

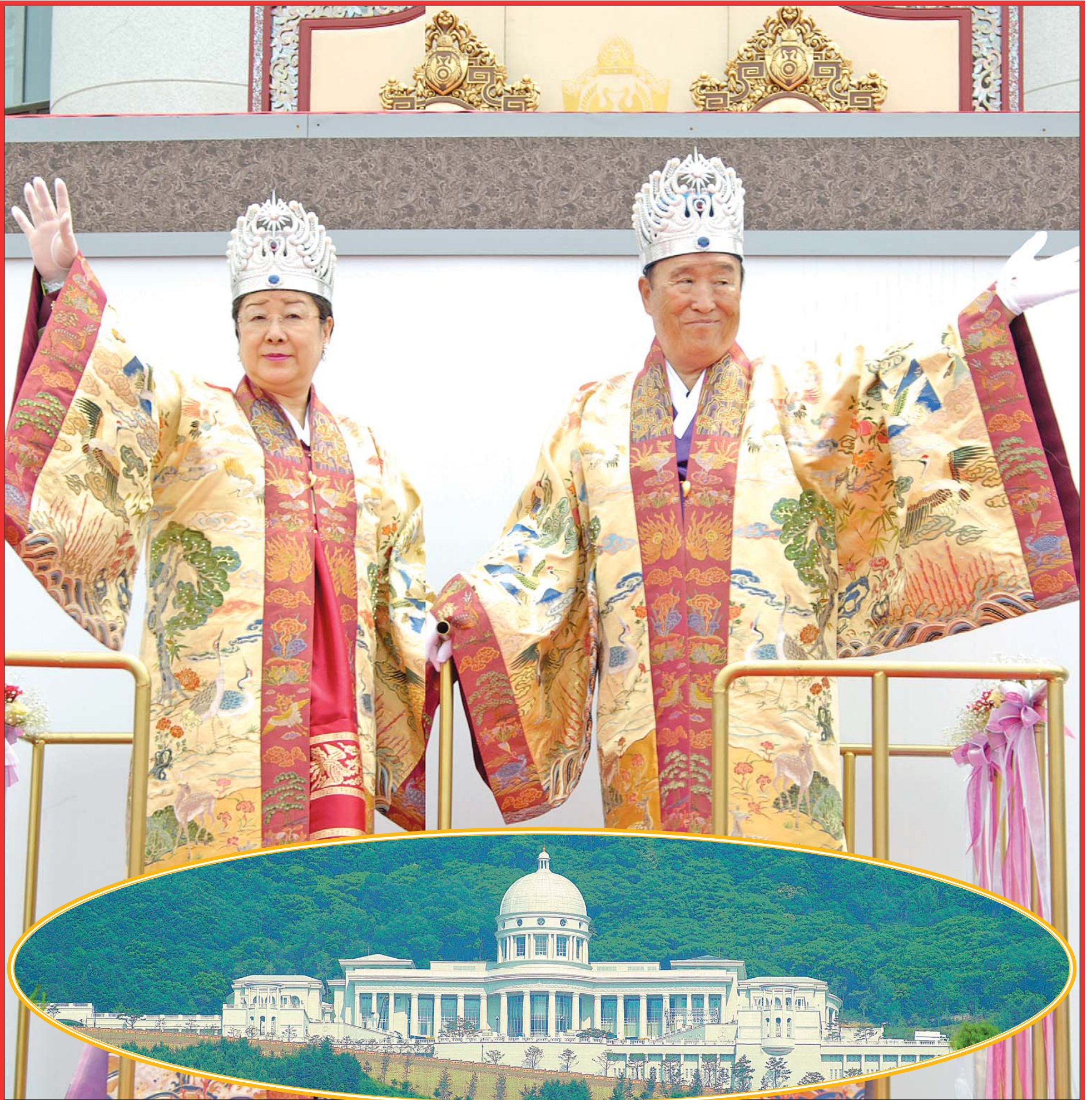
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Cheon Il Guk is the Ideal Heaven

by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

This address was given at the ceremony on June 13, 2006.

Highest leaders of all of the nations of the world, honored guests of Heaven who have gathered from every corner of the earth to celebrate this treasured historic and providential day, and people of the spiritual and physical worlds who are being reborn as citizens of Cheon Il Guk:

In the name of all humanity in the spirit world and physical world, numbering more than 300 billion, I offer boundless gratitude and glory to God, the Creator of all things, the eternal True Parent of humankind and Great King of the Cosmos.

I ask you to raise your voices high in praise for the victory of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, the King and Queen of Cosmic Peace. They have personally completed the entire course of restoration through indemnity in order to save humanity, who, as descendants of the Fall, would otherwise be eternally destined to wander in evil and suffering, ever sliding down the path to hell.

You stand today in the venue of a tremendous event in providential history. This event is unprecedented and will never be repeated. It is the day when the King of Peace finally ascends in glory. Please recognize that, although they may not be visible to you, thousands and tens of thousands of your good ancestors of blessed families have come here. They are above your head now, joining with you in celebration of this awesome moment. All nature is rejoicing, and heaven and earth resound with choruses of Hallelujah.

If you truly understood the infinite value of this day, you would not be able to sit still. You would go throughout the world singing hymns of joy and dancing in ecstasy.

The Coronation of God's Kingship Do you know the significance of January 13, 2001? It was the Day of the Coronation of God's Kingship. For countless years Heaven had been waiting for that event in eager anticipation. It was the greatest and most exalted celebration humanity had ever witnessed. On that day Reverend Moon, who had received the anointing as the True Parent of all humanity and traveled a path of indescribable suffering and pain until he had gained the final victory, offered

his entire foundation to Heaven.

For tens of thousands of years, God had endured an existence full of lamentation and grief, even as He conducted His Providence with a parental heart. When that coronation ceremony was offered to Him, it marked the moment of His long-awaited liberation and release. On that providential day, we declared to all heaven and earth that we would attend God as the vertical True Parent and great King of the Cosmos, that we would unfurl and raise the banner of Cheon Il Guk, and that the new sovereignty of Heaven had begun.

For the next three years, the True Parents held firmly to the helm while the winds of heavenly fortune surged around us like a typhoon. We dashed forward as though each day were a thousand years. Then on the foundation of True Parents' victory, we declared May 5, 2004 the Day of Ssang-hap Ship-seung. On that day, the True Parents brought to a close the Age Before the Coming of Heaven with its long years of grief, and opened the Age After the Coming of Heaven, the new era when we can build a new heaven and a new earth. This marked the beginning of a great and historic revolution

to return the earth to God as a substantial reality.

Beloved citizens of Cheon Il Guk, today you are receiving amazing grace. You are participating in the coronation ceremony of the substantial King of Cosmic Peace, and you are being registered as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. Not only you, but also your ancestors by the tens of thousands will thank you throughout eternity for the grace they are receiving along with you today.

The Bible says "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." (Mt. 6:33) Today you are witnessing the miracle of miracles: the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, the substantial sovereignty in the Age After the Coming of Heaven. God truly works in mysterious ways. By the first day of the new millennium, God had already placed Cheon Il Guk on the horizon. Who could have imagined though, that they would see the day when the King of Cosmic Peace would ascend to his throne? We thought it was just a dream, but we are witnessing it in our lifetime.

Path of People of Cheon Il Guk

Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, this is a precious and blessed day of victory and glory. Now, as the King of

J U L Y 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 1 Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 3 Interreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony (2002)
- 6 Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (6/11/98)
- 9 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
- 10 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)
- 13 International Blessing of 400 Million Couples, Fourth Phase (2003)
Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
- 23 National Parents' Day (1994)
- 24 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- 26 5th Phase of the 400 Million Couple Blessing (2004)
Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
- 27 Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (1964)

A U G U S T 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 7th, 15th, 23rd, 31st

- 1 Hee Jin Nim's Ascension (1969)
Day of Returning to the Home Country (1993)
- 4 Hye Jin Nim's Ascension (1964)
- 5 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (7/12/83)
Shin Kwon Nim's Birthday (7/12/89)
- 7 Unification Theological Institute (1971)
- 11 In Jin Nim's Birthday (7/18/65)
Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth (7/7/97)

C A L E N D A R

- 16 Il Sung Il: Total Victory Day (1985)
- 17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)
- 20 Declaration the Providential Age of Salvation by Love (1989)
Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom (2004)
Father's Release from Danbury (1985)
- 23 Shin Ji Nim's Birthday (7/30/94)
- 25 30,000 Couples' Blessing (1992)
360,000 Couples' Blessing (1995)
- 28 Federation for World Peace (1991)
- 31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 Cheon Bu Ju Hwi: Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 6 Hyung Jin Nim & Yeon Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
- 8 Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
- 9 99.9 Jeol: Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)
- 10 3.10 Jeol (1999)
- 14 Interreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony (2002)
- 15 Hye Shin Nim's Ascension (1971)
New Hope Singers International Established (1973)
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
Ultimas Noticias Established (1981)
- 23 Shin Joong Nim's Birthday (8/2/93)
- 27 Hyung Jin Nim's Birthday (8/6/79)
Day of Dispensational Transition Toward Unification (1988)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Yun Ah Nim's and Un Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2006. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

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venly Kingdom of Eternal Peace

Cosmic Peace, I will declare, on this thirteenth day of June in the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk, the fundamental duties and mission that every citizen of Cheon Il Guk should understand and live by as they walk the way of Heaven.

First, as God is the vertical True Parent and you are true children of God, you will establish the realm of three generations in your family, perfect the Four Great Realm of Heart, and attend God on the vertical axis for eternity.

Further, you will inscribe on your heart the need to uphold the Cosmic King of Peace, who is the horizontal True Parent, and to live with absolute obedience on the horizontal axis for eternity as a citizen of Cheon Il Guk. You will make living for the sake of others, which is the practice of true love, the standard of your life. You will establish a true family and raise true children who are sinless and pure, thus protecting God's lineage and bequeathing it intact from generation to generation.

Second, no matter what the situation, you will live with your mind and body united as one. In my case as well, from the day I first determined to follow Heaven's path, I resolved to keep this as my motto: "Before you desire to have dominion over the universe, you must first have dominion over yourself."

God has given you a conscience as your guide in accomplishing this objective. Your conscience knows everything about you. It has complete knowledge of every action and step you take; it even knows your thoughts. Your conscience knows all these things about you before your teacher or your pastor knows. It knows them before your parents know. It knows them even better than God knows. So if you place your conscience in God's position over your life, and go the way of absolute obedience, of "high-noon settlement", it is certain that you will establish a realm of resonance between your mind and body and perfect their unity.

World Peace through Exchange Marriage

Citizens of Cheon Il Guk, the unification of spirit world has been completed. The issue now is the 6.5 billion people living on earth in the physical body. They struggle in agony in the midst of sin and suffering, yet they are your brothers and sisters. Your third mission is to educate them and bring them home as people of Cheon Il Guk.

You should educate everyone to understand that all human beings with-

out exception are descended from the Fall and must change their blood lineage through receiving the Holy Marriage Blessing from the True Parents. You must continue the work of engrafting people onto the True Olive Tree, by having them participate in the grace of "exchange" (cross-cultural) marriage, until the day when all humankind, numbering more than 300 billion souls, is restored to God's lineage.

Fourth, you are created to spend ten months in your mother's womb, about one hundred years on earth breathing air, and then all eternity in the spirit world. You should understand that, just as proper preparation in the womb is required for a healthy life after birth, you must devote your earthly life to prepare yourself for the next stage of life in the spirit world. Never forget that in every time and place, and no matter what you are doing, your ancestors in the spirit world are with you. Be ever mindful to live in harmony with the spirit world. Communicate in prayer with the heavenly world with sincerity and dedication, so that you may become perfected in your spirit self while you are living on the earth.

Fifth, your talents and abilities are required for the management and governance of Cheon Il Guk. Now, therefore, cut away and cast off your mask of selfish individualism. It is but a remnant of the Age Before the Coming of Heaven. In order to belong to Heaven, you must change ownership by partici-



ipating in the Ceremony of Returning Ownership, offering everything you own to God and then receiving it back from God.

In addition, all citizens of Cheon Il Guk will provide funds for the well being and peace of humanity, not by taxation but by voluntary contributions. They will demonstrate the model of offering the first three tenths of their income for public purposes. This cannot be an imposed tax; it has to be a gift that citizens offer willingly to Heaven with joyful hearts.

Life of Citizens of Cheon Il Guk

Sixth, beloved citizens of Cheon Il Guk, in the Age After the Coming of Heaven it is possible to recover the ideal world of creation that was lost as a result of the Human Fall. God created all the earth's creatures as our natural environment; they are absolutely needed for human prosperity. Human beings and nature are meant to share a realm of mutual resonance, with humans as the subject partners of love and nature as the object partner thriving under human management and beautified by human creativity. We can

no longer tolerate actions that destroy nature and pollute the environment.

As citizens of Cheon Il Guk, please have the wisdom to protect and love nature. Return to nature and enjoy a life of liberation and complete freedom. To love nature is to love God and

humanity. When human life resonates with nature, human character can blossom in perfection. The flowers of a true culture of heart, a true artistic world, will bloom. It will be the Garden of Eden, the original ideal where human beings and all creation live in complete harmony and express their original nature.

If you practice such true love in you daily life, how can God do anything but bestow great blessings upon you? You will live for all eternity in blessing and happiness.

Seventh, the Age After the Coming of Heaven that God and True Parents have opened is a time of dramatic change. As registered citizens of Cheon Il Guk, you have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory. Therefore, please become Heaven's emissaries, fulfilling the dual missions of the "Peace Kingdom Police Force" and the "Peace Kingdom Corps." Serve humanity under the banner of the Universal Peace Federation, which is working to establish the position of the Abel-type United Nations. Worthy countrymen and women, if not you, then who, will nurture and protect the blessed families and this blessed planet Earth that God has given us?

Please become true princes and princesses who live in attendance to God as your True Parent, for He is the Peace King of the multitudes. Let us build the everlasting Peace Kingdom by attending the King of Cosmic Peace and fulfilling the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters, patriots, saints, and divine sons and daughters.

Beloved people of Cheon Il Guk, I hope that you truly will celebrate and enjoy this precious and holy day. Brush off all your cares and worries and celebrate this day in joy while attending your Heavenly Father and True Parents with all your heart. The sincerity and dedication expressed by each of you brings even more glory to this day. The beautiful mountains, streams, trees, and flowers here in the vicinity of Cheong Pyeong Lake are showering their blessings upon you as you prepare to embark on your ambitious journeys. Your descendants, too, will take pride that you participated in this long-awaited day, and they will honor and praise you forever.

