

6TH EDUCATORS CONFERENCE AT UTS Expanding Educational Horizons



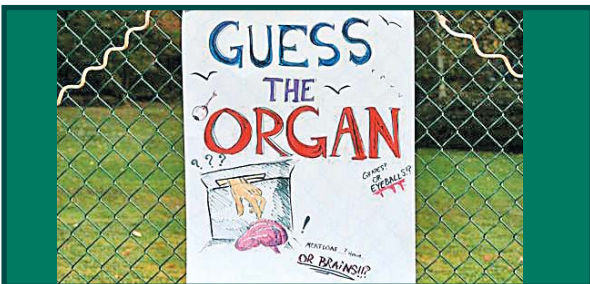
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Keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Lickona delivering his address

by Dr. Kathy Winings

The Sixth Educators Conference held at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, New York from Friday, October 5th to Sunday, October 7th was a clear success. Participants had a rich array of breakouts, plenaries, and pre-conference workshops from which to choose based on what they felt they needed to learn and to take back to their districts. A highlight of the weekend was the keynote speaker, Dr. Thomas Lickona – a recognized authority and main designer of character education curricula and programs. In addition, this year's participants experienced four focused plenary sessions, 33 dynamic breakouts, a new and improved exhibit hall and tremendous opportunities to network and meet new and old friends.

This all began on Friday, October 5 with three distinct and beneficial all day workshops. They ranged from a focused look at the Character Education curriculum from UPF led by Mr. Alan Saunders, to creating district-based and local trainers for our Sunday Schools and youth ministries with trainers Rev. Brian Saunders and Dr. Kathy Winings, to training in the use of a marriage enrichment program developed by Mr. Stephen Stacey.

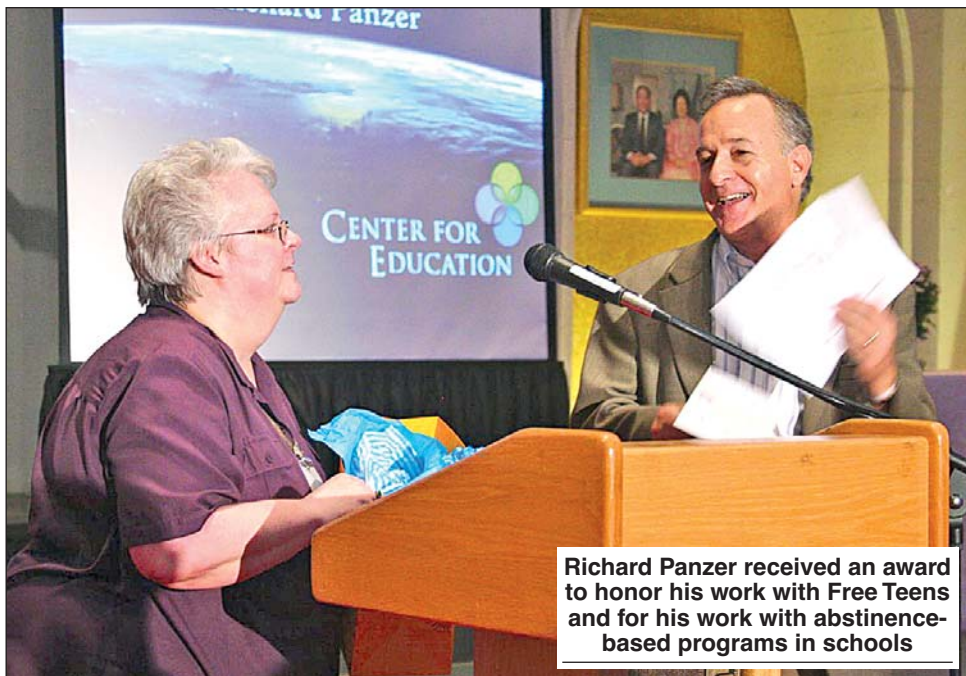
The pre-conference sessions offered a strong way with which to begin to look at our expanding educational horizons. The UPF Character Education cur-

riculum is truly innovative in its approach and how it is taught. As a comprehensive K-12 program, the curriculum is innovative in that it utilizes indigenous stories and illustrations by which to teach the concepts. The pedagogical creativity is in the use of second generation young adults to go to the countries where the program is being used.

The Understanding Marriage curriculum is another expansion of educational horizons. Developed by Stephen Stacey and his wife, the curriculum is wide-ranging and comprehensive through its look at not only healthy relationships but also at difficult and challenging relationships.

The Train the Trainer program is a new initiative to expand the horizons of effective teaching throughout our Sunday Schools and Youth Ministries. Working with the Education Department of the FFWP, the workshop was developed as a means to create a more stable and long-range educational system by beginning to train at least one key person in each district, who would in turn train educators in each state. As each trainer gains experience and strength in that role, each Sunday School and Youth Ministry will gain strength in turn. What a great way to begin a conversation on expanding educational horizons!

After dinner, we went into full conference mode with the first plenary on Becoming Communities of Practice by Mrs. Heather Thalheimer. This first plenary provided the participants with a good frame-



Richard Panzer received an award to honor his work with Free Teens and for his work with abstinence-based programs in schools

work as Heather outlined how our common focus and work in education makes us a community of practice. What Heather did was to give us a framework in which to look at our work; she reminded everyone that, at heart, we are all part of a community of practice – a community of educators – and so we should be reflecting on the role each one of us play in such a community and reflecting on where we should and can be as a community of educators in 10 to 15 years from now. Realizing our-

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HDDH with True Parents

These are notes taken at the speech at East Garden on September 28, 2007, by Rev. Michael Jenkins, translation by Mrs. Hee Hun Standard and T. Cromwell, edited by L. Strait and J. Flynn. These notes are taken from a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future as an "official" publication on Rev. Moon's words. However, they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message.)

Westerners don't understand the importance of lineage. We have to understand that this is the central time in history. The central moment. The most important thing is to inherit the lineage from heaven. I have taught you everything in great detail. The question is, will you fulfill your responsibility? Now is the time and the moment in history.

So today I will leave for Korea. Then later I will have to come back, but I don't know when. Dr. Yang should read now. Mother likes Dr. Yang's reading. His pronunciation is excellent. You all have to learn Korean. If you don't, you will have a problem in the spirit world. As Unification members, you have to learn Korean. You don't know all the things I had to go through. Only through Korean can you understand me deeply.

[Father refers to the content of the 10th Peace Message.] In America there should not be free sex or sexual immorality or homosexuality. God has an absolute purpose of creation. We have to have absolute peace. This is to be achieved through absolute sexual morality. This is not a concept; this is an absolute reality that must be practiced.

Here in America so many people

have step-fathers and stepmothers. People divorce so easily. I suffered greatly to teach you a correct way of life. How much I have had to pay! Think how different things would be if America and the world had accepted me. America has 300 million people. Compared to the world's population, that is a small percentage. You should really understand how important this nation is and how critical it is, that you live like I do and inherit my way.

