving and it was actually OK. I liked it.

When we left Camp we felt we wanted to stay more. And on the way home, I needed much determination to come back home for the community.

(The) 2nd Generations talent show



keeping purity for future spouse.

Working with a group of boys was an intense experience for me. God loves them and is desperate to raise them to be examples and strong leaders in society's future.

It was wonderful to work with the ten-year old girls—they are mature enough to talk about deeper application of the Principle and young enough to be open to learn from adults.

(What I gained) Receiving God's comfort and guidance through different brothers & sisters. Understanding the power of repentance and feeling a sense of renewal and peace I have not experienced in a long time.

It was a great experience to be together with many Blessed Families, Mom's and Dad's and their children, what a heavenly experience. Brothers & sisters worked together serving each other's families with much love, truly I never heard anybody complain.

OLDER KIDS

Best Experiences:

Any time I spend with my older group, but especially the nights.

We spend them under shooting stars and in a dark Rec. Hall during a storm with lightning.

I had two very moving experiences. One took place in the soccer field under a sky filled with starry and streaked by meteorites. Watching the stars I really felt connected to the universe and was permeated with a sense of magic and timelessness. I was so grateful for God's gifts and His

Love. The second experience was when the older BCs were in the Rec. Hall and we were hit (a tree nearby actually) by lightning. At first we were all terrified but after prayer, reflection, and some talking the girls all grew closer. In addition, I had a deep experience and felt the immediacy and power of God's love.

The best experience could not be

told in one experience alone. The whole camp was the best experience, but I enjoyed many things as well. The older 2nd Generation went to watch meteors and I had never seen a shooting star until this workshop.

I can't pinpoint which exact moment was the most meaningful, because it was the people I shared the experiences with that made it great. Everyone in my group is so beautiful and they have such strong spirits and I am so glad that I was able to

get to know them and really feel that we were brothers & sisters and Children of God.

The thunderstorm was truly a mes-



sage from God. A sign of His was that He led us to read a passage (in the Bible) which verified His point.

NOTE: The Camp organizers are puzzling about how to provide a thunderstorm next year!

Most important thing you learned in the workshop class:

In every single workshop class we talked about something different. Whether it was God's aching heart, or Adam & Eve, each one had a very good lesson to learn.

I really have to bring joy to others.

Many people are confused and have harder lives than me.

I think everything we learned at the workshop is important. I think this because as we grow up we are going to need to use the examples to govern our lives and resist temptation.

I learned more about the

3 blessings of God to Adam & Eve: be fruitful, multiply and have dominion.

I think that the most important thing that I learned is that we as older brothers & sisters must set an example of purity and oneness with God. We must be the leaders to work towards building the Kingdom and we can't just sit around and wait for someone else to fulfill the mission.

I think the most important thing I learned was to love your enemy.

I liked learning about all the sacrifices people like Noah and Joseph did to make a better world. Through the lectures and through my experiences I became more aware of the heart of God.

New goals & determinations:

My goals for the future rest mainly in what any Blessed Family would hope for. I want to become blessed and have a family that is centered on God's will, Love and standards.

I feel that now I can open my heart more freely to others and I want to share my experiences. I want to tell my friends at school about my church more deeper and not be ashamed as before.

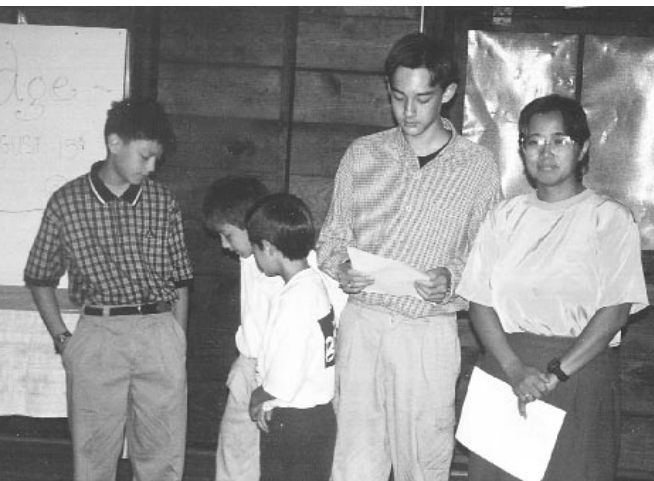
I came here searching to find a piece of God. I know I am too inexperienced to now understand him completely. I want to keep up my standard like I have been, but definitely begin a serious prayer life.

Seeing the shooting start at night was probably the best experience I had.

Study the Divine Principle more and pray more deeply.

One of my goals is to keep in touch with all my friends here at Camp. I've never really done that before, but I really feel like I need to. That's how I get support. Other goals are to finish reading the Bible and the Divine Principle and to be true to my beliefs all the time.

My goals for the future are to think more deeply about God and making a God centered life. ❖



was very beautiful. Everyone did good play and singing. I forgot time and they are beautiful than any TV or movie star!

The Pure Love Pledge was so precious. Until that day, how much their parents and themselves made effort? Thank you Heavenly Father and True Parents love and protection. I want to pray their strong pledge to God and

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aspect of the Washington, D.C. conference was to hear the testimony of so many of the ministers, professors and theologians as they gave honor and praise to our True Parents. After years and years of negativity, it was so incredibly inspiring to hear these world

famous scholars speaking so respectfully about our True Parents. One Chinese Scholar even presented True Parents with a beautiful ancient bell. He then explained that this bell was to be rung in order to announce the coming of the Messiah. He then preceded to ring the bell as he presented it to our True Parents.

And in a very similar spirit, the Chicago ministers truly gave great credit and honor to the works of our True Par-

ents. Many of the ministers at the conference have been fighting along side our True Parents for nearly twenty years. Like Rev. Jones, Rev. M. Earle Sardon has participated in probably every UC activity since CAUSA and Common Suffering. Rev. Sardon will be celebrating his 88th birthday soon and he is looking forward to celebrating True Father's 80th birthday with him in Korea.

Our conference concluded with a

beautiful luncheon where the ministers continued to discuss the ideas that were presented through Rev. Moon's speech. Copies of the Hoon Dok Hae book "True Parents" and Dr. Lee's book were distributed to all the participants. A good time was had by all and we immediately began to prepare for the next Hoon Dok Hae conference with the agreement that we would continue to meet once a month ❖

WFWP Youth Forum: Racial Harmony

by Christine Froelich—Oakland, CA

WFWP's Interracial Sisterhood Project (ISP) of northern California recently took the initiative to invite persons and organizations working on the issue of racial violence within our schools to come together for a Youth Forum on Racial Harmony. The Forum was held from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, September, 22, 1999, at the Peralta Community College District Office, in Oakland. A morning of sharing of ideas, concerns and possible solutions with all who have a concern in the promotion of racial harmony amongst our youth culminated with the unique Bridge of Peace Ceremony.

The *Youth Forum on Racial Harmony* was co-sponsored by the Interracial Sisterhood Project of Northern California, Laney College Department of Community Relations and Laney College Department of Ethnic Studies. Dezi Woods Jones, Special Assistant to the Chancellor of Laney College, former Vice Mayor of Oakland and President of Black Women Organized for Political Action (Alameda County district), gave welcoming remarks. She enthusiastically congratulated the 70+

youth and adults on their courageous and positive efforts to make a difference in our schools and communities. We also received a welcome from Frankie Sanders, Station Manager of Peralta Colleges Television. Frankie worked tirelessly to help organize the forum and obtain the Board of Trustees meeting room for our use. She also created a video film introducing the Bridge of Peace ceremony, which was shown after the panel discussion.

The Youth Forum panel consisted of the following individuals and organizations: Raquel Jimenez represented the Youth Together Project, a consortium of multiracial agencies, which was created in 1996 in response to rising racial conflicts in California's Bay Area schools. The goal of Youth Together Project is to prevent youth violence and foster racial justice in schools by equipping the leadership of high school youth to address the institutional roots of the conflicts.

The ISP presented the Youth Together Project with a "Bridge of Peace Award" for its achievements.

Frances Reid, the producer of the film "Skin Deep", a 1995 documentary made in response to increasing racial tensions and incidents of racial violence on college campuses, was unable

to attend the forum as she was speaking in New York on the same day. However she very willingly lent some video clips from the film which The Interracial Sisterhood Project was able to show in order to introduce this moving project to local youth. "Skin Deep" along with a comprehensive study guide has been distributed nationwide to thousands of institutions. Some colleges now use the film as required viewing for first-year students.

Youth Together Project, "Skin Deep," and the Interracial Sisterhood Project have been identified as Promising Practices by the President's Initiative on Race.

Rena Davis, a Berkeley High School senior, and co-chair of The Diversity Project gave an energetic presentation on her work with The Diversity Project and her experience of racial tensions and separation at the extremely diverse Berkeley High School.

Christine Froelich, Chairwoman of the Interracial Sisterhood Project of Northern California, gave a presentation on the work of ISP and the Bridge of Peace Ceremony.

The Interracial Sisterhood Project (ISP) of Northern California is made up of nearly 150 racially diverse women committed to learning to trust and

understand others not like themselves. Begun in 1995, ISP is known for its trademark "Bridge of Peace Ceremony". The Ceremony is a profoundly moving experience personifying a personal commitment to racial justice. ISP has sponsored more than a dozen conferences throughout California introducing the interracial "Bridge of Peace Ceremony" to hundreds of professional women, women in high schools and colleges, a national Native American conference and in co-sponsorship with city school districts and other community organizations.

After the panel discussion, high schools students and educators crossed the Bridge of Peace in a moving ceremony. Even one pair of high school "brothers" crossed and met at the center with a brotherly handshake. Teachers, administrators, community activists and students who participated were all impressed by the panel discussion and inspired by the Bridge Ceremony.

In their enthusiasm several teachers invited the ISP to come to their high schools and put on a similar forum and Bridge Ceremony for their students as soon as possible. We are also planning an annual Youth Forum at the same location this fall and beyond! ❖

Ten Reasons Why Sex Should Wait Until Marriage

by Nancy Hanna

This is the text of a pamphlet I wrote which we use for the Pure Love Campaign. It has been very well received. The largest circulation paper in my community printed it nearly in its entirety in a two page article on the Pure Love Campaign. Please feel free to use this for your own work.

1. Sex is a powerful force that can destroy if not used properly. Like atomic power, sex is the most powerful creative force given to man. When atomic power is used correctly it can create boundless energy; when it is used in the wrong way it destroys life. Sex is the same kind of powerful force. Sex is a gift from God to give us the greatest pleasure, to help in creating a deep companionship with one's spouse and for procreation of the next generation. But if you play with this powerful force outside the bounds of marriage, it destroys you and those close to you.

