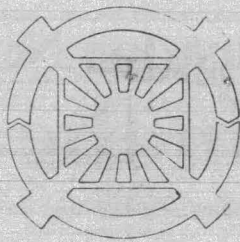


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# Unification News

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## Mrs. Moon Featured in Russian Newspaper

By Vladimir Iordansky

*This is an excerpt from a translation from the Russian of an article entitled "Responsibility Before Future Generations of the Human Family" that appeared in the Religion and Society section of "Za Rubezhom" (Abroad) the June 12, 1989 edition. This monthly newspaper has a circulation of 1.2 million, mostly made up of the Party elite, and it is considered to be one of the 'official' intellectual publications of the U.S.S.R. This article was a result of the Russian journalist's attendance at the recent World Media Conference. Rev. Moon spoke in a recent sermon about the great significance of Mrs. Moon taking the role of an educator to this Communist nation.*

In this epoch of *perestroika*, phenomena and people are coming into our social field of vision which before we tried not to see or rejected. Often we were repaid in kind.

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon is a complex and contradictory figure. A native of Korea, he currently lives in the United States. In his brief biography it is told that

in 1936, on Easter morning, Jesus Christ appeared to him and prompted him to religious work. After dramatic, vivid experiences, Sun Myung Moon founded and headed a new Christian movement, whose organizational name became the Unification Church.

In the United States, Sun Myung Moon has been treated with a well-known guardedness, both as a religious leader and as a businessman. At one time from religious circles in the USA, there seemed to come a steady stream of defamation of him and his followers. He was sentenced to prison on charges of violating tax laws.



Mrs. Moon was interviewed by a Russian magazine.

For many years Sun Myung Moon did not hide his animosity towards communism and towards the Soviet Union. He was

the founder of the famous Anti-Communist League, a product of the "cold war." He explained his position, apparently sincerely, in that communism is atheistic by its very nature. But both

*perestroika* in the Soviet Union and the important transformations in China compelled him to reconsider his previous views. Addressing an

international conference of journalists in Washington, D.C. in April, he stated, in the presence of Soviet and Chinese delegations:

"The communist world is rapidly changing. I approve of the new policy of *glasnost* and *perestroika* in the Soviet Union and the reforms carried out in China. The media is playing the leading role in these changes in both countries."

Reverend Moon doesn't give interviews. But his wife and comrade-in-arms, Hak Ja Han Moon, amiably agreed to answer several of my questions. We publish her answers with minor abbreviation. I think they shed light on what is one of the most unique and influential of the religious movements, not only in the USA, and on the approach of its spiritual leader to a host of important problems for all of humanity.

### Question:

The Unification Church is active in many countries of the world, and numbers hundreds of thousands of followers. Their concerns and dreams, apparently find expression in the teachings of Rev. Moon. What goals does he advance?

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## UNIFICATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## UTS Graduates its Thirteenth Class

By Richard L. Lewis

The thirteenth commencement of the Unification Theological Seminary was held on June 30. There were thirty graduates from the two-year Religious

Education Program and ten from the three-year Divinity Program.

Founded by the Rev. Moon in 1974, the seminary admitted its first class of 50 students in 1975. It was granted a provisional charter from the State of New York in November of 1986. At that time its programs were registered as master's level programs. The students who entered the seminary that term, i.e. in the Fall of 1986, were the first to complete their studies in the newly recognized

MRE program. However, until the seminary receives its absolute charter, the degrees are being granted jointly by the seminary and the State.

Rev. James Baughman was the M.C. and the Invocation was given by Dr. Shawn Byrne.

After the conferring of the degrees, seminary President David S.C. Kim encouraged students to practice "Unification Optimism."

"Live for the sake of others and spread God's word," he said.

He said that this will not be easy. "There

will be a high degree of ups and downs after graduation, but just remember this day as a day of joy in your life."

Today's graduates face a big responsibility in the modern world because it is "crying out for the word of God," said

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The graduating class with President and Mrs. Kim and the UTS faculty. (New Future Photo)



# Recent Happenings in the World of Religion

*These briefs are taken from the weekly reports of the Religious News Service.*

## Scholar says reports of Satanic cults have been exaggerated

LAS VEGAS—Despite the increasing reports of Satanist cult activity that have appeared in both the religious and secular media, a specialist in religious cults says the danger has been greatly exaggerated. "My sense is that the real increase has been more in the attempts at promoting a fear of Satanism, not a rise in Satanism itself," Dr. J. Gordon Melton told the Religious Newswriters Association at its recent national convention here.

## Jehovah's Witness teens warned about 'influence of the world'

NASHVILLE—Jehovah's Witnesses were warned to guard against the influence of the world and of "lawless clergy" from Christianity's "fading churches" as about 5,000 Witnesses gathered July 7-9 for the first of two regional conventions here. The nearly 1,000 teen believers who attended were exhorted at one point to pray that Jehovah will lead them away from the "fleshly woes" of the world. "You have rock stars and video stars, but their lives aren't worth imitation," said Daryl Holland of Camden, Tenn.

## Recognition of 'time for change' prompts resignation of NCC chief

NEW YORK—The embattled head of the nation's preeminent ecumenical agency, the National Council of Churches, announced his resignation June 27 at a news conference here, citing controversies about his leadership which came to a head at an NCC Governing Board meeting a month earlier. The Rev. Arie Brouwer said his decision to resign as general secretary effective June 30 was not prompted by any pressures on him but by a recognition that it is "a time for change" in the position, which he has filled since January 1985.

## Black Baptists dedicate headquarters, plan cable TV program

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Members of the nation's largest black denomination dedicated their new \$10 million world headquarters here June 21 and announced plans to launch a cable TV show that will focus on black life achievements. The Baptist World Center, the first headquarters ever built by an American black denomination, will house the offices of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. The Rev. T.J. Jemison, president of the 8-million-member denomination, had lobbied for the headquarters for years despite the skepticism of some members and the intimidating price tag. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, one of the denomination's most famous members, told the gathering that "after many years of people being torn down, people are now being built up."

## Jewish groups upset over court's menorah reasoning

NEW YORK—Jewish organizations were generally upset with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that upheld the display of a menorah on public property in Pittsburgh, objecting to it both for church-state reasons and because they felt it was secularizing a Jewish symbol. While striking down the display of a creche at a Pittsburgh courthouse because it stood alone under a banner that said, "Glory to God in the Highest," the court upheld the menorah display next to a Christmas tree on the ground that "both Christmas and Hanukkah are part of the same winter-holiday season, which has attained a secular status in society."

"The court's holding today will further hasten the transformation of Hanukkah from a religious to a cultural event," said Phil Baum, associate director of the American Jewish Congress. "This is the inevitable price paid for seeking to enlist official endorsement for religious practices."

## UCC votes to relocate headquarters from New York to Cleveland

FORT WORTH, Texas—The United Church of Christ has decided to relocate its national headquarters from New York to Cleveland, becoming the third Protestant denomination to leave New York in recent years for less expensive environs. At the church's 17th General Synod here, more than 700 delegates representing the 1.7-million-member denomination approved the move by a margin of 448-294. The move became a subject of much debate from the opening days of the June 30-July 4 gathering. Supporters of the move claimed the relocation will save the church money in the long run because the costs of doing business

in Cleveland are substantially less than in New York.

## Hickey suspends Stallings for establishing breakaway church

Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington has suspended the Rev. George A. Stallings for defying his orders and establishing a breakaway church for black Catholics.

The July 3 letter, written one day after Father Stallings celebrated Mass for the first time at his Imani Temple, described the service as "destructive" and a "public act of disobedience." The cardinal told the 41-year-old priest he will remain suspended "until you have renounced the fact of disobedience in accordance with the teaching and the discipline of the Roman Catholic Church."

But Father Stallings said he does not recognize Cardinal Hickey's "jurisdiction to determine who we are and what we are." He said the cardinal "can only regulate as a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, and I am not functioning in that context."

## Vatican and Poland re-establish full diplomatic relations

VATICAN CITY—Forty-four years after the communists of eastern Europe turned their backs on the Roman Catholic Church, the Holy See and Poland have re-established full diplomatic relations. The exchange of ambassadors expected to take place in the near future will be the first between the Vatican and a Warsaw Pact nation. On July 17 a joint communique by the Holy See and the Polish state-run new agency announced that the decision to re-establish formal diplomatic relations had been made "in consideration of the noble centuries-old tradition of existing ties between the Apostolic See and the Polish nation" and would serve to develop "mutual friendly relations."

## Russian Orthodox leaders issue appeal for 20 million Bibles

Russian Orthodox Church leaders have challenged the United Bible Societies to provide 20 million Bibles, according to an announcement by the American Bible Society. This challenge follows on the heels of a "memorandum of understanding" signed recently in Moscow between the United Bible Societies (UBS) and the Russian Orthodox Church which will provide the basis for ongoing discussion towards "the establishing of the first ever interconfessional Bible distribution organization in the U.S.S.R.," according to a separate ABS announcement. John A. Duguid, an ABS spokesman, said there is "basically no linkage" between the signing of the memorandum and the challenge to provide 20 million Bibles.

## Six Lutheran churches plan new seminary in Taiwan

Concern about the future of Lutheran theological education in Taiwan has prompted six Lutheran churches to join together to establish a united Lutheran seminary there. The China Lutheran Seminary is slated to open in late 1991. The Taiwan Lutheran Church, the China Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church of the Republic of China, the Chinese Lutheran Brethren Church, the China Lutheran Gospel Church and the Lutheran Church of Taiwan have agreed to combine financial, property and personnel resources for the creation of the new seminary.

## Southern Baptists record nearly 1,000 conversions in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS—Following three years of intense planning on how to evangelize a host city during their annual meeting, Southern Baptists have recorded nearly 1,000 professions of faith through a series of statewide revivals and neighborhood visitations. The events were coordinated with the denomination's annual meeting, held June 13-15 in

the Las Vegas Convention Center.

## Magazine denounces delay in publishing Dead Sea Scrolls

A popular archeology magazine has denounced what it calls a "conspiracy of silence and obstruction" that has hampered publication of the Dead Sea Scrolls for more than 30 years. An article in July/August issue of the Biblical Archeology Review, published in Washington, charges that the team of scholars assigned to publish the scrolls that were discovered in 1947 has "become more an obstacle to publication than a source of information." The article, titled "Dead Sea Scrolls Scandal," says the principal accomplishment of the team of editors during the last 15 years "has been successfully to prevent other scholars from studying the vast store of as-yet-unpublished scroll materials."

## American Baptist leader calls for coalition on social issues

MILWAUKEE—The general secretary of American Baptist churches has called on fundamentalist and mainline churches to join in a coalition to fight social problems like drugs, homelessness and AIDS. Addressing 3,000 delegates to the denomination's biennial meeting here June 22, the Rev. Daniel Weiss said, "These problems are too vast for any one segment of the church to affect." At the same time, he said his own denomination's 1.6 million members are called to "touch lives and transform a troubled society in ways that are consistent with God's will and vision for it."

## Canadian Lutherans confirm sharing agreement with Anglicans

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan—Bishops of the Anglican and Lutheran churches embraced here July 14, symbolizing a new, closer relationship between their churches. "This is a thrilling and a tremendous time," said Anglican Bishop Walter Jones of Winnipeg, moments after the biennial convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada approved a new resolution on cooperation and sharing with the Anglican Church of Canada. Anglicans approved an identical resolution last month at their general Synod, which met in Newfoundland. Delegates to the Lutheran convention stood and applauded as their presiding bishop, the Rev. Donald Sjoborg, embraced Bishop Jones. Though largely symbolic, sharing of communion is viewed as an important step toward unity by Christian churches. Both Lutherans and Anglicans have welcomed each other to communion on an informal basis in the past, but the new agreement officially recognizes how close the two churches are on basic Christian principles.