God is beyond freedom. However, because of the Fall there is no environment of true freedom. We talk about God, and we talk about absolute sexual morality (absolute sex). What is that? It is love that can be achieved only through true love. When you have true love, even God is attracted to it. Male and female must come together as one. Through my study of science, I came to understand how God works through numbers. I have struggled greatly to understand God. Though Americans may think that they helped Korea, this one Korean man sent by God changed the direction of America. Some people are afraid of us. However, they are fearful because they don't understand that I have true love and am working only for the benefit of this nation.

Someday all will be revealed. Whether you went to Harvard or not is not really the issue. Are you living according to God's teaching and principle? You have to fulfill your responsibility.

I started on this path from the age of 16. When there were people in the village who were wrong or evil, I corrected their path and helped them go the right way. The most important thing is how to deal with the sickness of lineage. Even God couldn't do anything

about it.

America is in the position of the Second Israel; however, it is plagued by free sex. How can America deal with this? We must practice absolute sexual morality. Whether you are leaders or not, you must remember that you must not be ashamed of yourself before Heaven and earth. Peace Message 10



this will come between us. I am trying to bring people to the Abel UN, and they don't understand it. So you must fulfill the uncompleted responsibility. God wants certain things to happen. Today 700 people are here. You should not be proud of yourself. Does your conscience tell you that you are doing everything right? When you go to the spirit world everything will be revealed. Does your conscience approve of all that you are doing?

I am very persistent in everything. I spent 34 years here in America. I am not interested in secular success. Why did I give so much here in America? We sacrificed so much for this nation. The spirit world will reveal the truth. America did something very wrong when it took me to trial. The spirit world and many righteous Americans know I am totally innocent.

It will all be revealed. America is a most advanced nation. This nation must be responsible to save underdeveloped nations. We have to mobilize good ancestors who have to return to earth and begin an incredible revolution. So many saints are pouring down from the spirit world.

Now that the Abel UN has been established, you will see that many things will completely change in the next three years. Still many people do not know about the Abel UN; we must educate them directly. God is the vertical True Parent and the True Parents are the horizontal True Parents. On earth are 6.5 billion people; there are many more in the spirit world. What would happen without me here on earth? Something terrible could happen without

NOVEMBER 2007

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
Shin Pal Nim's Birthday (9/24/98)
- 10 True Children's Day (10/1/60)
- 13 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 14 International Christian Students Association (1981)
- 15 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
- 22 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (10/13/63)
- 23 Shin Chool Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 27 Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
Sun Hwa Academy purchased (2002)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

DECEMBER 2007

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World (1997)
- 2 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- 4 Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Supra-denominational Christian Association (1966)

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]

CALLENDAR

- 15 Yeon Ah Nim's Birthday (11/6/78)
- 18 Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 20 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 28 Shin Gil Nim's Ascension (2005)
- 30 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday

JANUARY 2008

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 1 True God's Day (1968)
Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
Sekkai Nippo Established (1975)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 9 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
- 10 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
- 11 72 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 1275 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 13 Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (2001)
International Federation Victory Over Communism (1968)
- 18 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)
- 26 Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92)
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)
- 31 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)

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Before Leaving for Korea

me here. [Father has mentioned many times recently that a global nuclear holocaust is possible.] What about AIDS? That is the most fearful disease. Americans should know what the right thing to do is. The spirit world is totally supporting us. Once people go to the spirit world, their attitude will change and they will realize the truth.

So many are involved with this terrible problem of atomic weapons and bombs. We must bring a realization that what they are doing is wrong. In a few years, this will all be revealed. Many important and powerful industrial developments are in America and Russia. However, they should realize that they shouldn't look down on or misjudge Korea. America did not complete its responsibility in Korea during the Korean War. We don't want to follow this pattern of America. You made a decision to leave. Who came up with the idea of a truce? President Truman. President Eisenhower should have understood.

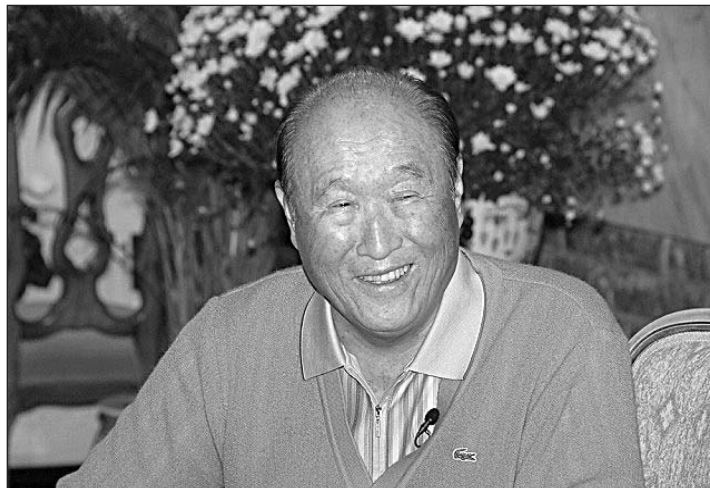
I have wanted you to do witnessing but you didn't understand how important this is. Bishop Kim, do you like America? (Yes). All Koreans have graduated. Three Koreans here remained with Dr. Yang. I may bring them to Korea, or I may bring Koreans back to

America.

Eve felt lonely, and Adam was interested in other things. Were they naked or wearing clothes? After the Fall, they covered their private parts with fig leaves. When Adam was doing his own thing, Eve would be crying and then the Archangel would come and comfort her.

There was only one female there. The male figures were God, three archangels, and Adam. Number three and eight should come this way, making a ninety-degree angle. When we talk about the Seung Hap Ship Sang Il, it makes 10, then 12 appears. Then two times 12 make 24.

100 billion solar systems can fit inside the universe. What about the universe? It is floating in space. When you look at a soccer ball, it represents the universe. The Korean Il Hwa team is now winning the Asia Cup championship. Il Hwa has won eight championships in Korea. When I guide them, they win. The key is following my advice.



If you do that, you will win. Also we have our championship teams in Brazil.

Also we have the Little Angels School and the Universal Ballet. Now Koreans are mastering classical ballet. Their legs have been short, which is a disadvantage for ballet. Now the diet has changed, and their legs are getting longer.

I know all aspects of different cultures. I am even good at swearing! My hands are not that big, but they are strong. I am very strong. Before Hoon Dok Hae, I exercised for 1 ? hours. I slept only 30 minutes last night! I have

so many complicated things that are going on. There are many troubles and huge needs for money for many dispensations.

The fishing industry has been tough. When men are out on the sea for three months there are problems with their wives going with other men. America has three of the major fishing grounds of the world. Americans have enormous rights over fishing; major conflicts could arise over these fishing grounds. Fish farming is very important. Salmon and other fish are being cultivated on our fish farms. I did so many things in Alaska. There has been persecution, but we overcame.

We have a truth that is more powerful than any weapons or bombs. My words and True Parents' picture and even my handkerchief have more power than any secular book.

You should have a Family Flag (FFWPU Flag) and picture of True Parents, and then you will be protected. People who are trained in the Divine Principle gain spiritual energy and healing power. Sumo wrestlers fight through ch'i. Even business has to do with ch'i. Our members who are connected with True Parents have very powerful energy. If they are connected with True Parents they have an amazing amount of energy. You have to use this for a public purpose to witness to people. ❖

True Father and Hyun Jin Nim go fishing, Oct 15, 2007, Korea



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selves as part of communities of practice will be more valuable because the key characteristics of such communities include sharing, supporting learning, networking, the encouragement of investments that move things forward, translating learning to policy, and the new relationships that will emerge. Certainly this plenary set an important tone for the weekend.