2. Sexual activity for young people arrests their psychological, social and academic development. Studies show that when young people engage in premarital sex, their academic performance declines and their social relationships with family and friends deteriorate. This is because adolescents are too immature to deal with the explosive sex drive and it tends to dominate their life.

3. The majority of women cannot enjoy sex outside of the bonds of marriage. The development of a fulfilling sex life needs the security and peace of the marriage bond. Premarital sex usually takes place sneaking around in hidden places dealing with the fear of being caught, the fear of pregnancy and feelings of guilt. All these (worrisome) factors undermine pleasure in premarital sex, most especially for women.

4. Virginity is to be given to the most important person in your life, the person you committed yourself to stay with forever in marriage. Your virginity is the most precious thing you have

to give to your spouse. Once you lose it, nothing in the world can bring it back. Don't lose something so precious in a thoughtless way.

5. Those who engage in premarital sex run a high risk of contracting one of the many venereal diseases rampant today, as well as losing their fertility. Not just AIDS, but other common disfiguring diseases like herpes have no cure.

6. Some venereal diseases have no symptoms and many couples discover many years later that they became infertile because of these diseases. Infertility experts estimate that 80% of

today's infertility is due to venereal diseases contracted before they married.

7. The best and only method that guarantees 100% against AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases is to wait for marriage to have sex and maintain fidelity in your marriage.

8. Premarital sex breaks the 10 Commandments given by God. The 10 Commandments are given to man by God to make man happy. They are not outdated and they are not restrictive. If we follow these laws, we can create happy and prosperous lives. If we don't follow them,

we will pay a heavy price in divorce, disease, abortions, illegitimate children and loneliness. Modern men make a big mistake when they think that they can break these eternal laws and not suffer consequences.

9. Premarital sex runs the risk of conceiving illegitimate children. Numerous scientific studies show that the children of single mothers suffer psychologically and are less successful socially and academically than children from intact families. Above all, children need both their father and their mother. It is wrong to risk having children who will never have their father's love, protection and care.

10. If you date and you don't have sex, you can forget about that relationship when you stop dating. But if you have sex with those you date and then break up, the nature of sexual involvement creates strong, often unpleasant memories for your whole life. Every relationship you break up where you had intimate relations is like a mini-divorce. The psychological difficulties of these mini-divorces does damage to your character. Later, when you are married and go to bed with your beloved spouse, these unpleasant memories will accompany you.

True love waits. If a boy or girl truly loves you, they will want the best for you. They will not want you to suffer fear of disease, unwanted pregnancy and the psychological difficulties of premarital sex. They will want to experience love with you only in the very best place of all - the love nest of marriage.

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Cherry

Cherry blossoms in an August gale
Hurricane suffocates its weird wail:
Rising sun is soon a flickering solace
In war winds that loosen a mother's promise.

Seed strewn wildly under a stormy whip
Seeing seasons from an endless skit.

Evenings are dark clouds to what days bring
Imprudent creatures speak soft but do not sing
Daughter falls on a hungry earth who proclaims: "I am king."

Enduring arms reach to that red crimson sphere,
Like a heart to its pearl, never too near.

The first letter of each line spells out the name of the poet.

TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

The Summer of '60

by Linna Rapkins

Teacher and Mother (as they were usually called at this time) were blessed in holy marriage. Three days later, three other couples were also blessed in marriage. Teacher had told them there must be a total of 36 couples to act as his closest circle of disciples and defenders, but for now 3 would be blessed. Those first three couples representing Adam's family, Noah's family, and Jacob's family were Mr. and Mrs. Won Pil Kim, Mr. and Mrs. Hyo Won Eu, and Mr. and Mrs. Young Whi Kim.

Now, the question loomed in everyone's mind, "When will the other 33 couples be chosen? The first two weddings happened so fast. Who knows? Maybe the third wedding will be three days later." They had learned to be ready for anything.

The days went by and then the weeks, and everyone went about their usual activities. Nothing more was said about weddings. Instead, just as the days were taking on that intense heat so common to Korean summers, Teacher announced a new campaign, and everyone forgot about weddings.

"We must pour our total energies into witnessing to all the people of Korea," he explained. "It is time for a very important 40 day condition."

Over 400 teams were quickly organized with two on each team. Just as everyone had done the year before, they would have to take care of their own expenses. They would have to find places to stay and food to eat. They agreed to eat inferior food—basically barley and cheap vegetables such as bean sprouts. There would be no white rice or meat. They would share the hard life of the villagers.

"Win them over with your hard work," said Teacher. "Win them over with your love. Don't ask for anything. Just give. Serve. Understand how hard their lives are."

He shared many things, preparing them carefully for the days ahead. "You must understand that we are deeply in debt to those in other groups who have worked so hard in the past. Now we must work even harder. We must suffer even more. We must give our blood, sweat and tears. This you will do by going out on this condition. Never complain. Just do it."

They were sent out, two by two, to all parts of the small land of South Korea. Throughout the sweltering days of the summer of 1960, the Unification members, young and old, worked and witnessed and taught in 413 cities, towns and villages. From July 20 to August 30, they went with determination to inform every individual about the Divine Principle and the Lord of the 2nd Advent.

Many things happened during this time, and everyone came back with exciting stories to tell. There was Shin, who was 22 years old, and his partner Kim, a teenage boy. They had no money to even get to their village.

"How can we get the train tickets?" asked Kim of his older partner.

Shin knew he would have to take responsibility, but he didn't know how to get the money either. Then an idea flashed. "We can sell our blood for money," he said. "Come on. I know where to do it."

Kim was surprised, but he dutifully ran along. In order to raise enough money, they had to go back several times to give blood. It left them feeling rather weak, but they didn't worry. "We can rest on

held his class for teaching the Principle. Kim's class would end by 10 pm, but Shin's class went on very late. Soon the people in the club became very curious about the class and came to listen. They had never had any planned activities in the evening before, and it was a new experience. They liked it.

The classes became larger and larger. Soon, over 50 people were attending. Then one man decided he wanted to put

a stop to these activities and started saying very bad things about the two young men. But before he could do much, he became very ill. He was so sick that nothing his wife did for him was of any help. One day, Kim heard about his illness and went to his house. He knelt by his side to pray for him, and much to the man's surprise, he was healed. Kim had given his blood for this mission. He had also given his sweat and tears. Because of this, he had received the power for God to heal through him.

By the end of the 40 days, they had 190 people who joined the Unification Church.

Many other miraculous things happened throughout South Korea that summer. Two teenage girls went together to a small town. They felt very fortunate to quickly find a place to stay with a Christian woman.

"These are such nice girls," thought the lady. "Perhaps I can get them to join my church."

Before long, the girls told her the reason for their visit. "We would like to teach you about a new revelation. God is telling us that it is time for all Christians to unite. The Lord of the 2nd Advent is coming now, and we must all work together. May we share this revelation with you? It is called the Divine Principle?"

The woman's face suddenly changed, and she didn't look so pleasant anymore. "Is this the Unification Church?" she asked.

"Yes, it is," they answered. "It is very inspiring. May we explain the teachings to you?"

Unfortunately, the woman had heard bad things about the church. This was her chance to find out for herself what it was really all about, but her mind was closed.

"No thanks," she said emphatically. "I want nothing to do with it, and I don't want you staying in my house anymore either."

It was a terrible blow to the girls, but it was only the beginning. This happened three times. At each house, the girls were told to leave when it was learned who they were. Besides that, two young men followed them around and made fun of them all day and told people not to listen to them.

Then, one day, Teacher came in his jeep, along with Mrs. Choi and Mr. Eu. He comforted them and reminded them about the importance of suffering, but inside, his heart wept for them. How

could people treat these nice girls in such a terrible way?

After he left, the people who treated the girls so cruelly experienced suffering themselves.

The two guys were put in jail for some crime they had committed and the others seemed to have more accidents and illnesses than usual.

Soon thereafter, the girls found someone who became their friend and gave them a place to stay. They were able to teach many villagers, and those who believed were healed of their illnesses. The girls became known as the "miracle girls."

There was a high school boy sent to another village who had never been away from home before. He couldn't find a way to earn money so he just fasted a lot.

He couldn't find a place to hold lectures so he stood outside and taught the Principle in a very loud voice to anyone who would listen. One day, after a small group had gathered around him, someone started shouting at him, "Shi-kulup! A-i-shu!" ("Noisy! Ach!" It really means "Shut Up".)

But the boy did not shut up. He kept on lecturing. There was more heckling and jeering. He taught louder. Finally, the heckler rushed up to him with a stick and started to beat him. He only taught louder.

That night, his body was bruised and sore, but several people had been so impressed by his courage and deep heart, they had asked to hear more.

The next day he was trying to witness door to door, and at one house the woman suddenly acted possessed. "Get out! Get out right now!" she screamed. She pushed him out the door as she continued to scream. He held on to her arm and kept on telling her about the Principle. She pushed him across the yard and out the gate, and only then did he let go of her arm. But he kept lecturing loudly outside her gate.

As people walked by, they looked at him fearfully. "I think he's gone mad," they said to each other. And they hurried on.

A few began to notice what he was saying and stopped to listen. When others asked what was going on, they were told, "This boy still smells his mother's milk (this means "he's still wet behind the ears"). He seems a bit crazy, but he is teaching great things."

Within a few days, many of the people from that town were coming to hear his lectures, and soon a new church center was started.

Another young man had been in the church only three months when he was sent to a village. He hardly knew the lectures at all, but he got the whole congregation of a Holiness Church to join.

Of course, the Holiness minister was very upset when he found his church empty. He came storming over to see what was going on. He rudely interrupted the meeting and accused the lecturer and argued with him. Afterward, he told the people terrible things about the young man. By the end of the 40 days, half of the members did go back to his church, but half of them stayed to start a Unification Church in their village.

In still another village, a young girl
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In the '60s, Father meets with his landlady (left) from his student days at Waseda University

the train," Shin reassured Kim.

When they reached the village, they didn't feel very rested, for the train had provided a hot bumpy ride on hard seats. Still, they quickly went to work and found places to work in the fields to earn a little money for food and lodging.

They saw how poor the people were. They saw that barley and vegetables were not things these people ate for only 40 days but was their diet most of the year. They had rice, of course, but a lot of it had to be sold.