I pray that the abundant grace and blessings of God in heaven may be upon you and your families. ❖



The Opening of the Cheon Jeong Palace:

by Dr. Chang Shik Yang and Rev. Michael Jenkins

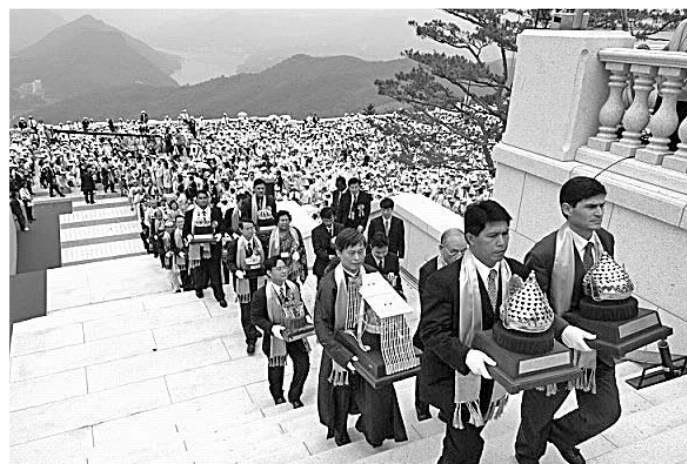
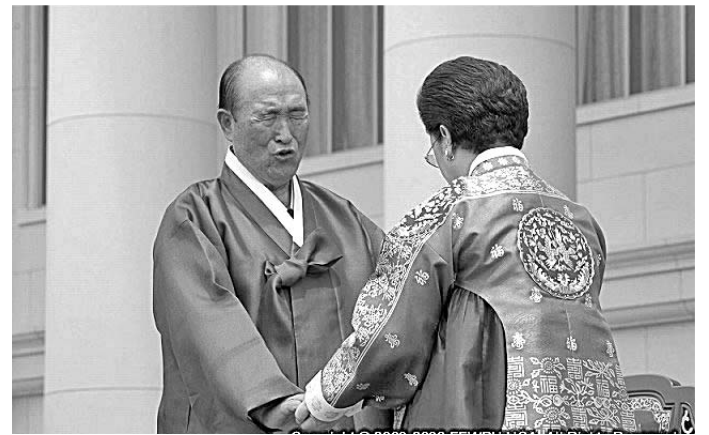
The Original Palace is also a special Temple for God, True Parents, True Family and all humanity. True Parents have guided us that God is the Vertical True Parent and through the fulfillment of their course True Parents, Father and Mother Moon have restored Adam and Eve's position and responsibility and have been confirmed by heaven and earth as the True Parents of all Humanity and Horizontal True Parents.

Based on the Principle of Creation, God was always to dwell in the True Family as His Temple, extending his dwelling eventually to all families who completed the purpose of creation. Due to the failure of Adam and Eve God's dwelling could not be with man. Jesus came as the second Adam and fulfilled Adam's role on the individual level but, due to the rejection of his family and people, could not create True Parents on the earth. Therefore the providence of the third Adam became necessary.

Only through the completion of the responsibility of Adam and Eve as True Parents with a True Family could God dwell permanently in the hearts of mankind. The complete fulfillment of Father and Mother Moon as the True Parents has been confirmed by God, by Jesus and the founders of the great religions. Through the coronation providence, True Parents were also affirmed as the King and Queen of Peace vertically by Heaven and by representatives of every nation and religion. This set the condition for the opening of the Era After the Coming of Heaven and the Opening of God's Original Palace and Temple. On this basis the Cheon Seong Gyeong could be created and distributed as the "Word" in 2005. On the basis of the "Word" through Hoon Dok Hae we can establish our families as "Owners of Cheon Il Guk" and prepare to become True Families.

The second key condition that set the foundation for the opening of God's eternal palace on earth was the Blessing of All Humanity which occurred through the 120 Nation World Peace Tour in 2005 and further extended through True Mother's tour of 2006. True Parent's historic Blessing tour of Korea - in which 1 million received True Parent's Word and the Blessing and True Mother's and True Families' current 2006 120 Nation World Tour which has now been completed in America, Japan and many key nations is setting the condition that all humanity is receiving the change of blood lineage and being blessed by God. Again the blessing is based on the "Word" and True Parents have emphasized the central importance of our preparation for our families to enter the Original Palace through the daily reading of the three key speeches that are being given in each nation on the World Tour.

In addition, the condition to enter the Original Palace required that the historic divide between Cain and Abel be dissolved. Therefore as Father has completed Adam's responsibility and True Mother has fulfilled Eve's role as the bride, True Mother is now com-



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Original Palace and Temple of God

pleting the additional responsibility that Eve as the mother that should have unified Cain and Abel. It is for that internal reason that True Mother is now traveling with three sons who stand in Abel's role and Rev. Kwak and the Continental Directors who are representing Cain's role. That is why Father does not travel on this world tour but is prayerfully supporting True Mother as she fulfills the Mother's role to unify Cain and Abel. Through the historic 120 Nation world tour, Cain and Abel are being united as one and on that basis True Parents, True Family and all humanity can enter the Original Palace.

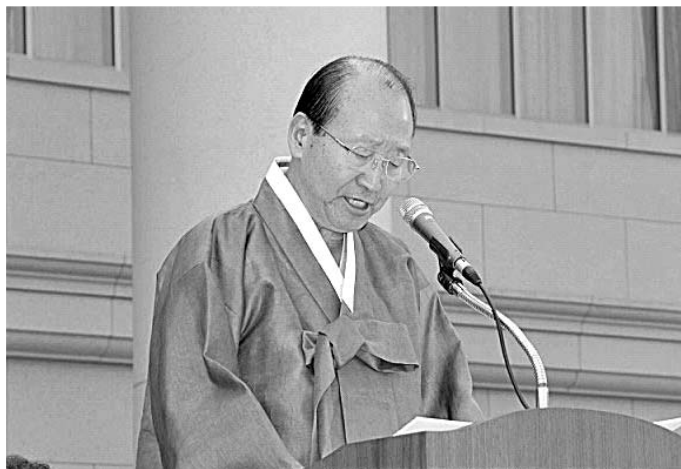
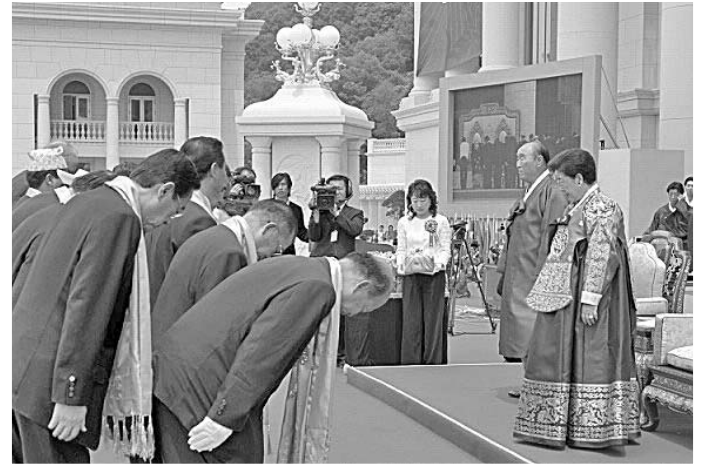
Through True Mother and True Love, Cain and Abel are being united and then brought into unity with True Father. This is the reason we can all enter the Original Palace together. Through the world tour all the conditions that have divided the Cains and Abels of the world have been resolved and there will begin a period of rapid conflict resolution and reconciliation of all enemies. Therefore we should participate in the World Peace Blessing Tour with a heart of profound gratitude as all are being blessed and all divisions of Cain and Abel are being resolved forever.

The Original Palace is the first Completed Palace or Temple of God in which God can dwell permanently on earth through True Parents and True Families. God can dwell from this moment on with representatives of all races, nations, religions and cultures who are considered one through the Holy Wine Ceremony and the Blessing of Marriage. All people who have engrafted into the True Olive Tree are now considered the one family of God on earth. This transcends all boundaries and all are welcome into the Kingdom.

True Parents will open the Original Palace as God's central Palace of the Kingdom of God on Earth (Cheon Il Guk). True Father has said that he will stay in the Palace for a short time and offer it all to God emphasizing that this is God's Palace and first Temple in the era after the coming of Heaven. The Original Palace will be an eternal central point as the first permanent dwelling of God on earth and the gateway to the substantial realization of God's Heavenly Kingdom and the Heavenly Nation of Cheon Il Guk (the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity).

This is the fulfillment of scripture:

Revelation 21: 2 - 4 - "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." ❖



At the Opening of the Original Palace

by Rev. Susan Fefferman

I am at CPL for the 40 days blessed wives workshop. As I stand atop the holy ground at the Tree of Blessings the mist begins to clear from the warmth of the rising sun. I am in awe. The palace nestled in the mountain across the way is shining crystal white. The trees and landscape embrace it gently. It is God's home on the earth, His first real home where He can dwell with His victorious children and for all eternity He may rest in joyful peace because True Parents have fulfilled His will.

In the Era after the Coming of Heaven things are unfolding with such amazing brightness and hope. I imagine from this beautiful meeting spot of Heaven and Earth, a wave will go out washing all the earth in purity and healing the hearts of all people with true love, bringing all into the family of God. It is so close to North Korea, nearly at the center of the Korean peninsula. I feel Heavenly Father's invitation to the North: "Put down your weapons and be welcomed into My embrace. Come home to the heart of your nation."

June 6 Was the beginning of eight days of celebrations in preparation for the official Opening of the Original Palace on June 13. The holy wine ceremony was held in the afternoon at the training center. And that evening many people walked over an hour to reach the Original Palace as transportation was scarce and a huge traffic jam on the narrow mountain road blocked the many buses and cars from all around the country. Those on foot made it! The evening ceremony for the "Wishing for the Era of Peace and Tranquility of Chun Il Guk and the Citizen's Pledge Ceremony" began as darkness fell on the eager crowd of brothers and sisters from around the world.

Fire was brought from four directions (our own Staffan Berg, Az carried one of the torches) and lit an eternal flame that can be seen through out the countryside at night. Earth and water was brought from around the world and True Parents mixed it together and then gave out portions to be taken back to the regions from where it came. Blended earth like the blending of the races in our blessing of marriage. (great pictures can be found on www.ipeacetv.com/photolineV2).

Then the entire crowd rose and recited the new Chun Il Guk pledge (translation not available at this writing). It was a moment to remember. We have crossed over an important milestone and greater things are to come. True Parents were very happy, the true children are very happy and the true grandchildren are very happy as well. Hyo Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim are here with their families sup-

porting True Parents. Each one spoke to the group in the days after this beginning event. They shared their heart with us and offered us an opportunity to know them better.

to the 'higher realm'. The main floor is open to the public (with a pass). But the upper floors are open only to a special few. Perhaps like the temple of Solomon with the inner sanctuary being the upper floors.

The building itself is amazing. "The CheonJeongGung Museum was designed in the traditional "Ka-ram" style architecture of Korean temples, where the main structure is sheltered by two wings

ment for peace." (taken from their brochure)

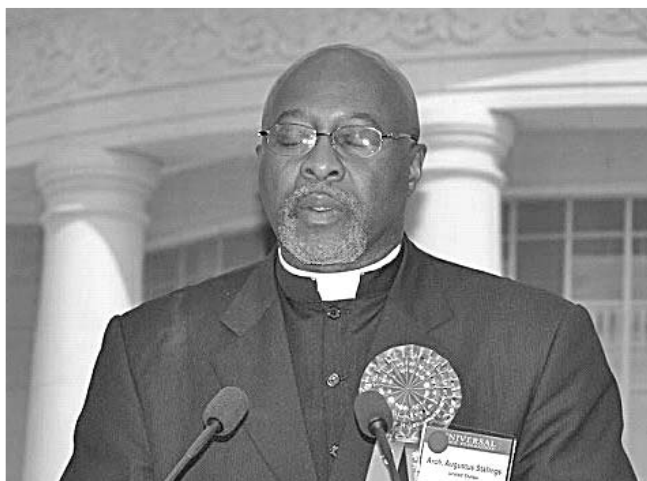
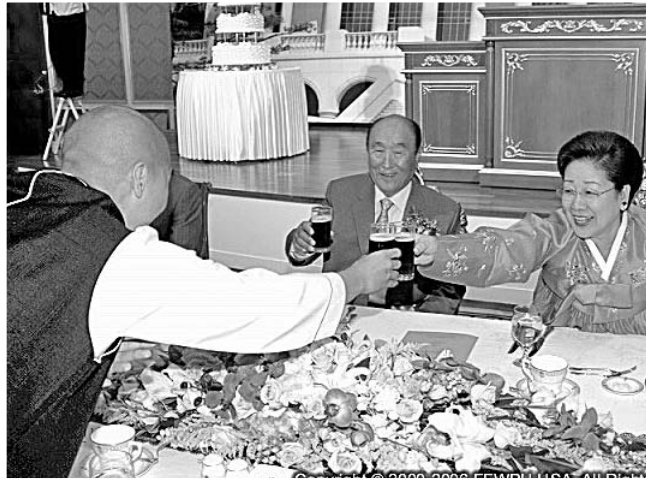
There is a water feature over the first floor area. Above a pool where a bridge crosses over, there is a dome above made of glass and water continually flows down the sides making the light shimmer down on the bridge. There is gold leaf on the wall murals, the hall of donors (find your name there!), and many gifts from nations given at the time of the founding of the UPF.

In the grand plaza overlooking the valley below there is an old pine tree that True Father found forty years ago when he decided on this site for the Original Palace. He wanted to save the tree and keep it in the grounds. Its curving arms reach out and shelter everyone who passes under it to enter the Original Palace. On the other side is a matching tree, a little younger, balancing the area over the other entrance.

The white granite outside is very hard and will last 'forever'. The interior has gentle, flawless white marble that has the feel of flowing water. Everything is done with exquisite detail and fine workmanship (and I have an artist's critical eye!) The marble came from a quarry in China where Dae Mo Nim found an undiscovered cache of perfect stone big enough for the palace project. Dae Mo Nim created a machine big enough to get the huge columns out. No one had ever seen or imagined such a piece of equipment before! (The spirit world has great vision.) The owner of the company was so moved by the completed building that he made a donation to the project. Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim guided every aspect of the project and worked tirelessly. It was an amazing accomplishment.

Finally God has His own home. Adam and

Eve should have prepared a home for God and lived with Him there, but the fall thwarted this plan. Now True Parents, with the support of Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim, have finally prepared a worthy abode where God can finally live with His victorious children in body and spirit. Finally, the time has come when goodness will take over the earth and the evil history of mankind will be restored and erased. All of us may live in joy with our Heavenly Father. You've just got to see it to believe it! Come to Korea, liberate some evils spirits and your ancestors, bless everyone and see the Kingdom of God unfold. It is a great time to be alive. ❖



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The entertainment at the event was aimed at pleasing True Parents with all their favorite songs, many sung by famous singers, including "Danny Boy." The fireworks and light show lit up the sky throughout the entire area, the colors could even be seen by the crowd down at the training center on the other side of the hill. It was a magnificent night to remember. And those that walked home didn't mind the exercise because "WE ARE HERE!"

I had the privilege to help clean the palace. I scrubbed the stairs going up

to either side (for the True Children). The Museum's architecture expresses the tabloid edition of world history's past and future, western and eastern cultures, and spirit and physical worlds. Overall it is a neo-classical style with the classical dome design mixing with a modern feel in its expression. The dome is 60 meters high. All the artistic creations and moldings that adorn areas throughout the museum are significant as permanent records giving artistic expression to Unification Thought and church history. The 18 major types of sculptures and paintings heighten the artistic beauty of the museum. The central point of all these is to praise for eternity the life of True Parents and the cosmic accomplishments of their move-



Holy Wine Ceremony for Starting of Era of Peace and Tranquility of Cheon Il Guk

**June 6, 2006
Cheong Pyeong,
Korea**

The True Parents gave us the grace to hold the Holy Wine Ceremony for the blessed families to become the people of Cheon Il Guk.