## Christian Booksellers with religious wares for every human need

ATLANTA—At the Christian Booksellers Association annual convention here, the old saying that "nothing is sacred" was turned on its head. In the Georgia World Congress Center, where more than 350 exhibitors plied their wares for thousands of store owners and employees, almost everything was sacred. There were teabags with verses of scripture on the tags; fortune cookies with Bible verses inside; kitchen sponges that said, "Keep Afloat With God," and "Heaven Fresh" automobile air fresheners. All are part of an almost \$3 billion a year industry at a national average of about 6 percent per year. With the merchandise on display, the will-groomed Christian could pluck toothbrush and toothpaste from a scriptural toothbrush holder, tend to his coif with a comb admonishing him to "Praise the Lord," trim his toenails with clippers bearing an outline of praying hands and check his appearance in a pocket mirror that says "Look Who God Loves." T-shirts portrayed Christ as "the original caped crusader" or a Smokey the Bear—"Only He Can Prevent Eternal Fire."



The Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearsing for its 60th anniversary—3,126 performances—of the radio program, *Music and the Spoken Word*. (RNS Photo)



## UTS GRADUATION

# You Must Help Revive America

By Reverend Sun Myung Moon

*This is the 13th Commencement Address given at the graduation ceremony on June 30, 1989 at Barrytown, New York*

**O**n this happy and joyous occasion of the Unification Theological Seminary's 13th graduation exercise, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to 40 new graduates. At the same time, the administration, faculty and staff of UTS, who have helped these graduates complete their academic program, deserve to be congratulated.

Furthermore, I am pleased to receive a report from your beloved President, Dr. David S.C. Kim, that 22 of last year's graduates officially received the diploma for the Master's degree in Religious Education. These MRE degrees were conferred by the New York State Board of Regents and the President of New York State University on March 17, 1989.

You are greatly honored to receive this kind of prestigious Master's degree from the Empire State of New York. Therefore, my third "congratulations" goes to the 22 MRE degree recipients who are the Unification Theological Seminary's first degree holders.

I recognize this event as a sign of the Seminary's continuous advancement as a new age educational institution. I acknowledge the UTS Board of Trustees, the faculty, the administration, the staff, and the students for their steady effort and progress. I, the Founder of this Seminary, deeply appreciate the progress made under difficult circumstances.

## Christianity

May I call attention especially to the significance of this year in which you are graduating. On this happy occasion I would like to directly address you graduates regarding the urgent need for the revival of American Christianity, as part of God's dispensation and the need for a global revival of world Christianity based on the revival of America. Who is responsible for these revivals? It is your mission, as graduates, to be responsible for the future destiny of America and the world.

The land of America was richly blessed by God so it could develop rapidly. This phenomenon did not just happen by chance. In the course of God's providence the nation of America was chosen for the sole purpose of restoring this troubled world to God's side. This nation was founded on the Christian ideal; therefore, America inherits the position of the second Israel from Christianity.

God's plan was to let America become a world-power, and then lead the free world of theistic countries in confronting atheistic communism. Thus, centering on America as His chosen nation, God hoped to restore the free nations to the "ideal" according to His original will.

## Wrong Direction

However, the people of America, not knowing God's providence, went in the wrong direction, especially after 1945 and the victory of World War II. They did not fulfill their heavenly responsibility for restoration to God's side. Thus, since that time, America and the free nations have lost the ideal, bringing about the moral corruption of their young people. Such moral corruption can be seen by the existence of free sex, drug and alcohol abuse and homosexuality, not only in America, but throughout the world.

tended to become individualistic, but it has developed into secular humanism and extreme individualism, abandoning the original values of the family and community. The family structure and the societal system have been separated to the detriment of both. We need to bring them back together based on the original Judeo-Christian ideal that this nation's Founding Fathers envisioned in the Constitution and fought for with their lives in the War of Independence.

If the people of America return to God and revive their original values, then the

fighting with each other over doctrinal differences and denominational insistence, they must form a united front, fighting social evils in the community and the world.

I have established the Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy (ICC) for the purpose of giving direction to American ministers to help America. You graduates can teach Christian ministers about the infinite existence of the spiritual world of heart and love as a reality in our life of faith. Let your colleagues, the Christian ministers, rediscover this religious sphere.

We cannot sit back and watch the nation of America and the world perish. We must stop it now! Revive them; restore them to the original ideal and condition! When you go out to your mission you will immediately engage in a war between good and evil. With the help of your fellow alumni, I believe that you shall win over this war and bring victory to God.

## Tribal Messiah

I am even more convinced that you shall bring total victory in your mission because in 1988 I began the "Tribal Messiah System." This system is your opportunity to restore this nation by becoming a messiah to your own family. By creating God-centered tribes, each of our movement's more than 20,000 Blessed families can become tribal chieftains and messianic families. The extended family structures established by these core families will develop into community and societal structures that can turn America

around to fulfill its providential mission for the world.

Once America is revived, the free nations will follow, and once the free nations are revived, atheistic communism will turn around and begin to move towards God's direction. In this way, America and the world can be restored based on the Tribal Messiah System. The Tribal Messiah Concept is God's thought and system. It is God's providence for America and the world. Thus, the construction of the kingdom of heaven starts through this Tribal Messiah System. In this way, we can restructure the original Judeo-Christian values so they can be revived.

Tribal Messiah thought, or ministry, is practiced by me in my own daily life of faith, and has been proven as a valid system. In this way, I have made God's thought and system my own. I have created this supra-national "Historical Tradition" so that you may accomplish your mission in America and the world. I am the incarnation of Heavenly Father's thought, the Tribal Messiah Concept. You can learn this concept by studying me; this is your challenge.

I pray that Heavenly Father's love, grace, mercy and protection be upon you in your future mission, and I hope that you can bring great and total victory in the "Revival of America and the World." One more time, my sincere congratulations to you graduates who will inherit God's kingdom on earth.



Rev. Moon giving the Sunday Morning Sermon at Belvedere. (New Future Photo)

In addition, they have been plunged into a worldwide confrontation with the rising evil force of communistic power, which has now taken more than half of this world in their global conquest. Now America is at the crossroads of "life and death" and is on the verge of complete collapse. If America fails God will have to raise up a third Israel to restore this failure and to save America and the world.

Therefore, we must work hard to revive America from a dangerous coma and the condition of "near death." Since the "heavenly doctor" has not yet pronounced America and the free nations dead, there is some hope.

How can we revive America from its present dying condition? That is the question. First, the nation of America and the American people must return to the ideals of God: to serve God, to believe in God, to pay awesome reverence to God, and to worship God. Second, they must recognize God as their Heavenly Father and all of humankind as their brothers and sisters. Based on Judeo-Christian faith, morality, ethics and values, they have to repent for their past failures and reject the present secular, satanic values. The most urgent thing we need to do is to revive the people of America and return to the Judeo-Christian value system.

## Secular Humanism

Originally, Christianity was never in-

free nations will automatically be revived and the rest of the world will be restored. With a high standard of value the free nations can easily influence the communist nations, where changes are already taking place. Russia, China and the Eastern satellite countries are now waging a battle to gain a democratic system, and a "pro-democracy movement" is taking place throughout the world.

I have much hope for the near future; a global revival and restoration is within our reach under God's providential scheme and timetable. Then, all peoples of the world will know God as their Heavenly Father and will understand His dispensation and His will. So, it is up to the people of America whether or not the world can be revived and restored to God, fulfilling the ideal world on earth which God had originally planned.

## Revival!

So, where do we begin? First of all, the revival of Christianity must come in America. Then, we must arrest the spread of worldwide communism and expose their global conquest strategy. Furthermore, we must stop the moral decay of the young generation in the world, and tackle the worldwide "mafia gang" operation that adds to the destruction of our youth. Finally, we need mobilize over 400 Christian denominations to protect the young generation as future leaders through interfaith and ecumenical action. Instead of



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## Mrs. Moon:

My husband approaches God in prayer, he doesn't ask God for help, but asks what His will is. And he pledges to fulfill it. According to my observation, when my husband sets out to work in this spirit, God Himself helps him even without his asking.

I want to emphasize that racism, religious intolerance, the desecration of nature, and other misfortunes of our world are the result of serious problems in the human heart. That's where we should approach the solution of world problems. The hatred in the heart of man must be replaced with love.

It is well known that my husband was a long-time opponent of communism. This is no secret. But I want to emphasize that he didn't hold this position out of malice. He held it because Marxism doesn't recognize the existence of God. But my husband always believed in the grandeur of the Soviet Union. Today the West is falling into decline because of its callousness in relation to God, and its abuse of human freedom. When the nation of the Soviet Union carries out the reform of its system, and religious freedoms are firmly restored, prosperity will undoubtedly come.

With God's help the future of the Soviet Union will be bright. You should strongly believe in your country. My husband asked me to say to you, may God bless you and your families, may God bless the people of the Soviet Union.

## Question:

In the present day there is a growing concern throughout the world about ecological problems. In the opinion of the Soviet Union, international cooperation is essential to save the world from ecological catastrophe. What is your opinion, the opinion of Rev. Moon concerning these problems?

## Mrs. Moon:

Originally, nature itself maintained its own balance, but when human beings are included in the equation, they destroy the balance of nature. In this century, mankind has achieved astonishing technical and scientific successes. The U.S.S.R. created the Sputnik and was proud to call Yuri Gagarin its son. Just think also about the surprising breakthroughs accomplished in recent years in medicine, such as the polio vaccines of Salk and Sabin.

I believe that God is working through science as well, so that we could understand the importance of having the greatest concern about the environment. Today we understand that many household items such as aerosol sprays can cause lasting damage to nature if they are not used with the necessary caution. We also understand that we are going to have to cope with the consequences of the fact that we continue to produce an enormous quantity of wastes

that are unrecyclable and which are not biodegradable. The consequences of poor management in agriculture such as the destruction of huge rain forests, are becoming more and more obvious. And what's more, from such catastrophes such as Three Mile Island in the USA and Chernobyl, we see the absolute necessity of a more cautious approach to the peaceful development of nuclear energy.

I attended the Seoul Olympic Games. Two of our children were on the South Korean Olympic equestrian team. What really moved me about this event was the growing awareness of the importance of international cooperation. It is becoming more and more clear that no nation is an isolated island.

deal with these problems. We would be more than happy to cooperate in an approach to such problems, be it inside or outside the Soviet Union.

Let me give you an example of how we are approaching some of the problems which you mentioned. Above all, problems such as alcoholism and drug addiction, as well as immorality and family breakdown, stem from spiritual confusion and lack of self-control. If medicine and psychology are capable of only partially curing these problems, then we believe the churches must play an important role.

On an international scale, one of the most severe problems which our world faces is the scientific-technological gap between nations. Some of the most devel-

to see a monster, and are amazed to see what a loving and attentive person he is. Surely you yourselves were also surprised, having met him personally. My husband is, all in one person, a fisherman and a businessman, a newspaper publisher and a thinker, as well as many other things. But above all he is a religious leader. If you would spend even a day with him, you would immediately become convinced of this yourself.

When my husband was in prison for thirteen months in the USA, the other prisoners expected that he would try to get an easy life, but they discovered a completely different person. Every day he woke up and prayed from 3 to 5 o'clock in the morning. One day the prison chaplain came to him and said, "Reverend Moon, you are a minister and every Sunday you are welcome to use the chapel. Which time would suit you: seven, nine or even eleven o'clock?" My husband asked, "Is the chapel open at three o'clock?" The chaplain replied, "No problem. I'll call you at three o'clock in the afternoon." My husband said, "No, I want to use it at three o'clock in the morning, if it is possible." The chaplain thought perhaps there was some sort of misunderstanding, but my husband made it clear that he meant the morning. He joked, "I doubt that in America there are many people who pray at three in the morning, so therefore it will be easier for me to get a direct line to God."

Usually my husband gets up very early, beginning his day with long prayer. After that, he plans his day and greets the children. Breakfast starts exactly at 7:30. It's also a working session. In the USA alone, he created more than three hundred organizations and businesses. You see, that's enough to occupy him for a long time. The morning meetings continue into the afternoon. At lunch the working sessions don't stop.

After midday my husband usually visits one of the organizations founded by him. There he chats with its members, and answers their questions. He returns home for dinner. At dinner the meetings continue, finishing up about one o'clock in the morning.

My husband is almost 70 years old. He leads a very disciplined way of life. If you're by his side for a few days you discover that he is constantly loading himself down with work.