"How can we help these people" Shin wondered. "They are so poor."

"But what do we have to share?" asked Kim a little dubiously.

"I don't know, but there must be a way," he answered. They talked about it and prayed, and then they had an idea.

"We could form a club," said Shin. "I heard about something called 4-H Club. We could do that. I'll bet they would like to be in a club, and we could teach them practical things to improve their lives—and cultural things. We could also talk about having a good heart, using our hands for God, and so on. We could even use it as a springboard for teaching parts of the Divine Principle."

They both felt very excited about this idea and made plans quickly. Although they were young and inexperienced, Shin and Kim were hardworking and creative. Before one week, the 4-H Club of the village was begun.

On their 7th day in the village, they started a small class to teach the Divine Principle. Kim took care of the 4-H Club in the evening. At the same time, Shin

DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

WHY CHRIST CAME AND WHY HE MUST COME AGAIN

Volume 3 Part 11

One doctrine bearing the scars of centuries of debate and controversy within the Christian faith is that of the Trinity. Although Trinitarian speculations were hardly at the center of Jesus' message, the Christian Church of the fourth and fifth centuries found such concerns to be crucial.

Church councils were held at Nicea in 305 A.D. and Chalcedon in 451 A.D. to define how God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit were the same Being and yet different. To explain it, the Church Fathers borrowed complicated concepts from Greek philosophy and beat down all objections to them. Today, Church historians recognize that the political maneuvering occurring at such councils would far out do most any Machiavellian scheming at a modern-day political convention. It is quite a remarkable narrative.

Let us look at the Trinity from the point of view of the Principle. It is commonly recognized that if the Fall of man had not occurred, God would not have needed Jesus and the Holy Spirit for the salvation of man. If Adam and Eve had perfected themselves as God's son and daughter, each becoming an embodiment of God's character, they would have been "...perfect as (their) Heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5:48) and they would have attained the ideal of union with God in heart. (Jn. 14:20)

As God's true son and daughter, Adam and Eve could also have become true husband and wife, centered on God. If they had achieved all this, becoming the True Parents of humankind, together with God they would have formed the original Trinity, a Trinity centered on God's love and ideal.

However, because of the Fall, Adam and Eve became the false parents of man. We may say they formed a Trinity but it was centered on Satan. As a result, since God is still determined to fulfill the purpose of the creation, He called Jesus and the Holy Spirit as the second Adam and second Eve. Together with God they form a spiritual Trin-

ity in the place of Adam and Eve.

Salvation

As we have suggested, in establishing the spiritual Trinity centered on God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit accomplished only the mission of the spiritual True Parents. For this reason, the Second Coming became necessary.

The purpose of the Lord of the Second Coming is thus to marry and establish the Trinity both spiritually and physically. Reflecting this fact, the Book of Revelation intimates a divine marriage at the close of the age. This is the Marriage of the Lamb, the marriage of True Adam and True Eve, and event which Divine Principle promises will hold great hope for all humanity.

"Let us rejoice and exult and give (God) the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready...(Rev. 19:7)

Although it has the support of much of modern scholarship, the Divine Principle assertion that Jesus' primary intention was other than the crucifixion departs from much traditional belief. Certainly for some, the Divine Principle revelation will be seen as heresy.

Nevertheless, one need not look far to realize that new understanding is needed. There is widespread agreement that if Christianity is to remain relevant to the modern world it must reinterpret its message in the light of intellectual, cultural and political changes going on all about us.

When in the 1960s certain theologians like Thomas J. Altizer of Emory University shocked everybody by announcing that "God is dead," they meant in part that the old theology had become completely irrelevant for modern man. Certainly the spiritual illness' of contemporary society—divorce, crime,

drug abuse and the like—are hardly being adequately addressed by conventional teaching.

Nor have the assertions of traditional Christian thought been sufficient to avoid the rise of such pernicious secular religions as fascism and communism. Something different, something new, is required if the void is to be filled and Christian religion is to make a positive contribution toward a new, progressive

etrated by an arrow and bleeding. It suggests that out of his love for humanity Jesus is bleeding, bleeding for the sin of man, bleeding for the pain of the world. He had come to relieve that pain, to lead the world back to God, but he was tragically rejected. His heart, and God's heart, will bleed until the time when the wheel of history leads mankind to full salvation in a restored Kingdom of God on earth.

Before such a day could ever be realized, of course, some people anticipate the "end of the world." Certainly a number of prophetic utterances in both Old and New Testaments indicate such an event will occur. We hear of the "sun being darkened," of the "stars falling from heaven," and of "a new heaven and a new earth." What do they mean? Are they relevant to us today?

Also, it has been said by many that we are now living in a new age in history. It is an age of vast change, of global interdependence, of cultural convergence. It is an age when man can truly reach to the stars, or destroy himself with the weapons of his own making. It is an age when the most dire prophecies of the bible could come to pass, or its brightest promises fulfilled. Which will it be?

The next section of the Home Study Course, *Consummation of Human History*, examines the meaning of the Biblical prophecy in light of God's ultimate goals in history, and looks at our modern age in terms of God's historical providence. Ultimately, Divine Principle promises a bright future for humanity.

Next month

Section 4 The Last Days ❖



Father, center, with fellow students at Waseda University

civilization.

Sacred Heart

A well-known representation of Christ within the Roman Catholic faith depicts the "sacred heart of Jesus." The image shows him with his heart exposed, pen-

Soon, they had a thriving study group meeting every night.

Some of the older members were assigned to Seoul. They chose six parks and sent three women to each park to preach and witness. Whenever these women found interested people, they sent them to a lecture hall where the men lectured the Divine Principle day and night.

Sometimes, people heard the lectures in Seoul, and when they went home to their villages, they were amazed to find posters announcing the Divine Principle lectures in their own village.

"What a surprise," they exclaimed. "I thought it was just in the big city that these kind of things were going on. Maybe I should check it out here, too."

They went to the meeting place and listened. "These are the same lectures, all right," they realized. Afterwards, they introduced themselves to the lecturer.

"I heard this teaching in Seoul, but I live here," they explained. "Do you mind if I attend your meetings?" Soon, many

of them were helping to witness and bring more members.

Lt. Col. Han and Maj. Han worked in Seoul, and they were not allowed to leave their jobs for such a long time. Therefore, every day, they went to work as usual. Then, instead of going home, they went to their assigned village and witnessed and lectured until late at night. Then they traveled back to Seoul and were back at their desks the next morning. It was a grueling schedule.

During these days, Father was busier than anyone. Always getting up before 5, he prayed his usual long hours, often hiking to the mountains to do so. He also traveled over 1800 miles in his jeep to visit all the members. Often the jeep was overloaded with people, and always it was hot and bumpy. But nothing could stop him.

He could think only of the members and their suffering. He saw that many of them looked sick from overwork and lack of sleep and food. Whenever he saw

the older women preaching in the park or the middle school girls being ridiculed, he could never contain his tears. He decided to share their hardships by eating only barley and humble vegetables himself and sleeping outside on the ground many nights.

By September 1, everyone returned. As they shared their experiences, they realized that, despite the hardships and rejections, the 40 Day Condition of the Summer of 60 was a success beyond their wildest imagination. For so many years, they had been persecuted, but now a great flood of new members had joined and new groups had been established all over South Korea. There had not been as much opposition this time, and in many instances, the police had even helped the Unification Church members.

The fact that the holy wedding had taken place was surely the reason for this great change.

"This is a very definite sign of the new age," they all agreed with great hope for the future. ❖

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who had only finished 6th grade, lectured the Divine Principle so well that the pastor of the village church resigned. He saw that she knew more than he did and felt unworthy to be a pastor any longer.

Two middle school girls (maybe 13 or 14 years old) went to the chief of police in their assigned town.

"We would like to hold meetings to share with the people some inspiring spiritual messages," they explained.

After discussing it awhile, he was so impressed by their sincerity, he decided to help them. "You have my permission to hold meetings," he told them. "In fact, why don't you talk to the head of the village about a place to meet? Tell him I sent you."

They did just that and ended up making friends with him, as well. He gave them permission to use a room in one of the buildings.



HAVEN BRADFORD GOW

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As an article in the January 1995 *Ligourian* pointed out, "It's no secret that living together is becoming more and more common. Some studies show that more than half of all couples in the United States live together before marriage." The article observed that "sex was created and intended to celebrate specifically married love. That was God's plan, and there's no indication that the plan has been drastically restructured to meet the needs of the nineties."

It went on to add that "sex is the most physically and emotionally personal and total gift. As such, it should express only the most complete and personal relationship, the kind we call a covenant—sacramental marriage."

Some significant and thought-provoking studies reveal that premarital sex and affairs often destroy the moral, spiritual and psychological foundations of good, happy and enduring marriages. For example, a 1991 study by sociologists Larry Bumpass, James Sweet and Andrew Charlin found that "cohabiting unions are much less stable than (unions) that begin as marriages. In fact, 40 percent of cohabiting unions break up before marriage, and marriages that began as cohabiting unions disrupt at a 50 percent rate (higher) than those that did not."

A 1992 study by Alfred DeMaris and K.V. Rao reviewed 10 significant cohabitation studies; the DeMaris/Rao study concluded, "Those who cohabit prior to marriage have been shown to be significantly lower on measures of marital

quality and to have significantly higher risk of marital dissolution at any given marital duration."

In his new work *The New Absolutes* (Bethany House), journalist/social critic William Watkins tells us the high level of teen sexual experimentation has culminated in "a rash of pregnancies, abortions and births. Each year more than one million teens become pregnant. Many of these babies never make it to term. One of every five abortions is performed on a woman under age 20, and one in four teenage pregnancies ends in abortion." He adds: "Of the babies who are allowed to live, more than two-thirds are born to unmarried teens, most of whom are between the ages of 15 and 19. The United States has one of the highest adolescent birthrates of any country in the world."

Is purity an impossible dream? What can adults—parents, educators, religious leaders—do to help

Decline of Good Character

America, Once Blessed By God

I feel as though the heart of man
Has waned a bit too cold,
People say that God is dead
And that truth is getting old.

To see the children run in fear,
To see them bound by chains,
Makes me think of a sorrowful God
As I watch the autumn rain.

On the edge of some forgotten town
A heart has been marred by hate,
And the hope of a child's tender heart
Has been taken in the name of fate.

America, once blessed by God,
To what shall I liken this day,
The father embraces the little child
Yet the child turns away.

In what seems a loss of innocence
And a blow to our nation's soul
We take our needs from other people
And leave them less than whole.