At a special stage prepared in front of Jeong Shim Won (Prayer Hall), the Holy Wine Ceremony began at 2:00 p.m. June 6, 2006. Around 30,000 blessed couples gathered from around the world came here to Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center to participate in the Holy Wine Ceremony. The ceremony lasted about 50 minutes. The blessed families who participated not only filled the space in front of Jeong Shim Won but also filled up the halls of Cheongseong Wanglim Palace (Heavenly Palace) and the Chinha Hall.

With Rev. Yeong-seok Song, vice president of FFWPU Korea, as the emcee the Holy Wine Ceremony began. After president of FFWPU Korea Rev. Sun-jo Hwang's reporting prayer, Rev. Chung-hwa Kwak, International president of IIFWPU, gave a speech.

Rev. Kwak gave a speech explaining the importance and value of the new Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine, that it is a special grace given to



the blessed families to liquidate the Original Sin. Therefore, Satan will be unable to take away conditions from the blessed families. Also he added in detail that the Holy Wine Ceremony held today is a special ceremony for us to become the citizens of Cheon Il Guk.

After Rev. Kwak's speech the Holy Wine Ceremony continued in a very sacred atmosphere. After 12 blessed couples, representing the blessed families of the world, received the Holy Wine from Rev. Kwak and his wife, it was passed on to all the blessed families. All the blessed families repented and prayed earnestly while Rev. Kwak gave a congratulatory prayer after drinking the Holy Wine. The Holy Wine Ceremony ended with Rev. Jeong-gwan Yu, president of the Citizens Federation of North-South Unification, leading 3 cheers of Eok-mansei.

All the blessed families gathered here made a new resolution to become the owners of the Cheon Il Guk and to obey Heavenly Law. The Holy Wine Ceremony was held on the foundation of a 21 day breakfast fast condition by all the members of the world. ❖

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March 13 – 23, 2006

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TRUE MOTHER'S WORLD TOUR

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An estimated 50,000 people, including some 120 representatives from 26 island nations who were taking part in a conference sponsored by the Asia-Pacific Island Nations for Universal Peace, gathered on March 21 at the International Exhibition Hall 1-6 at the Makuhari Messe in Japan to take part in the Universal Peace Federation Japan Rally.

This even was hosted by the executive committee of Japan Rally of Asia-Pacific Island Nations for Universal Peace and sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), Federation for World Peace-Japan (FWP), the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace (FINWP), and the Association for the Promotion of True Families (APTF).

By 11 am, thousands of people from across Japan had gathered in the International Exhibition Hall and sat waiting in their seats. Before the official start of the rally, the Cheon Il Guk Musical Federation led by Mrs. Junko Sakurada Azuma, gave a wonderful performance.

The pre-event entertainment was followed by a Holy Wine Ceremony lead by Rev. Hideo Oyamada. Representative couples went up to the stage; under Rev. Oyamada's guidance, they were given cups of holy wine which the couples exchange and consumed. At the end of the ceremony Rev. Oyamada gave the benediction to bless these couples who took part in this solemn ceremony to cleanse the lineage and return to God's lineage.

The emcee for this day was Rev. Katsumi Otsuka, co-president of IIFWP Japan. He began by introducing the dignitaries who were there that day and especially thanked the international delegates who were in Japan that time for the Asia-Pacific Island Nations Summit.

Following this, Rev. Oyamada took the podium to give the main address. In his address, he mentioned the rising influence of China on the island nations worldwide and also the growing concern in Japan over China's territorial claims and its military buildup,

which, according to recent statistics, saw a double-digit increase for the past 18 years. Rev. Oyamada reminded the audience, however, that it is not China itself that we should be wary of but rather the communist ideology in China. He emphasized that "we should be highly appreciative of China's efforts to modernize itself" and "to embrace China with true love and work on bringing mutual prosperity for both China and Japan" While touching upon the many tragedies, threats and global conflicts that befall humankind, Rev. Oyamada strongly affirmed that the only way in resolving these conflicts is through a "life of living for the sake of others based on true love" and of "forgiving one's enemies through a parental heart" He went on to introduce True Father and True Mother's life achievements and explained why they were regarded by many as the True Parents and king and queen of peace.

After Rev. Oyamada's address three representatives offered their congratulatory remarks. From Japan Mr. Tatsuo Sato, a member of the House of Representatives, came up and expressed his enthusiasm of having come to know Rev. Moon saying that he was truly a great and amazing person. From Korea, Mr. Bong-ho Kim, former deputy

speaker of the house, commented on Rev. Moon's endeavors with the Jochun-gryun and Mindan groups in Japan.

Representing the 120 delegates from 26 island nations attending the Asia-Pacific Island Nations Summit, Sir James Richard Mancham, founding president of Seychelles Republic, thanked

Japan for its warm and generous hospitality and applauded Rev. Moon for the success of his recent world tour inaugurating the Universal Peace Federation worldwide.

On this note, the program moved on to a congratulatory song by Ms. Fumika Goto, who gave an excellent performance of "The Lord's Prayer."

A video presentation followed, showing the details of the inaugural rally of the Universal Peace Federation.

By this time the participants were ready to accept the message for this day's main speaker.

Amidst a thunderous applause True Mother took the stage and delivered the keynote address. The title of the speech was "God's Ideal Family: The Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World," the same address True Father gave during his world tour last year. Her soft but yet firm voice was conveyed through the speakers to reach all 50,000 gathered in the hall that day and thousands more who were also intently viewing all this through the Internet. ❖



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Cambodia • June 4-5, 2006

Phnom Penh

T rue Mother and Hyun Jin nim departed New Delhi at 7 AM bound for Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, arriving there at 1 PM and the main program was scheduled for 4:00 PM. H.E. Son Soubert welcome TM and HJN at the airport.

Cambodia, like much of the "Indo-China" region of Southeast Asia, has often been a "pawn" of the larger powers. Standing between both China to the North and India to the West, the Region has been shaped by the cultures of both China and India. Even today, these two powers are significant.

Arriving at the hotel the driveway was lined on either side by young CARP STF members, about 400 strong.

The main program hall at the Inter Continental was filled to capacity, with standing room in the back, about 1000, including both many Ambassadors for Peace and many young people. Some Ambassadors for Peace and members also came from Thailand. The Cambodian VIPs included Cabinet Ministers, members of both the upper and lower houses of their parliament, professors, university administrators, religious leaders, business leaders.

The Cambodian people are gentle and warm, and throughout the program they were very attentive and responsive. There was a high spirit and a clear affinity between speakers and audience.

Both TM and HJN presented their speeches with great ease, freely, confidently, joyfully....seemingly feeling very



Many of you have come from Thailand. I have heard that your language is very similar. Under one common God, we are all brothers and sisters. So, in front of God there are no national barriers. As we break down barriers we can bring great joy to God. If you are the young people here, please think of exchange marriage. That is

the shortcut to the establishment of one world under God.

You young people should study Korean language. If you become old your hearing fades away and you have hearing loss. How old is God? Is God old or young? At the advent of TP, which tongue or language will come to God's ear the easiest or quickest? The language of TP is the one that God will hear and be attracted to the most. Through language, expressions of heart are communicated. If you study Korean you will shorten the distance between God and you. You young people have so many advantages, especially in terms of learning new things and languages. So please learn Korean. Can you do that?

There are 150-200 young people here, so there's no problem to shake Cambodia. Yesterday was a tremendous victory. However, I was a little disappointed that I didn't feel enough CARP spirit and young people spirit. If you feel the spirit, you need to express it. To change the world, you need to transform people's hearts. The message TP is bringing cannot be understood simply through your head. You also must understand through your heart. Because of the Fall of Adam and Eve, the true love of God has not been understood. Hearts have not been moved. So you must show that passion and heart, not only to Cambodia, but Thailand and all Southeast Asia. You need to move the hearts, and help people understand this is a special time.....a time to make an extended family of True Parents and to move the hearts of all people You need to be the owners of this message and its content and heart. Can you be the owners of this message.

If Father comes to Cambodia in 6 months. Can you bring 10,000. [silence] How many CARP members? 200. How do you bring 10,000. Each of you should restore 500 people. Can you do this? [YES!!!] You are crazy. But we may be crazy. Satan cannot control the realm of human aspiration and hope. God is looking even for one person to carry out his providence. Can you as CARP members bring 500 members? [YES] Well maybe we can bring about a restored nation.

Hyun Jin nim sang, "There's a light burning brighter somewhere....." Mother then gave the national leader some money to take all the CARP members our for a nice dinner and nice time together to celebrate, along with the Thai members who had come to Cambodia to help. ❖

at east, at home with the audience.

The Welcome Remarks were given by H.E. Son Soubert, Member of the Constitutional Council. 12 Ambassadors for Peace were appointed.

HDH with True Mother

There are many young people here. You need to study hard in school, but most important is for you to keep your purity. Do you understand? First and

foremost keep you purity. Also in your community, society and on campus, always live for the sake of others. The speech that TM is presenting is so important for humanity, with the essential content needed to save this world. Actually, TF is the owner of these words, and even tho he knows these words inside and out, he always reads it every day, both at HDH, and during the Event, he also reads it two times even before he comes out for 5 AM HDH.

Now is 2006, 6th year of Cheonilguk. Father has announced that he has until 2013 to complete all things that he was called to fulfill on this earth. Until 2013 Father wants to embrace all humanity and help them understand this truth. In order for all 6.5 billion people come to understand and practice this truth, we must be the mediators. We must take this message to heart, and live and practice this truth. As you know, Father is 87 years. We have 7 years to go until 2013. Father will be 94. Is that old or young? Don't you wish Father was 10 years younger? When a feast is taking place, the one who prepared the great feast must be present. A festival that God has planned for humanity is going to take place, but how sad God will be if the owner Himself is not there. So, as Father's speech explains, we are here living at the same time as the True Parents. How tragic if people go to the spirit world and yet do not know True Parents.

As we come to understand God's will, then we develop a heart that is so desperate. When I see so many bright faces, I feel a lot of hope for this nation. If you set the deep root, and nurture the branches and leaves, then the fruit will come, and this nation will have great hope.

ing businessman, A. S. Toor, Ministry of External Affairs, A. B. Khanna, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, B.B. Bhattacharya, Vice Chancellor of JNU University.

The evening closed with a buffet dinner. Everyone stayed on for dinner and conversation. As we circulated among and greeted all the participants there was a unanimous expression of appreciation, inspiration and a desire to work together with UPF. The audience was very high level, including government leaders, such as the Minister of Minority Relations, scholars and academicians, religious leaders, NGO activists, business leaders, artists, and media professionals. Everyone was excited after hearing TM's and HJN's speeches. Many of our old and dearest friends and Ambassadors for Peace expressed astonishment at the continued rapid growth and development of UPF. All were very respectful and appreciative of the great effort and sacrifices of TM and HJN in taking on the 180 nation tour. ❖

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Mrs. Jotwani, Mr. and Mrs. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. Durrany, Mr. and Mrs. Vijay Kuman and their son, and Mr. and Mrs. Shivpuri.

Dr. Kittel led the cheers of Mansei. Amb. N. P. Jain gave the closing remarks and call to action. Amb. Jain served as Indian Ambassador to the European Union and to Nepal. He is a Founding Trustee of UPF-India.

Mrs. Vidha Shah sang the congratulatory song, accompanied by a tabla and harmonium. She sang a Kabir poem.

Ten new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed at the close, including A. R. Antulay, the current Minister of Minority Affairs of the Indian Government. Others were R. P. Dhokalia, Indian Academy of International Law, Ram Murti Sharma, former Vice Chancellor, Sanskrit University in Varanasi, Trilochan Singh, Indian Association of International Affairs, Usha Rai, Journalist, Bhupinder Singh Suri, a lead-

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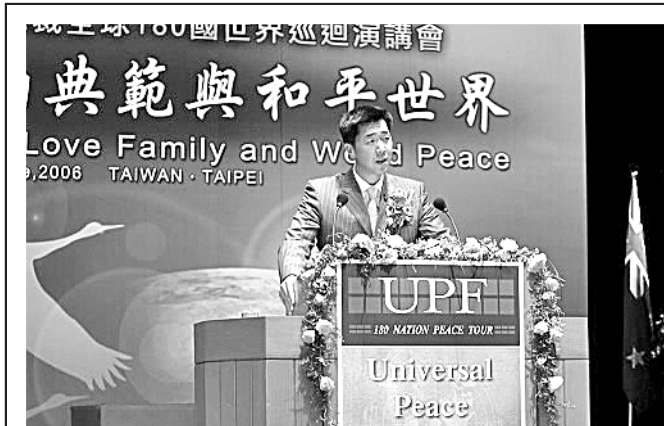
Taiwan • June 6, 2006

Taipei

When True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim arrived from Cambodia, word came that there had been a small fire in the hotel, and we could not enter for a couple of hours. Therefore, at Mother's request, we stopped at a nearby MacDonald's, had some Big Macs while an effort was made to find an alternative hotel.

The main program was held at Taipei's beautiful Sun Yat Sen Hall, which seats 4000. The program proceeded according to the basic format, before an enthusiastic full house audience. Both TM and HJN presented beautifully, and each part of the program was carried out with precision and dignity. The Taiwanese movement is very experienced and most capable in all areas.

The program in Taiwan brought to conclusion the 9-nation tour in the Asia Region: Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, (Bangladesh),



India, Cambodia, and Taiwan. TM and HJN go on to Korea today, to begin the program related to the opening of the Original Palace that runs from June 6 to 14. On June 16 the 180 tour will resume in Mongolia.

HDH with Hyun Jin Nim

Congratulations on a great victory yesterday. How much victory was it? The future is what you make it. If you really inherit and own the message from yesterday. We can be the author's of that future. It depends on how you invest. I like to speak to younger people because they dream more, since they have more time. Much more time remaining in their. Therefore the dreams they have are related to a longer remaining life span. My Father is the youngest person I know and has the greatest dream. What is the greatest dream. It is the dream that God had from the beginning of time. Will you take on God's dream. ❖

India • June 7, 2006

New Delhi

The main event, at the Oberoi Hotel, in New Dehli was attended by 600 VIPs. Dr. Robert Kittel opened the program. Dr. Mohini Giri, Chair of Guild of Service and the War Widows Association of India, and Founding President of WFWP India, and Founding Trustee of UPF India, chanted "Shanti Path" from the Hindu Scriptures, for the opening Invocation

The Invocation was followed by a lamp lighting ceremony that had several of the religious leaders participating, representatives from Hinduism, Dr. Ravindra Nagar; Islam, Maulana Rizwan Ahmad Qasmi; Jainism, Archarya Dr. Sadhvi Sadhana; Sikhism, Dr. Mohinder Singh; Buddhism, Lama Lobzang; Christian, Fr. Gento Rodrigues; Bahai'I, Dr. AK Merchant; Zoroastrian, Gen. A.M. Sethna.

UPF India Chairman, Dr. L.M. Singhvi gave the opening remarks. Dr. Singhvi is the former Indian High Commissioner to UK, a Supreme Court Advocate, former UNESCO Chair, and former member of parliament of India. Dr. Christopher Kim, Chair of UPF-Asia, delivered the Chairman's Address. Representative Couples

for the Holy Juice Ceremony were Dr. and Mrs. N. P. Jain, Mr. and Mrs. Vijay Kumar, and Mr and Mrs. Shivpuri.