We have twelve children, six daughters and six sons. Already more than half of our children have their own families. Our oldest child, a daughter, is 28, and our youngest, also a girl, will soon be 7. It's not simple to be the mother of so many children. And now there are grandchildren. Seven of them already!

We believe that the family is the only institution created by God Himself. Sometimes we speak of it as a school of love, a place where we learn to relate to all human beings. We also believe that the family is the building block of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

## «Ответственность перед будущими поколениями семьи человеческой»

As international cooperation grows, it becomes possible in the sphere of ecology to accomplish worldwide agreement on the steps we must take for the defense of the conditions of life on our planet. The U.S.S.R. is correct in opening up international cooperation in this vitally important area. All world leaders are obligated to recognize their responsibility before the future generation of the human family.

In this regard it might interest you to know that for the past seventeen years my husband has sponsored the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. Every year we gather scientists from all over the world, including many Nobel laureates. These conferences research the moral aspect of science and technology. The conference proceedings have been published, and many of the papers dealt with how to better defend our environment.

## Question:

There are many people in the world in need of compassion and help. In the Soviet Union today there are emerging numerous charitable organizations and movements. An enormous work is being conducted in giving support to those who are being treated for alcoholism and drug-addiction. Could you tell us what are doing in this area? In your opinion, is cooperation between Soviet charitable organizations and the Unification Church possible, and if so, in what ways?

## Mrs. Moon:

We would very much want to study the possibilities of joint work with the Soviet Union on projects in these areas. My husband's thought always transcends the limits of nations, religions and political beliefs. There are three key problems we need to address. These are the problems of hunger, disease and illiteracy.

For us it would be very valuable to study the ways in which we could work together with the Soviet agencies which

opened nations in the world are not sharing their scientific-technological knowledge with the countries of the so-called "Third World." This is an incorrect position. It is our duty to work together towards the creation of an international sphere of cooperation and co-prosperity. As long as the gap between poor and rich countries is maintained, the soil for conflict and war remains.

We have a permanent team of doctors and nurses which work on projects of medical assistance. In addition we have assisted in the construction of schools and orphanages in the "Third World." We are also helping the victims of natural disasters, and in particular, we assisted in the collection of aid for the victims of the tragic Armenian earthquake.

However, there are needy in the United States as well. In 1984 my husband acquired 250 ten-ton trucks and assigned five to be used in each of the 50 states. They are used mainly to deliver food products to the needy.

The businesses founded by members of the Unification Church are helping to hasten technical progress in the developing countries. Perhaps you know that we have businesses in Africa, China and other regions. In keeping with our policy, we don't take out the profits from these countries where our enterprises are functioning, but rather reinvest them.

## Question:

In conclusion, could you describe to us how Rev. Moon's working day is structured? And, perhaps a few words about your family?

## Mrs. Moon

My husband's activity has attracted wide interest, but also onslaughts of hysteria in well in certain circles. The reason has been the distorted presentation about my husband in the media. Often when people meet Rev. Moon they expect

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graduate David Fraser Harris.

He told the graduates that it is not money, knowledge or material items that are the key to happiness.

"Always remember that Rev. Moon taught that God is the essence of true love and happiness," he said.

"I recognize this event as a sign of the Seminary's continuous advancement as a new age educational institution," said the Rev. Moon in an address to the students read by Dr. Kim.

Rev. Moon said Americans went in the wrong direction morally after World War II. This country was established to restore

the world to God's side. However, Americans and other free nations have lost this ideal. He cited examples of moral corruption such as promiscuity, drug and alcohol abuse and homosexuality. He encouraged graduates to "work hard to revive America from a dangerous coma and the condition of near death."

## Graduates: Religious Education

Robert P. Anson, Jr. (Indiana)  
Alex M. Basabe (Philippines)  
Pierre Beauregard (Canada)  
Bruce Biddle (Ohio)  
Alison Byer (England)  
Catherine Cappelli (Australia)  
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## UTS GRADUATION

## Spread 'Unification Optimism' Worldwide

By Dr. David S. C. Kim

*These are the Congratulatory Remarks given at the UTS graduation on June 30, 1989 by President David S.C. Kim, Ph.D.*

I have to confess something to you before I continue. Can you guess what it is? Actually, I had a great deal of trouble thinking of what to say to you. You, who have heard me speak each morning for the last two or three years, must surely be tired of hearing me by now. However, today will be my last address to you, so please bear with me.

Our Seminary, founded by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, is rapidly becoming more and more international in flavor and emphasis as our recruiting policy and procedure expands to include other nations. This year, over twenty-seven nations have sent students and our doors are now even open to communist China. Why this trend?

The nations of the world are becoming dependent upon each other as they realize they can no longer remain independent and continue to survive. Also, cross-cultural contact is more frequent than before and both interreligious and intra-religious dialogue is becoming commonplace. Even Marxist/Christian and Christian/Buddhist dialogue is more and more popular. The two conflicting ideological camps of communism and democracy are trying to find common grounds for coexistence, prosperity and global welfare. This was never imagined possible just one decade ago. It is truly interesting to observe today's world affairs.

According to our church's teaching, this

is God's providential plan as prophesied in the Bible—the so-called Last Days. This means, according to Unification Principle, that this is the time of the new Messiah's appearance. You graduates are qualified to understand and teach the contents of unification Principle, especially in the area of interfaith work and world ecumenism.

higher goal of worldwide well-being. They have been doing this here for last fourteen years, since our inauguration in 1975.

## Unification Optimism

Therefore, be optimistic and positive, even in pessimistic and negative situations.

joy and happiness will be realized on earth. This is the "Kingdom of Heaven on Earth" which Jesus referred to when he said, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven."

Today, we all celebrate your success and accomplishment in academic as well as spiritual maturity. Your future path and mission are not necessarily static and easy, but will sometimes be cyclical, mobile and tough. In other words, there will be a high degree of ups and downs in the course of your life after graduation. Please remember this day of joy, happiness, power and spirit as you are bouncing up and leaping forward from this launching pad, continuously and steadily advancing your work and mission, and following in the footsteps shown to us by our Father as model followers of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. By doing this, you can positively and constructively influence this sick and troubled world and have great impact on its restoration to God's side.

We are proud of you all because you are the ambassadors of

Heavenly Father and the special envoys of Reverend Moon and the Unification movement worldwide. You must also feel proud of yourselves. You deserve to be recognized and highly congratulated. May God bless you forever and, again, my congratulations to you.



President David S. C. Kim awarding the degrees at the UTS graduation. (New Future Photo)

Even our faculty reflects this ecumenism as they represent Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, Confucianism, Judaism, Greek Orthodoxy and so on. They have shown you how great variation can coexist and work together for the good without destroying each other while promoting the

Based on this belief, I coined the phrase "Unification Optimism" as a term for the new age. Live for the sake of others, spread the word of God and propagate God's true love, even to your formidable enemies. By doing so, evil will naturally surrender to God's side. Thus, permanent peace, order,

## NEW ECUMENICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

## Reflections on Freedom at a Conference in China

By Franz Feige, Ph. D.

Freedom is precious. The spirit soars whenever it is experienced. Can it be preserved, enshrined, safeguarded? Perhaps many Americans would claim that it can that the American Constitution provides such a safeguard for the freedoms of speech, assembly, and religion, to name only some of the cornerstones of democracy.

Perhaps some of us would contend that even in America freedom is a relative thing. Today, tens of thousands of illegal Latin immigrants are slaving in sweatshops, hundreds of thousands of drug addicts are wasting away, a great number of blacks are trapped by the conditioning of centuries of slavery and economic destitution, and we are struggling in some sense against the oppressions of materialism, commercialization, militarism, and the degradation of our human and natural environment. All this is not to deny the gains brought about by our democratic institutions.

My thought was turned to the quest of freedom at my recent visit to China and more poignantly so after leaving and experiencing the crushing of the student

demonstrations there. The occasion of my trip to Beijing in the last half of May 1989 was a conference on "Religion in China: Past and Present," co-sponsored by New ERA (New Ecumenical Research Association) and a Chinese cultural foundation. Ten Chinese scholars hosted ten scholars from Singapore and the West. It was a truly historical event: a free meeting of religious leaders and religious thinkers at the height of the demonstrations.

## Preparation

The conference was carefully prepared over a period of three years. That it took place was in part due to the happy circumstances of China's economic and intellectual openness in the 1980s, the farsightedness and support of Rev. Kwak, and the persistence of Professor Chung Ying Cheng of the University of Hawaii and Dr. Frank Flinn of New ERA, who co-chaired the conference together with a Chinese counterpart. The uniqueness of this conference and its pioneering spirit attracted some of the most distinguished scholars in the field of religion.

Anticipation among the participants was high on both sides, though at times for different reasons. While the Chinese delegation was eager to hear about Western methods in the study of religion, the

visiting delegation followed with great interest the reports on the state of the various religions in China. The Chinese spoke of a recent resurgence of almost all the great traditional religions in China (Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, Christianity and folk religions).

At present it seems almost fashionable to join a Christian church, for throughout China Christianity and Western ways are equated. Of course, this is not to say that now religious people are free to worship anywhere in China. On the contrary, persecution of certain churches and temples in parts of China continues in subtle and not so subtle forms.

## Landmark

From the vantage point of the still uncertain and groping Chinese attitudes towards religion, our conference set a promising landmark in China's recent religious history. It followed in the wake created by the thrust towards openness and greater freedoms. The conference reached one of its high points when one distinguished scholar with a Marxist background emphasized the importance of religion for China. This is representative of an opening of the discussion on religion in China.

While Marxist perspectives endure, they

are now joined by explicit religious perspectives. Some professors from abroad sought points of compatibility between the Chinese neo-Confucian roots and certain individualistic elements stressed in Christian cultures of the West. The reappraisal of Chinese religion on the part of the visiting scholars and the hope that these religions and their ethics may be stimulating and beneficial to China's contemporary challenge were met at times, though, with skepticism and criticism by some Chinese participants.

## Ambiguity

The ambiguity of the Chinese to embrace their own traditions in their twentieth century search for a place in the modern world can be experienced anywhere by an observant visitor. The Chinese responses in our conference were but one of the many expressions of a tacit re-evaluation of the country's past. Sightseeing offered another opportunity to catch glimpses of China's struggle with its soul.

Some of China's historic places are among the most magnificent in the world. Of course, the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, or the Temple of Heaven are world famous landmarks that people dream of visiting. They signify human efforts of

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## INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION

## Growth of the IRFF School in Liberia

By Francis Sheku-Fobbie

I am one of the five teachers on the staff of the IRFF school in Liberia. I am responsible for the second grade. Despite some difficulties, the Kpanyan Central Elementary and Junior High School is gradually gaining recognition by the community, the surrounding schools, education officials, prominent citizens, and foreigners in Sinoe County. It is situated 25 to 30 kilometers (16 to 20 miles) east of Greenville, which is the administrative headquarters of Sinoe County, in a village called Kabada.

As well as being one of the most beautiful schools in the chiefdom, it is just a few meters away from the farm-to-market road. This makes it accessible to people far and near by means of commercial or private transportation. The four-classroomed building provides conducive and well-ventilated classroom space for at least 36 students per room. The building has a spacious hallway, a fairly big auditorium, a library, a registrar/secretary's office, and the Principal's office.

At the time we were trying to get our school permit, all the teachers in the county (about 1000) boycotted classes for nearly two weeks demanding the dismissal or transfer of their Chief Education Official, who was accused of corruption and who had persecuted us in the past. But it was his permission that was needed to issue the temporary permit for our school. Even under such difficult circumstances, we received our permit.

## My prayers answered

Our initial aim was to have only the junior high level. However, due to the sparse population of the area and other uncontrollable factors, we had to include an elementary section. This first year, we have two classes in the elementary year (first and second grades) and one class in the junior high section (seventh grade). The

initial enrollment was 33 students. It is like preparation for the start, and every year we hope to expand until the desired standard is reached.

I have learned a lot of lessons at this humble stage of our school operations. During the first week of school activities, there was only one student in my class. I prayed to have at least seven students and they came by the end of the second week. I now had three girls and four boys between the ages of 10 and 14. My prayer was answered incredibly.