Those who fought for heaven's sake
In the battles of the past
Had laid their lives upon the field
So that theirs could be the last.

To see us now in such a state
To take their sacrifice in vain,
Reminds me again of our sorrowful God
As I watch the autumn rain.

Brandon Olivia

encourage and inspire young people to be pure and virtuous?

Rev. Clyde Sanders, a Baptist clergyman/scholar in Eudora, Ark., observes: "To help young people stay pure, we must introduce them to God and the teachings of God. Faith in God gives young people a good reason to be pure and virtuous. Also, parents must work together to teach their children to be good and virtuous. And mothers and fathers, educators and religious leaders must be good role models for children."

Rev. Isaac Snyder, pastor of New Zion Baptist Church in Eudora, Ark., says: "As parents, we must encourage our children to associate with other young people with religious faith, good morals and good character. The Bible teaches that we often are known by those with whom we associate. Also, teachers and religious leaders must

help parents teach young people to be pure and virtuous. When schools hand out condoms and teach young people to use them and how to have sex, they are encouraging young people to have sex before marriage."

Rev. James Toney, a Baptist clergyman/scholar in Eudora, Ark., states: "We must teach young people what God says in the Bible about sex and marriage. God created us, and He knows best what we should and should not do to remain pure. I have been a clergyman for many years, and through the years I have encountered several women who have acted and talked to me in a seductive manner; but I always have remembered that I am a man of God, and that I must remain faithful to my wife and to the teachings of God regarding sex and marriage. God says in the Bible that we must be pure before marriage and remain faithful after we become married. Without God and the Bible, we cannot teach young people to be pure and virtuous; and without God, young people cannot stay pure and husbands and wives cannot remain faithful to one another."

Aurga Harris, a Bible teacher in Eudora, and Lillian Woodruff, an official of Zion Temple Church in Eudora, tell us: "The best way to teach children about purity is through personal example. When children see Christ in us and in the kindness and love we show others, they will want to be pure like Christ, too."

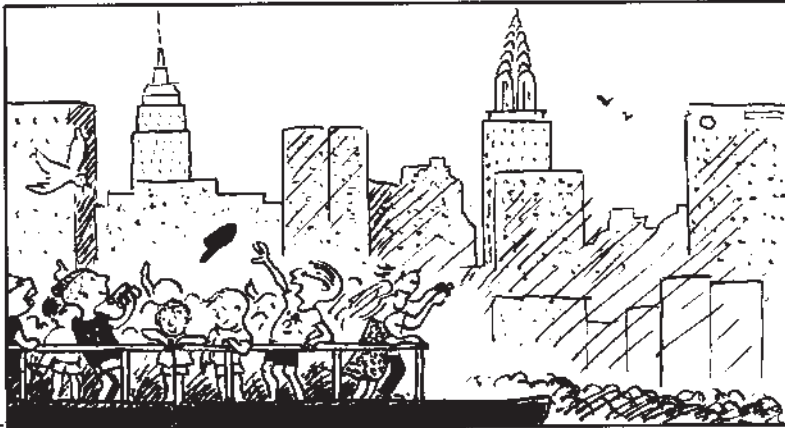
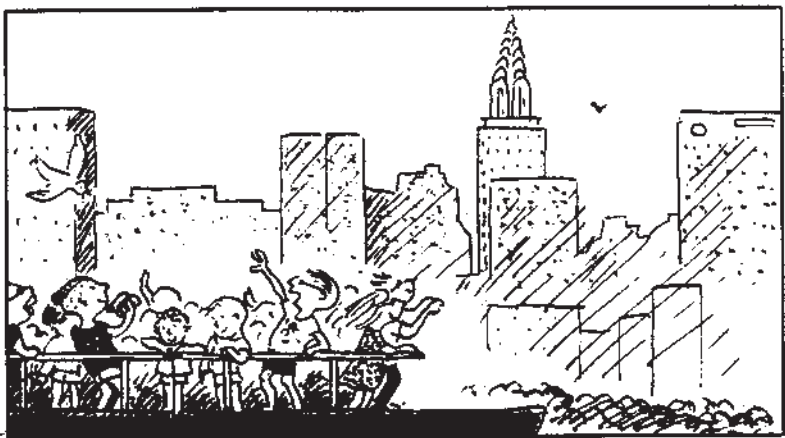
Loddie Green, a public school educator and Sunday School teacher in Eudora, observes: "If I were talking to a group of high school girls, I would be honest and straightforward with them and tell them right from wrong and why it is best to save themselves for marriage. I would explain that their virginity is a sacred gift from God, and that they should not give that gift away to just anyone they find attractive and who is interested in having a relationship. They have to ask themselves whether the guys they are interested in are worthy of losing their virginity. If they are worthy, they will prove it by waiting until marriage before engaging in sex."

Walter Williams, an official of a Baptist church in Eudora, declares: "Even though many kids today have hardened their hearts and their consciences, we still have to uphold what is right and teach what the Bible says about abstaining from sex before marriage. And letting the schools pass out condoms and birth control pills only will make it easier for the kids to have sex and also will encourage other kids to start having sex."

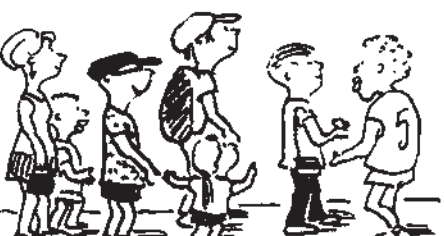
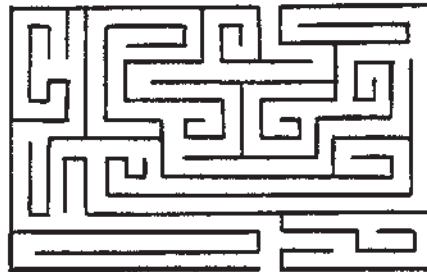
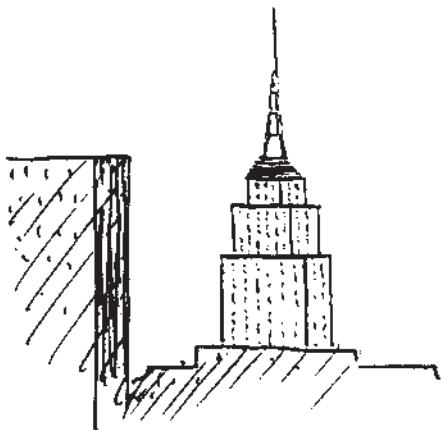
Clearly, we need to teach young people to behave as good human beings, and not like animals, and let them know they possess the God-given ability to develop purity of heart, mind and soul. For it is because we truly love others that we must remain pure until giving of ourselves lovingly and selflessly within the sacrament of marriage. By remaining pure until marriage, we never will have to feel guilty about past indiscretions, nor will we have to feel ashamed of looking into the eyes of our husbands and wives. If we were unfaithful to our spouses before marriage, will we possess the strength and nobility of mind, spirit and character to remain faithful to them after marriage? ❖

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of visiting New York City



Help them find the Empire State

Unificationist Abstinence Education Programs

by Clifton, NJ

When I gave abstinence education in the CIS for 3 years, and I was received with kisses by the students and presents, I thought, "I could never give an abstinence message in America. The kids would laugh me out of town".

I found quite the contrary to be true. The kids are starved for this honest give and take about issues they are so concerned about—sexuality, love, peer pressure, STDs, etc. We talk quite frankly and explicitly but all our answers go to the point of how sexual abstinence until marriage just makes sense. Sometimes they won't leave the room after the time is over because they still have more questions! And I'm working in an area where 50% of all children are born to a single mom and which has the highest rate of HIV per capita in all of America.

I am finding that hetero-kids here are doing anal sex to 'keep the virginity of the girl' (not realizing this runs one of the highest risks in contracting HIV or an STD) and to avoid pregnancy, and believe-it-or-not, using 3-4 condoms at the same time (I tell them, "How romantic! And when you get an incurable STD, you can wear all of them every night for the rest of your life with your wife!"). They don't know that some sexually transmitted diseases such as HPV, can be passed on by infected body fluids just being on their skin.

If a surgeon is operating on a patient with HIV, he is covered by protective clothing from the top of his head to his toes. Its interesting to note that basically our young people today are being

told, "If you're not sure if someone has HIV, just get completely naked and wear this condom for protection." But, then they are being told that if you know that person has HIV, don't have sex with them at all. I guess some adults believe pure ignorance is protection enough.

Young guys are being hit on by the young girls too (Thank you N.O.W.) and I tell them, "You think it proves something because your scorecard is full? No way. It takes a Real Man to keep his pants on!" If you could see the look of relief on those guys' faces, when they realize

they don't 'have to have sex', you would melt.

Sometimes, I ask the guys, "How many of you want to marry a sex-goddess who has had sex with 10-20 guys

and will please you night and day." Almost no one raises their hand. "OK, how many of you want to marry a virgin who will always be faithful to you?" They all raise their hands. I tell the girls what the boys answered and tell them not to let them 'practice' on you (and vice versa of course).

One of the most rewarding times in giving abstinence education lectures has been when the students keep asking questions and refuse to leave the auditorium until I promise them I'll be back. The other reward for doing this work is actually using this manual as a guide on how to speak to my own children (ages 11, 13 & 15) as well as their friends. My daughters' friends even keep asking them when I will come to them.

Anyway, I am so grateful that there are those who have never given up on our young people and see their potential for a real cultural revolution of Purity and True Leadership. ♦

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It's Your 21st Birthday!

by Rev. Shawn Byrne—Barrytown, NY

The 21st birthdays of Tierson Boutte, David Byrne, Bow Jones, Sunnie Kirkley, Christopher Seidel and Lenissa Strait were celebrated at the Unification Theological Seminary on Sunday, July 4, 1999. The following sermon was delivered on that occasion.

Today, on America's Independence Day, we have come together to celebrate your 21st birthdays. For America it was one thing to free itself from another nation's rule. It was another thing to determine its own identity and its direction for the future. For you also it is one thing to reach the traditional "coming-of-age" and freedom from the rule of your parents. It is another thing to clarify who you are and to determine your direction in life. Let me offer some input on this.

It is no longer your parents' wills or concepts which determine you. You are now responsible to find yourself and determine your direction in life. How do you do that? Go to God, your Eternal Parent, the One who created you. God made you as an individual who expresses the nature and heart of God in original ways, in ways never expressed by anyone before. Through your physical parents God created you, a masterpiece. He knows you through and through. As King David sang in Psalm 139, "You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Seek and find God and you will find your true self. Find your true self and you will find God who made you.