Saturday morning, after a most innovative and fresh experience in doing Hoon Dok Hae, led by Dr. Tyler Hendricks, participants had to make some difficult decisions as they faced a day of diverse breakouts, dynamic plenary sessions, and opportunities to network, make new relationships and browse through an expanded exhibit hall. Because of the large number of participants the previous year, the steering committee decided to use the auditorium for all exhibitors as well as a larger coffee and snack room. Participants' decision-making was also aided this year by a special "Planning Page" in their program so that each team that came from a specific geographic region could make a good plan to cover all the topics that they would need for the sake of their home districts. Participants remarked that this was a more valuable addition this year.

In terms of the breakouts, participants had a wide range of topics divided into the five special categories that is the signature of the Educators Conference: Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Marriage and Family Ministry, and Pastoral Educational Ministry. Viewed through this lens of "expanding educational horizons," we can see how each of the various breakout sessions were able to take our educational communities of practice to new places and in new directions.

Participants benefited from the increase in Children's Ministry breakouts this year. Christine Brunkhorst's review of the Reggio Emilia Approach and Lena Yasutake's efforts to see young toddlers as more than nursery school material offered a rich conversation for those working with children. New mate-

rials and resources for Sunday School were the central theme of several breakouts in this age bracket including the use of specialized felt boards and teaching tools by Johanna Duffy and Keiko Fortin or Stephen Goldiamond's musical rap woven into stories. Participants' understanding of Shim Jung education, with Joy Morrow and Beverly Berndt, was deepened as were their understanding of the impact of the new theories of neuroscience on gender, spirituality and learning offered by Kathy Winings. Finally, Teresina Phillips gave an invaluable breakout on one room Sunday Schools and Ken Webber led a breakout in looking at effective and creative teaching methods for children.

affirmed a long-standing and effective program that has been in use for many years. Finally, Dr. Josie Hauer provided participants with a series of group facilitation activities and methods found to be effective in working with teens. Finally, Kimikami Miyake introduced participants to the results of working with the Jr. STF program as an effective means of guiding teens to recognizing their true identities under God.

Certainly the breakouts introduced participants to the many changes taking place in young adult ministry. Rachel Curry and Jeff Adshead from the NextGen Academy inspired participants to consider living for the greater good by becoming engaged with the Academy's program centered around service work.

or dealing with the hard issues such as domestic violence and pornography. The ideal relationship between husbands and wives were discussed with Jim and Hiromi Stephens and also with Stephen Stacey in two different breakouts. Jim Stephens also worked with participants on how to prepare to match their children, based on real testimonies and examples. In addition, John Williams focused on ways of improving our relationships but also led participants in an important discussion on dealing with domestic violence as well as how to deal with internet porn.

Our breakouts in the Pastoral Education area addressed new efforts at small group ministry – both from Jhon and Maria Acevedo in Chicago and

Lionel Binnie in Westchester, New York. The Acevedo's work has expanded to more than 400 families through their focus on community building and so gave participants a lot to consider. Dr. Tony Devine offered two dynamic breakouts with one focusing on practices of transformational leadership as a means to become more effective pastors and leaders. The other breakout, offered with Dr. Josie Hauer, offered a new tool called a Logic Model for pastors and leaders to use that emphasizes an outcome-based approach to effectiveness. Rounding out this grouping of breakouts was a vital session, offered by Mr. Rob Sayre, on rethinking how to raise the funds necessary for our diverse ministries based on what is called the Nehemiah Paradigm, and another session by Major Ouida Harding on how to effectively use music in our worship sessions.

Woven throughout the morning breakouts on Saturday were two special breakout sessions by our keynote speaker – Dr. Thomas Lickona. In his first breakout, Dr. Lickona addressed the 12 key strategies of character education-based discipline. His second breakout focused on the six principles of an ethical learning community – a concept central to Dr. Lickona's work and that is a basis for a new type of high school pioneered by him.

For his keynote address, Dr. Lickona was able to introduce how to develop what he has come to see as the eight strengths of character. Many of his illustrations also allowed us to understand how these work in an ethical learning community. These points went hand-in-hand with Friday's concept of becoming communities of practice so that we could see how we, as educators, parents, and pastors could shape our newly



Expanded educational horizons were also evident in the youth ministry breakouts offered by individuals and panels who were actively engaged in their programs. A dynamic panel of second generation with Sam Stoia, and Diana Santelli together with Mrs. Sally Sayre shared their experiences with teaching the UPF Character Education program around the world. Mr. Bob Beebe shared how New Jersey's New Hope School integrated character education throughout the curriculum and utilized key concepts from Kohlberg. Mr. Richard Panzer and Mrs. Linda Haft's work in relationship intelligence education

Another service opportunity was also shared by Laurel Nakai, based on her experience in AmeriCorps. The young adult breakouts were rounded out by Jin Kwon Kim as he introduced participants to Cobalt, a special one year program begun in New Jersey, new programs to truly live for the sake of others as Laurel and Sally Sayre, Sam Stoia and others described, or Cobalt and YAM from Jin Kwon.

In terms of Family and Marriage Education, breakouts certainly raised the bar in terms of improving our relationships within couples, learning to read Unification scripture in Korean at home

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emerging ethical learning communities of practice. Dr. Lickona gave all of us a great deal to think about – regardless of the age or type of group with which we worked.

The third plenary session that took place on Saturday afternoon immediately before dinner was most unique to the Educators Conference. It focused on music in worship and was given by Major Ouida Harding. As an energetic and captivating Baptist preacher and teacher, Maj. Harding offered all participants a way of imaging not only the worship service but our relationship to the worship service

and the powerful role of teaching and learning at such times. All of this was done through the power of song. After offering her insight into the purpose of worship, Maj. Harding then taught all of us a song through which we could begin to experience what it is God wanted to teach each of us. Drawing in the special music team from New Jersey and inviting Rachel Curry to engage in improvisational and liturgical dance, the speaker led all of us to a deeper understanding of the power that music plays in coming to God through worship.

The conference concluded on Sunday with the fourth and final plenary session given by Dr. Kathy Winings. Speaking on "Where Do We Go from Here," Dr. Winings led participants through a review of some of the challenges we face in living in a postmodern world and with a postmodern mindset and then to a consideration of what we could and should do from now to move toward creating strong families and communities. According to her, this future picture should include enlarging our community of practice to include other churches and communities with whom we work, developing benchmarks toward which we can work, focus on defining and clarifying what education in a culture of heart will mean and how it will look, and to see the Educators Conference as a means through which we not only learn and develop but as a means in which we can share our expertise and experience with the others in our community of practice.