The next challenge was how I could present the material so the students could understand. Even though I have two years of teaching experience, I'm not a trained and qualified teacher. I lack the teaching techniques to effectively teach. Within the first month, I could feel that I was not getting through to the children. During a



Francis Sheku-Fobbie

This was a valuable experience for me.

In addition, my students became very regular and had the best attendance record in the school. They are often among the first group of students to meet school requirements.

## Expansion

I became more courageous and started visiting and encouraging the parents, re-emphasizing the significance and objectives of our school. I also asked them to send more children to the school, for only 10 to 15% of the child population in the area attend school.

The school is not only involved in academic concerns. We extend our activities to include community services. Most of our students have diseases related to poor hygiene. Our clinic staff advised us that curative measures are not really the remedy because their environment is the main cause. We found out later that their

more interested in our school.

## A public victory

Other nearby schools always have an annual gathering to celebrate National Flag Day on August 26th, but they hesitated to invite our school. They had been informed that we would have our own Flag Day ceremonies. Finally, they decided to invite us, giving us the invitation letter only 48 hours before the event. They asked our school to give the "Vote of Thanks" address.

Ready to cooperate, we mobilized our teachers to be in full attendance. We were the first group of teachers to arrive at the program site. In a brief meeting, we were acquainted with the Teachers' Association, and informed that our school was eligible to register its teachers with the organization. In the final meeting after the program, our school was commissioned to occupy the secretariat portfolio in the Association. Our school had finally become a member of the school system not only in the county but in the nation as well.

At the completion of the program, Steve

Buono, our principal, was to give the "Vote of Thanks" address. As he got on stage, it started raining so heavily he could not be heard. After waiting a few minutes in meditation, he began yelling his short but strong address. While the guest speaker and other impromptu speakers had

given politically oriented speeches, he talked about God's love. He admonished parents and teachers to love the children and help them to have patriotic and God-loving attitudes. This was such a surprise for the people! He ended his speech expressing his gratitude to God. He concluded that teaching young children is appreciated by God. The participants, the education officials and other teachers admired his speech very much.

*Excerpted from an article published in 'Today's World.'*



Students outside the school and with the teachers on a march through the village.



short prayer in preparation for teaching, a clear but low sound echoed in my ear: "Explain the lessons to the students as though they are your own children; teach them with a loving heart; be calm with them, don't be harsh." When I implemented these instructions, the girl who had the most difficulty with arithmetic started catching up very rapidly. I realized how much God is with my class and the school.

drinking water comes from stagnant water down in the valley; so we sponsored the construction of two simple wells. One of these wells is now the major source of drinking water for the people in the village. Also, every Friday we march through the village, and occasionally the children carry things that they've made in their Arts and Crafts class home to their parents. As a result, people in the community are getting

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unfathomable proportions and tell stories of a culture that in some respects has not been surpassed in magnitude of splendor,

refinement, and sheer size.

While standing in front of the Imperial Palace's Hall of Supreme Harmony, I was reminded of the movie *The Last Emperor*. Being at the actual site was breathtaking. The infinite number of horizontal lines

suggested by the contours of the sea of temples, halls, sleeping quarters, and structures of all kinds seemed to expand into all directions of the globe. The symmetry of the layout made everything resonate in harmony. I felt like many princes must have felt in the past: this is the navel of the world.

Soon these lofty thoughts and feelings gave way to images of the intrigues that must have taken place in these halls. The splendor of the palace clashed with miseries outside its walls. Similar questions kept coming back at visits of other monuments of unsurpassed scale. As if it was not apparent, the Communist government reminded the casual visitor through signs at the Ming Tombs, for example, how much effort and human cost had run into their construction. Yet it is hard to deny that all of these sights are also monuments to the human spirit. The Great Wall is but another unsurpassed example.

## National Quest

But these are relics of the past. My thoughts began again to wander to present-day China. In this century China has been involved in an effort of even greater proportions. The human cost, too, has been

staggering. In a sense China is trying to make good on a quest that is as old as humanity—the quest for freedom and justice for all.

I witnessed an outburst of that quest while in China. In the long run freedom cannot be restrained. Real peace will only flow from social and political organizations in which freedom is given adequate interplay. In a way, modern history may be understood as a step towards fulfilling the quest of the human spirit for greater freedoms. China will not be able to secure its place in the modern world without greater institutionalization of that freedom. When it finds its own institutional safeguards to freedom in the process, it will perhaps build its greatest monument to the human spirit yet. Only then can China's creativity and strength again become manifest in unsurpassed creations of that human spirit.

I am proud that New ERA could lend a helping hand in this process by raising the question about Chinese religion in free discussion at a most important juncture in China's history.

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# INTERDENOMINATIONAL CONFERENCES FOR CLERGY

## Do You Know a Pastor Who Has Not Been to ICC?

By Rev. James Stephens

**W**e in the I.C.C. headquarters and all our representatives around the country would like to reach as many clergy as possible concerning our next conference departing October 4th. Please help us by spreading the word. Please talk to the pastors in your community and around your home. This will greatly increase our effectiveness. Personal contact is always the best way to let people know about us. There are over 350,000 pastors in America, still plenty do not know about the I.C.C. yet.

Already for the October conference we have 6 participants coming from Germany and one from Iceland. So this promises to have a really special international atmosphere even beyond the usually wonderful interdenominational and interracial spirit.

For any reader of *Unification News* who is able to help us make this I.C.C. opportunity available to additional pastors, please write or call our office for more information or application forms: I.C.C. National Headquarters, 4 West 43rd Street, Box ICC, New York, NY, 10036, (212) 768-0500.

The following letter may prove helpful. It was conceived and drafted at a meeting of I.C.C. Alumni Leaders. The letter was then included with the reflection forms given to ministers at the end of the conference in Korea. Probably almost 75% of the participants signed this open letter. Also shown in the insert is "An Open

Letter to Baptist Clergy about ICC" that appeared in the autumn, 1987, issue of The Baptist magazine.

### An Invitation

*To Christian pastors and religious leaders,*

We, the signers of this letter, are all past participants in the American Christian Ministers' Conference on Unificationism held in Seoul, Korea and sponsored by the Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy. We have found the conference to be valuable and as such openly recommend it to others.

The Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy is funded by the Unification Church. This particular conference is hosted by the Unification Church of Korea. As your hosts they will pay for your hotel room and meals during the 7 day conference. We found this seminar to be educational and enjoyable from several aspects:

1. Attendees are provided a unique opportunity to fellowship with Christians from many countries, denominations, and theological backgrounds for the purpose of becoming one in the Spirit and love of God.
2. Attendees have the opportunity to experience the truth about the leadership, the theology, the missions, the practices, and the organization of the Unification Church.
3. A rich educational and spiritual experience is available that can benefit each participant individually as well as his or her ministry.
4. Participants have the opportunity to experience the exciting and unique culture

of Korea.

Participation in this conference in no way implies acceptance nor agreement with the doctrines and tenants of the Unification Church.

If you wish any more information or assurances, please feel free to contact any of us directly. For an Application Form you can contact your local Unification Church or write to the I.C.C. office in New York directly. Because of our direct personal experience and our commitment to the truth, we urge you to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

### An Open Letter to Baptist Clergy about ICC

Dear Pastors:

As fellow Baptist Clergy and supporters of the Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy, we would like to tell you about a unique opportunity that we hope you will consider. The Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy, founded by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, is dedicated to fostering unity and understanding among Christians of all denominations, races and cultures. ICC strives through its activities to provide a forum for sharing and dialogue among the Christian traditions of the world.

Several thousand American ministers have attended ICC seminars in Korea and Japan since April of 1985. Participants are introduced to theological issues raised by Unificationism, the teaching of the Unification Church. The conferences seek to stimulate dialogue among clergy of different denominations, races and cultures surrounding these issues. ICC believes that when we ground our unity in God and recognize that all human viewpoints are limited, we can heal our divisions through love and mutual respect. The conferences are an important preliminary step where we can share values which transcend our differences of opinion.

The Conference is funded by the Unification Churches of Japan and Korea. As hosts, they provide for all accommodations during the ten days of the Conference. Only transportation costs, which are acquired at greatly reduced group rates by the ICC office, and personal expenses must be met by the participant. Participation in the conference does not imply acceptance or agreement with the doctrines or tenets of the Unification Church. We hope you will find out more by contacting 4 West 43rd Street, New York, New York 10036, (212) 764-7242, or your local ICC office.

Yours in Christ,

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## Alumni Strongly Support Next ICC in Korea

By Rev. James Stephens

**S**ince our announcement at the end of June that the I.C.C. conferences would resume in Korea starting on October 4th, our National I.C.C. office has been receiving the very welcome support of many past participants.

Already many requests have come in asking us how many fellow ministers one must bring before he or she would qualify to attend a second time. The answer is 10. One minister immediately asked for 10 application forms.

We realized from the beginning that once a pastor attends this conference that he would want to return. Actually money cannot buy such an experience. Christian leaders coming together in a spirit of oneness from all denominations and races is totally unique in the world. The spiritual enrichment itself plus the exciting travel opportunity to Korea would make this an outstanding bargain if a person had to pay the full price tag of several thousand dollars.

But incredibly, our church is fully hosting these people during their stay. They only have to pay the \$850 special

group airfare to get themselves there. Only our Founder's vision and passion for Christian unity could make such an unprecedented opportunity available.

From the beginning we established a policy that no one could attend our conference twice. Eventually, however, we came to understand several benefits to allowing a person to return a second time.

Primarily, a pastor would be encouraged to find 10 other ministers to attend the I.C.C. This was fully consistent with our own goal of bringing as many clergy as possible for the conference in order to promote Christian unity. Secondly, a minis-

ter returning with a group would be able to provide experienced leadership for his friends facilitating a deeper and richer experience for them. We finally settled on the requirement of 10 as high enough to justify the additional expense to our church members and yet low enough to be a realistic goal.

One of the most inspiring stories of I.C.C. Alumni support comes from New Jersey. One pastor there in a letter to several close friends described the I.C.C. as a "startling experience". He felt it was so valuable that he encouraged them to attend and promised that he and his wife would "contribute \$100 toward your airfare" if they accepted.

## Chicago ICC Alumni Organize for Worthy Causes

By Rev. James Stephens

**S**ince this past February, the I.C.C. Alumni throughout the city of Chicago have been trying to organize themselves into effective groups for supporting worthy causes in their local areas. They decided that they wanted to organize themselves according to the political units of the city. Chicago is divided into 50 voting districts called "wards". This structure would potentially give their pastors' alliance the greatest input into local social and political issues.

Extensive research was done to find out the exact boundaries of each ward and then to pinpoint into which ward each of their more than 500 Alumni ministers belonged. In each ward they have been able to find an Alumnus to take on the responsibility of Ward Coordinator. This minister is in

charge of further organizing the I.C.C. Alumni in that ward and recruiting them to become involved in the planning and implementation of various programs.

In some cases a ward had many many Alumni and so the task of organization was made easy. In the cases where there were only a few Alumni in a given ward, the decision was made to combine the activities of several neighboring ward associations until the future when other ministers in the area have had a chance to go to Korea.

Many Alumni have put in countless hours to set up this structure and all of them deserve much gratitude. Several of those who have put in the most long-suffering effort on this project deserve special recognition: Dr. Jackie Roberts, Dr. Phyllis Harris, Rev. Isaac Strong, Rev. Tommy Watson, and Rev. Olivia Jones.

Occasionally all 50 Ward Coordinators will meet to share and discuss plans for the whole city of Chicago. Dr. Jackie Roberts

usually chairs these meetings.

### Mini Seminars

The Chicago Unification Church has been sponsoring mini-seminars in the various wards for the I.C.C. Alumni groups. So far they have held 21 of these programs. The main content has been lectures on Divine Principle as a refresher course on the experience they all have in common from Korea. The main topics of Divine Principle such as the Purpose of Creation, the Fall of Man, and the Life of Jesus, etc. are the fundamental topics that all members of the Christian family have in common. From basic discussions of these types of subjects and through prayer together the pastors can formulate the goals and strategies of their organization.

Certainly this unity of Christian leaders (beyond race and denomination) will be blessed by God and will eventually lead to solutions to the many problems in their

communities. Already many exciting ideas have emerged.