Congratulatory letters and proclamations were received from the following: Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice President of India; he praised UPF for initiating

the 180 Nation Tour and for emphasizing peace, harmony and family values.

H. D. Deve Gowda, former Prime Minister of India, who said, "I am very happy to learn that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, wife of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, Founder of UPF,

and Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, son of Dr. and Mrs. Moon, are conducting a 180 nation peace tour. It is an incredible undertaking. The objective of the UPF to establish ideal families as the basis for world peace is vitally important...I wish the UPF all success."

R. Venkataraman, former President of India: "The endeavor which you have undertaken is laudable....I wish your function a grand success."

V.P. Singh, former Prime Minister of India, "I am glad to hear that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, wife of Dr. Sun Myung Moon and her son, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon,

are conducting an incredible world tour and are visiting one nation per day....The noble services being rendered by UPF in helping out the people by spreading awareness on importance of family values and bonding amongst youth is a step takin in the right direction in restoring world peace...I extend my greetings and felicitations to all those associated with UPF."

True Mother's and Hyun Jin Nim's speeches were presented beautifully, and the audience express much appreciation.

The Blessing was held with grace and dignity. Couples on stage included Dr. and Mrs. NP Jain, Amb and Mrs. Rajan, Dr. and Mrs. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Trighatia, Mr and Mrs. Pritpal Singh, Dr. and

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June 1, 2006 Nepal



Blessing in Norfolk, Virginia

by Rev. Akira Ota

We had a wonderful blessing event on May 20th at Herman's Family Ministry Center in Norfolk, Virginia. It was outdoors under a tent. First of all, Bishop Gregg Proctor gave us his special musical offering, which helped uplift and prepare a holy atmosphere.

After the breakfast, we watched the video "Blessed Families and the Ideal of Peace". We read highlights of the Founder's Address. Then Mrs. Melissa Brown read True Mother's speech, "God's



Model Ideal Family and Nation, and the Peace Kingdom".

After the speech was read, all participants gave a warm welcome to Rev. & Mrs. Levy Daugherty, the blessing officiators. Rev. Daugherty gave us beautiful and powerful message before the blessing ceremony. He emphasized the importance of marriage and blessing. It was particularly important for new guests to understand a little bit about the blessing.

All of us had the holy wine and received holy water with sincere hearts.

In response to the holy vows, every-

body shouted "Yes" to disconnect from Satan's lineage.

Before the speech reading, people were a little noisy, in light of the event being outside. However, after Mrs. Brown started reading True Mother's speech, everyone was totally focused on the speech. It was a very quiet time. One young couple in the back read along out loud. They were so moved by the speech. Some of us felt that True Mother was spiritually here.

One evangelist suddenly arrived and attended the blessing. Nobody knew her. She said she was going to visit her brother's house when she saw an interesting gathering, all wearing the white scarves. Out of curiosity she came



along, holding her Bible. She was so happy to be blessed, even though she did not know exactly what the event was all about.

We had only a short time to prepare for this event. We were not able to do enough, but the spiritual world sup-

ported us and we could overcome some difficulties. Finally we could gratefully launch our Virginia state-level blessing successfully. All participants went back home with great satisfaction. We appreciate Rev. Herman Carrington, who worked so hard for this blessing. We also want to extend our great appreciation to the officiators, Rev. & Mrs. Levy and Claire Daugherty. ❖

Blessing in Landover, Maryland

by Rev. Angelika Selle

We thank God and our True Parents for the having extended True Mothers' original

12-city tour to all fifty States of America, spreading the Blessing and the message truly to the entire North American continent before the end of May 2006.

Here in Maryland we heard of the news on May 7th, five days after True Mother just had visited Washington, DC. Thanks to our dear Bishop Floyd E. Nelson, we were able to secure a venue and a date two days later, the Lively Stone Worship Center in Landover, Maryland.

Now we had about two weeks left to prepare. Since Rev. Hong and our Korean leaders had been called to Korea by True Parents, we truly felt a new sense of responsibility and "burden" to make this event a success together with brothers and sisters and the help of God and the spirit world.

Our vision here in Maryland was to give the event an interfaith flavor. Also, for this event which followed so shortly after the previous one, we simply promoted it through emails, flyers and uplifting announcements from the pulpit, motivating brothers and sisters from the heart as to the significance and opportunity to have True Mother's speech read here in Maryland. We had one preparatory meeting at Gary and Wanji Rowe's home in Greenbelt. Many good ideas were shared as we prepared the program, which in essence was the same as the one at the Lisner Auditorium. Especially we wanted to be sure to have a "mother and son" read the two speeches. Everyone "voted" for Mrs. Sennie Johnson to read as the "mother" and Mike Roschuni as the "son". We put all ideas together and pledged to God and True Parents that we can and will take ownership of True Mother's

er's tour here in Maryland. From the unity and love between us as a foundation, we could feel that the event would be successful. Yet there was much work to be done...

leave all distractions and preoccupations behind. Our MC Rev. Levy Daugherty explained about the deep and historic significance of this event and then welcomed the mayor of Landover Hills

to give his welcoming remarks. A humble but spirited man, Mayor Lee Walker greeted everyone and in a short but heartfelt way made everyone feel at home and comfortable.

Then Bishop Clifford Hazel-Bey, a Thirty Third degree Freemason from Baltimore, took the stage to shed deeper light on the purpose of the event. He surprised most of us as he launched into boldly and straightly testifying to True Parents, as to who they are and why we need to listen to them. He explained that there is no one who is doing this work of peace ordained by God in the way they do. Bishop Bey testified to how he himself was completely transformed after hearing the Diving Principle in Ocean City and has not been the same person since. (We will transcribe his speech.)

For the Holy Wine ceremony in the absence of Bishop Nelson, Rev. Daugherty called upon his wife, Claire, as well as Pastor Angelika Selle and her husband, Bob, to demonstrate the partaking of the Holy Wine. Then he asked Pastor Selle to pray as all recommitted ourselves to uphold the Blessing and bring healing to the world.

Mr. Howard Self as the secretary general of the American Family Coalition then called upon a variety of appointed Ambassadors for Peace, among whom was the mayor of Landover Hills (he stayed until the end of the program), Mr. and Mrs. Isaa and Hadiza Wada, elders of the Islamic Community Center in Laurel, MD, three youth leaders and Evangelist Catherine Allison of the Lively Stone Worship Center. A group photo was taken after which our very own former youth pastor, Mike Roschuni, took the stage and read from the



Quickly the day of the event arrived. At 4pm Mother Allison and one brother of Lively Stone Worship Center opened the doors for the preparation crew to come in. Rev. Francis, with some help of second generation, hung up the beautiful banner we used at the Lisner Auditorium, which transformed the hall immediately into True Parents' sanctuary. The Boy Scouts of Troop 1212 got ready to take their ushering roles, and the youth choir started practicing in one of the Sunday school rooms. The spirit began to build as more and more people walked in. In the end we counted 120!

We began the program around 7:15 pm. To set the stage, our New Hope Family Youth Choir opened up with a creative rendition of "Somewhere over the Rainbow", performed a cappella.

Our fiery Prophetess Patra Zannu opened up with a prayer evoking the spirit of God and asking everyone to

speech by Father that was presented by Hyun Jin Nim on the tour here in the U.S. He did a great job in putting his heart and spirit into it, letting his leadership potential shine through.

Before the main message, all were treated to a delightful rendition of "Can't You Feel the Love Tonight" from "The Lion King", by Kiah Victoria. As Rev. Daugherty introduced her, he also acknowledged and thanked her wonderful parents, Adruma and Fiona Victoria, who patiently and with much love and protection have been supporting her all the way.

The best was yet to come, when Elder Sennie Johnson, wife of our dear Bishop C. Phillip Johnson was introduced as the proper choice for this reading. In a very humble way Elder Sennie expressed that it was a privilege for her to read Mother Moon's speech and she prayed that truly she could read it with Mother Moon's spirit and heart and convey that deep message. Then she began to read. Every word was emphasized with dignity spirit and heart as if True Mother were reading it. Many of us felt the spirit of True Mother descending upon her and touching our hearts in unprecedented ways. Elder Sennie spoke slowly, yet with so much passion and emphasis, almost like Martin Luther King, Jr, so that many, rather than reading in the booklet, watched and listened to her. Time became not an issue. She ended with a crescendo and received a standing ovation.

The Holy Blessing ceremony then began. The front row, all VIPs then turned around and sprinkled the Holy Water on the congregation. The officiators, Rev. Adruma and Fiona Victoria, National Messiahs to Kenya, Africa, ascended the stage, accompanied by the Holy Water attendants. Rev. Adruma recited the four points of pledge and the audience responded with a thundering "yes". Mrs. Fiona, asked by her husband, gave the benediction in a very motherly way. All celebrants and pastors then gathered on the stage for the finale, when Rev. Daugherty called Mrs. Reiko Jenkins to the stage to give a word of encouragement, which she did by shining Mother's love on everyone. Senior Evangelist Charles Agbaza then gave the Call to Action, remind-

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44th Day of All True Things

May 27, 2006 -
Cheongpyeong
Heaven and Earth
Training Center,
Korea

The pledge service and commemorative speech for the 44th Day of All True Things was held at 8:00 a.m. on May 27, 2006, at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, with the participation of around 10,000 blessed family members and leaders.

Father began this holiday on July 26, 1963 (Lunar: 6th month, 6th day) at the first church in Cheongpa dong, which was celebrated on 5th month, first day (lunar calendar) of each year. After celebration of the 35th True Parent's Day in 1994, True Father added the word True to the four holidays including the Day of All True Things.

On this day, Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, the International Chairman of the IIFWP and the International President of FFWPU, as the M.C. guided everyone through the pledge service, which includ-



Mrs. Jeong Won-ju to sing.

Later he asked all the Japanese blessed wives who had gone through the Forty Day Ocean-based Workshop in Yeosu to come on stage and sing a song about rowing a boat. Following that, Father spoke to all the Japanese participants (in Japanese), saying, "You have to be exemplary leaders as pioneers by taking responsibility for the ocean." Later, Father said as it was the Day of All Things, he wanted to give the Japanese wives a gift. He asked Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, the President of FFWPU Korea, to give a boat (from the boat factory of the Tongil Group) to each of them.

He asked all the women participating in the 40-day workshop to participate in a lottery to choose some of them to join him on his helicopter to go to Yeosu later that day.

Emphasizing the importance of the creation, as all is created for the sake of human beings, Father said that without all things, the restoration work could face much more difficulty.

At the end, Rev. Yu Joeng-kwan of the North/South Unification Federation guided everyone with three cheers of euk mansei. ❖

ed the True Parents and True Family members entrance to the main hall, the lighting of candles, opening remarks, bows from the representatives of the physical world and spiritual world, reciting of the Family Pledge, Rev. Kwak's prayer, cake cutting, hoon-dokhae, the reading of True Parents' speech, offering of flowers to True Parents by a representative blessed couple, Father's speech, and three cheers

of mansei by Rev. Yu Jong-kwan of the North/South Unification Federation.

Rev. Kwak explained the importance of the Day of All True Things and read the speech Father will read at the entrance ceremony on June 13.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., True Father spoke, emphasizing the importance of the ceremony to take place on June 13 and the importance his June 13th speech. During his speech, he asked

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ing everyone to live by the word of God, no matter what the religious background or tradition and to spread the Blessing.

To conclude this memorable evening, Rev. Daugherty sealed the Blessing and renewed commitment with three cheers of Mansei! Amen! Amen! Amen!

Glory be to God and the True Parents of All Humankind!

Special thanks go to Loretta Schaufler for assisting in pulling together the program and taking on major responsibility during preparation time. To Otmar Weinman for providing uplifting and wholesome music to make the event holy and sanctified, for Maria Agres helping with setting up a book table and setting things up and preparing young people for the Holy Wine Ceremony. To our Kodan Sisters team for the reception and Evangelist Allison for helping with set-up and representing the hosts, Akiko Li for video production, the Boy Scout Troup 1212 for providing ushers, to Howard Self and Joe Wakaria for framing the Ambassador for Peace certificates, for Nancy Bulow and Wendy Herstein for volunteering for the registration table and VIP ushering, for Gary and Wanji Rowe for inviting and bringing the mayor of Landover Hills, for Annemarie Weinman, Mary and many others for phone calling, for the sisters' prayer team for their needed prayers, for Rev. and Mrs. Levy and Claire Daugherty their MC leadership and love! Thanks also to Bishop and

Dr. Nelson for being gracious and generous in making their church building available for this historic event!

Thanks to Rev. Ile Mabua and Minister Lynn Sofinowsky from Baltimore and Mr. Louis Johnson for bringing their guests, Muslim leaders and a professor as well as Mel Haft who represented Judaism. Thanks to dear regional vice-director couple, Rev. Randy and Kumiko Francis, who quietly and humbly yet tirelessly supported in action to make this event successful.

Finally, thanks to all those who attended and those who couldn't attend but were with us in spirit. It was a victory of unity of heart and cooperation, the spirit of community and volunteerism and ownership. In my heart, that is one of the greatest victories of all.

Mr. Isaa Wada described their experience as "remarkable". Isaa is a very devout Muslim, attending mosque regularly for prayers. Publicly, when it is time for prayer he will excuse himself and go pray in a side room for about 15 or 20 minutes. So, at the beginning of Mrs. Johnson's reading he excused himself. He also encouraged his wife Hadiza to join him, however she politely insisted to stay for the entire reading (perhaps Muslim women living in America have a bit of independence and authority!).

He was so pleased that "the name of the almighty God could be sanctified by the human soul" at this event. The readings, "like the Koran tried to bring us to the fundamental truth and that the readings were a warning, a teaching, a lesson". Those fundamen-

tal truth's, he said, "we can trace back to Abraham, to Adam and back to God. The majority of the time we focus on the branches. Where is the root however [of our problems]?" "Allah's plan is the best plan. His will is the best." "how we have become derailed from the original ideal of God and His will" were other comments. He also brought up the importance of service to others that was mentioned several times during the evening event. Mr. Wada said that he realized that serving others brought true satisfaction.

He also responded positively to attending the June 10th follow-up dialogue on True Mother's speech and agreed to attend a dialogue on the Islamic, Jewish and Christian perspective of The Fall of Man that we plan to hold at a "home meeting" in our neighborhood.

As a final note, I truly felt God's blessings and empowerment as representative couples of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths sitting together, united in heart and spirit. This gives us much hope and inspiration to continue the task of home meetings centered on the word. ❖

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HSP is a private school located in Hawaii on the Big Island. HSP is engaged in the business of providing an intellectual, physical, aesthetic, affordable and moral education for high school age students from the independent Pacific Island nations in the north and south Pacific regions plus Hawaii.