Seek God through your deepest feelings and thoughts. Not any feelings or thoughts, but those you have when you reach the place of deepest silence within yourself, the peaceful clearing in the heart of the forest, so to speak. To achieve that, you will need to get past the barking dogs of noise and distraction which characterize our culture. You may feel fear of the quiet place where alone you face yourself and your God. But if you have the courage to persevere, you will find God

and self in the silent heart of the forest of your life.

Look for God and self in your deepest feelings, in your deepest thoughts. And also in the experiences of your life. Read those experiences, especially the recurring patterns. These are the messages that God writes on the pages of your life. They reveal to you who you are and what you need to become.

And because it is a challenge to reach such levels of awareness, listen to and reflect on God's word. It will serve as a light for your eyes and a lamp to guide your feet towards God and your true self. It will help you distinguish the true from the false.

By such deep inward searching and communion, seek to become one with God as Jesus was one with his Father and as True Parents are. Move towards becoming the true son or daughter of God that, in essence, you already are.

On this foundation of your true self who is one with God, you can proceed to share with others the gift you are. Your true self is God's gift to the world. You are like a young tree that is to grow up and spread out its branches to the four winds to provide shelter and refreshment to others. You are to be a tree of life which expresses love and service to others, gradually becoming universal.

To help you become people of love and service, God has arranged for you to be educated in a school of love—namely, the family. In this school you are led through various "courses" of love.

You receive unconditional love from your parents. It energizes and empowers as the sun does the earth. You have learned to respond with a child's love to your parents, taking your first steps in living for others and acting to bring them joy. You also took the course of sibling love, learning to love and care for brothers and sisters, to share with

them, advancing in unselfishness. As you grew older, sibling love expanded to include others as friends. The more open-hearted you are towards various kinds of boys and girls, the more successful you are in your course of sibling love. As you learn to love others, you are gradually prepared for the day when you can enter the course of conjugal love with your own spouse, a course in which two people become in flesh and heart and spirit.

Through these courses of family love you are prepared to become citizens of the Kingdom, people capable of loving and serving all people. The young tree is guided to become the tree of life reaching out branches of shelter and service to all.

You can see then that the family is much more than the biological, economic, cultural and social unit which

the human sciences recognize. It is primarily a divine institution in which God's love and creativity are experienced most deeply and personally. What could be more creative than to bring new human beings into the world and to raise them up as God's sons and daughters? God wanted each human being to experience His parental woman become

one as husband and wife who together beget, bear, love, care for and raise up their child? The family is the centerpiece of all God's masterpieces, where God's image is most clearly expressed. In it also God's heart is most deeply and personally experienced. Family is the mold in which the sons and daughters of God are formed, in which the heart and character of God are inherited.

Establishing a family through marriage is a holy enterprise. It is entering the sacred space where God especially dwells. Marriage is not intended primarily to meet our personal needs. Rather, it is the workshop where we

labor with God to form new images of Him. In doing this, though, our deepest needs are also met.

Be careful, then, to avoid what undermines the family courses of love: for example, romantic attachments, promiscuity, pornography, the waste of time and energy in useless pastimes. These are toxic for human hearts. Guard the entrance to the school. On the other hand, pursue enthusiastically the four courses of love which the family provides.

As you grow up to be trees of life, seek the blessing of True Parents and of your physical parents on your match and marriage. It's wise because of your parents' experience, wisdom and God-given responsibility for you. For you parents, to guide you in finding your eternal mate and to bless your union is one of their greatest expressions of love for you.

Through learning love and creativity in the family, you are positioned to extend them to all people and things. This is the function of the career you choose. It should express the best of you and be a service to people and also to the creation. It does not matter so much what you do. It matters a lot how you do it. If you become a wood-carver, be a good one. If a social worker, lawyer, cook, artist, engineer or teacher, be good at what you do, for it expresses who you are and is your way to serve and love people and the environment.

Today we celebrate with you your 21st birthdays. You have "come of age." You are now fully adult, responsible before God and man and to yourself. You are trees of life. May you bear abundant good fruit. America, when it came of age, decided to be "one nation under God." True Father has stated that its purpose is greater than itself; America is to spearhead "one world under God." For each of you, too, your God-given purpose is greater than yourself. It is to be a tree of life, extending the love and creativity of God to the farthest reaches of the earth. ♦

God made you as an individual who expresses the nature and heart of God in original ways, in ways never expressed by anyone before. Through your physical parents God created you, a masterpiece.

LADY DR. KIM: A REMEMBRANCE

by Daniele Cohen—Seattle, WA

There she was, on hands and knees crawling under the tables. Her objective: the empty banquet table that Parents had just left. That was the first time I met Lady Dr. Kim. I got down on the floor with her and whispered, "what are you doing?" She said, "treasure hunt." I did not see her again until Barrytown, NY. I determined that I was going to befriend her. I followed her everywhere, finally she told me to stop following her. I told her I couldn't, she was like a magnet to me, you should have seen the look on her face!

When I got sent to Wichita Kansas pioneering, I called her up crying telling her what was happening there. I had been on the front page of the local newspaper, radio, TV News and at a debate on the college campus. People would come up to me and spit in my face. One old grandma pushed me in front of a bus! I almost got killed. What did she do? She came to see me! I could not believe it! How unworthy and grateful I felt, you got no idea. She explained to me what was happening. My ancestor John Brown had wreaked havoc in

that state, I had to pay the price for that.

During the Washington Monument campaign, it was she that did a very special ceremony to sanctify the grounds and protect True Father's life. I was allowed to walk it with her.

Next time we met was in Chicago, she came to speak to the Korean members and stay with Oh Young Chun. She said, "you are here!". She liked to speak until late into the night, she laughed because many times, I would be one of the only one still awake. She asked me about that, I told her that even though I could only understand a few words, I was hoping through osmosis, maybe I could understand what she was saying.

On Church Holidays, Oh Young Chun Harmony always stayed at Lady Dr. Kim's house in Tarrytown, and I got to go with her. I will never forget one Christmas eve, I drove Dr. Kim to one of her kids' house to deliver presents. This person screamed at Lady Dr. Kim, and I under-

stood every word. She called her mother names and threw the presents at her, told her to get out and never come back! I wept all the way back home and what did Lady Dr. Kim do? She tried to laugh it off and comfort me, told me it was the price she had to pay. Then she told me what it was like when she joined Abba-nim. She said her husband beat her and stole her clothes, her relatives hated her. She told me

She said her husband beat her and stole her clothes, her relatives hated her. She told me she had the honor to deliver the first two True Children, Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim. You see, she was a real doctor.

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What a heart the woman has. In Korea in 1982, at the Blessing, when she saw my husband Ken and I together she said, "Oh! Destiny, you two were destined to be together." She explained that when my husband Ken had been in that accident at Donners' Pass and in a coma for 6 weeks, she had fasted and done cold showers for

him, in order to save his life. The very day he had his accident, I was struck by a bus in Chicago. She explained that it was destiny for us to be together.

When our son Nathan was born 15 years ago, she insisted upon doing the Eight Day Ceremony, incredible! She liked to tell me that when I spoke to her in my broken Korean, if she closed her eyes, she said she thought I was a real Korean, she told me that I spoke with a North Korean accent sometimes, because Oh Young Chun Harmony came from North Korea I guess. Last time I saw Lady Dr. Kim was at Upshur House, we were doing the 120 bows and all night prayers for RFK. I couldn't believe she was there! I ran and bowed to her weeping with joy! I told her I loved her so and had longed to see her for so long! She explained to me that God wanted to Bless my husband, because He had wanted to Bless the Black community in America for the longest time and now the time was at hand! I told her my husband was my best friend in all the world. She had tears in those old eyes. She is over 80 now, and I understand in need of all our prayers fighting the same battle as Ronald Reagan. ❖

by Jeff and Seung Hyun Tallakson—St. Petersburg, Russia

TRUE HONESTY

Shouldn't we be honest about our true feelings all the time? Yes, you should always tell your *true* feelings, but your false feelings you should guard very closely and tell only to someone who can actually help you and your problem. Often times this is an elder, or someone you respect as a counselor (spiritual counselor, mentor, friend, spouse). So confide and share your pain about the honest situation, but the only worthwhile reason for doing this is to love more and solve your problem.

For example, the statement I heard recently. "I am not inspired and no one in (our community) is inspired." That is an honest expression. But is it *true*? Will he be inspired tomorrow? Inspiration is an emotion which comes or goes and such a person who can utter such words may be a weak person, inconsistent, without a strong spiritual foundation, or perhaps he is strong, but he is going through a spiritual crisis. Such crises are always temporary and occur because we need to break through to a new and higher level of love.

So is it true? "I am not inspired and no one in (our family) is inspired." Maybe not. Can the person so easily decide that everyone feels as she does? Does it serve a true purpose? Does it promote love? Unity? A healthy rela-

tionship with the leader of the community? (This "elder-leader" person is important to not be alienated from because often only they are actually in a position to help you solve your problem.) Does your honest complaint inspire others? No, it promotes doubt, distrust, disunity and spiritual death?

Humanism (as opposed to a religious orientation) has always emphasized honesty for honesty's sake — no higher purpose for honesty to serve, no connection with God. In the humanistic horizontal sense, honesty is just a statement of reality and we should be dedicated to reality. Not true. We should change reality, because the reality is false and satanic. Just pure honesty will not change the struggling and destructive reality.

Spiritual teaching (as opposed to mere humanism) has always emphasized honesty which is truth itself, which repents to elders and promotes love; which testifies to and witnesses for God—loving others and the "works of the Spirit".

The humanistic person might protest, "But it is so honest. I have to express the way I feel! I cannot hold it in." Yes, it is so honest. It is the honest expression of evil. You need to control yourself, discipline yourself. Certainly expressing anger is rather easy (if you're heartless). We should constrain ourselves because we should be concerned for the spiritual well-being of others. So just as we do not go to the toilet anytime we feel like it, and do not throw our trash in the stairway, we also need to hold our internal garbage until the right time and place, or digest our negative emotions and transform them

into creative restorative energies.

"I am not inspired." Words are very powerful and very revealing. We know from these 4 words that

(1) the person is far from God's point of view, far from Love, because inspiration comes from God.

(2) The person is unable to fulfill the universal human responsibility to bring joy to God and others,

(3) The person is demanding love from others, almost stealing it, and

(4) the person is spreading his bad news to others.