A new feature that was added this year was acknowledging two educators who have worked for many years to ensure that progress is made in education. This year, we chose to honor Mrs. Kristina Seher from Northern California and Mr. Richard Panzer of New Jersey. Christina was instrumental in the founding and development of the Sunshine School, a K-12 school, in Northern California. Richard was the founder and developer of the Free Teens Program,



an abstinence-based program that is taught throughout diverse schools. Both Kristina and Richard were given a small gift plus a free registration for next year's conference. In addition, the entire conference could acknowledge their

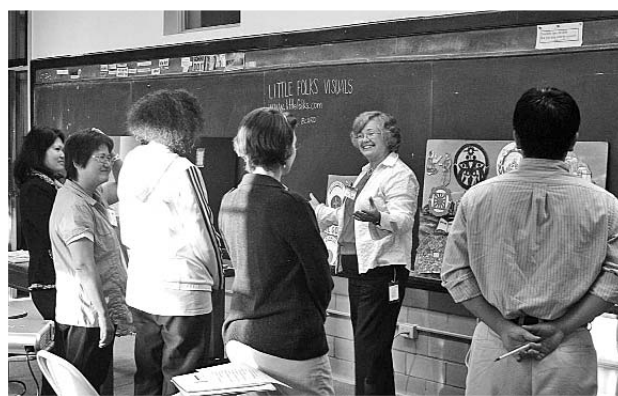
work and dedication to education.

With each year, the Educators Conference grows and develops because its participants are able to grow and develop through it. Certainly this year was no exception. A real effort was made to

professionalize and enhance the conference for the benefit of the participants. The plenaries had a stronger music and interactive media dimension to it. The larger exhibit hall allowed for more exhibits and a bigger space with

which to network. The addition also of an award to honor the contributions and work of those who have given tirelessly so that youth could grow to become true godly men and women was something new to this year's program. We can hardly wait to see what next year will bring to the Educators Conference and to see how our community of practice has grown and matured. We hope that you will be there too next year to share your expertise and experience at the 7th Educators Conference!

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Watch Hyun Jin as he addresses leaders in the British House of Commons - Amazing!

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Celebrating UN Day, a Call for Fruitful Dialogue

A good relationship between the US and the UN is essential to the functioning of the UN," according to Dr. Noel Brown, President of Friends of the United Nations, in the opening speech of the International Symposium on the United States and the United Nations on October 23, 2007, the eve of United Nations Day. "If the dialogue between the US and the UN is to be fruitful, we need more occasions like this."

At the Rayburn House of Representatives Office Building, US Congressmen spoke about their vision of how the US and the UN can work better together. Congressman Joe Wilson of South Carolina described several trips to other countries and witnessing first-hand US-UN collaborations such as



developing new textbooks for the children of Iraq to support a new emerging democracy.

"Nations can change and do change," he added. "We have seen such changes among nations emerging from communism."

"What happens in one part of the world has an impact on another," explained Congressman Donald Payne,

chair of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health. "We have to work together as one world and one people."

H.E. Mr. Yahya A. Mahmassani, Ambassador and permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations, referred to rough times in the relationship between the US and UN, such as during the Cold War era.

"The issues that the world focuses on are the responsibility of both the US and the UN," he added. "Neither can solve the issues without the other."

In conclusion, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, Chairman of The Washington Times Foundation, stated the "the UN developed from the US leaders who had a vision of a harmonious world. The inalienable rights to which the US Constitution refers come from our divine origin, God. But in the UN

charter there is no such reference." He challenged the US to return to its spiritual core and the UN to seek a spiritual core.

The event was sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation, Friends of the United Nations, The Washington Times Foundation, and United Press International. ❖

Chairman's Address to the US-UN Symposium

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

On behalf of the Universal Peace Federation, thank you for attending this International Symposium on the United States and the United Nations. I am especially grateful to the three co-sponsors: The Washington Times Foundation, the UPI Foundation and the Friends of the United Nations for their support for this initiative.

Throughout this year, UPF has sponsored a series of conferences on the theme, "The Need for Vision and Leadership at a Time of Global Crisis." A core message that has been recommended through this conference series is for greater respect for universal values that are shared by people of all races, religions, nationalities and cultures.

Today I want to speak about the role of religion in the world today. This is a topic of great significance, and one that should be given serious attention by both the United States and the United Nations.

First of all, when we think of religion, we need to recognize its importance in the lives of billions of people around the world. Religious identity is of profound importance to the vast majority of the world's population. It is important to more than one billion Christians. It is important to more than one billion Muslims, a billion Hindus, and nearly a billion Buddhists, as well as to Jews, Sikhs, Jains, etc.

The significance of religion in the lives of people is not merely a private or personal matter. Religion shapes ideas, moral attitudes, basic outlooks, and, in turn, it affects behavior and action. In this sense, religious beliefs and actions affect political beliefs and actions, economic beliefs and actions, and social beliefs and actions.

This reality cannot be ignored. The advance of modernity, technology, the internet, and globalization have not



eliminated the ongoing, and growing power and relevance of religion.

Secondly, we must recognize that in order to understand our world and its people, its cultures, and its governments, we must understand religion.

In past eras, the objective or scientific study of religion was limited largely to academics in departments of religions.

Religious leaders and believers, on the other hand, would often study other religions only as a form of confrontation or challenge. The history of religion has often been a history of conflict and polemics. Representatives of one religion speak badly about the representatives of other religions, and especially about any religion they view as a competitor.

Too often, one religion's claim to truth meant that it felt compelled to describe the claims of the other religion as false. Hence, there has been no genuine dialogue among religions, but rather there has been fighting and quarrelling among religions. Like children of one family, with the same parents, quarrelling and squabbling.

This has to stop. We need to become respectfully well-informed about reli-

gion, in the same way that we become well-informed about geography, culture, art, literature, and economics. We cannot be spiritually illiterate.

Thirdly, interreligious dialogue and cooperation are imperative in today's world. The past century has witnessed an increased awareness of this need, but still there is much work to be done.

To make this happen, we must develop a new paradigm for leadership and good governance within our religious tra-

ditions. That new paradigm must encourage respectful relationships with the believers of other traditions, and must underscore the common ground shared among the religions. We should not

focus only on narrow doctrinal differences. Religious leaders who teach hostility, who promote misinformation, prejudice and bigotry, should be challenged and encouraged to become better educated.

Finally, in efforts to solve global problems such as war, conflict, disease, poverty, climate change, we must come to see religion and faith-based organizations as allies. How can we imagine bringing peace in the Middle East, whether in Iraq or in Israel/Palestine, without the involvement and cooperation of religious leaders and faith-based organizations? Can it be prudent to seek to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by relying only on governments or secular NGOs? How can we exclude one of the most basic of human institutions, reli-

gion.

In the year 2000, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon spoke at the UN and proposed that the UN establish an interreligious council. Currently there is no forum or structure for the voice of religion. This is a serious limitation.

Even in this country, with its very religious population, there has been controversy about the partnership between government and faith-based organizations.

We are living at a time when "faith-based diplomacy" and "faith-based problem solving" cannot be avoided. We are living at a time when "religious illiteracy" cannot be affirmed.

Both the US and the UN should engage in dialogue with faith leaders to explore ways in which governments and religions can be partners in the effort to solve critical global problems. At the same time, faith leaders need to meet together in dialogue and cooperation, and must move beyond competition and conflict, and focus their energy on service and the application of universal spiritual principles.