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# Getting Ahead in the Fish Business

By Richard Lemont

**M**any church members work in fishing or fish-related businesses and restaurants. There are a number of education programs developed that can be helpful towards increasing expertise in our ocean providence and businesses. These programs are available for graduate studies and for undergraduate degrees.

The Kingston Community College in Brooklyn, New York, for instance, has a program leading to an Associate Degree in Fisheries and Marine Technology. There are two areas. One is in Seafood Business Management for careers in processing, plant management, quality control, buying, marketing, import and export management and retailing. Does any of that sound familiar to anyone?

The school will also award credit for experience gained by working in the industry. All those hours cleaning fish and

driving a truck weren't wasted after all. Remember, no matter how much you may have already learned the hard way, you can always learn something new. That's why you see all these commercial fishermen paying to take part in Sea Grant programs, hoping they can learn something that will help them catch more fish.

The second area is Vessel Operations. It is for those working in commercial fishing, recreational boating (charter fishing), boat and marine supply sales, marine management and diesel engine operations. The school operates its own commercial boats docked at the campus.

Courses are in operation, engines, electronics, sailing, navigation, refrigeration and fishing technology. It will also award credit based on work or seagoing experience.

Someone with college credit to transfer or who takes the CLEP test can skip electives and non-fishing subjects such as history and English classes.

Remember, a 2-year degree such as this

can get you into the pre-seminary program where you can complete your 4-year degree and can then enter and eventually graduate from our seminary.

For those who already have a college degree, the Maine Maritime Academy offers a Masters' Degree in Maritime Management.

The catalog says that "The program is designed for students with experience in maritime-related organization either at sea or ashore. Many who enroll in the rigorous management program strive to become leaders in private or public maritime organizations. Some will become owner, chief executive officer or minister of transportation of a major maritime company. Others seek the advanced degrees as an endorsement of their competence and a way to enhance their management skills. The participants range in age from their early 20s to mid 60s ... Individuals contemplating mid-career change to a maritime-related industry are also invited to apply."

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**D**ear Editor,  
I receive the Unification News regularly and find its articles most interesting. I am a member of a large Pentecostal denomination and from that perspective, I wish to comment on your article on Revival in the March 1989 issue.

You are no doubt aware that something powerful is happening across denominational lines, that the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit is happening now. The power that is released is world-changing, life-transforming power which must then be translated into action. It is not hyped up religious emotionalism, but when it does happen, people do get emotional about it, it can be an overwhelming experience at times, and one is never quite the same again.

Please be aware that Pentecost is not something you can manufacture or bring about yourselves. You can lay a foundation for it through prayer, dedication, and study. By study I mean regarding all you can about Pentecost and other Pentecostal experiences in the New Testament. Study the times when the Holy Spirit moved, note the who, what, where, when and how's. Get acquainted with the Holy Spirit who lives inside you.

Rev. Kenneth Hagin has written some good books that really cleared away a few cobwebs for me about Pentecost (affects a group) and receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit (affects each individual). An-

other good book that discusses worship services is 'The Power of Praise and Worship' by T. Law. I recommend that all church leaders and song leaders read it. Also, the James Robison tapes 'The Praises of His People' and 'The High Praises of His People' will give an example of what kind of praise and worship releases the power of God. On the 'High Praises' tape there is a spontaneous occurrence called "Singing in the Spirit." I truly believe that when that occurs the very angels of God are singing right along with us.

God can move upon a person or a group the same way as His power came upon the prophets in the Old Testament. But the miracle of Pentecost is that it does not come from outside into you, but from inside of you coming out. Scripture calls it "receiving the Holy Spirit."

The key to experiencing Pentecost and receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit which accompanies it, is tied to our ability to link up with God on the spiritual level to such an extent that we go beyond self-consciousness, self-awareness and the protections of the ego. The conscious mind forfeits control of our spiritual relationship with God. Mind does not disappear, it just steps aside for awhile so we can release our spirit to unite with God's spirit. That is not the easiest thing to do, especially for the

## Pentecost!

skeptic and the "intellectual." They have the hardest time in relinquishing mental and physical control to the Holy Spirit. That is what hindered me for over 20 years.

It is also very important that one not be involved with any occultic activity such as astrology, Ouija boards, trying to contact spirits of the dead, channeling, Transcendental Meditation, astral projection, etc. while seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. If you have done so in the past, be sure to repent of it first. If you do not, your spiritual openness may attract evil spirits and what is manifested may be the counterfeit and not from the Holy Spirit at all. Scripture expressly forbids occultic activity no matter how harmless it might seem. It is never harmless and even more deadly to the Christian.

When Pentecost is experienced by the individual, there's an internal gate that opens inside of us that releases the Holy Spirit to take over and for many it just bubbles up out of them like shaking a Pepsi and popping the top so to speak. As a result, each believer begins receiving various Gifts of the Spirit that are given not only for our own personal benefit and use, but also to better equip us as a church.

God also uses the Gifts to talk directly to the church for instruction, reproof, encouragement. The Gifts are tools to be used, not

something to be put on display to awe the curious and attract "fire chasers" to our services. These Gifts are vital in adding another dimension to our prayer life and in our warfare against Satan and his evil forces.

Let us take a lesson from the atom. The power that lies within each individual atom is astonishing. It's there, its available and always has been. But when an extraordinary event splits the atom, there is a tremendous release of unbelievable power and energy, it starts a chain reaction. Pentecost happens in a similar way on the spiritual level.

Pentecost comes according to God's timing, so don't lose heart and give up. It often comes when you least expect it and in most unexpected ways. It is not necessary to strive and struggle for it, to try to manipulate the Holy Spirit when we think he/she should. Some people try so hard to make something happen and when it doesn't they end up discouraged and depressed. Just relax, enjoy your relationship with God and the Holy Spirit, and let them take care of the rest. Trust God to do what is right for you and the Church.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Ehasz

Lafayette, Indiana

P.S. My son-in-law, John Triggol, is the director of the Unification Church in Indiana.

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# DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

## The Origin of Human Conflict and Suffering

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**T**hough free will did not cause the Fall, Adam and Eve lost their freedom because of their sin. The reason is that freedom exists only within the confines of God's law. Outside of God's law, there is no freedom.

To understand this apparent paradox, think of the freedom which we enjoy our society. This freedom exists only so long as we abide by the laws of the nation.

To take a simple example, if one chooses to run a red light, he may lose the privilege of driving. Similarly, our freedom of motion exists within the law of gravity. If we try to walk out of a fifth story window, we will quickly find the limits of our freedom! When such limits are ignored and freedom is misused, disharmony, chaos and destruction result.

In the case of Adam and Eve, the illicit love of Lucifer shattered God's law and destroyed the freedom of man. Because of this, man has lived under a Satanic bondage.

Spiritually man does not have complete freedom to do what is right and good in God's eyes. He is inextricably enmeshed in voluntary and involuntary captivity; this has been brilliantly analyzed by such thinkers as Augustine, John Calvin and Reinhold Niebuhr, as well as portrayed through our greatest novelists.

On this point the apostle Paul lamented: "We know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing that I hate...Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? (Rom. 7:14-15,25)

Hence it is necessary for man to restore his original liberty before he can build the Kingdom of God in his midst; though man may have free actions, those actions may not be the result of inner freedom. One of the signs, it is felt, of growth in the spiritual life of mankind is that in present times there is a universal demand for liberation on every level, whether it be in racial, national or theological terms.

In history, free will from a religious perspective is best illustrated in the lives of those who chose God and the spiritual liberty at great risk or even at the cost of their lives, for example, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther King, Cardinal Mindszenty and numerous Christian martyrs.

### God Restrained

By and large most believers assume that God knows everything and can do anything; there are no restrictions on His power and no limitations on His knowledge. He is seen as omniscient and omnipotent.

On the basis of such belief it follows that God could foresee the possibility of the Fall of man. Actually, some traditional Christian theology goes even further, arguing that God knew that the serpent

would seduce Eve and that she would successfully tempt Adam even before these events took place. In such theology God is said to see in His mind past, present and future as an instantaneous "now."

According to such thinking God knew beforehand of the coming Fall with its calamitous effects on human history yet did not prevent the monstrous transgressions. Whenever this sort of theology is taught, sooner or later some genuinely troubled believer will ask, "Why did not God intervene? Why didn't He prevent the Fall?"

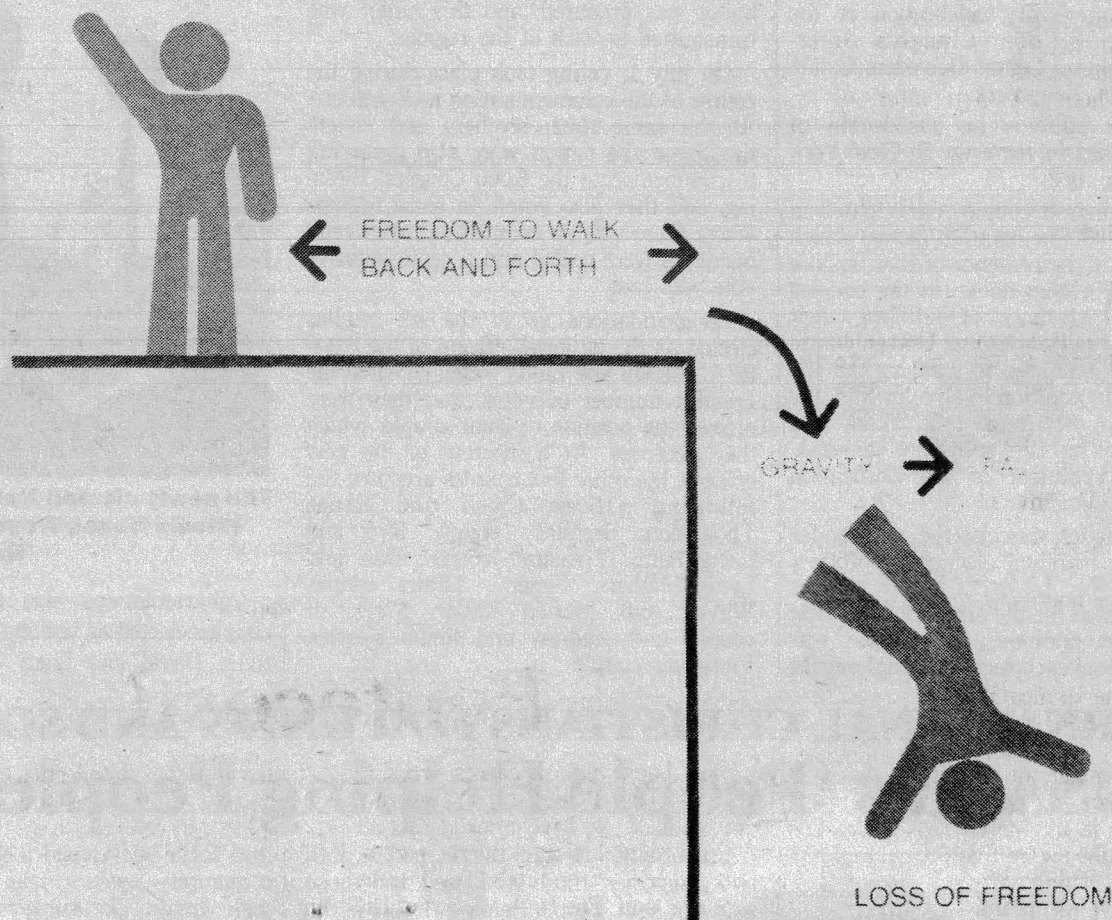
Confronted with this kind of dilemma, many sensitive and thoughtful people have concluded that God is either not all good or He is not all-powerful; with our kind of world as evidence of His workmanship, He cannot be both.

This problem has been struggled with before. For example, when the devout Christian philosopher Leibnitz sought to defend God, he argued that ours was the best of all possible worlds; Voltaire demolished the argument with ridicule in his novel *Candide*. The classic Book of Job wrestles with the problem of God and the existence of evil without coming to a generally accepted solution. This where the situation remains. Within the Christian faith, many theologians have been content to declare that Christianity did not come to solve the problem of sin but rather to overcome the fact of sin.