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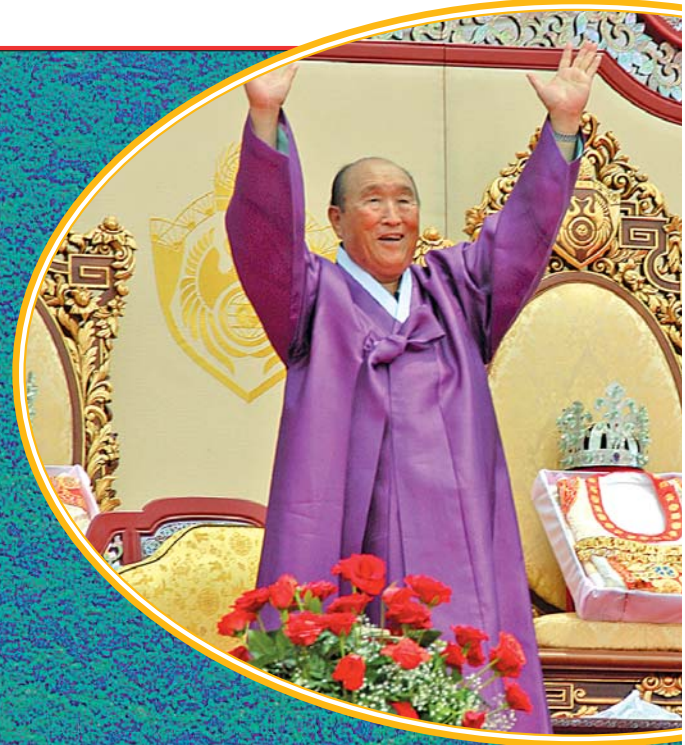
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First One-Day UTS Seminar on Ocean Providence

by Soon Teck Lim

On March 26, Ocean Church and UTS Fishing Club organized a historical 1-day seminar entitled "Culture of Heart and the Ocean Providence," in Little Neck, New Jersey. It was attended by more than fifty participants. Mr. Kensaku Takahashi, Ocean Church Director, gave the opening remarks, followed by a video presentation on Ocean Church activities. The presentation gave an overview of the latest development of ocean providence in the United States. Rev. Dong Woo Kim, New Jersey regional director, gave a warm welcoming greeting and shared his vision for the Ocean Providence.

Dr. Keisuke Noda, a UTS philosophy professor, gave a thought-provoking presentation on Rev. Moon's philosophical perspective on fishing. He explained how cosmic, natural, and dispensational time concepts are integrated in the activity of fishing in Rev. Moon's thought, and examined the concept of labor exhibited in the idea of "hobby industry."

In the afternoon, Mr. Norio Matsuda (National Messiah) shared his experience about fishing, and inspired the audience with his humorous presentation on fishing techniques and the mechanisms of fishing equipment. Mr. Axelsson gave a brief introduction to boat and boating.

The last presentation was given by Rev. Kamiyama, special advisor to Ocean Church. He shared Father's words about ocean providence with historical and memorable photos. With heavenly inspiration and generosity, he offered a number of special gifts to lucky participants through a lottery. The first prize was a stuffed Father's striped bass wall mount. This amazing special gift went to Eka Kanari, a UTS student. All participants received a special gift ticket which allows them to have a free fishing on the Hudson River. Participants were so happy and blessed.

Through this seminar, participants were inspired by True Parents' passion, vision, and commitment to the Ocean Providence. Based upon the success of this seminar, the second and the third seminar are expected. ❖



IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Shirley Leighton Stadelhofer

Our beloved sister, Dr. Shirley Leighton Stadelhofer passed into the spiritual world on May 20,

2006, due to a stroke. She was living in Point Reyes, California and had just finished the final edit on her book that will be published this year entitled "New Truth in the Last Days: My Thirty-Six Years in the Unification Church". She would have been 80 years old on July 17th. Her Seung Hwa ceremony was held at the Bay Area Family Church on May 25, and her Won Jeon ceremony was held the next morning at the Sunset View Cemetery in El Cerrito, California, where both of Shirley's parents are buried.

Shirley joined the church in Berkeley, California in 1970 having learned of the Unification Church through her son, David. Shirley had graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in psychology, but she sacrificially served the Berkeley Center in many ways, one of which was turning her home into a center for mothers with children and caring for young David Ang when his mother was an IW. Later she served as a lecturer and counselor for Divine Principle workshops in the Los Angeles area and then

as the director of the Hollywood Church Center.

Dr. Stadelhofer was a professor for many years at the Unification Theological Seminary, in Barrytown, New York. During those years, she earned her Doctorate of Ministry from New York Theological Seminary. Aside from her teaching profession, Shirley loved to play her guitar and belt out country and gospel songs, alone or with a small band. Also, during her years at UTS, True Father spoke at Belvedere quite often, and Shirley would always be there, taking copious notes to later type up and post on the bulletin board for brothers and sisters who weren't able to attend Belvedere.

The Seung Hwa ceremony was conducted by Reverend Kevin Thompson who likened the passage of death to the birth of a child coming from the womb. He also stated that the sudden passing of Shirley should spur us all to take better care of the people near us, because we never know when someone will be taken away. A highlight of the ceremony was when tributes were read from the first UTS Administration, President Dr. David S.C. Kim, Dr.

Edwin Ang, and Dr. Therese Stewart; and from the current UTS President, Dr. Tyler Hendricks.

Dr. David S. C. Kim wrote, "We had the privilege of working with Dr. Stadelhofer during her years at Unification Theological Seminary where she served in an exemplary manner as Registrar and Instructor. She prepared many students to teach the Unification Principle. An added responsibility which she undertook for a number of years was that of selecting gifts for members of the family of True Parents on their respective birthdays."

Dr. Tyler Hendricks wrote, "Shirley

devoted many years to the uplifting of our seminary, helping it pass through years of difficulties and triumphs.

She served as a bright and joyful worker in the vineyard, sharing the light of Christ within her with everyone."

Rev. Kevin Thompson and his wife led the Won Jeon ceremony. Gospel songs were sung, such as "I'll Fly Away", and as the casket was lowered, the whole family joined in singing "Poor Folks" which had been one of Shirley's favorite songs. The spirit was really upbeat as Dr. Shirley Stadelhofer was sent off to her eternal home.

Mrs. Marie Ang ❖



Montana 9th Annual March Against Drugs & Violence

by Pastor Mike Yakawich

On June 10th, 2006, the community of Billings, Montana took part in the 9th Annual March Against Drugs and Violence. Youth, community members, civic, church and political members participated in this annual event. Co sponsored by the Montana American Clergy Leadership Conference, the Family Church, Billings Police Department, Tumble Weed, several other community organizations and churches, the turn out this year was exceptional. We broke our goal of 300 participants.

Originally founded by ACLC clergy nine years ago with less than ten participants in 1998, it has grown into a community event. Today, we exceeded 325 people in participation. The program began with an enthusiastic group at the Courthouse Lawn. Pastor Mike Yakawich of the Family Church and Lisa Posada-Griffin of the DUI Billings Police Department Taskforce were M.C.'s for the program. The event began with music in the background from the AVID Musical Group, and Hana Pestle a local teen singer.

Next, a wonderful prayer was given by Rev. Tom Schlotterback of the Lutheran King of Glory Church. His prayer was firm as he stated, "Lead us always away from ways of violence and the abuse of drugs." Preceding this were encouraging words of praise and pride by Chief of Police St. John. He commented, "I am proud of each citizen here who sees drugs and violence as a very serious issue and is willing to take a stand against them."

Then a proclamation by the Mayor Ron Tussing was read by a State Representative

Elsie Arntsand. The Mayor's words praised each participant as he wrote in the Proclamation "This is a great community which realizes its problems and is willing to address these issues

with confidence and honesty, coming together in faith."

Our march then began led by the Boy Scout Troop under the leadership of Mr. Chad Martin. The entire group of marchers walked about one mile around the downtown Billings. Billings Police Department bike patrol guided the group providing safety and traffic stops all along the way. It was espe-

cially inspiring for many to walk in the middle of 27th Street, the busiest street in the downtown. The marchers blew horns and carried the banner of the event with the Elks Club Anti-Drug mascot, "Elroy," walking the entire distance.

event. Rev. Dr. Dennis Briggs, the co-chair of ACLC and minister of the Chapel of the Diamond Heart Church, lead the entire audience in prayer over the meal and success in our work. As people proceeded to a wonderful barbecue on the lawn provided by many volunteers, we had some wonderful inspirational speakers.

These speakers included Jim Corson representing U.S. Senator Max Baucus, Meggie Stewart of U.S. Senator Conrad Burns, Linda Price representing U.S. Representative Dennis Rehberg, Commissioner Bill Kennedy, and State Representative Roy Brown.

We not only had a band performing but a youth ensemble from the Family Church who performed an instrumental of the "Chariots of Fire". Our other sponsors included Coca Cola, Meadow Gold, State Ave. IGA, Irma House and Signs Etc. who donated or gave at cost a great deal of refreshments and food for the barbecue.

The local media was a fantastic support for our annual event. The local CBS and NBC affiliates did interviews with us earlier in the week and then placed our events on that night's local news programs. The Billings Gazette printed and outstanding Letter to the Editor about the event from one of our key sponsors who is the head

of the Republican Party of the State House, Rep. Roy Brown. The weekly paper, The OutPost, also had a nice public service announcement of the event.

We find such events provide a positive model to address such issues as drugs and violence, an opportunity is provided to present sound information for the participants to deal with these serious issues, and a showing that organizations can work together to find

common ground and teamwork. In addition, personally, the events show the community that our church is willing to roll up our sleeves and invest through community service. U.S. Senator Max Baucus office under Jim Corson and Commissioner Kennedy and other speakers publicly recognized our Family Church for taking leadership in this successful community event.

We were especially fortunate to have a local Judge from the Drug Court be a guest speaker. She praised our march and was very thankful for a grant she received to buy bikes for those in need and involved in the drug court. Their grant was written and obtained partially based on the march's success over the years.

You could sense a real community atmosphere. Guests were sitting in the park, listening to the speakers and musical as well as talking with each other. There were many children with their parents. We had several races, faiths, and cultures represented. It was a miraculous day. It had rained hard the night before and in the early morning. By the time our program began, the sun was shining with 74 degree weather, much sunshine and good cheer. A dozen door prizes were handed out and free tee shirts for the speakers.

We know that such events are not intended to provide new membership to our church. It is a genuine intent to community education and service. Nevertheless, through our consistency and investment, we naturally produce credibility and trust regarding our church, the members and the founders, Father and Mother Moon. Several ministers attended this event. People are always so grateful for such a positive event for such serious issues. And, our own church members were excited and so proud of being part of our church. Several home church members expressed a deep gratitude for our work in the community.

It is inspiring to plan such events and rub elbows with the police department, county and city youth organizations, local churches and neighborhood groups. The ACLC membership is especially inspired to not just have meetings every month, but to go out together in the community and work together on some important social issues. Our own church members gain a great deal of vitality by being out in the public and living for the greater good. Our youth gain a greater vision of our church that is not limited to our four walls of our own facility.

We are very grateful for Bishop Lee and Rev. Gerhard Wiesinger who provide important guidance and support on the regional level. We are indebted to the many local families and members of our church such as the Martin, DiLorenzo, Thiessen, MacMillan, Laramie and Yakawich families for all their hard work and investment to the program. In addition, other friends from the local schools and their parents, local home church members are all such a big help to the success of this event. Certainly, we are grateful for the inspiration of the Core Values from Hyun Jin Nim Moon, the value of community service and our True Parents incredible example of living for the greater good that encourages us and inspires us to do the same. ❖



Building Bridges to N. Korea Through Song

A serenade by a long-standing enemy seems a strange birthday gift. But despite a century of animosity between their respective countries, a Japanese singer performed for North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il's birthday celebration in February.

The singer was a Red Hook resident and internationally-known soprano who is using music as a tool of diplomacy. At the heart of Lee's mission is a desire to bring solace to places ravaged by conflict.

She said performing for Kim Jong Il was an exciting - but somewhat peripheral - stepping stone on the road to her goal of soothing international strife through song.

Can music dissolve hatred and make friends of enemies? Could it be used to help bring peace to places like the Middle East? Lee said she believes it's possible, so much so that it's become her life's mission. In music, Lee said she sees a language that speaks across geographic, cultural and linguistic barriers.

"My singing," she said, "it's almost prayer."

Her prayer is for peace, and she said she wants to bring it to those places where it is most desperately needed. For Lee, North Korea was a perfect choice. The hatred between that country and Japan is rooted deep. And it also happens to be where her husband is from.

"I think my heart was weeping when I was there," Lee said. She added that didn't know exactly how to mend such deep wounds, but trusted her instinct, which told her "the thing they need is love."

And Lee said she knows of one way to clearly express this love - and God's love - to diverse peoples: through music.

She's not alone. David Eaton, music director for the New York City Symphony, has been working alongside Lee in her pursuit for a while.

"My whole motivation - is to use music to bring peace, break down barriers," Eaton said. "Music can do that. It helps us transcend those barriers."

Eaton has been instrumental, so to speak, in aligning Lee with those of a like mind. He's also a member of the same church as Lee, the Unification Church, which is headed by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The religious association can sometimes be off-putting to those of different faith, but Eaton said the Unification movement meshes well with his and Lee's mission. "It has an emphasis on breaking down barriers of all kinds," he said.

Those barriers run the gamut - they can be cultural, linguistic, social, political or religious, among others. "Getting beyond the social constructs" is essential to creating a dialogue, accord-

ing to Eaton.

It's not always easy. "Certain cultures are suspicious of music," Eaton said. "On the other hand, there's a symphony orchestra in Tehran (the capital of Iran). They've gotten beyond the cultural baggage, as it were."

Eaton said he also finds that, while many feuding states long for peace, it's not a universal goal. "It depends on the people. That's true in the whole Middle East situation. Some people want to solve the problem," he said, while others don't.

But in Lee, the peace movement has a valuable tool. "In her singing, there's incredible humanity," Eaton said. "The North Koreans respond to the humanity in that."

They also have taken to Lee for another reason - she sings their songs.

"The North Korean people really like singing," Lee said. "They sing only North Korean songs, basically. They love their own country's songs. Whenever they asked me to sing, wherever I sang, they were North Korean songs."

Lee still can't use her Japanese name when she goes to the country, although her ethnicity is well known. At first, she was told that performing there would be impossible.



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the scars remain.

In order to go to the Communist country, Lee had to jump through political hoops. She aligned herself with a pro-North Korean group in the United States and told the organization's president about her intent to mend through music. "I told him my dream, and he was inspired," Lee said, adding that the organization "understands both sides and is willing to repair this relationship."

Lee brought her idea for a peace concert to the North Korean government through an intermediary, but was told it would be impossible. Officials of the reclusive, Stalinist state suggested she come for a visit. "I went with my husband. I met a lot of people," she said.

When she first asked to perform, a government official told her, "Don't even think about it. You're Japanese,"

Lee said. "Don't forget you are a hundred-year enemy. It was a strong rejection."

But after that government official heard her sing, he changed his mind, she said, and worked to help Lee bring her music to North Korea.

Singing for North Korea's dictator, though, was something she never expected.

She was recommended by Joon Moo Lee, the conductor of the Ureuk Symphony Orchestra, which is connected to the North Korean government. There were six musicians from the United States chosen to perform for Kim Jong Il's birthday celebration. The performances were broadcast on North Korea's national television station.

She didn't get to meet the reclusive leader - Lee said he doesn't make public appearances. "You never see him, you don't know what's going on,"

she said. "They just say 'Kim Jong Il is happy.'"

The opportunity left her speechless, Lee added. "When I had the rehearsal with the North Korean orchestra, I couldn't believe it," Lee said. "I couldn't believe it happened so quickly."