In conclusion, we live at a time when



non-state actors and trans-state actors are increasingly important. NGOs, religions, and global citizens are not bound by national boundaries. Ideas, culture, moral principles are not held within

national or state boundaries. National sovereignty remains a central principle of human society. At the same time, we live in a global community. We must find the way to move forward to a world of lasting peace. Both the US and the UN are absolutely essential to this process. So too are the world's religions. ❖

20th Foundation Day for the Unified Nation in Heaven and Earth

by FFWPU International

The pledge service and commemorative ceremony for the 20th Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth took place in the main hall of the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum on October 3, 2007. More than 1,800 participants were there that day, including heads of providential organizations and companies in Korea, national messiahs, local and overseas members, and invited Ambassadors for Peace. The service began at 8:00 a.m.

During the ceremony to commemorate the 17th Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World, Father declared the opening of the gates to the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth; all debts pertaining to the era of restoration were paid and a new age was opened through the Holy Wine Ceremony. Father gave instructions that this Holy Day should from then on be celebrated as the Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth. According to these instructions, from 2005 this Holy Day has been celebrated as the Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth.

True Parents entered the room amidst the applause of the participants. They first lit the holy candles that were set for the occasion. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, the emcee, officially proclaimed the start of the ceremony. Beginning with the representatives of the True Family, representatives and members in turn offered a bow to God and True Parents. Rev. Kwak then guided everyone in the recital of the Family Pledge. Rev. Kwak and his wife came up to give the representative prayer and True Parents cut the celebration cake. They then sat down at the offering table to taste the offering food.

Rev. Kwak then read the speech Father gave at the 18th Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth.

Excerpts from Rev. Kwak's reading:

"During a meeting that took place on October 3, 1988, True Parents explained that the realization of an ideal world must be achieved and perfected through both an external unification and internal unification. The key to an external unification is the unity between democracy and communism; this was symbolically realized through the 1988 Seoul Olympics, in which 160 nations participated. To achieve the internal unification, True Parents declared the 'Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World' centering on 120 nations of the world."

After the reading the La Strada Ensemble came up and gave a special performance to commemorate the day. Mr. Kyung Tae Kim and his wife, Mrs. Soon Woong Pak, came up and offered a flower bouquet to



True Parents.

Then, amidst a thunderous applause, True Parents both came to the podium.

As he came to the podium Father

explained: "this day should be celebrated with joy in that the gates to the heavenly nation have been opened."

True Father first had True Mother read a part of the speech Father gave

at the launching of the Abel UN in New York on September 23. True Mother read the part about Father being a champion in eight different fields.

True Father then began to read the

speech (a slightly revised version of Peace Message 13: A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World) from the beginning.

The program ended with four cheers of eogmansei, led by Rev. Sun Jo Hwang.

Before the cheer, Rev. Hwang explained: "True Parents launched the Peace, Abel UN on the foundation of declaring 2007 a providential jubilee year. Today True Parents have blessed this day by declaring the 'nation that opens heaven.' Let us all raise both hands in welcoming this day with joy." ❖



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WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

by Hyung-jin Moon

This is from a sermon given on October 13, 2007.

Today I'd like to talk not about the Blessing Ceremony, but about words of blessing as well as words of curse as opposed to them.

Words can change our environment and the direction of our life. It is important what "words" we put in our soul. We always need to protect our soul. At the same time we should be careful about words that we utter. If we use words properly we can help people and give them big grace. From the Bible we may learn that originally the word "blessing" had the meaning "a praise." It means that blessings are expressed through words. In other words, it means that our words possess a power. So when we speak, we should pronounce words which mean blessings.

Every morning in my family I do a special training. When kids wake up they first greet parents. And we, their parents, tell them one by one, "Mommy and daddy truly love you Shin-pal (Shin-man, Shin-goong, Shin-joon, Shin-deuk), today and forever!" We tell them - one by one - words of blessing. When you children start a day, when they go to school, tell them words of blessing, "God will protect you today. Today will be your best day. Today you will make God happier." Use more words of blessing.

Originally Isaac was supposed to give his blessing to his first son, Esau. Genesis 27:12 tells us about Jacob's inner struggle. He told Rebecca, "What if father understands that I'm Jacob? What'll I do, if he gives me a curse instead of blessing?" These words show us that Jacob understood how precious words of blessing and how fearful words of curse are. Due to Rebecca's wisdom Jacob managed to receive the blessing and when blessing him Isaac said, "All nations will bow before you and sons of your brethren will bow before you. Those who curse you will be cursed and those who bless you will be blessed." Isaac didn't give to Jacob any material treasure, he gave him words of blessing.

Now, let's talk about words of curse. Natives of Solomon Islands have a peculiar method of cutting down big trees.

They live away from civilization, so they don't have electric chain-saws and other equipment. Therefore they use a very special method to cut down trees. For 30 days local shamans at dawn of every day go to the tree they selected and start to swear and yell at that tree. They curse it. After 30 days the tree falls down. This theory means that if we

shout at another person, swear at him and curse him, we kill his spirit.

Many people may say, "I scold my kids for their own sake. I scold my brothers and sisters for their own sake." However such words give negative influence to the people who hear them.

One day as I was having a meal with our church pastor in a cafeteria, a group

of ladies at the next table were speaking really nasty words about the Unification Church. I listened to them without saying anything. However all day long their words lingered in my head. I didn't know those ladies and still their words had such a big influence on me. But what if the words of curse are said to you by a person whom you love? How difficult it is to erase them!

The "seed" we sow in our life depends on the words we say.

I mean, even the words we say about ourselves. Don't speak negatively; don't plant bad seeds in yourselves. Say to yourself, "I'm breathing in victory and breathing out the spirit of failure. I'm inhaling health and exhaling sicknesses. I'm taking in unity and sending away division. Such positive thinking and speaking will guide your life towards development. God's love is capable of turning curses we have received into blessings. In our life from the young years we might have been cursed by someone, we might have heard bad words from some people or been spoken ill of. But if these things still create difficulties in our lives, we need to break them. We should be able to turn words of curse into blessings, the same way God does. Let us train from today. If you say words of blessings to other people, you will get more benefits in life.

By encouraging and giving strength to other people when they are in trouble, we strengthen ourselves. God is preparing such blessings for us. True Parents have blessed our lives. So, don't you ever think you're going to fail. Even if someone says such things to you, never say these words to yourselves. This is the era of liberation and complete freedom, and we are victors in the name of True Parents. When God looks at you, He sees VIPs. When meeting each other let's share more words of blessings. I believe that in this way we can embody in our life blessings given to us by True Parents. ❖

Blessings & Curses

Hyun Jin Nim Speaking Tour, Japan, Oct. 7-11, 2007



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Born on August 18, 1930, Dr. Bo Hi Pak's life and career can only be summed up as extraordinary. Having joined the Korean army at age 19, he worked his way up the ranks and received several medals, including the Gold Star Hwa-Rang Medal for Meritorious Service and Bravery in Combat. After a decade and a half of service, he was honorably discharged in 1964 as lieutenant colonel.

In 1957, Colonel Pak became a disciple to Rev. Sun Myung Moon and a member of the Unification Church. Dr. Pak says, "Through him I gained vision and hope for the world. The teaching of Reverend Moon can be summed up in two words: love and sacrifice for God and humanity."