Why then did God allow the Fall? In the Divine Principle view, God created man as His child to whom He could send His limitless love and from whom He could

receive a full response. Thus God wanted man to live in the highest expression of love. If God's principle controlled man's love, then it could not be absolute. After reaching the state of perfection, man is no longer under God's principle, but under His direct dominion, where the bond between them in unconditional and inseparable.

Divine Principle suggests that God could foresee the possibility of man's fall; but though almighty and all-knowing, He would not intervene directly in Adam and Eve's affairs until, in accordance with His principle, they had



grown to perfection. Adam and Eve, though warned, fell when they were immature. Had God intervened, He would have violated His own perfect system and usurped His children's responsibility.

Furthermore, God created man to be lord of all creation. To assume that position, Adam and Eve had to pass through a process of maturation; in this they were given a large measure of responsibility to develop self-initiative and self-discipline. They had to grow to a state worthy of trust by God, by their children, as well as by creation.

For this reason, God did not explicitly forewarn Adam and Eve of the archangel's temptation. They had to use their judgment in all situations. If God had exercised direct dominion over Adam and Eve, He would have been recognizing them as mature, which they were not. Also, it would have been an indication that Adam could not be trusted to reach perfection.

### God's Integrity

For these reasons God sought to preserve the personal integrity of man. However, there is another side also, having to do with God's own integrity. Christian theology has always been determined to avoid a dualistic world view in which God and Satan are co-creators and co-rulers of the universe.

As a Being of perfect goodness and utter holiness, God could not recognize evil as part of His plan of creation. Therefore neither the sin of Adam and Eve nor the non-principled act initiated by Satan could be related to His divine creation. The Fall was man's affair alone. God is in no sense a responsible participant. If God had interfered with the Fall, He would have been automatically recognizing it as part of His creation. Since the Fall was initiated by Satan, He would in essence be recognizing Satan as another creator, virtually the equivalent of Himself. This God could not do.

### DIVINE PRINCIPLE

*In addition to the Old and New Testament of the Holy Bible, the theology of the Unification Church is the Divine Principle as revealed to Reverend Moon. The Divine Principle is divided into three parts—the Principle of Creation, the Fall of Man, and the Principles of Restoration. The Home Church Study Guide was written as an introduction to the Divine Principle and comes in the six sections that are being reprinted here in the Unification News. Section one is, "The Nature of God and Man, and the Purpose of Life." The complete set of Home Study volumes are available for \$19.95 from HSA Publications, 4 West 43rd Street, New York, New York 10036.*



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## 8,000 Couples' BFA: Anniversary and Election

**O**n July 1, the 8,000 Couples' Blessed Family Association (BFA 8000) held its seventh anniversary celebration at the Unification Church's International Training Center Belvedere Estate in Tarrytown, New York.

The BFA 8000 is an association of couples blessed in marriage in New York and Seoul in 1982.

Several hundred couples participated in the event (a commemoration/picnic) which was graced by the presence of Hyo Jin Nim Moon. Hyo Jin Nim spoke to the couples about the importance of fulfilling their responsibility in establishing heavenly families deeply committed to carrying out the will of God. In addition to Hyo Jin Nim, the couples also heard a talk about the importance of the BFA's by Rev. James A. Baughman, President of the Unification Church of America.

The celebration was also the occasion for 8,000 BFA's biannual election of officers. Prior to the July 1st event, eleven couples were nominated for the six national officer positions. In addition, one couple was nominated from each region throughout the

country as a candidate for one of three positions as national field representative. When the nominations were complete, a ballot was prepared, and this ballot was transmitted to each of the regions.

On July 1, voting took place during the course of the commemoration at Belvedere. At the same time, brothers and sisters throughout the nation were also gathering to commemorate the 8,000 Couples' Blessing, and they also voted. In some regions where there was no commemorative event, members were polled and a representative vote was cast.

Congratulations go to the six couples elected as the national officers of the 8,000 BFA. Hitoshi and Linda Nagai received the greatest number of votes, and they were offered the position of chair couple, which they accepted. At a meeting of the new officers, the other five couples accepted the following offices: Caleb and Renee Thompson, Secretary couple; Ryo and Lucia Saito, Treasurer couple; Dan and Lynn Mathers, General Affairs couple; Wayne and Marion Miller, Vice-chair couple; and Andrew and Reiko Kessler, Vice-chair couple.



The newly elected National BFA (000 officers: Ryo Saito, Caleb Thompson, Hitoshi Nagai, Wayne Miller, Andrew Kessler, Renee Thompson, Linda Nagai, Marion Miller, Lynn Mathers.

Congratulations also go to the three couples elected as national field representatives: David and Sheri Reuter, Udo and

Claire Brossman, and Ichinori and Vera Tsumagari.

## INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIANS FOR UNITY AND SOCIAL ACTION ICUSA has 'People Helping People' in New England

By Andrea Higashibaba

**T**he essence of the Christian ethic and the mandate of the Unification Movement is the principle of living for the sake of others. In 1984, Rev. Moon, in direct application of this principle on the grassroots level, established the International Christians for Unity and Social Action (ICUSA).

Just before Rev. Moon entered Danbury to serve an unwarranted thirteen month prison term, the Unification Church donated 250 trucks to ICUSA in each of the states to use exclusively for social action purposes in order to continue to exemplify this standard even under arduous circumstances.

ICUSA has taken on many shapes and expressions because the field of serving others is large and diverse. In New England, ICUSA began with a simple food distribution program and has since then organized and supported several food and clothing distribution programs: assisted in drives to help native Americans in New England, South Dakota, Canada and Nicaragua; set up a low-income moving service in Boston; sponsored seminars on tenant management, youth leadership and drug awareness; established a discount card program; published a monthly newsletter, and has found other ways, both traditional and unique, of serving the needy.

ICUSA of New England has also held an annual awards banquet at which unsung social action heroes were recognized and applauded. These banquets brought together all facets of society, from ministers to students, from people in political office to the kindly person living next door.

### People Helping People

Several years ago ICUSA of New England adopted the slogan "People Helping People," which became its central program. People Helping People is a simple concept with far-reaching implications. Through social service ICUSA could naturally reach out to the poor and needy through social action, but the People Helping People concept opened the doors to bring people of all walks of life together.

Essentially, we can divide people into two categories: those who need and those who can help. People Helping People is the means through which to bring the two together. This began with the discount card program. The people in need were those with a low income and the people who could help were the stores which gave discounts to the P.H.P. card-holders.

ICUSA has been extremely busy, but each year, as we got more new ideas, the concern has always been how to make a lasting difference in society. We are all familiar with the saying that is it more profitable to teach someone how to catch fish than to merely give him a fish, but this is not enough either. The key to prosperity is living for others; teaching others to be self-sufficient cannot make a lasting change in society. We have to take one more step.

### Community Mobilization

The first resource within the area is, of course, the home members. Who is more concerned for their communities than they are? Secondly, we have the many contacts we have made over the years. These people were organized and each area leader became the link to each of these people.

It makes no difference if it is someone from the poor who moved house using one of our trucks, a minister who has studied with us in Korea, or a college professor who has attended a national conference. This is People Helping People. According to each person's ability and each person's need there is a place in the network. This is true 'communism' at work—not a God-denying system to equalize society through force, but a mobilization of the community through the essential desire of God, which is to live for the sake of others. Somewhere within the community is a person with a need and someone else who can fill that need.

In developing a strategy, the first step is to assess the neighborhood to find the needs and also those who can help. For

this, P.H.P. developed a survey which the community leaders take door-to-door in their areas. The surveys naturally were modified as it was discovered what kind of questions were appropriate in each area. The surveys were designed to find out what people were concerned about in their neighborhood—housing, idle youth, the bar where drugs were sold. Also on the survey are questions addressing personal or family needs and a section on different ways in which to be a volunteer.

### Planning and Training

The survey serves many purposes. Its external purpose is, of course, to assess the neighborhood in order to determine its needs and resources. Its internal purpose is to easily set up a means of give and take and a relationship with virtually every person in the community. The surveys take about ten minutes to answer, but invariably, because concerns are being addressed, deeper conversations develop.

From these surveys one can recontact the people who are both concerned and interested in doing something for their communities and begin to develop a project with them. What the P.H.P. organization has to offer is a central office and equipment (such as the resources in our files and the trucks) and the leadership, to support, encourage and help. Thus, the household becomes concerned about the society, the society about the nation, the nation about the world, step by step.

The crucial challenge is always this internal directive, using the individual needs or community needs as a means to transform the consciousness of the whole society and not as an end in themselves. Members of the Unification Movement have the most precious resource through the Principle which is an ideology totally geared to training service and love for others. In order to go beyond the level of just teaching someone 'to fish' in order to become self-sufficient, we must be able to instill in the communities not only the need

but also the desire to live for others.

This is done, of course, first of all through our own example, but the next group to reach is those people who are concerned in the community, the volunteers. For this, People Helping People has begun volunteer training seminars in which Principle can be taught in the social action context. The seminars are part ideological, part organizational. These concepts are then implemented in specific projects in the areas.

### Ideology

The presentation on ideology clearly points out how the trend of selfishness has destroyed society. America is a good example, because it flourished when it was concerned for the future, whereas it is in decline now that its concerns center on itself.

The lectures cover the abuse of freedom, the failure of welfare or other social action efforts to solve problems because they address only external problems and needs and not the internal ones which are the root of the problem. Because of the desperate situation of communities there are powerful, substantial examples, of how something which began as a seemingly righteous quest for freedom of choice, such as divorce, drugs or free sex has developed into a problem of epic proportions several years later.

If ten or twenty years of the "me" generation has brought us to such a low, therein lies the inspiration for our hope. If we can transform the consciousness of the society to live for the sake of others, then in ten or twenty years we can stand in dignity and prosperity again. The concept is simple and it works, on the individual level, in our relationships to others, beginning with the family as the model for society, and in our use of the material resources of the world.

People Helping People would like everyone to learn to fish. But we want to learn to fish not just for our own tables but to be able to hold a banquet for our communities and our nation and the world. Our hope is to develop the vision of the highest ideal as we solve the problems of the needy and go on to build the kingdom around us.





# Japanese Church Holds Annual Memorial Service

By Gaku Makise

**O**n June 18, 1989, the seventh Unification memorial service for church members who have passed on was solemnly held at a cemetery near the village of Katashina which is in the Gunma Prefecture in Japan.

Many relatives of the deceased gathered early in the morning and offered floral tributes and loving prayers for the spirits of the departed. Everyone there was touched by the beauty of the area—the soft green grass spreading out beneath us and the butterflies overhead.

The memorial service began at 11:00 a.m. under the chairmanship of Toshiki Saito, director of General Affairs of the Unification Church of Japan.

After singing holy songs and reading the Bible, Setsuo Sakurai, the director of the

Evangelical Department delivered a special message, which expressed the feeling of being with the deceased. He said:

"This part of the country is a famous sight-seeing area, and people come here from all over Japan. We, however, are gathered here to meet our pure brothers and sisters, who worked tirelessly for God's Will and were called to the spiritual world ahead of us.

"They have not just been sleeping quietly here. For the past year, they have been with members of the Unification Church, helping them from the spiritual world to bring success on the earth. I want to offer them thanks from the bottom of my heart."

Presently, it is the rainy season in Japan, but so far it has never rained on the day of the memorial service. The people who live in this district are astonished by this fact and say that a miraculous power must be working.



Setsuo Sakurai speaking at the service.

After the service, all the participants left, even though their hearts wanted to stay there.

# New York City Region: God and Love Festival II

By Rev. Wayne B. Miller

**O**n Sunday, June 25, 1989, the Unification Church of New York City held its second "God and Love Festival" for members and guests at the Church's Manhattan Center on 34th Street. The Festival had a large turnout of over 500 people, including 200 new guests. Initiated and directed by Reverend Joong Hyun Pak, the Regional Director of the New York City Region, the festival was a combination of uplifting music and inspiring talks by Rev. James Baughman, President of the Unification Church of America, and by Rev. Ken Sudo, church elder.