The experience inspired Lee to continue to pursue her dream of a peace concert, and she discovered there were

others also looking to use music to bring peace. Eaton said he and Lee are working with other musicians, as well as the Universal Peace Federation - an organization founded by the Rev. Moon and his wife - which Eaton said is an "umbrella group guiding all of this."

"The hope of all ages is a culture of peace," he said. "It's a lofty goal, but one that's been around forever. We're definitely mapping out a blueprint

of how to get there."

For him and for Lee, an important part of that blueprint is music. Lee said she discovered its power at a very young age. Through the Tokyo Broadcasting Children's Choir, she brought music to East Germany. "I didn't sing very well, but I just loved singing. I had a small voice, but I sang with feeling," she said.

"As a child, I saw people cry through the music," she said. "I knew the power of music, the power of singing."

Eaton's appreciation of the "moral and ethical power of music" has more of a historical basis. "Confucius realized music had the power to open people up, make them vulnerable to change," he said. "But where do you take the people when they're opened up? For us, that's the question. How do we use this power that we have?"

He said he's also seen music's power diminished, especially in the United States. "We want to sell everything," he said. "We remove the spiritual quality from music, from sex, and that's the problem."

Lee said she knew music could change people, but it wasn't until she lived in North Korea that she recognized her calling. "I was thinking what can I do for them," she said, "how to heal this conflict."

She married her husband - a minister from North Korea - in 1988. She studied the Korean language, memorized Korean songs and began performing in the country after 1993. The couple moved to the United States in 1991, lived in Manhattan for a few years and finally settled in Red Hook. Lee's husband, Kiyeeal, works at the Unification Theological Seminary there.

"He also has a vision for peace," Lee said.

The couple have two children, John, 11; and Yuna, 8.

Lee continually goes to North Korea with her husband in her mission to soothe that country's hostility, but it hasn't gotten any easier. Each visit, she said, provides its own obstacles, mostly political.

She's actually in North Korea right now. It would have been her third trip this year. After Kim Jong Il's birthday performance, she was slated to sing there again in April - but had to cancel that trip. She said she was surprised to find out how much she was missed by her North Korean fans - but not too surprised. She said she regards her music as communication. She's sending love, and she's getting it back.

"Once I open the door a little bit, I can reach deeper," she said. "I want to touch those hearts." ❖



History was not on her side. Before the unconditional surrender of Japan at the end of World War II, the Korean people were enslaved and suffered through several famines at the hands of the Japanese. Korean books were burned, and teaching Korean history and culture was made illegal. Even Korean family names were outlawed. Although the occupation ended in 1945,



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This month we'll discuss Home Schooling. Over a million children are taking their lessons at home, and they've gained much attention by winning national awards, spelling bees, etc. (An earlier version of this article appeared in May 1999.)

SELFISHNESS

Since the Women's Liberation movement began, millions of mothers have devoted themselves to outside careers. For the middle class, confiscatory taxes can make two incomes a necessity. While putting in long hours, these women often turn to day care to help raise their children; or if wealthy, to private nannies. Unfortunately, such 'care providers' may or may not care very much.

Not that families always care, either. Mr. Richard Arthur has been a High School Principal in some of California's toughest neighborhoods, and is now an activist for educational reform. Arthur speaks of watching a father drop off his son at school each morning. The man drove a fancy sports car and, day after day, would immediately speed away.

One morning Principal Arthur approached the father, and asked if he could take the car for a spin around the block.

"No way!" was the man's response.

Arthur told him, "You place your son in my care each day, without ever coming inside to check out the school. Yet you won't trust me with your car for five minutes. Which do you value more?"

One hopes the message sank in.

Common sense and numerous studies reveal that parents (and grandparents) are by far the best care providers. But modern society is very complicated, and thus we've entrusted professional educators to prepare our youth to tackle it.

HISTORY

The history of the public schools is complex, but the greatest impetus for their growth was the vast influx of immigrants that took place during the nineteenth century.

Numerous 'free schools' were founded to educate these newly-arrived children. Most were poor, and many couldn't speak English. Those new schools enabled them to learn and socialize, and to identify themselves as Americans. For the most part they succeeded, allowing our famous 'melting pot' to forge a greater nation.

Nowadays the Public Schools, particularly in liberal states, are doing just the opposite! Multiculturalism is teaching children to cling to the very cultures their parents just fled. Recent images of a sea of Mexi-

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can flags (along with a few American ones, improperly displayed), carried by throngs of angry immigrants, have worried millions.

When immigrants gain freedom here (hopefully in a legal fashion), they should discern and honor that part of their heritage which is positive. They can also gain that special American essence: optimism, social tolerance, and a good work ethic; and go on to prosper.

However, too many left-leaning educators don't think that way. Their students can end up alienated, perceiving themselves as victimized "hyphenated Americans." Those children are being set up to fail. Worse, some activists and politicians, desirous of a horde of needy supporters, wouldn't mind that one bit!

RESPONSE

Many parents are aware that something has gone terribly wrong, and they're responding in a variety of ways. Some are educating their children right at home, a practice called Home Schooling.

There are additional reasons for this. Some large families cannot afford private tuitions for all of their children. Rural residents have limited options.

Many parents, especially fundamentalist Christians, want to be sure about the influences upon their children. Thus, Christians comprise the majority of home schoolers.

Judge Robert Bork describes the Home School movement as "an effort to keep children out of the corrupting embrace of public school systems run by modern liberals." Advocates note that the Constitution provides no specific basis for the public schools. Rather, the Tenth Amendment makes it clear that parents have primary responsibility. Some advocates go much further, rejecting the very concept of a multi-classroom education. Author Sheldon Richman puts it this



way:

"Imagine an office where you sit at a desk and do the same work as 25 coworkers. No one is allowed to talk. At the end of 50 minutes, a bell rings, and whether you're finished or not, you must immediately move to another office, have a different boss and different colleagues—and start a job that has nothing to do with the one you were just working on. Imagine doing that six or seven times a day."

Obviously, those workers would accomplish little if anything.

Home Schools have a profound intellectual foundation, and a long history. Many of America's Founding Fathers, luminaries such as Washington, Hamilton, and Patrick Henry, were educated primarily at home. During their era, overall literacy and public health were high, especially in comparison with the vast majority of the world.

CONTROVERSY

Home Schools are as controversial as they are popular. The National Education Association states in its official platform that Home Schools must be opposed at every turn. Numerous efforts were made to shut them down, with zoning laws, licensing requirements, and "national standards" used as bludgeons. Home schoolers have fought some fierce legal battles, leading to the establishment of

the Home School Legal Defense Association.

"Educrats" complain that home schooling detracts from the public schools. Advocates reply that government-run schools are failing, and even if they weren't, it's still the parent's decision. Parents must pay their full share of taxes, either way.

Teachers will claim that children need socialization, and that only their classrooms can provide it. Home schoolers responded by organizing clubs that sponsor study groups, field trips, and other activities.

Educators claim that parents aren't always qualified to teach a variety of subjects. Parents respond that many teachers aren't either—as competency tests have proved. Meanwhile, the popularity of home schooling has fostered specialized textbooks, course materials, and software.

Progressives claim that our complex, modern world demands "up to date resources" for teaching. They cast devout Christians as regressive, even as Luddites. They'll point out that many Christian parents ban TV from their homes, and allow only approved videos, if any.

By now, home schooling is just as technological as any public classroom, with numerous supportive web sites. Christian Internet services automatically screen out pornographic sites, and sympathetic religious schools provide specialized online classes.

EDUCATION

Many public schools, bowing to the inevitable, are cooperating with home schoolers. Some offer comprehensive support, such as participation in sports.

Of course, all parents have to do some home schooling, as with homework and such. This depends on the style of their children's school, but in any case, there must always be parental support.

At home, self-disciplined children can learn at their own pace; which, as it turns out, is usually several times faster than they would in a classroom. The results are impressive.

Education, wherever it takes place, is more than rote memorization: "The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn." - John Lubbock (Lord Avebury), 1887.

Your author attended an 'alternative' school that hardly bothered to hold classes. Even so, thirty-five years later, most of its alumni are doing very well. Curiosity and real confidence were its legacy.

Not everyone is so fortunate. How can a child who's stuck in a bad school succeed? Many do! The controversial best-seller "Freakonomics" reveals that kids who tried to enter a better school, but got turned down, did better anyway. Motivation is certainly a key factor.

There is a deeper aspect to education. Raising Godly children is the most important thing a couple can do. True Father deems the family the School of Love, a sacred place where the Four Great Realms of Heart are fulfilled.

We Unificationists have organized several excellent schools. They are models of learning, and of true multiculturalism.

So far, though, our schools are few and far between. Unificationist parents, if their circumstances warrant, should seriously consider home schooling their children. ❖

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by Dr. Michael L. Mickler

Part Two

In addition to the sacred feminine, both *The Da Vinci Code* and Unification theology attempt to restore the sacredness of human sexuality. Again taking his lead from *Da Vinci*, Dan Brown discusses, in relatively explicit terms, "The once hallowed act of hieros gamos—the natural sexual union between man and woman through which each became spiritually whole." (125) Contrasting this with the view of sexuality as a "shameful act," Brown argues that the hieros gamos ritual enacted by the ancients was "a deeply sacrosanct ceremony" (309), kept alive by certain secret societies today including the Grail's guardians. Unification theology also attempts to sanctify human sexuality, or what it terms "absolute sex." In several of his speeches, Rev. Moon refers to the sexual organs as the "palace of love" and God's "dwelling place." (See Sun Myung Moon, "In Search of the Origin of the Universe," True Family and World Peace (New York: FFWPU, 2000), pp. 57f) He contrasts the sacredness of "absolute sex" with both celibacy and shame-inducing qualities of "free love." Although not utilizing hieros gamos terminology, proponents of Unification theology consider "the Blessing" a sacrosanct ceremony, the consummation of which includes specific sexual rites for couples.

Brown's starting point in his discussion of human sexuality is "code language" embedded in *Da Vinci's* painting, this time not *The Last Supper* but the *Mona Lisa*. According to Brown, "Da Vinci was a prankster, and computerized analysis of the *Mona Lisa* and *Da Vinci's* self-portraits confirm

some startling points of congruency in their faces." In short, "his *Mona Lisa* is neither male nor female... [but] carries a subtle message of androgyny... a fusing of both." (120) *Da Vinci* also left a "big clue" in that the name, "*Mona Lisa*," is an anagram of Amon, the horned male Egyptian God of fertility, and his counterpart goddess Isis "whose ancient pictogram was once called L'ISA." According to Brown, this is "the reason for *Mona Lisa's* knowing smile." (121)

Hieros gamos, as Brown explains it, "looked like a sex ritual... [but] had nothing to do with eroticism. It was a spiritual act." (308) He states,

The ancients believed that the male was spiritually incomplete until he had carnal knowledge of the sacred feminine. Physical Union with the female remained the sole means through which man could become spiritually complete and ultimately achieve gnosis—knowledge of the divine. Since the days of Isis, sex rites had been considered man's only bridge from earth to heaven... By communing with woman... man could achieve a climactic instant when his mind went totally blank and he could see God. (308-09)

Brown claims, "The early Jewish tradition involved ritualistic sex... In the Temple, no less... Men seeking spiritual wholeness came to the Temple to visit priestesses—or hierodules—with whom they made love and experienced the divine through physical union." (309) Christianity's unwillingness to acknowledge Magdalene or the sacred feminine, Brown contends, led it "to demonize sex and recast it as a disgusting and sinful act." (309) According to him, "more than a dozen secret societies around the world," including the Grail's guardians, "still practiced sex rites and kept the ancient traditions alive." (310)

Unlike *The Da Vinci Code*, which regards original sin to be a fabrication designed to denigrate women (124), DP accepts the fall account but interprets it in sexual terms. As previously noted, DP understands the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil to be a symbol "Eve's love" and "eating" the fruit to be code language for sexual intercourse. As pointed out by one of its leading expositors, DP's understanding of the human fall "is largely in agreement with the historical-critical understanding of Genesis 3 as a polemic against the adulterous idolatry of the fertility cult generalized into

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a description of humanity's alienation from God." Stated differently, "The sin which disrupted the original bond between God and humanity was more than disobedience of God's commandment; it was that act of illicit love euphemistically termed eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." (Andrew Wilson, "Sexual Interpretations of the Human Fall,"

in *Unification Theology in Comparative Perspectives*, ed. by Anthony Guerra (Barrytown, NY: Unification Theological Seminary, 1988), p. 63)

Although DP offers a sexual interpretation of the human fall and original sin, it does not follow that Unification theology is anti-sexual. DP's brief is against disordered and premature sexuality, not against sexual intercourse itself. In fact, Unification sources rhapsodize over the joy of sex. Rev. Moon peppers his speeches with references to male and female sexual organs (both *The Da Vinci Code* and Rev. Moon traffic heavily in concave and convex

imagery), explosions of love, and admonitions that married couples overcome inappropriate squeamishness as to physical contact. The tradition goes so far as to postulate that conjugal love in the afterlife extends beyond the bedroom to fields, the beach and mountainsides. (Sang Hun Lee, *Life in the Spirit World and On Earth* (New York: FFWPU, 1998), p. 34) As in *The Da Vinci Code*, Rev. Moon affirms that the divine is expressed and present in the sexual act. The "Blessing," which includes ceremonial and a female superior sexual initiation rite, is the gateway to this new realm of experience and knowledge in Unification tradition. However, the sanctification of human sexual relations is confined to married couples and do not involve public ritual enactments as in *The Da Vinci Code*.

The Church

Although *The Da Vinci Code* and DP both criticize institutional Christianity, Brown's novel is significantly more anti-clerical. Essentially, it depicts the Church as an illegitimate institution, based upon lies from its very inception. DP is critical of the Church's shortcomings and failings. However, it regards the Church to have had a legitimate religious mission which continues. Both perceive that the Church's proclivity toward violence derives in some measure from its glorification of the cross. Both also view the Bible through historical-critical lenses. The difference is that *The Da Vinci Code* adheres to a more materialist reading of scripture, regarding it as "a product of man... Not of God." (231) DP, though not holding the Bible to be "perfect and absolute in itself," (9) acknowledges it to be "a revelation from God." (16)

The Da Vinci Code is profoundly anti-clerical. The novel's first substantive reference to the Church refers to its "deceitful and violent history," specifically its "brutal crusade to 'reeducate' the pagan and feminine-worshipping religions." (124-25) Brown's protagonist claims, "The Catholic Inquisition published the book that arguably could be called the most blood-soaked publication in human history, *Malleus Maleficarum*—or *The Withes' Hammer*" which "indoctrinated the world to 'the dangers of free-thinking women' and instructed the clergy how to locate, torture and destroy them." (125) "During three hundred years of witch hunts," we are told, "The Church burned at the stake an astounding five million women." (125)

These horrific methods were not exceptions to the Church's normally good offices but rather part of an orchestrated campaign extending back to Christianity's origins. Christ, the novel asserts, "intended... the future of his Church to be in the hands of Mary Magdalene... And Peter had a problem with that." (248) According to Brown's protagonist, *Da Vinci* "was well aware of how Peter felt about Mary Magdalene" and depicted Peter's animosity in *The Last Supper*. The novel claims that the figure to Jesus' immediate right, with "flowing red hair, delicate folded hands, and the hint of a bosom" (as well as a complementary robe to Jesus) was not the beloved disciple John, as is commonly thought, but, in actuality, Mary Magdalene. This, it is said, explains why Peter "was leaning menacingly" toward Magdalene in the painting "slicing his blade-like hand across her neck." (248) It also explains why "the Church, in order to defend itself against the Magdalene's power, perpetuated her image as a whore and buried evidence of Christ's marriage to her." (254)

The Church continued its disinformation campaign, "propagating lies" that scripture eventually canonized. Collated by the pagan Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, the Bible which he "commissioned and financed... omitted those gospels that spoke of Christ's human traits and embellished those gospels that made him look god-like." (234) In other words, the Bible "was compiled and edited by men who possessed a political agenda—to promote the divinity of the man Jesus Christ and use His influence to solidify their own power base." (234) The "long-stemmed Christian cross" used by the Romans as a "torture device" was an apt symbol of the Church's determination to maintain its power. Brown contrasts its "violent history" with that of the square or equal-armed "peaceful" crosses which predated Christianity by fifteen hundred years, "balanced vertical and horizontal elements [to] convey a natural union of male and female," (145) and were "symbolically consistent" with the philosophy of those who truly understood Christ.