In 1962, he created "The Little Angels" performing arts troupe, eventually establishing The Little Angels Performing Arts School. Over the next 40 years, Dr. Pak organized 37 tours, where The

Little Angels performed in more than 40 nations worldwide, including an historic trip to Pyongyang, North Korea.

From the late seventies through the nineties, through the inspiration of his spiritual leader, Dr. Pak launched numerous humanitarian, educational, and artistic endeavors, including CAUSA International, the American Freedom Coalition, and the Summit Council for World Peace. In addition, he held several notable positions in the publishing arena as the inaugural President and Publisher of the New York City Tribune; Noticias del Mundo, a New York-based, Spanish daily; and the Washington Times Corporation.

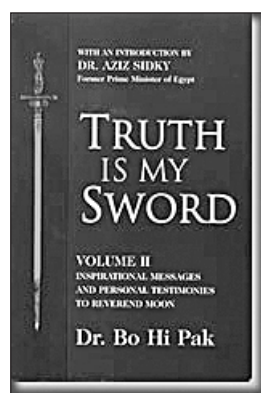
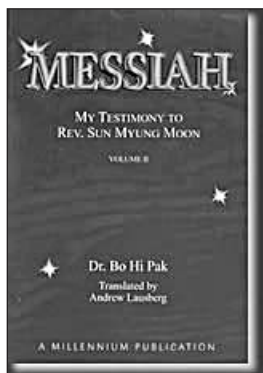
Furthermore, in addition to receiving numerous medals for outstanding military service, he also received many Certificates of Appreciation from prominent political figures, including President Truman, President

Eisenhower, President Nixon, and HRH Queen Elizabeth II. In 2002, the Republic of Korea awarded him the National Cultural Silver Metal for Contribution toward the Promotion of National Prestige.

Although Dr. Pak has traveled an arduous course with his share of triumphs and tragedies, the title that he has always worn with the greatest pride is Special Assistant to Rev. Sun Myung Moon. No number of honors, awards, and positions can compare with the privilege of attending the greatest prophet in human history. It is with that spirit that Dr. Pak penned these works that are now offered to all corners of the world, thanks to the providential tool known as the internet. May these words



always bring joy and glory to God. To obtain these two books go to: www.bohipak.net ❖



Pyonghwa Motor Has Exclusive Rights in North Korea

Expectations are high as car making projects in North Korea will gain additional momentum after President Roh Moo-hyun's visit to the Pyonghwa Motor Plant in Nampo near the North's capital of Pyongyang.

In a 20-minute visit with heads of the South's conglomerates including Hyundai Group Chairman Chung Mong-koo, President Roh said the plant is equipped with all the facilities to assemble cars and hinted at further investments in the plant, according to pool reports from Pyongyang.

"In the future) engines will be produced and I look forward to seeing more facilities that produce car components in the area around the plant," Roh was quoted as saying before he left to view a water lock in the North's port city of Nampo.



President Roh Moo-hyun of S. Korea shakes hands with a North Korean worker during his visit to Pyonghwa Motor Plant in Nampo, North Korea

Pyonghwa Motors Group, an automaker founded by Rev. Moon, has exclusive rights to produce cars for the North Korean market.

The group had teamed with a partner in the 70-30 percent joint venture with the North Korean state-owned trading firm, Ryonbong Corp., and completed its first assembly line in Nampo to produce a version of the small Fiat Siena, called the "Hwiparam" (Whistle) in Korean in April 2002.

Pyonghwa Motor Plant was initially constructed to produce 10,000 vehicles, but is reportedly producing only 1,000 cars and pickup trucks, according to government sources. The number of workers is 216.

In August, Pyonghwa said it has discussed a plan with Chinese automaker Brilliance Automotive Holdings Ltd. to assemble trucks in North Korea at

the request of the North Korean government.

If the plant in the North starts production of pickup trucks, annual vehicle production in the Pyonghwa plant will exceed 1,000, according to the South Korean partner.

Experts say the company, which has a potential capacity of some 20,000 cars a year, could make forays into markets in China and even Russia.

According to industry estimates, there are only 25,000 to 30,000 passenger cars in the reclusive North, less than one per thousand people.

The North's economy, which went from bad to worse in the early 1990s after the collapse of the Soviet

Union, has been improving on the back of increased foreign aid, the Bank of Korea said in a recent report. ❖

A terrible stench pervades the world

by Lloyd Howell
for Dr. Sang Hun Lee

A pall hangs over us all.
Not the stench of garbage uncollected
but of foul deeds undetected.

It clings not to our bodies and our clothes;
no shower can wash it off,
no perfume can cover it up -
just ask God,
He knows.

Do we dare name names?

Christians, Muslims and Jews all the same
but honestly there is no end
of all those who have chosen to offend.

But do not despair
for there are many
willing to do their share;
to labor in the reeking ethereal wards
washing fetid feet,
applying salving balm
to leprous sores.

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Hoon Dok Family Church in New Jerusalem

by Mrs. Masako Feddema

The New Jerusalem District (#3) consists of New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. We have about 400 blessed central families, with about 85% of them in New Jersey. We started to create HDFC small groups in August 2007, after one year of education by Rev. Dong Woo Kim, the former Regional Director, on HDFC and small groups through various vision seminars and workshops.

We started out by forming 14 small groups last August, and after one year it expanded to 40 small groups throughout the District. Out of 40 groups, 35 groups are in New Jersey. Therefore, naturally we concentrate on developing our small group activity and education system centering on New Jersey, where we have our District Headquarters.

As of now we have 225 families involved in HDFC small groups in our District. Thirty groups have weekly meetings consistently, and the rest of the groups have biweekly or monthly meetings. Last year 102 guests were invited to the small group meetings and gateway programs (Japanese Family Night, Healthy Home Cooking, Marriage Enrichment Programs, BBQ gathering, Origami Class, Picnic, Talk on the Spirit World, Card Making Club, etc.), that are very effective venues in bringing new people. This year we have invited 236 guests so far. (Some of them are repeat guests.)

Mrs. Yoshiko des Laurier started out with five families last August. She reached out especially to distant families. She and her husband personally visited them often. One family (American & Chinese) had been distant from the church for several years. They were invited to the meeting and came after several invitations. Since then they have been regular participants of the small group meetings and became connected to the church activities again. One brother joined the movement two years ago, but was not actively connected to the church. He joined Yoshiko's group last year and came to the meetings regularly. He decided to go to the blessing this summer and he got matched and blessed. That way her group expanded to 12 families. Three guests have received the Ambassador for Peace certificate, and two more are in process. They have four guests who are coming regularly to the meeting and six guests who come when they can. A Japanese brother in her group went to Hoon Dok School and got inspired to become her assistant. In September this year he successfully became a new leader of a divided group. They both had six families each when they divided; however, they are already increasing the numbers of the families.

Our goal for this year is to involve all blessed central families in our District to the HDFC small groups as Dr. Yang has been emphasizing since 2006. In order to accomplish this goal, we organized a HDFC Sunday Service on September 16. We asked all the small group leaders to create their own posters to promote their small groups and activities. Most of the leaders participated, and they used their own artistic talent and creativity to create wonderful,

inspiring, and innovative posters! These colorful posters were displayed at the wall of the hallway of the school (we rent a school auditorium for our Sunday Service). The members got very inspired and gathered around the posters, looking curiously and carefully checking each one of them. One second generation got very excited to find his picture on the poster and shouted "I belong to this small group!" This event clearly conveyed the spirit and importance of the small group to the community.