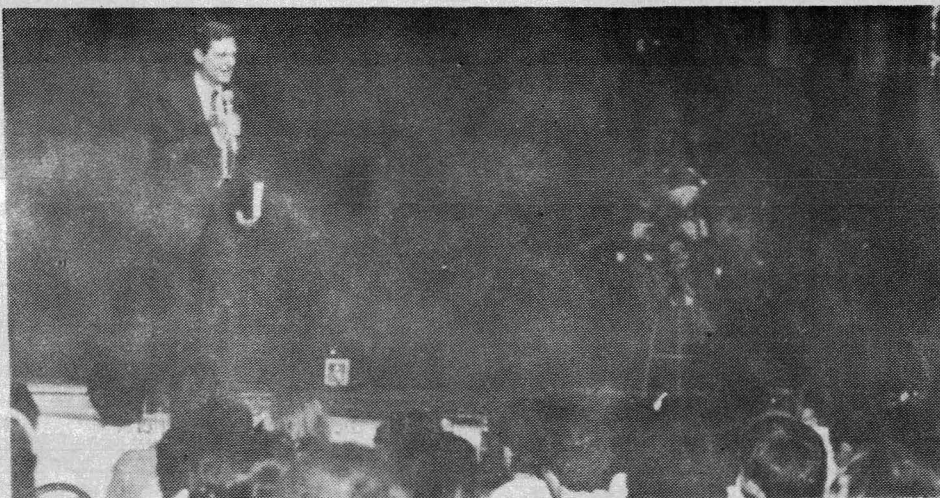
Rev. Baughman spoke about "Building True Love Communities" and stressed the importance of taking ownership of our communities and of New York City itself. Rev. Sudo spoke about "The Meaning of True Love" and how the messiah comes to liberate us.

The musical side of the festival was under the direction of Dr. Brian Saunders and supplied guests with a fine performance by the New Hope Singers International, a most invigorating Latin dance by Concha Egea, and superb vocal performances by Sheila Vaughn, Steve Honey and Georgia Lewis with the God and Love Festival Ensemble. Once again Mrs. Lewis, with "When God is on Your Side" and "Good Seed," performed pieces which she

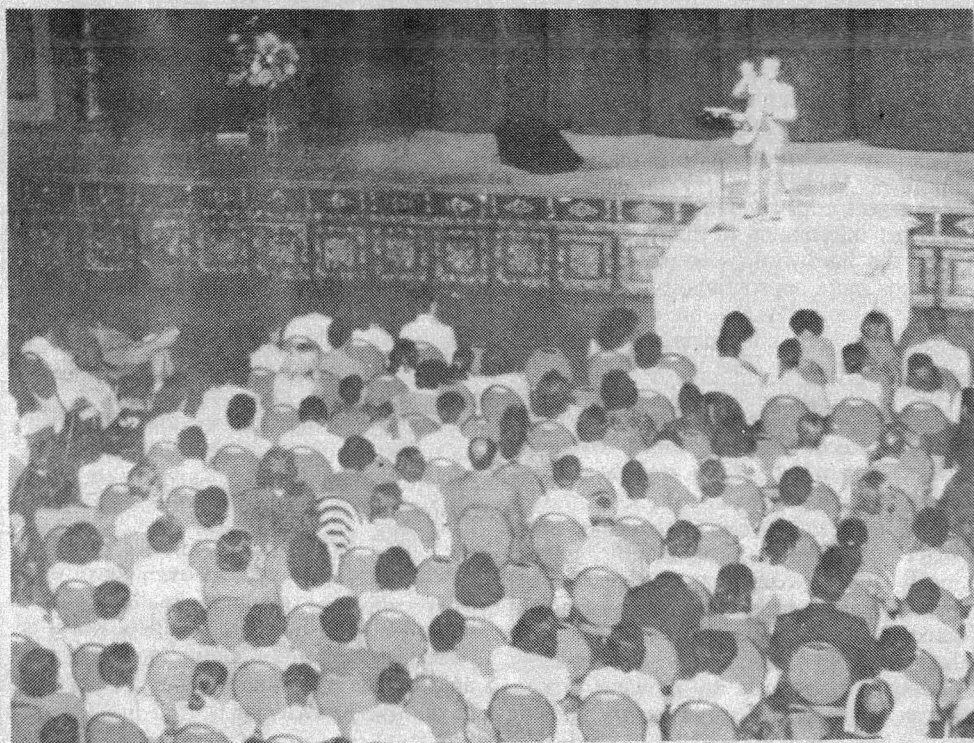
had written for the festival.

As in the first "God and Love Festival," the Manhattan Center staff, under the guidance of Hyo Jin Moon, Rev. Moon's eldest son, gave their full and enthusiastic support to the event. Especially Manhattan Center House Director, Steve Honey and his wife, Louise, acting as staff coordinator for the Festival, spent several days working with Dr. Saunders and the rest of the staff and performers to ensure the highest quality experience for those in attendance. The entire staff of Manhattan center, despite their hectic music recording schedule, contributed considerable time and effort in every area of production to make the Festival a great success.

The Festival was once again coordinated by Rev. Hiroshi Matsuzaki of Happy Businesses, and Rev. Wayne B. Miller of the Unification Church of Manhattan. Among those who also contributed significant amounts of time and energy to the event were Krister Bachman, John Hovard, Isoko Yoshida, Maria Lanza, Steven Smith, Seddick Mouada, Caroline Cremmers, John Henry, and Teresa Ramras.



Above, President Baughman speaking, and Sheila Vaughn and Concha Egea entertaining.



Reverend Sudo speaking.



Georgia Lewis with the God and Love Festival Ensemble.



# The Hard Side of Life's the Soft Side of Computers



**RICHARD  
LEWIS**

One of the greatest miracles in this universe is life, and it is through science that it is possible to glimpse the Genius of the Mind that caused it. Living systems, unfortunately, are so complex that science often smothers understanding with detail. One of the ways of avoiding this is to use analogy. Our choice of analogy, however, is limited by the culture we are immersed in.

A couple of hundred years ago, for instance, the most intricate systems that were well understood were clocks which represented the height of technology. So in those days analogies about how the universe worked often involved clocks.

Just few decades ago, the example of high tech was the telephone system. Being a bit of a bookworm growing up, I used to enjoy browsing through the 10-volume Arthur Mees Childrens Encyclopedia my father had purchased in the fifties. I can vividly recall one of the illustrations that purported to explain how the body functioned by an industrial analogy. The stomach had men with shovels moving food through sluices, the lungs were giant bellows, etc. And there, coordinating it all in the brain, was a cute little telephone operator plugging away at her telephone board.

This is all now passe; the height of innovation these days is the computer. So, rather than fight against our cultural milieu we can use a computer analogy to get a grip on the complexity of living systems.

## Soft & Hard

The key to understanding a computer system is to realize that it is composed of two separate, but highly integrated, systems at work together. These two systems involve two types of interactions. One is made up of physical interactions: flows of electrons, motors turning etc. This is called the hardware of the computer. The other system is made up of what we might call abstract interactions involving patterns that store and transmit information. This is the software side.

It is the software, the abstract information, that is the real computer but the interesting thing about software is that you can't have software without some kind of hardware. An abstract pattern has to be a pattern in something. (The converse,

unfortunately, does not hold. A computer after a bomb is an excellent example of hardware without software.)

This article is being written on a friendly (sorry to bring religion in so soon) Macintosh computer and each incisive thought is being stored as words on a magnetic disk. The working of the computer involves manipulating such information, and as mentioned, this abstract soft information is always associated with a concrete hard expression. On the floppy disk the information is a pattern of magnetic poles; in the computer itself it is a pattern of high and low voltages; on the screen it is a pattern of light and dark; out of the laser printer it is a pattern of black toner on white paper.

Exactly the same sort of distinction can help us understand living systems.

Living systems can be divided into two separate but intertwined systems, one involving physical interactions and the other involving abstract interactions.

The physical system involves the ebb and flow of electrons, atoms, molecules, cells etc., the physical interactions that bind the material stuff of life together into the hardware side of life. The abstract side involves the ebb and flow of abstract patterns (with a hardware expression, naturally) that store and transmit information in the genetic system, the software side of life.

Seeing as humans designed and built them, it is not surprising that the workings of both the hard and soft sides of computers are well understood. This is certainly does not hold for living systems, but then we are not its creators. Some things, however, are already well understood such as the storage of information in DNA, the genetic material of the cell. It turns out that DNA and computers have a lot in common when it comes to data storage.

Both living systems and computers use analogous ways of storing basic information: living systems use the triplet code and computers use the ASCII (ask ee) code. Each is a standardized way of storing information and the differences between these two codes are actually quite superficial:

The unit of ASCII code is called a byte, a pattern of eight bits. There are only two of these, the 1 and 0. Examples of ASCII bytes would be 11101111 and 10101010. The unit of the triplet code is a codon, a pattern of three chemical bases. There are four of these symbolized by A, T, C, and G.

Examples of triplet code codons would be AAA and CAT. (Computers also use another pattern of bits, the binary code, as it is much more convenient than ASCII for doing arithmetic but, as cells do little adding and subtracting and quite a different sort of multiplication and division, we can ignore it for our analogy.)

It is the translation of these codes what they mean by the hardware side that is fundamental to the workings of life and computers.

Much of the work of computers involves the manipulation of letters, numbers and punctuation, and each of them has an ASCII code assigned. For instance, the byte 01100101 is translated as e (not E which has its own byte assigned.) To an IBM or

system say add an alanine all the line has to do is fetch the container with the right tag (just like a biological storage bin but were not using the automated factory analogy this time).

The way of translating the instructions from the chromosomes using these labeled containers is ingenious and involves the complement of the code, a method also used in computers. For example, there are many good reasons (though I can't quite put my finger on one right now) why computers do subtraction and division using the complement of the binary code for the number rather than the actual code itself. The complement is very simple, change all the ones into zeros and all the zeros into ones.

The complement of the triplet code is a little more complex. A and T are a pair and C and G are a pair, so to make the complement of a codon (called the anticodon) replace the As with Ts and the Ts with As. Do the same for the C & G couple. The anticodon for alanine is the complement of GCA, and it is this anticodon CGT that is used as the tag on the amino acid container for alanine.

The instructions from the chromosome come as strings of codons. To translate this string of codons into a string of amino acids, the production line just matches the anticodon tag on the amino acid container with the codon on the instruction. The correct amino acid has been selected and production of protein continues.

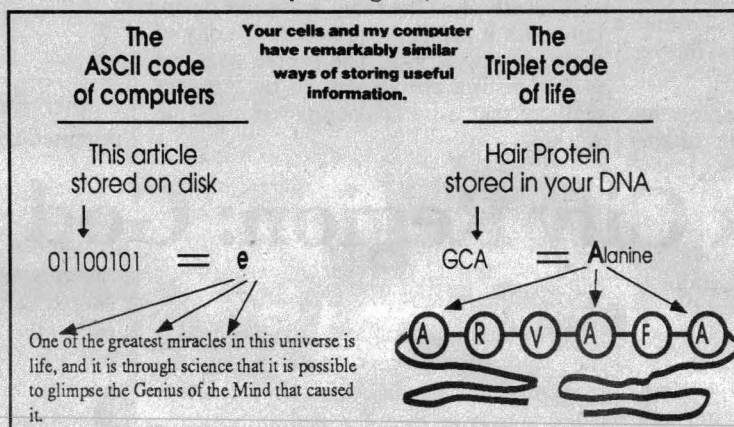
This is basically how the software is translated into hardware, in computer lingo we could call it the interface between the genetic system and the rest of the cell. Just as the computer works by manipulating patterns of ones and zeros, all of life's activity, form and function is the manipulation of the patterns in the triplet code. Simple, but exquisitely brilliant.

Those instructions received by the production lines and the rest of the genetic system will be explored and compared with computers next month.

To conclude our discussion we note that all the processes of life are regulated by these instructions about protein emanating from the genetic system. This flow of abstract information can be thought of as coming down a hierarchy. Although the nature of the molecules responsible for the signaling is still largely unknown, the techniques of molecular biology are beginning to reveal how genes direct the process. The picture that emerges is of a control hierarchy, with genes at each level passing instructions down the chain. (Tim Beardsley, Developmental Dialectics, Scientific American, Nov. 88, p. 40.)