If I go to a spiritual counselor ("vertically"—basically someone in the position of a true parent) and say, "I am not inspired." and my motivation is to repent (change), or ask for help to be inspired, then it is good. Good and true honesty.

If I go "horizontally" I will probably feel most comfortable in the company of misery, and seek out others like myself who are wavering between inspiration and non-inspiration. Then when I say, "I am not inspired." it means "Don't you agree that I am justified to not be inspired? Don't you sympathize with me? Don't you feel the same? Shouldn't we comfort each other regardless of the that thing called Love or the needs of others around us?" Satan prevails. People die.

You gotta get some true honesty. You have to have it. If you want to have a true, honest, loving and joyful relationship with your parents, spouse and children; (the one's who need your love the most) then you gotta get some true honesty. If you go in there self-concerned, just spreading your garbage thoughts, you are going to cause suffering for the one's you're supposed to inspire.

True honesty must be attained to have the qualification to be a husband, wife and parents. Without that you will cause suffering to your family. False honesty causes much of the solid rock of resentment. What a miserable parent it is whose habit is to share honestly everyday all the complaints, dissatisfactions, disappointments from every relationship. The children who listen to parents like this surely will grow up distorted.

So let us never give up being people who love. That means we speak positive words to give life to others. Let us never give up being Life-givers. Words are very powerful and they carry either love or fear. Let your words convey love, hope and inspiration always and let your period of lack of inspiration, complaint and frustration in love be conveyed to *someone who could actually help you overcome your negativity*. That means you have to choose your garbage receptacle well. You can't just throw it where ever in hell you feel like. Confess non-inspiration to someone whom you respect as a spiritual counselor. I like to put my wife in that position. When I do so I clue her in first and say, "I would like to share with you some of the things I am going through now. I am not happy and it won't be easy for you to hear some of this. Can he help me now." And if she can bear it right then she puts on her mama-counselor's hat and away we go.

Lk. 17:1 Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling, loosing faith and becoming negative must come, but it will be miserable for anyone by whom they come! (personal amplified reading)

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**OPPOSING
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I think Rev. Moon is no typical 'Victorian', he's spoken of wearing natural fabrics, allowing healthy wind and sun on the skin. Of course, with a heavenly attitude.

One example of successful opposition to evil regards communism. Many people were anti-communist—even during Marx's own lifetime. People were against it for many reasons and with differing purposes too. Many people sacrificed their lives to defy it. Yet, as

the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade pointed out, being run over by a truck doesn't make one a good mechanic. Rev. Moon understood the engine of communism and its structure. He understood its fuel, wheels, ideology and operations. He didn't shoot anyone at all, but he defeated them and he said so right in the Kremlin and in Pyongyang.

The famous missionary Irene Webster-Smith stated that "is it better to put an ambulance at the bottom of a cliff, or a fence at the top"? Today good people are trying to do both of these kinds of things. As are we Unifica-

tionists, through our many projects.

We can be very, very grateful for the clear light of the Divine Principle. Chapter one shows so well, what is a part of God's intended creation and what is not. That ends a lot of arguments. And chapter two explains the causes of evil and the tight grip of fallen behaviors. But it also explains the plain and practical way to restore these.

We have the leadership and example of the True Family and the living reality of true men and women to emulate. We have the incredible experiences of Rev. Moon's life, overcoming situations and temptations that we may very

well face ourselves. And we have the testimonies of our Elders and the efforts of our well-educated members in witnessing to all sorts of people and in addressing all of these complex situations I have mentioned.

We know that under God's heart and will we are going to restore the Kingdom of Heaven. At first, all of these evils will be overcome. I offer this article, without pulling any punches to help stimulate further discussion on these all important issues. God's will be done! ❖

**HEART
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her own misery and accomplished absolutely nothing. But God loved her in her arrogant self-destruction. God loved the man—the angel—who stole her away from Him. That angel, and the man who inherited his nature, pretended to love her, perhaps he even thought that he loved her. But under the feeling of love was a deeper selfishness, anger at God, anger at himself, and ultimately anger with her.

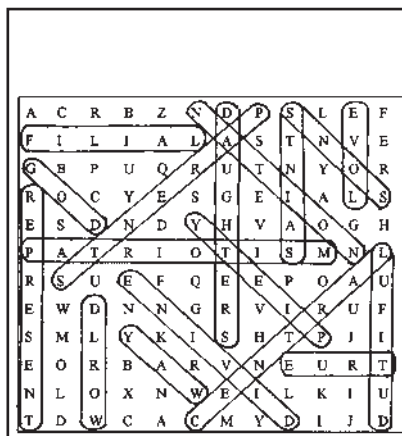
This is the fall of man, and it is the condition of the world. It is the condition that leads to the wholesale destruction of the people of Africa by AIDS and the young generation of the world by pornography and materialism. It is the condition in which we teach our chil-

dren how to have sex in school. It is the condition one sees on the street of Tokyo, youths with money flowing out of their pockets, multi-colored hair and four-inch platform shoes, wealthy waifs giving away their bodies, sleeping in the streets. Tokyo tykes. Secularist materialism is more destructive than any atomic bomb, for it destroys the heart of civilization. And God is feeling it all, every broken heart. He tries to reach the numb spirits who have become deadened to Him, to love, and to life itself.

The task of God is to find people who will

take on His agony and love others at the cost of their lives. He seeks people who will be so crazy as to let their own children go for the sake of saving their enemy's children.

The enemy's children should be grateful, but they think they are not in need of this love, and instead of being grateful they criticize the one who loves them for his neglect of his own children. This is the suffering of the Messiah. Reverend Moon speaks a tremendous amount, but of this suffering, he is silent. There are no words. We can all touch this suffering, deep within. The victory is to meet God there, and keep going. ❖



TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL

by Michael Balcomb—NYC

When we joined the Unification Church twenty, thirty years ago and more, it was a bold step that meant going in the opposite direction to the mainstream of society. We turned our backs on so many things the world had to offer, and in many cases our parents couldn't easily accept our decision. But our faith and conviction in the dawn of a new era, the coming of the Kingdom, kept us going. Now our own families have grown, and we have a new generation—the 2nd Generation—to think about.

What do we want to pass on to our children? It's more than just a belief in the Divine Principle, more than just a membership in the Unification Church, or the Family Federation. For sure, we'd want them to have a clear sense of responsibility to God and True Parents. If that is to happen, every person needs to have his or her own direct conversion experience with God. And where can you have that experience? For our children, as it was for us, the answer is—on the front line.

That's why World CARP is continuing the tradition of the STF (Special Task Force). True Parents initiated the STF on August 22, 1994 as a model course for the 2nd Generation and other young CARP members. Participation in the STF is also an excellent preparation for college and for family life. Our goal is to train young people to be able to sacrifice and live for the sake of others. We expect that they will suffer some, and learn great lessons through shedding tears and persevering through it all.

From the beginning, World CARP Pres-

ident Jin Hun Park Moon has been intimately involved with the STF program. He has fundraised with the MFT teams, marched with Pure Love Alliance, been skiing the Colorado slopes with workshop participants, and spent hours talking late into the night with members one-on-one. He cares a great deal about the future of his younger brothers and sisters, and it shows. The numbers of STF participants have been growing. In 1994, the first year, there were just five. This year there are 40, and by 2001 the number will be over 100.

Members can play an important role in supporting the STF. There are at least four areas where your help is needed:

- Encourage your own children to come to the STF. Most parents want their children to taste the kind of front-line experience they themselves had in years gone by. And of course we all want our children to do well in school, have satisfying careers and successful marriages. Is there a conflict between these goals? I don't believe so. The year your son or daughter offers to God through the STF will be a strong foundation for those future years.
- Support CARP and the STF spiritually. Our young people need your prayer, your testimony, your love and encouragement. The monthly newsletter, *Impact*, is a great place to learn about the victories and the difficulties the teams are facing each day.
- Support the STF financially. All education programs require a great deal of

investment of time, energy and money, and the STF program is no exception. As the numbers of candidates has risen (from just 5 in 1995 to 40 this year, and up to 100 in 2000/1) our ability to cope with the demand has been seriously tested. We don't want to turn anyone away. But we need to ask for much more support from parents, alumni, church-related

Alabama. Following the tour there will be a one-month period of fundraising. Incoming STF participants may use this month to help cover the costs of the STF program.

August is also the month for the renewed Ocean Challenge! Our mighty fleet of two boats will set out from Gloucester in pursuit of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna, under the capable captaincy of Andrew Robertson and Brandon Olivia. The CARP-sponsored Ocean Challenge is open for parents and children together, whether or not they are STF-bound.

Then all will gather for the official STF orientation program in Camp Sunrise, New York on September 1, 1999. After an orientation and Divine Principle workshop, members will spend the next month or two team fundraising, learning to unite mind and body under the care of experienced team captains. Testimonies from previous years show clearly

that the fundraising time is often the most challenging and rewarding.

The STF teams will disperse across the country to work on a variety of projects. These include witnessing (of both the campus and the street variety) Pure Love Alliance work (including rallies and marches, but also the chance to teach the CLUE abstinence curriculum in schools and youth groups), and community service programs. The year concludes with participation in the Pure Love 2,000 Tour, tentatively scheduled for July.

For details or to register for any of our programs, please call Irina Kouznetsova at (212) 382 2402 x200, or email worldcarp@aol.com ♦



business groups and others to help fund this vital program.

- Visit STF and World CARP programs wherever possible. We always need guest speakers and lecturers, as well as elders to reminisce about the old times in less formal settings. If you can't be there physically, then at least you can send in your stories, photographs and anecdotes to share in the Ghost.

There are two opportunities for young people to join this year's program. The first way is to start by joining Pure Love '99. The arrival date will be Saturday, July 10th 1999 in Atlanta, Georgia and the tour continues through July 26th moving through Florida, Georgia and

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The words in the word list are hidden in the diagram of letters. Find them by reading forward, backward, up, down and diagonally, always in a straight line. Some of the letters in the diagram are used in more than one word and some are not used in any words. If two forms of the same word (RICH and RICHEST, for example) are in the word list, they will be found in different places in the diagram. When you locate a word in the diagram, draw a loop around it. Cross out the word you found in the word list.

**This month's topic:
Family Pledge Number Two**

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**PAUL
CARLSON**

Opposing Forces

an active gay as he gathered his formidable talents towards the saving of America.