Divine Principle contains anti-clerical elements but does not consider the Church to have been distorted from inception. In fact, the text's first substantive mention of Christianity refers to "the Christian spirit which cast forth...



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AND DIVINE PRINCIPLE

a brilliant light of life... even in the days of persecution under the Roman Empire." (6) DP does not take the position that Constantine was a pagan politician but holds that "Jesus influenced the Emperor Constantine spiritually, and moved him to recognize Christianity publicly in 313." (409) Still, the text is critical of the Church's failings. "Medieval society," it contends, "buried ... Christianity alive." (6) In its most memorable anti-clerical line, DP states,

Christianity, though it professed God's love, had turned out to be in reality a dead body of clergy trailing empty slogans. (6)

Despite its failings, DP contends, "Jesus and the Holy Spirit," a female spirit, "have been leading Christianity directly." (409) Therefore, the possibility of reform continually exists.

However, DP asserts that Christianity's reformation at the present time hinges on its meeting two conditions. First, the Church must evidence openness to "new truth." (9) This, in turn, rests upon a correct view of scripture:

It may be displeasing to religious believers, especially to Christians, to learn that a new expression of truth must appear. They believe that the Bible, which they now have, is perfect and absolute in itself... The Bible, however, is not the truth itself, but a textbook teaching the truth. Naturally, the quality of teaching and the method and extent of giving the truth must vary according to each age, for the truth is given to people of different ages, who are at different spiritual and intellectual levels. Therefore, we must not regard the textbook as absolute in every detail. (9)

Scripture, according to DP, "can be likened to a lamp which illuminates the truth... When a brighter light appears, the mission of the old one fades." (10) In addition to its other tasks, the mission of "new truth" is "to explain lucidly all the difficult problems of Christianity," including "difficult Biblical mysteries which are written in parables and symbols." (14-15)

Secondly, Christianity must take down the cross. According to DP,

A vast number of Christians throughout the 2,000 years of Christian history have been confident that they have been completely saved by the blood of Jesus' crucifixion. Yet, in reality, not one individual, home or society has existed free from sin. (15)

For DP, this highlights "a central contradiction between the present reality of Christianity and the belief in complete redemption by the ransom of the cross." (15) In fact, DP teaches that the Jesus' crucifixion was not the original will of God or inevitable but a secondary course prompted by failures of those in positions of responsibility to support his mission. (139-63) Unification theology likewise recoils from the "violent history" of the cross, perpetrated by Christians confident of their complete salvation. It views the cross as a barrier between Christianity and other religious traditions as well as a barrier between Christianity and Christ.

Eschatology, or Last Things

Neither The Da Vinci Code nor DP

view the end times as a cataclysmic scenario, characterized by supernaturally-induced natural disasters. Both texts instead view the end time as a period of historical transition. The Da Vinci Code utilizes Age of Aquarius language to describe the transition while DP uses biblical imagery. However, they both understand the last days within the context of unfolding historical processes. Both also emphasize the role of new truth as a harbinger of the new age and the ideal of persons "being the truth" as the new age's primary characteristic.

Brown's villain, Sir Leigh Teabing, a Grail enthusiast who will stop at nothing to reveal the "truth" of the Holy Grail, tells the novel's heroine, Sophie Neveu, a putative lineal descendent of Mary Magdalene,

[W]e are currently in an epoch of enormous change. The millennium has recently passed, and with it has ended the two-thousand-year-long astrological Age of Pisces—the fish, which is also the sign of Jesus. As any astrological symbolist will tell you, the Piscean ideal believes that man must be told what to do by higher powers because man is incapable of thinking for himself. Hence it has been a time of fervent religion. Now, however, we are entering the Age of Aquarius—the water bearer—whose ideals claim that man will learn the truth and be able to think for himself. The ideological shift is enormous, and it is occurring right now. (268)

It falls to Brown's protagonist, Robert Langdon, to make the connection between astrological and biblical prophecy. He describes the "end of the world" or "Apocalypse" as a "common misconception." Agreeing with Teabing, Langdon contends that "the End of Days... refers not to the end of the world, but rather to the end of our current age—Pisces, which began at the time of Christ's birth, spanned two thousand years, and waned with the passing of the millennium." (268)

Though agreeing in part, Langdon and Teabing part company over the methods they are willing to employ in exposing the "truth." Teabing believes that public exposure of Grail secrets will precipitate the new age. He perceives that the Grail's guardians have suffered a failure of nerve or that the Church has launched

a preemptive attack to destroy the Grail documents. Teabing's willingness to employ espionage and murder in pursuit of the Grail and the goodness it will foster is the driving force of Brown's novel. Langdon also is motivated by the promise of a more egalitarian world. He, like Teabing, believes that "the gods of destruction and war" had taken their toll and "The male ego had spent two millennia running unchecked by its feminine counterpart." (125) However, he is of a distinctly less conspiratorial frame of mind and is unwilling to employ the methods of the old age in service of new. In the end, Sophie Neveu's grandmother, a higher-up among the Grail's guardians, terms the "End of Days" a "legend of paranoid minds," stating there is nothing in the guardian's doctrine that "identifies a date in which the Grail should be unveiled." (444)

Divine Principle utilizes biblical rather than astrological prophecy to deconstruct literalist interpretations of the end times.



Its chapter on the "Consummation of Human History" (99-136) considers but rejects the literalism of a variety of biblical passages which point to such end time phenomena as the heavens being kindled and dissolved (II Peter 3:12); or the sun being darkened, the moon not giving light and the stars falling from heaven (Matt. 24:29); or

the dead in Christ rising and those alive being caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. (I Thess. 4:16-17) DP concludes that such Last Days phenomena are "stated in symbolic terms" (100) and that the "last Days... will not be a day of fear in which many natural calamities will take place." (112) Like The Da Vinci Code, DP contends that the Last Days to be a transitional age. Unlike The Da Vinci Code, DP does not understand this transition to be between Piscean and Aquarian ages but rather from "the sinful world under Satanic dominion" to "the world of good sovereignty." (111)

Divine Principle is not a novel and, therefore, does not personalize conflicting perspectives as Brown does with Langdon and Teabing. It does, however, factor in dramatic tension by asserting that the new age must ward off powerful "satanic" imitations which utilize vile means to realize "non-principled" pseudo-forms of the new age. (445) Interestingly, recent Unification theology, like Brown's protagonist Langdon, sees one such usurpation to be that of the male ego. Rev. Moon has touted the necessity of "the age of women" to counterbalance patriarchy and its habitual abuses. Mrs. Moon, in a speech previously cited, stated, "in past history the 'logic of power' had been ruling" but that the new age demanded the "feminine 'logic of love' to solve ... problems and lead history in a proper way." (Hak Ja Han Moon, "World Peace and the Role of Women") DP likewise emphasizes the role of "new truth" in solving problems and inaugurating a new history (9-16), as well as the necessity of human beings to embody the truth or in its terminology to become "individual truth incarnations." (36)

In the end, The Da Vinci Code and Divine Principle are compelling because of their audaciousness. This is most evident in their efforts to deconstruct two millennia of interpretation as to the "true history of Jesus Christ." Whether or not one accepts their conclusions, the boldness of their undertaking is striking. Mainstream theology tends to be predictable, if not boring. Theologians face the unenviable task of inspiring interest in questions for which the answers are already known. Stated differently, their job is to think inside the box. From this perspective, The Da Vinci Code and Divine Principle challenge the mainstream paradigm, calling upon theology to recover its vocation as a high stakes enterprise with meaningful consequences. The two texts, in effect, maintain that theology needs to be breathtaking. It also needs to be imaginative, even fun. To be sure, The Da Vinci Code and Divine Principle are not the only texts asserting this. However, they reinforce the truism that the more interesting and cutting edge theologies emerge from the periphery rather than from the center. ♦




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On Prayer and the Spirit World

Q: *We still go through high and low periods spiritually. When we are in a low period, what are some ways to come out of it?*

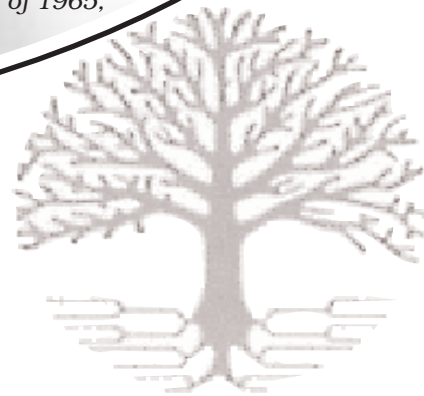
FATHER: It is very important to record your first experiences when you contacted the Divine Principle and were full of excitement. Then when you are in a low period, go back and read it. It will remind you, and lift you up. If you do not have such a record, recall this in your memory. It says in the Bible to remember your first love (Rev. 2:4-5). Go back to your first experience of gratitude and excitement. Then try not to go down from that level at which you first started.

Another method you can use is, if you see someone in your group is still very vigorous, full of zeal and very active, follow this person unconditionally. Be with him at least a week and recharge yourself. But you often despise those people when you are in a low level, don't you? Do not despise them. Often those who have just accepted are fresher and more vigorous. They are in Abel's position. So never despise new members. Always respect and be grateful to the early members who have laid a foundation, but the early members always learn from the new members. Using this same principle, when you see the new and younger generation, you can judge what the future of your nation will be like. Likewise, if the new members are good and well-qualified people, you can judge the future of your group. Watch your children. What they are saying and doing may be a revelation or message from God. They are more spiritually sensitive and will do more under the influence of spirit.

Father's Words
On Prayer and the Spirit World
 March and April 1965 USA

Edited for the Today's World. July 1998 issue.

(These questions and answers were transcribed from tape recordings of Father's meeting with member and guests at centers throughout the United States in March and April of 1965, and were first officially published in the Today's World.)



UTS Revolutionized!

Dear Young Adults and College Grads of the Second Generation and Alums of UTS, Father has asked several times that all second Generation should go to our Universities - especially the Unification Theological Seminary. The theological and ethical foundation is a basis for moral judgements and good thinking in all careers. Father wants us all to be deeply grounded and highly educated.

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We want to see UTS Revolutionized by having many American born and bred second

generation go through the course that Father has created. We believe when many second generation go to UTS we will see a huge change in the culture as those who grew up in America know the good points and the not so good points of this nation and will be fully prepared to guide and lead people to join us on the road to happiness for our families and peace in our nation and the world. The second generation have incredible energy and creativity. With this education and time to

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guiding brothers and sisters. I was fortunate enough to be in the first class of the Seminary and now that education which many of our key Middle East Peace Initiative leaders have received, is very much a part of why we can move forward in all areas in the Middle East with all religious leaders.

Without the seminary training I would not have the historical and theological foundation to understand the common ground upon which we can be united as people of faith. This applies to America and the world.

With the recent terrorism scare in Canada, the leaders of that nation are desperate to find those that can work successfully among and with all religious peoples. Its the key to peace.

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Philosophy - from Socrates to Kant to Hegel to Camus to D.F. Strauss, is enormously relevant and important. You will find that the Prime Ministers and Presidents of this world had this formal education and grounding so that the decisions they make will be in the context of the past trends in philosophy and history. With your seminary education you will always stand as an enlightened and highly educated person. You can lead the Presidents of this world with the Unification perspective and thought that is well versed and grounded in the facts of history. You may even be the next leader of the state, the nation or the world.

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Fond Memories at the First Open House at UTS

by Yen Chang

On June 22, 2006, UTS hosted an open house for prospective students and as a second gen. graduate of 2005, I was asked to come and support.

I took advantage of this event and stayed at UTS for four extra days, just to hang out and enjoy the Barrytown environment, visit old haunts and good friends. And I'm glad I did.

I spent the open house mainly answering questions the prospective students had. They were all very curious about the academic standards and difficulty of each course and the professionalism of the staff. Many felt that their time at UTS would be a great sacrifice; giving up two to three years of their life and making UTS their home was not a welcoming idea for them. I could see

immediately the fears and concerns that I had coming in to UTS in them, and I stopped and wondered at myself for ever having them at all!

I love UTS! If I could go back and do my time there over again, I would in a heartbeat! There is no other place on earth I have visited or lived in, where I feel at home away from home. There is no other place where I have studied the world and acquired a higher understanding of life, of God, of mankind and of the course humans have taken and will take. There is no other place where I can create personal relationships and friendships with 1st and 2nd gen from around The States and the world the way a person can at UTS. And I was reminded of all these things at the open house, talking with the prospective students and letting them know just how precious my time at UTS was and is to me.

Many of us who have graduated from UTS have the same complaint: we regret that our time there ended as soon as it

night with one prospective student. She was struggling with her desire to become great at her career for God and True Parents

she could realize both her desires and direct her life to the path of offering her talents and skills up to God. The day was truly

inspiring and an eye-opener. God really is working through us and leading us in the right direction. I really feel that anyone with a desire to enroll at UTS is being directed by God to do so. Often times, the word doesn't get out that things are happening, and we feel as if nothing is moving forward, so I want all the blessed families to know that there are many of us 2nd gen out there doing what we can to look after the future. I'm very grateful to those who have decided to financially support future 2nd gen UTS students. I know this investment will not go unnoticed or unappreciated by anyone. We ARE moving forward, unafraid and unrelenting, in our desire to secure God's Providence in America and in our desire to take leadership and ownership of God's Will

and just knowing that we have everyone's support to do this has made us stronger and braver. ❖



did, and we wish we had spent every second there being involved.

I feel quite envious thinking about all the people who will attend UTS in the future; renovations and beautification of the school and its grounds are underway and the energy and hope generating in America over the possibilities that are before us as blessed families working towards a future of peace and realized hopes is at an all time high. I'm quite tempted to find an excuse to enroll again at UTS just so I can be at the heart of all this change and possibility.