It is customary in science to illustrate the relationship between two different things by plotting them on the two axis of a graph. We could graph the flow of abstract information (the software) on the vertical axis, and the ebb and flow of the substantial hardware on the horizontal axis. We would then say that all living systems, like computers, involve the integration of a vertical, abstract aspect with a horizontal, physical aspect.

Of course, we could have saved ourselves all this trouble by reading a few pages of the Principle of Creation. But it is reassuring that the scientific and religious approach to understanding our world come to the same conclusion.



an Apple the world over, this particular byte will be an e at the hardware end, appearing on the screen or on the printer paper. Amazing as it seems, all my computer is doing as I type this article is manipulating patterns of ones and zeros, the ASCII codes. Simple but brilliant.

Life does something similar.

All of the work of the genetic system is the making of protein as everything that happens on the hardware side is the result of the activity of tens of thousands of different proteins. It is the proteins that actually make things happen blue eyes, black skin, everything. If the genetic system makes the right proteins, the proteins will take care of all the rest.

A protein is made of long strings of amino acidsthenk of them as Bush pearls on a string. There are 20 different amino acids and the function and activity of the proteinbe it the keratin protein of hair or a deadly neurotoxinis determined by which of the twenty is at each position in the chain. So the task of the genetic system is to make sure that the correct amino acid ends up at each position. Just how it does this has been revealed only during the last few decades of research.

Each of the 20 amino acids was assigned a triplet codon billions of years ago during evolution and they have remained fixed ever since. For instance, the codon GCA is translated as the amino acid alanine. To a mouse, a man, a blueberry or a bacteria, GCA means alanine, the triplet code is truly universal, evidence of the unity of life.

It is such triplet codons that connects the abstract information in the genetic system with the hardware (wetware) would be a perhaps more appropriate) protein using a bunch of molecules that are containers just right for holding one amino acid each (they are called transfer RNA if you like to know hardware details). Each of these containers (which are close cousins to the famous DNA molecule) has a triplet code tag identifying which of the amino acids is inside.

It is these tagged and boxed amino acids that allow the protein-making factory inside a cell to translate the instructions from the chromosomes into long strings of amino acids. These factories (the ribosomes) are like production lines endlessly adding amino acids to growing chains. When the instructions from the genetic

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# Why U.C. Arranged Marriages Work



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**L**ast month I wrote about the myth of the painless divorce. This time, I would like to continue on the subject of marriage partly because of a conversation I had recently with a reporter and partly because of an article I read last month in *The New York Times*.

## Two Essential Ingredients

The reporter asked me some pointed questions about the practice of arranged marriages in the Unification Church. My view is that the in our church provide the two most essential ingredients for a healthy, stable marriage. The first one is a mutual commitment to basic spiritual or moral values which centers upon a deep dedication to God and service to the world. The theme of the 1982 Madison Square Garden Wedding was "World Peace through Ideal Families" which, in a nutshell, describes the ultimate goal of marriage for UC members.

The second essential ingredient is fidelity. In the Unification Church, this derives from the central teaching that the original

separation from God was that a sexual union took place which was not blessed by God. In other words, to violate our marriage vows constitutes the worst possible sin.

## Why Marriage Breaks Down

My sense is that if a married couple has these two central elements, the chances of breakdown are reduced dramatically. In fact, this relates closely to some points made in a recent article in *The New York Times*. In discussing the reasons for breakdown in both trial marriages and legal marriages, the article cites a number of experts who offer their perspectives. One was a psychotherapist, David Geisinger who asserted that what couples are looking for in marriage is a "sense of commitment" to each other. Many of those who initially live together on a trial basis later enter into marriage in a "last-ditch" attempt to create that sense of commitment that is so central to marriage. ("Divorce Data Stirs Doubt on Trial Marriage," *New York Times*, June 9, 1989).

If these couples had initially come together (like Unificationists) with a commitment to each other based on their commitment to God, as well as a commitment to be faithful to each other, they would not have the same problems.

A second expert, economist Martha Riche, suggests that sustaining the marriage relationship is much more difficult

nowadays because of the changes in lifestyle. She says that "every aspect of household production—cooking, baking, cleaning" has moved "out of the home and into the marketplace." She calls this "the post-marital society" and suggests that "the only functions left for the household are childbearing and child rearing. Everything else you can buy in the marketplace" (Ibid.)

Again, if the Unificationist principles of marriage were applied, these aspects of modern-day life would not lead to her so-called "post-marital society." In fact, if a family is built around sound moral principles, the increase in convenience today simply means that parents have more time to focus on the essence of family life which is raising children.

## What About Romance?

One final element of marriage which I also discussed with the reporter is romance. Obviously this is central to any marriage but it is not nearly as fundamental as the shared values and commitment to God and each other that I discussed earlier. From my own experience, as well as my observation of other couples, romance grows naturally for a number of reasons. Of course, there is a natural attraction between men and women—that goes without saying. More importantly, I believe there is a spiritual bonding that takes place right from the beginning based on the common values and ideals we all share.

There is also a belief that the person Reverend Moon suggests for us has some spiritual or providential destiny in our lives—that God prepared this person for us because he or she has important characteristics that can assist in our spiritual development and growth. In other words, God has some special someone in mind who is compatible to our needs. Since we believe Reverend Moon has an intuitive or spiritual ability to discern these things, this is what makes our marriages so special.

In many cases, such as my own, there is an immediate sense that we were meant to be together. It just seems so natural, so right.

This is reminiscent of an inspiring marriage testimony I read recently in a Catholic magazine by Millie Fairman. Mrs. Fairman describes how she first met her husband:

"Then I met Bob and knew we were meant to be together. It was something deep inside of me that recognized and understood what was deep inside of him." (*The New World*, April 21, 1989)

## Can't Argue With Success

In conclusion, the reporter's criticism of our arranged marriages reflects a lack of understanding of all these things. Aside from the additional fact that there is a much longer historical tradition for arranged marriages than "romantic" marriages (see my column, May 1989), who can argue with success? If our method produces stronger, more stable and happy families, all our critics can just go jump in a lake.

## THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE

by The Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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1. As always, say a prayer that God can send true love through you and pray for a safe kitchen.
2. Store all food and cleaning products separately.
3. Label and date all leftover foods.
4. Educate children that the kitchen is not a play area.
5. Keep your knives sharp—it's easier to cut yourself with a dull knife, since you lack proper control.
6. Keep aerosol cans away from stoves and grills.
7. When frying with oil make sure that the pan is completely dry. Water will "pop" and could cause burns.

8. If your floor gets grease on it and you are busy cooking, give it a quick mop and then sprinkle it liberally with salt. You won't slip.

9. Treat *all* burns immediately with ice or very cold water. There is a nice new product called *Aloe 99*. It works wonderfully.

10. When refrigerating something that is still warm, make sure that there are holes in the cover to let the steam escape, otherwise bacteria will form and cause the food to spoil.

11. Trust your nose—if it smells bad, throw it out.

12. Never use a wet potholder or towel to move a hot pan. The heat travels quickly through wetness and you could get burned.

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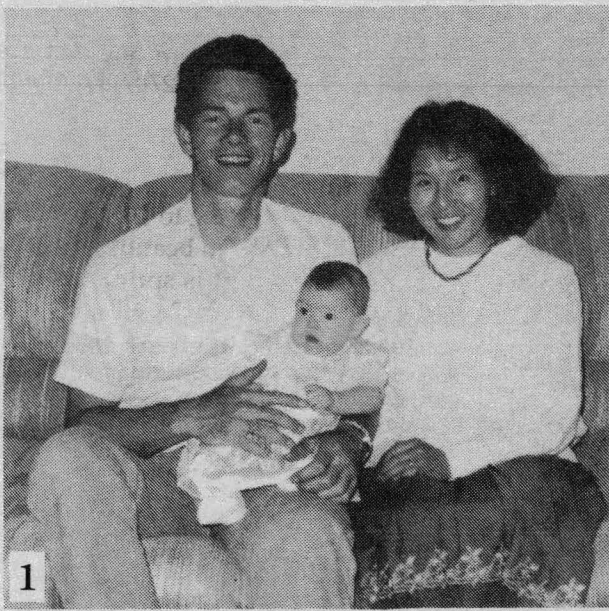
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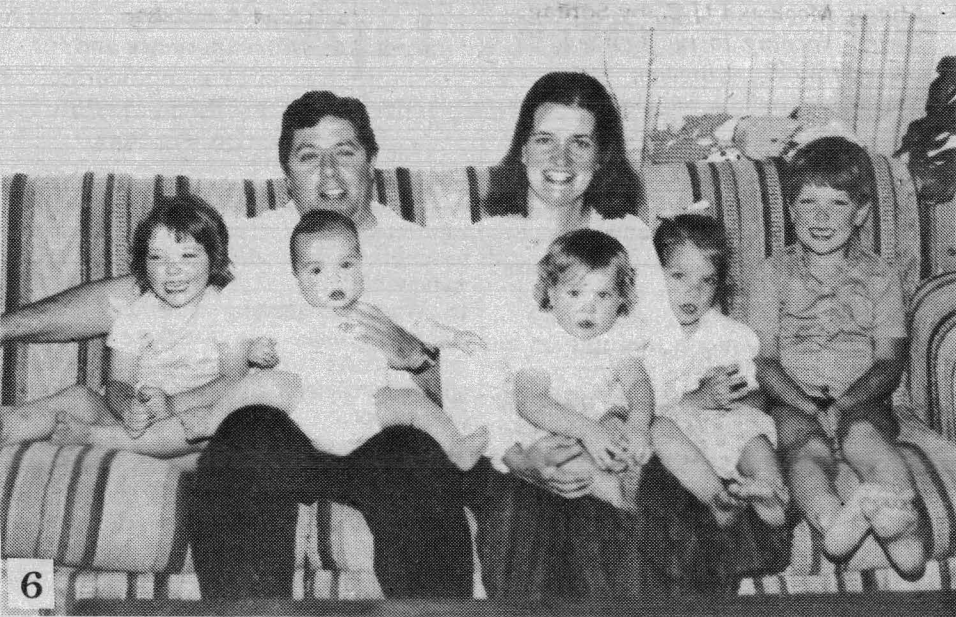




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## Mrs. Sue Kyung Yoo Woo 1940 - 89

**T**he Seung Hwa ceremony (the UC equivalent of a funeral) for Mrs. Sue Kyung Yoo Woo was held on July 10, 1989 in Westchester County. She passed on after a long illness.

Mrs. Woo was born November 17, 1940 in what is now North Korea. Her father, Dong Sun Woo, was a freedom fighter against the Japanese who passed away while in prison, and her mother was Kwon Sun Kim.

She joined the church when she was 15 and, after graduating from high school, worked as a missionary throughout Korea. She was married in 1962 at the 72 couple blessing to Rev. Jong Jik Woo.

In 1976 she came to America where she worked as a missionary until she joined *Christina Bahn* in 1982.

She has two sons and two daughters. Her eldest daughter was married at the second generation 72 couple blessing.



Mrs. Woo with her husband and children.



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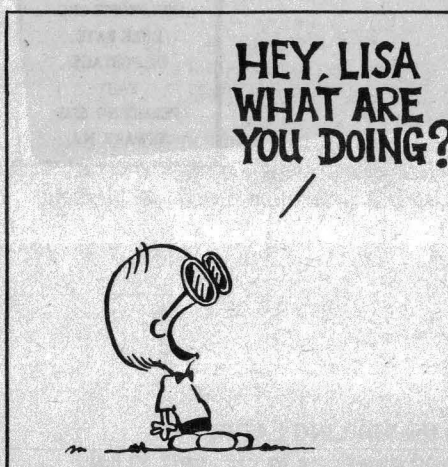
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Today I saw a cross upon a hill  
Rigid, strong and still  
Enticing with its purest white  
Reflecting an aura of the strongest might  
Giving strength to those who fight.  
Who put it there  
I'll probably never know  
But it overshadows the town  
Pitched there on this heightened mound  
Giving silent spiritual protection all around  
White cross upon the hill  
Heavenly desire waiting to be fulfilled  
Undisturbed by wind or rain  
Helping remind mankind to remove God's pain.  
For without that cross  
Where would we all be?  
How many of us are willingly eager to sacrifice the ME?

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