As we know from the Divine Principle, we are now living in the time of the Last Days. When the evil-filled "fallen world" declines, and is gradually replaced by the entirely good Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. We are fully confident that this "restoration" is taking place, right through its inexorable conclusion. Furthermore, Principle makes it quite clear which actions and intentions are "good", and which are certainly "evil".

Conscientious people, from Noah's day until today, have resisted the world's evil ways. And many actively fight against this widespread evil. So far, this "fight against evil" has only been moderately successful, as a reading of today's paper should make abundantly clear. Why is this so? Where has the fight fallen short?

Divine Principle points out that "fallen man" is a mixture of good and evil, with his bad tendencies coming out much more easily than his good or unselfish ones. Also, one's attitude or intentions are quite important; one's unspoken heart helps define both one's actions and their goodness in the eyes of God. Man passes many laws, and in a mostly just society (yes, like America's), it is extraordinary indeed when it is found "good".

Regarding evil, God's view is sometimes stated; "Love the sinner, but hate the sin". Rev. Moon said; "You may befriend people of all kinds, but never compromise your standards". Standards based upon Principle. In this article I'm deliberately provocative. I'm taking a "Devil's Advocate" viewpoint on many controversial issues. I'm pointing out the ineffectiveness, both historically and currently, of many "reformers". Even, in some cases their hypocrisy—whether deliberate or unintentional.

The "fighters against evil" have opposed many things. Some things have always, from ancient times, been criminal sins. Wanton murder, rape of a woman not your wife, becoming intoxicated while on military duty, and others. Some things weren't always crimes, but have become so in the past century or two. Such as slavery, child abuse, unregulated prostitution, and more.

More recently, the list of things regarded as wrong, if not outright illegal, has grown. Such things as; abuse within marriage, sexual harassment short of rape, discrimination based upon race or religion, alcohol abuse, violent pornography, etc.

Confusion

However, modern society has had mixed feelings about other issues; such as "soft" pornography, the use of legal but harmful drugs (tobacco, etc.), and consensual sex outside of marriage—including homosexuality.

No one proposes "legalizing" those "ancient sins"—they remain all too common, but severely punishable. But the "other wrongs" are still fiercely debated, and they shift in and out of legality. The so-called "victimless crimes" remain very common. As I'll point out, even knowing Divine Principle doesn't always rule out "gray areas" or debatable points.

Most people oppose the abuse of drugs. I examined this question earlier, in more depth. (May & June 1992 UNews). Basically, illegality does not end the demand—and no amount of "enforcement" can do so. Only ending the demand can fully solve the "drug problem". And only Principle clearly explains the cause of the demand for mind-altering drugs.

In America, the "Prohibition" of the 1920s did result in a deep cut in alcohol use, and the health problems resulting from it declined. But it hardly eliminated its use, which has rebounded in recent years.

Yet, (here's what I warned you about), the mere fact of "illegality" adds a certain spice and attractiveness to drug use, especially to rebellious young people. In some places where drug use is legal, such as the Netherlands, actual use is low, far lower than it is here.

Nicotine-tobacco-is powerfully addictive, as many experimenting teenagers find out, to their regret. It remains legal, and even so, its use has declined steadily and steeply, over the past several decades. Recently, Canada added a huge anti-smoking tax of over \$3.00 per pack. And cigarette smuggling has become a favorite Canadian pastime. People have actually died trying to get them across the border. Recently, a strike in Italy made tobacco unavailable. People were mugged on the street for their cigarette. European underworld smugglers now have three big items, heroin, cigarettes, and plutonium. At home, Vermont's prisons recently re-allowed them, after seeing prisoners paying \$40.00 a pack for them even trading sex for them. Laws which oppose bad things can have unintended results.

Pornography wavers between being legal and illegal. The difference between great art and awful raunchiness seems apparent enough until you try to define it by law, and such imagery now fills our airwaves, advertisements, etc.

Many people oppose pornography. Yet, one of my favorite columnists (in Christianity Today magazine) reported he'd never seen so much skin as when attending an anti-porn conference. It seems the attendees were busy trying to out-shock each other, with the latest awful smut they'd collected. In contrast, no one takes a belt at an alcoholism conference, or at a child abuse one. No amount of law enforcement could possibly eliminate pornography. Anyone with a home darkroom

or a video camera could see to that.

Hidden away

In a similar vein, prostitution is almost totally illegal in this country, yet it is everywhere present. America has gone through many phases of "corruption" and reform on this hot issue. Read the autobiography of Lincoln Steffens for a fascinating account of this. Steffens reports on an early effort to run the hookers out of New York City. The Police Chief answered the reformers; "If you'll permit me to put them all on barges and drown them in the Hudson. But with your plan they'll all just show up in Philadelphia, anyway". And as the Stalinist Soviets later learned, even actually doing such a horrific thing doesn't eliminate the problem anyway.

In Nevada, where it is legal, the infamous "Ranches" survive by being low key, isolated operators. Yet they have no shortage of either workers or customers. And, in a recent survey, almost all of the "working girls" reported having been sexually abused as children.

Many of these issues have proven to be real tar babies. Occasionally one hears tragic news of anti crusaders dabbling in, then getting caught doing the same thing they were against. Several scandalous televangelists come to mind, as well as relapsed drug dealers. Darkest of all, from the news, and from people met while fundraising, I've heard of those who worked with runaways, etc., getting mired in child sexual abuse. That is rare, fortunately.

Unificationists have long been warned, and are very cautious about this kind of thing. Considering which people to try to teach, or to deeply relate with. Perilous "tar babies" indeed.

There is one issue so hot that even I am reluctant to tackle it. Many people oppose homosexuality, especially the militant 'in your face' activist kind.

This is very much tied in with the issue of what causes it. Is it genetic, spiritual, or ancestral? Psychological or environmental? Or is it a conscious choice? Or some combination of these?

I know of people who are certain they were born gay. If so, well then people are born with a lot of things. This still doesn't solve the pressing issue, how do you deal with it now? I have an old school buddy who is a gay activist. He tells me he decided to be gay as an adult. Any long-time Unificationist can tell you about blitzing bars, if you don't know what I mean already. I can't count how many gays tried to recruit me; persisting, handing me phone numbers, etc. I defer to our courageous brother Richard Cohen, on this issue.

However, I'll mention one thing. Unificationists wish all to come unto God, as do all sincerely religious people who feel the suffering of God and of people. The suicide rate for gay teens is three times higher than the already terribly high rate for other teens. Were strident anti-gay pressures to build, who knows how much this tragedy could compound? God is bigger than that. Recall Rev. Moon's high praise, at Danbury from a true American, J. Terry Dolan. Mr. Dolan died of AIDS not long afterwards. It was said he'd stopped being

Penalties

Some societies try to oppose evil by imposing severe, even deadly penalties. Several Middle Eastern nations come to mind. But executing drug dealers, even users has not ended those nation's drug problems. Some countries try to deal with sexuality by wrapping their women up, not an inch of skin showing. As did America during Victorian times. But, then as now, there was plenty of illicit, even violent sex. Countries like Iran have stoned prostitutes, and yet (like South Vietnam once did) allows temporary marriages. It sounds good to some but *try it out for a year or two*. But in the event, people try it for a day or two.

Some countries have gone to the opposite extreme, legalizing just about everything. Europe leads in this. But those countries legal 'needle parks' have brought them troubles, also. Naturalists and topless bathers may in truth become quite relaxed towards the sight of human bodies.

Like at German city parks, or on French beaches. No surprises there, but if they believe that this has solved their fallen natures, they're in for a big disappointment. Looking back on my own hippie days, I can testify to that. Again with time teaching and effort, the root causes may be dealt with.

The Netherlands has legalized prostitution. And now one man on welfare has successfully sued to have tax paid sex visits. Obviously laws can have strange consequences.

Clearly, knowing about the Fall of Man, and waging a tough and tenacious battle against fallen nature is the only way to find effective solutions to these deep-seated troubles. As I'd mentioned, Nevada has no trouble finding 'working girls' for their legal brothels—almost always from the ranks of abused and violated women. Those who it seems, have had their womanly honor destroyed. Thus there is a supply and a demand. Fallen men look there for satisfaction, but I very much doubt that they find it. As most people instinctively realize. This was well illustrated in the popular movie "Splash".

Only the prospect of a much better love can lead them to a better way. And only the reality of better families and communities, can end the life and love destroying scourge of sexual abuse.

For now, good people try to ban evil things like porn shops, dealers, and hookers on the street. No one wants them nearby, yet they will crop up anywhere until the supply and demand comes to an end. This looks to me like a gradual thing. But true men and women can resist these things. Thus these fallen world things will finally vanish.

Opposition

So we have seen that banning awful things can be a mixed bag. Many people think that our own mass marriages are terrible and our families too strange. Do we want the banning bandwagon to roll over us? Are we sure which things are worth opposing, and how and when?

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God's Heart

Here in our Japanese movement, there is interest in the question of America's Christian foundation. I would like to put forth here one piece of the puzzle of America's Christian foundation: the perception, the feeling, the awareness, that God is a person, number one, and number two, a person of perfect love. That's the good news. The bad news is that most Christians have a shallow understanding of God's heart and love. There are the saints, of course, those who delved into the "dark night of the soul," who cried tears when approaching God, who fainted when they raised the host to heaven to become the body of Christ. But the average Christian in the pews, like the average Buddhist or Muslim in the pews, does not dwell in that realm. Most of us never graduated Sunday School.

For Christians, God's love is taken to be that of a parent of little and for the most part helpless children. The parent is generous, kind, understanding, forgiving and so forth. The parent knows that the children are immature and even sinful, but the parent is steadfast, forbearing and all forgiving. Most of all, the parent is in control—whatever happens, my dad can handle it, my mom planned it that way. He's got the whole world in His hands; relax—God is in charge. And no matter what, God loves you. The extreme form of this is the homosexual proclaiming that God knows I'm gay and loves me anyway. God becomes the omnipotent prop for my self-esteem.

What Rev. Moon has done is not to deny any of this but to develop it and thereby add some needed sense of proportion. This typical understanding of God is appropriate for children, but not for adults. If God is our Father, as we Christians say, then how does a father really feel about His children? I mean, what parent is really happy with his son's homosexuality? A perfect father would not be missing any aspects of the full nature of love. He would in fact possess love in all its dimensions, each to the fullest extent. God is a person of powerful feeling, of intensity of heart, of the deepest sensitivity. We see God's sensitivity in the creation, in the minute charm of the babies of every species, in the little flowers, in the delicacy of the morning dew resting lightly upon a petal. Someone called it the unbearable lightness of being. But God also is the Lord of power, of thunder, of strength, of the mountains and lions. He would feel far more intensely than we do.