At the end of the day, I spent three extra hours talking late into the

and her desire to connect to God and True Parents. In the end, we both agreed that God had thrown UTS in her path so that

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by Leon Unterlehner

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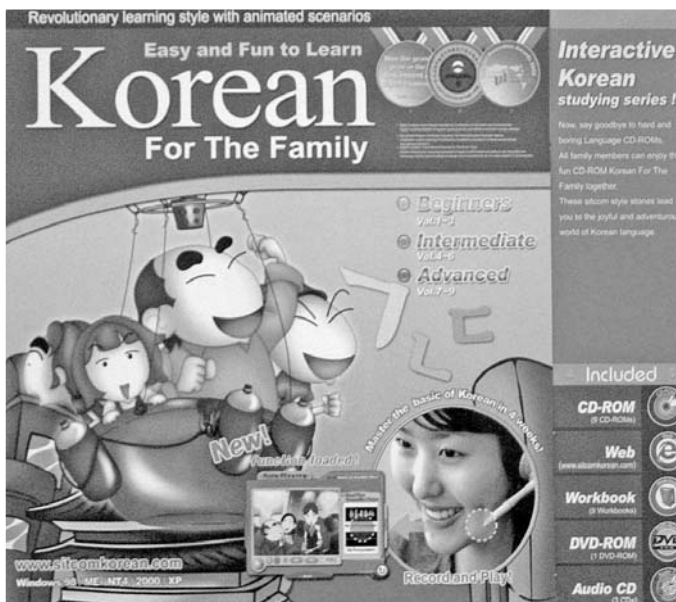
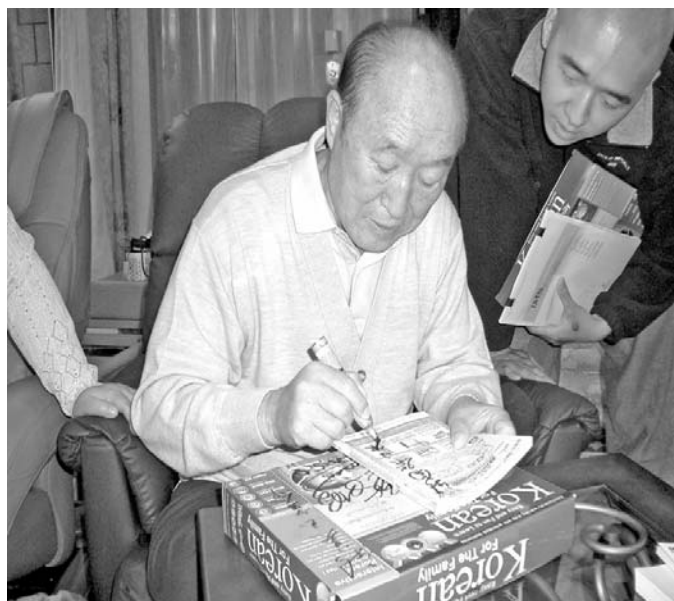
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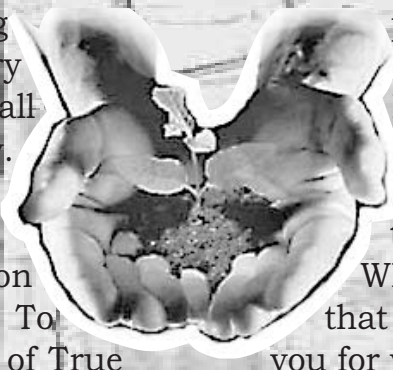


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Request for Stories about True Family

Thank you for taking the time to read this message. I have been thinking about how to effectively take the legacy of our True Parents and transfer it on to future generations. There is such a depth and wealth of experience that is so vital to our futures, but it is either not getting passed on, or is being passed on so very haphazardly. This is an attempt to record a small but extremely important portion of that legacy. I will be following up and adding more components to this project on a periodic basis, but for the moment, I would like to focus on anecdotes of the True Parents and True Family. To that end, I would like to request your stories of True Family be typed and emailed to info@bcyouthgroups.com. Please take the time to share your experience, or interview your parents or whomever it may be, and record an experience where you/they were able to understand at a deeper level your/their relationship with True Parents or True Family. Please note that these stories will be posted online, and that it doesn't necessarily need to be providential in nature, but can be humorous or simply give a small detail about their lives that can make them more real for those who aren't able to/haven't been/won't be fortunate enough to personally experience the phenomena of the True Family. Whenever possible, indicate the time and place that the event or occurrence happened. Thank you for your contribution.



Jim Kwon Kim

"NACHO CHEESE!"

My name is Christa Sofinowski, I am a 20 year old college student residing in Bowie, MD. I love to laugh; personally, I think humor is one of the quickest, most universal ways into someone's heart. I love simple, straight forward jokes, sometimes (many times) to the point of stupidity. "What kind of cheese is not yours?" "NACHO CHEESE!" - that kind of humor.

Two Octobers ago (October 2004), I was a first-year member of STF. We had just finished our first big workshop in Colorado, and all of us were on fire for God and True Parents. My team was sent to San Diego, CA around the same time that Father was finishing his four city tour in Los Angeles. My team was fortunate enough to be able to attend the speech and HDH the morning after. For HDH, we came two hours early so that we got to sit in the very front.

As usual, HDH lasted a long time, longer than anticipated. Father had been speaking to us for a very long time, and he was clearly enjoying himself- making faces and gestures and using literally hours of elaboration.

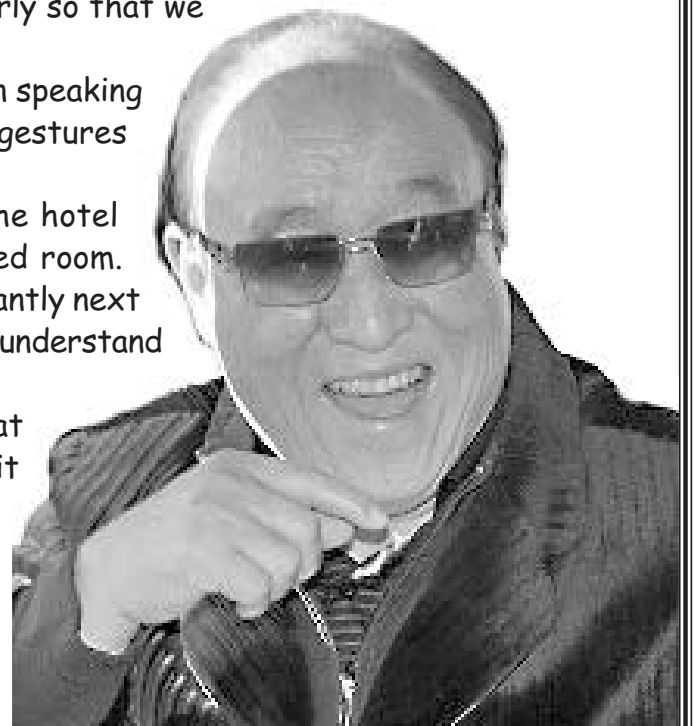
At one point, a Korean leader approached Father and noted that soon, the hotel needed us to leave, because we were going over our scheduled time in our rented room. Father just brushed him off and kept going. Shortly after, Dr. Yang kneeled hesistantly next to Father. He said something in Korean, which I do not speak at all, but even I could understand that he was telling Father to wrap it up.

Father looks back at him, very seriously, and replies, "You don't tell ME what to do, I'm the MESSIAH!" He then slaps his knee and cracks up at himself like it was the best joke in all of history.

My parents, and their generation, have been blessed with many intimate memories of Father, but I myself, having not been born until 1986, have memories of Father mostly behind podiums and on stage and reading speeches, or even worse, being so far away that I have to watch Father on a big screen and listen only to his translator through my AM/FM radio.

But that morning, Father became immensely real to me. He made a dumb joke, and laughed hysterically at himself! I do that too!!! Not only did he become that much more of a person to me, he became MY Father.

So now, Father is across the world, opening God's Palace and whatnot, and I am sitting in a church building doing my humble contributions to his providence. But I understand that, although he is the Messiah, and my mission is a much smaller scale, we can always understand each other. Father used humor to bridge that gap between us, and I will cherish that simple connection always.



UTS Father's Trail Opens to the Public as Part of New York State Greenway Trails

Father's Trail became the latest segment of the New York State Greenway Trail with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the trailhead. Our vision is for Father's Trail to be recognized as a National Treasure. The Greenway goal is to have a continuous trail from New York City to Albany along the Hudson River. This public trail opening is the result of the close cooperation between UTS, Winnakee Land Trust and the town of Red Hook and is named after Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the founder of the Seminary.

In the photo, from left to right: UTS Community Relations Director Henry Christopher, UTS President Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Tivoli Mayor Marc Molinaro (County Legislator), Red Hook Town Board member Jean Bordewich, Winnakee Land Trust Director Michael Hagerty, Hudson River Greenway Planner Mark Castiglione, Dutchess Co. Planning Coordinator John Clarke, Scenic Hudson Representative Steve

Rosenburg, and N.Y. State Assemblyman Patrick Manning.

On Saturday, May 20, the seminary had a grand opening for its "Father's



Trail," a one-mile stretch of land it owns along the Hudson River, which was added to the Greenway Riverside Communities land trail. To date, a little more than 198 miles have been donated to the Greenway riverside land trail.

"I'm very proud that the seminary was generous enough to have the trail designated as part of the Greenway trails system," said Marirose Blum Bump, Red Hook town supervisor. "We are hopeful that it will encourage other riverfront property owners to allow trails to go through their properties, so we can have a complete trail system going through the town."

Dr. Tyler Hendrick, president of the seminary, believes the trail existed as Native American Trails. He said the trail became important to the seminary after

the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, walked the path in the early 1970s.

According to Winthrop Aldrich, Red Hook town historian, the property has been a fixture in Barrytown since the late 1700s, when it was owned Major John R. Livingston. The property was sold to John L. Aspinwall, a New York City shipping magnate who was related to the Roosevelt family.

In 1868, a 9-year-old Theodore Roosevelt visited the property and spent a summer collecting bugs and birds along Tivoli Bays. The property was sold to Christian Brothers in 1928, before it was sold to the Unification Church in 1974.

After the Unification Church bought the property, there was a period of isolation between the seminary and the rest of the Barrytown community, Aldrich said.

"I think it's wonderful that they've taken the initiative to create these trails," he added. "In the past, they were reluctant to let people onto the property. But now they are reaching out to the people of Red Hook."

Christopher said the goal is to create a trail that connects to Tivoli. The seminary and Bard College have extensive trail networks along the Hudson River, but are separated from each other by the Montgomery Place historic site.

Mary Mangione, director of the Hudson River Greenway Conservancy, said negotiations with His-

toric Hudson Valley, owner of the Montgomery Place site, to continue the trail will take place at the end of summer. ♦

I am a Mountain

I am a mountain,
My beloved is a mountain
Two thirds to the summit
Is a hidden pass.
When I go there to meet her,
I see the face of God.

A river of gold runs through the pass,
The river of life.
On either side, choice fruits hang from trees.
We delight in eating from the tree of life.
"Blessed are they who have washed their robes
For they shall eat from the tree of life
And enter the city by the gates."
The holy city of heaven opens up to us,
All its beauty we behold.

I eat the fruit and see beyond the looking glass
And realize that this is the real world;
But heretofore I lived in the looking glass world,
All reversed from true, good and beautiful.

The other fruits built our strength
Before we could eat that one fruit
Long forbidden, denied,
Once defiled, long cursed,
Now pristine, glorious, effulgent.

At the root of the mountain is a cave
Where water springs from the floor.
The water can be clear or dirty.
It can be the Spring of Life
Or the Spring of Death.
It all depends on my motivation.

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Internship Connection Program

by Nari Stephens.

Announcing the birth of an Internship Connection Program under the Blessed Family Department. It is the brain-child of several people and their hopes for the future of our movement toward God's Ideal. The main purpose is to create a place where my brothers and sisters could find an opportunity to explore, experiment, and experience just what the First Generation is doing in the world for True Parents.

The focus is learning to live a God-centered life in this age of Chun Il Guk. There are so many fields of interest that our members are working in and the chief pioneer of them all has been Father, himself. He has worked with Scientists, Journalists, Artists, as well as Clergy and other groups.

So this new Ministry and webpages are going to be a connection point where potential interns and companies can find each other. I hope that it can be useful to you and others and I pray that God can use this program to create a better and hopeful world.

You can find the link to "Internships" on the main BFD site at: www.familyfed.org/bfd or you can go there directly at: www.familyfed.org/bfd/internships.htm

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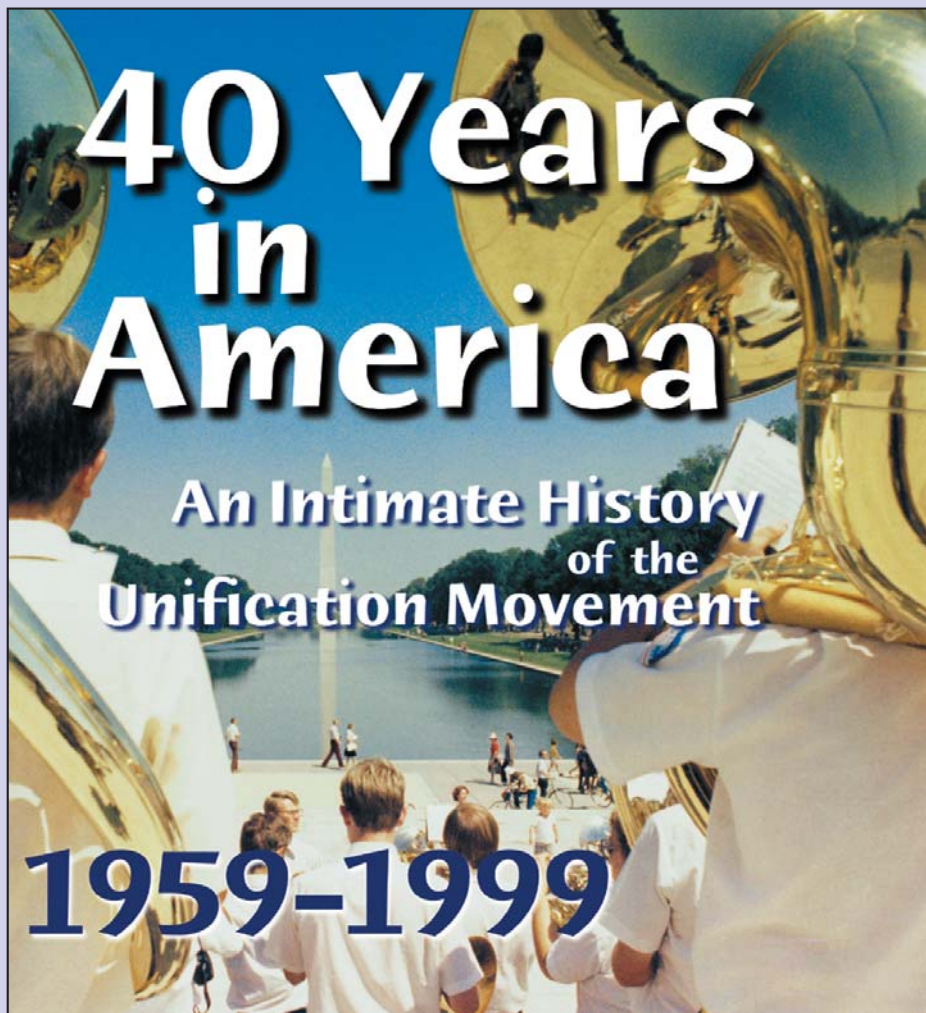
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