Besides the poster display, the entire Sunday Service was dedicated to the

a HDH reading, reports (providential update), testimonies, PowerPoint presentations (book reviews and review of vision seminar material), discussion, and questions and answers. It seems that those who attend the meeting regularly learn a lot and grow confident in their leadership. Also, leading a small group meeting consistently over a year has helped them to develop their leadership. After trials and errors for a year, they are now clearer on how to lead their groups in multiplying.

We created a HDFC Small Group Manual on January this year. Since then, we have been encouraging the

people to create an Education Team and make it steady.

We tried the last three months to have "guest friendly" Sunday Services; however, they did not work out well for many reasons. In general our concept of "guest friendly" Sunday Service is to copy Christian types of Sunday Services. We got confused and went through trial and error. However, the experiences of the past three months taught us clearly that we have to have our clear identity as Unificationists to hold our own Sunday Service. We don't have to hide our identity at the Sunday Service. The guests should be educated



theme of small groups. Mrs. Masako Feddema presented Rev. Won Pil Kim's testimony of Father's ministry in Pusan, which is the origin of HDFC activity. We had testimonies by Mrs. Beatrice Bell as a member of a small group and Mrs. Hope Igarashi as a leader. Mrs. Bell testified how she was helped to go through a difficult and challenging time of her life (her son's cancer) by the support and prayer of small group. She is now more involved with church activity and has more awareness of reaching out to others. Mrs. Igarashi testified that because of the team work as a group she could take care and educate her four guests to become associate members. She testified that she was no longer alone in witnessing to her guests.

We have our regular HDFC small group leaders' meeting on the first and third Sunday of the month after Sunday Service (12:30pm - 2:30pm). Through these meetings, consistent education has been provided to train and guide them as small group leaders. We have

leaders to use the curriculum in the manual at the small group meetings. Most of the groups are using the manual well, and it has helped them make a breakthrough in sharing and discussing deeply during meetings. The key is the effective discussion questions. We are planning to revise the manual by creating curricula from the Peace Messages and Cheong Song Gyeong, following the advice of Hyun Jin Nim. It is a work in progress, and we will complete it by next January (2008).

Despite all the good things mentioned above, we still have our challenges to overcome. Our challenges are:

As the number of guests increased at the small group meetings, we recognized the need to strengthen our education. It is important that the District Headquarters support the small group by providing an education track. We have a system set up already; however, we have been having problems of stabilizing manpower (staff members, lecturers, etc). We plan to recruit more

and prepared first through the small group meetings before they come to the Sunday Service. Now our small groups are steady and strong enough that we can do this in our small groups.

We recognized that we did not have enough contacts to invite to our regular small group meetings. In reality many members do not even have four or five people to invite to the meetings and events. Therefore, we (the District Headquarters) created a few different leaflets so that the members can use them for their convenience, visiting door to door, when shopping, on the bus, etc. We need to reach out more often and to as many people as possible.

As more blessed central families get involved with small groups as a family, we are facing the problem of dealing with children while the adults are having their small group meetings. We are planning to create some activities for younger children and programs and curricula for older children. ❖

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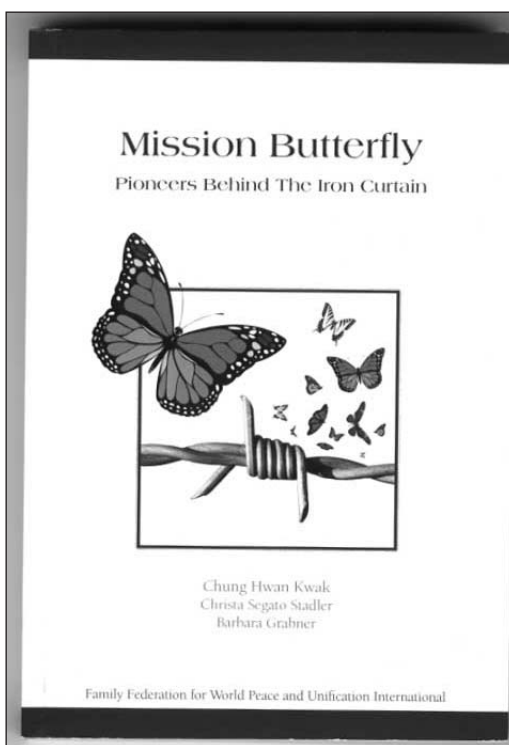
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"... close to despair, I returned to the

railway station. Again the two men followed me. I then jumped aboard a waiting tram with one of them still following me. I pretended to clip a ticket. But just as the doors were closing, I jumped out again. My shadow was locked in the tram and started to curse. I was shaking with fear but also felt liberated. When I arrived at our members' flat and explained all that had happened, both sisters became real-



ly frightened. We went out into the yard and hid some of our literature there. However, the police didn't show up on that day or the next..."

"... In prison there was a chaotic mixture of good and evil spiritual influences. ... I experienced cruelty, arrogance and mockery by some prison guards but there were other guards who were friendly and benevolent. I managed to retain my spiritual freedom and

found that even prison fortifications couldn't limit my mind. I hoped that our unfortunate situation would result in some blessing for the nation and would give birth to a better tomorrow. ... I left prison as a poor man but rich in experience. I understood that the Communist prisons and labour camps were not invented by God, but by Satan, who tried to enslave people and destroy them."

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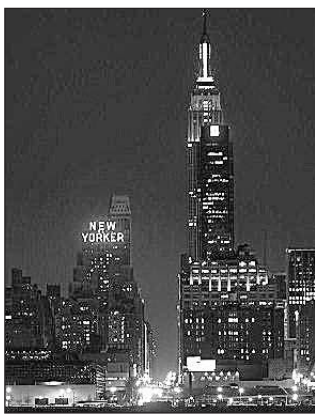
The New Yorker: Deco Days Are Here Again

Spurred by the continued redevelopment of Manhattan's far West Side, the New Yorker Hotel is adding some Deco flare.

By the time the vintage New Yorker Hotel began a major restoration earlier this year, its Art Deco glory days were as faded as the floral wall-to-wall carpeting that for years concealed the grand lobby's original marble flooring. The 1930 landmark featured tired accommodations, but for the budget-minded, the prime midtown location—one block from Penn Station—couldn't be beat.

Now, inspired by the glamour of its heyday, the 44-story property, with its iconic red neon rooftop sign, is being spruced up to show off some of its former luster. Why invest in this faded dowager? With the far West Side of Manhattan already in the throws of redevelopment, the Unification Church, the property's owner, wants to capture some of the area's increasingly upmarket business, explains Thomas McCaffrey, the sales and marketing director.

Enlisting the aid of architecture and design firm Stonehill & Taylor, the first three floors of the 910 restyled accommodations planned are already being rolled out. The remainder of the \$65 million project, including restoring the lobby's original black,



burgundy and white marble flooring and painting its 25-foot-high coffered ceilings gold, is scheduled to be completed by August of next year. And the lobby's chandeliers will be restrung to create concentric circles more in tune with the hotel's Art Deco theme.