The biblical writers speak of the depth of God's inner life:

*O LORD, how great are thy works!
and thy thoughts are very deep. (Ps
92:5)*

*It is as high as heaven; what canst
thou do? deeper than hell; what canst
thou know? (Job 11:8)*

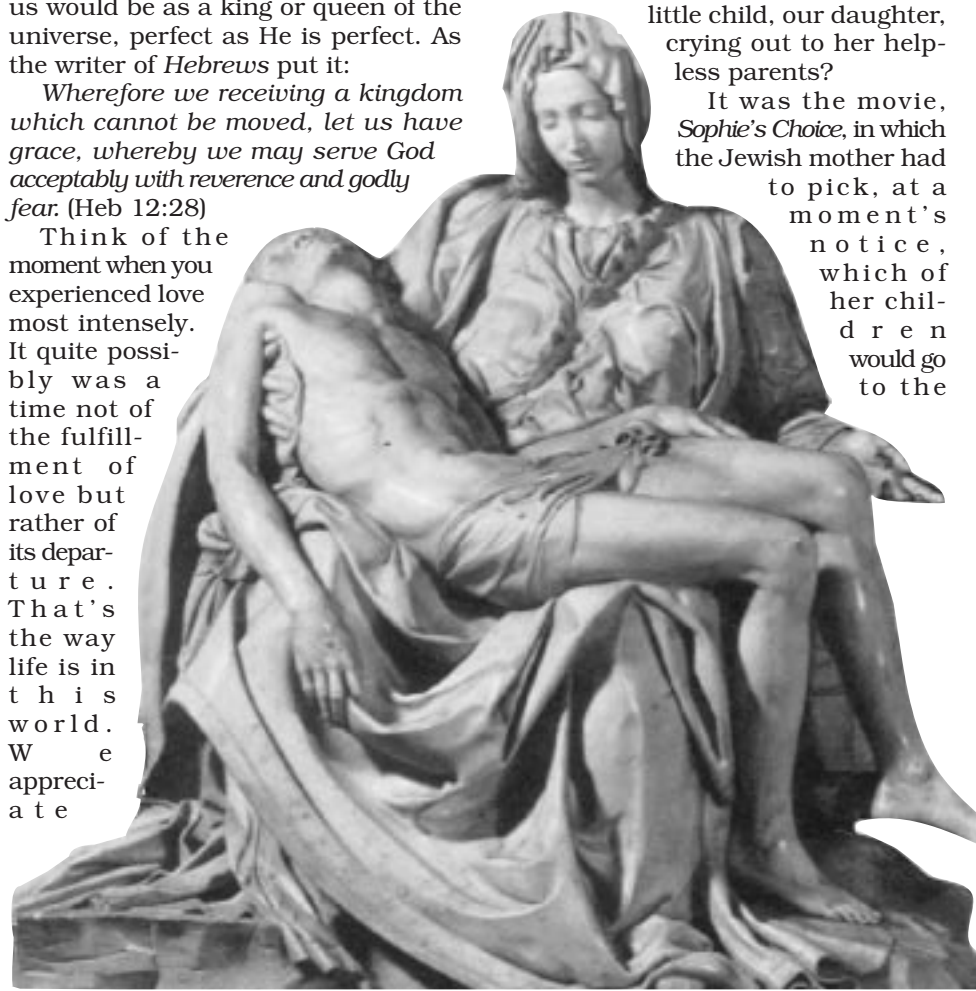
*But God hath revealed them unto us
by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all
things, yea, the deep things of God.
(1Cor 2:10)*

So if a human father has hopes the size of a pond for his children, God's hope for His children would be an ocean.

If a human father cries raindrops over the loss of his children, God would cry a typhoon. If a human father hopes his children will be successful in life, God would hope that each and every one of us would be as a king or queen of the universe, perfect as He is perfect. As the writer of *Hebrews* put it:

*Wherefore we receiving a kingdom
which cannot be moved, let us have
grace, whereby we may serve God
acceptably with reverence and godly
fear. (Heb 12:28)*

Think of the moment when you experienced love most intensely. It quite possibly was a time not of the fulfillment of love but rather of its departure. That's the way life is in this world. We appreciate



things when we miss them; you never miss your water 'til the well runs dry, as the saying goes. I think of the moment when my daughter had open-heart surgery. Of course we trust doctors and hospitals, and we were in one of the finest for this type of operation, but still it is an operation several hours long, opening her chest, opening her heart and sewing up a hole that had failed to close in her first few months. She was two and half years old and had no idea what was going on, other than that there was this stranger with plastic gloves and a mask on carrying her away from her parents. There we stood, helpless, as she was screaming, trying to wrest herself away from the stranger's grasp, her little arms reaching out to her parents. We, standing without moving to help her, watched her cry in fear and abandonment. And as the door closed, we were hidden from her view.



She went to her destiny. That was an intense moment.

A few hours later, we could go into the intensive care unit to see her. Her little body was loaded with tubes. She was so covered with instruments and tubes that we couldn't even touch her. She was mercifully groggy from the medication. Our only consolation was that it was for her own good.

But let us extend to God's situation—and the situation of many other parents in human history. What if it wasn't for her own good? What if these doctors we bent on evil? What if they were using her for an experiment that would destroy her mind or body? What if there would be no return, no recovery, just endless pain? How would we have felt as parents? Watching the doctor, protected by armed guards, pulling

her away from us, with this little child, our daughter, crying out to her helpless parents?

It was the movie, *Sophie's Choice*, in which the Jewish mother had to pick, at a moment's notice, which of her children would go to the

are all arranged at the hotel. So you and your wife are putting the luggage into the trunk, touching each other's hands, hips bumping hips supposedly inadvertently, as your excitement builds. You open the back door of the car and suddenly see there's a man there. It's another acquaintance, someone you don't know well but you are casual friends.

You digest his presence. He wasn't part of the plan at all, even this new hypothetical plan, but your heart is big and you trust that everything is working as it is supposed to. And your wife slides in, and you start to enter the car, and the driver says, "Oh, no, you're not coming. No room—sorry." And your wife pulls the door closed. The glass is tinted and in the falling light of evening you can't see her inside. Your friend's wife smiles as her window goes up and her husband pulls the car away.

Your autonomous nervous system raises your hand in a wan good-bye, and a million questions enter your mind. My wife just left me behind and got into a car with another man. What's going on? Did she know it was going to happen? Was it a surprise to her, too? They're coming back in a few minutes, right? This is just a little game, right? My wife—was she getting in happily? Is she having a relationship with this guy in the back seat? In short, your world is turned upside down.

Imagine that moment as the car pulls away. Think of those moments in your life. Those moments when time stands still, the carpet is pulled out from under you, and you enter into a fog. Questions, feelings come rushing in. Self-doubt—what did I do wrong? What could have I done? I should have done this, done that, said this . . . Too late.

Think about those experiences. We've all had them. Now, multiply that feeling a million times in intensity. Extend it beyond yourself to every human being who ever lived. Bring all the resentment you have felt to its ultimate essence. Your loneliness, your anger, your fear, your self-doubt, your broken-heartedness, your regret, your "if only"-ness—take that to its essence. Multiply it by thirty billion people and live through it again and again. Feel it continually, unavoidably. Remove any distractions such as food, sex, sleep or even friendship. Imagine that you've created everything there is to create except for exactly that true love relationship that is now destroyed. It is not only destroyed; it is transmuted into terror. It is as if it would have been better had you not created anything at all. There is only one thing you can do: through the pain, keep loving. That love itself makes the pain worse, but all you can do is keep loving.

With the love can come anger. The greatest anger would be directed toward the object of love who, by being the object, is the only one with the power to destroy the love. From this comes the motivation to murder. When love is destroyed, life has no meaning. But God did not murder. God loved the wife who betrayed Him. In betraying Him, she destroyed herself. She guaranteed

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New Arrivals

This month we are proud to present:

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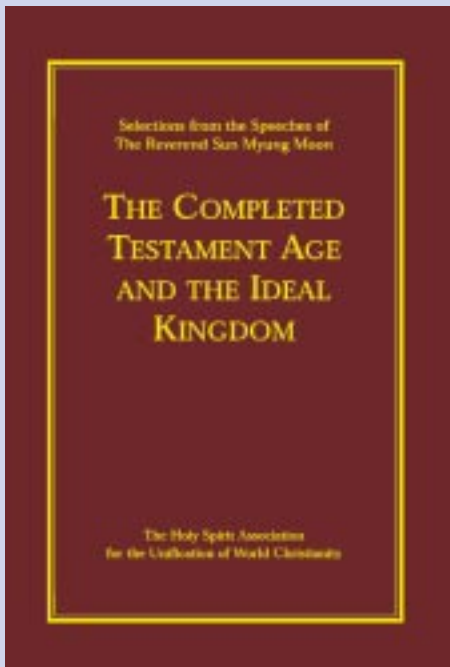
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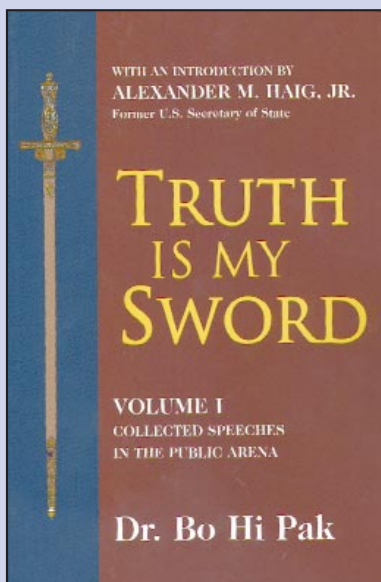
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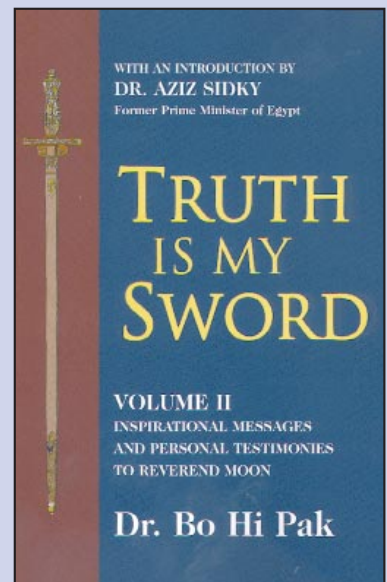
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