In the 1930s, the New Yorker boasted 10 private dining "salons," five restaurants, 92 switchboard operators, a bakery, and its very own power plant—with enough juice to light up a city of 35,000. The likes of Joe DiMaggio, Ginger Rogers, and Muhammad Ali frequented the hotel, while big bands entertained at the stylish Terrace Restaurant.

But over the years, the property had faded, concedes Lorraine Knapp, Stonehill and Taylor's design director. "You just got a sad feeling when you went in there," she says.

Not so the newly remodeled guest rooms, which range in size from 155 to 210 square feet. They've been conceived in a palette of champagne and chocolate brown that extends to the custom drapes and carpet, displaying a Deco-style diamond motif. Each room boasts a six-foot-high upholstered headboard, a custom-designed

combination desk/bureau in zebra wood veneer that echoes the 30's skyscraper look, and a custom six-pointed star lighting fixture. Kravet provided fabrics. Kimball manufactured the nightstands and desk based on an original Deco design by Wilhelm Wagenfeld. Each room is equipped with Wi-Fi and a plasma screen television.

The exterior will get a makeover, too. It will be cleaned, and gold paint will be applied to the bas-relief panels that adorn the front façade.

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UTS is removing financial obstacles for the interfaith peace program. With help of major financial aid contributions from Japan and the United States, the program also expects students to contribute to the costs of their education appropriately.

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For anyone interested, the Education Department of FFWPU-USA is making available Rev. Phillip Schanker's lecture presentations from the "Special Workshop for the New Beginning of Cheon Il Guk Blessed Families." These presentations will be available in two formats:

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 - a. "The Results of the Fall & Separating Blessed Families from Satan"
 - b. "God's Grace & the New Beginning

for CIG Blessed Families

c. "True Parent's Foundation for Cheon Il Guk and Amnesty for its Citizens"

2. A DVD Recording of Rev. Schanker's presentations from the Washington, DC workshop will be available on DVD for \$15.00 This Recording will include the following presentations:

- a. "The Results of the Fall & Separating Blessed Families from Satan"
- b. "God's Grace & the New Beginning for CIG Blessed Families"
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Montana ACLC One Family Under God Rally

by Pastor Mike Yakowich

On Tuesday, September 11th, 2007, the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) along with the Marine Corps. League and other churches and community groups sponsored the Montana 9-11 One Family Under God Rally. In the spirit of the UPF's (Universal Peace Federation) efforts to promote peace and understanding at this time, religious and community leaders, politicians, armed service personal and families from around the community joined at Noon at the Court House Lawn in Billings, Montana for this celebration of life.

It was wonderful to have the sign placed at the podium: "9-11 Celebration of Life "Under Family Under God". One of the co sponsors for this event,

a WWII veteran and Former Vice Commandant for the Marine Corps. League, did a super job in helping to organize this event and co moderate this program. He was very inspired with this theme and saw the need for all races as well as organizations to work together and respect each other.

It was a great gathering of interfaith leaders from around the community. Eight clergy and lay ministers includ-



ing the president of the local synagogue offered prayers for peace and remembrance. Twelve Ambassadors for Peace were present in which one offered the opening prayer which touched the hearts of all those attending. The gathering topped out at about 120 people in attendance taking time from their lunch hour to participate.

This gathering also included the Assistant Fire Chief who gave the key note address reflecting on his thoughts regarding September 11th, 2001. The U.S. Marshal, other firemen, police officers, and families with children participated on this sunny September afternoon.

The local media did a fine job in broadcasting this event to the entire region. The local NBC and ABC TV affiliates had excellent coverage of this event on their nightly news.

You can read more on this at www.msmbc.msn.com/id/20731763/.

The Billings Gazette, the regional paper covering Eastern Mon-

tana and parts of Wyoming, North and South Dakota, placed an excellent article of the event on their front page titled "A nation remembers". You can access this article at www.billingsgazette.com.

At one point on the local TV news, the co-chair of the ACLC MT is speaking with the words displayed next to her, "One Family Under God". Certainly, the spirit of uplifting promoting peace was certainly there. We have been

sponsoring this event since the day of 9-11 when clergy and friends asked Pastor Mike what we should do. His reply was to gather and pray. We have gathered each year since then in prayer and seeking God to continue to be with our nation. As the Universal Peace Federation continues in its work to encourage rallies to promote an Abel United Nation, we pray that such rallies as reported here can touch on the spirit and heart of this heavenly and providential time.

We are very grateful for our District Director Rev. Krishnek for his wisdom and guidance on such projects and the incredible heart and desire for peace so sincerely expressed by our founder Father and Mother Moon. Finally, this writer is so grateful for the families of our local church (Martin, DiLorenzo, Thiessen, Cassiano, King, Ververde, Mauldin) as well as the pastor's wife who all work so hard from hauling chairs, canopy and tables, baking cookies to helping with greetings to clean up (that is always so vital and seldom acclaimed) which made this event such a success. ❖

Announcement

On December 1, 2007, a special banquet to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the 1607 settlement of Jamestown will be held in Norfolk, Virginia, at the Airport Holiday Inn. The event will be co-sponsored by Women In Ministry of American Clergy Leadership Conference, Women's Federation for World Peace, Native American Leadership Alliance, and Universal Peace Federation.

Women clergy and clergy wives of many denominations will gather for two days prior to pray, pause and reflect on the significance of this Jamestown colony to our twenty-first century America. It was here that the first English settlement was established on lands that had been inhabited for millennia by Native Americans. The first African captives to come to North America arrived at Jamestown in 1619.



We cannot rewrite the tragic chapters of history, but the future is a blank slate.

As we observe this jubilee year at the dawn of a new millennium what could be more fitting than an observance of reconciliation, renewal, forgiveness and healing?

To truly honor all our ancestors and the tremendous price that was paid to build this nation, a special invitation is extended to women of Colonial descent and women of Native American ancestry to cross a symbolic bridge of peace and join together to create a bright new future for all children of this great nation.

Delegates will be traveling from all 50 states and even England. We would like to invite many Native American dignitaries as our guests of honor. Please consider sponsoring a delegate from your area. Tickets are \$35.00 each or \$350.00 for a table. All donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to attend the one-day event on Dec.1 or the 3- day conference Nov.29-Dec.1, please contact the DC church for further information.


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Building Peace in a Foreign Land

by Rev. Charles Cherutich,
Cincinnati Family Church

In July 2007, there was a call for 200 Ambassadors for Peace from the United States to go to foreign countries (together with 2,000 Japanese and 2,000 Korean Ambassadors for Peace)

I decided to volunteer and immediately contacted my District Leader. He placed me on the list of volunteers. A few weeks went by, and I received a phone call from Rev. Jorg Heller in New York. He was coordinating the dispatch of these Ambassadors for Peace and wanted to know when I would be going to Kenya. I was supposed to go by September 17. It was August already, so there was little time to prepare.

I decided to go to Kenya from September 3rd to 15th, thus beating the deadline by two days!

The mission was to spread the message of peace in the chosen country.

I did not really know how this would turn out. I did not have a specific person to meet once I arrived in Kenya.

I decided I would spread the message of peace in some way, but I did not want to develop a definite plan until I met the existing Ambassadors for Peace in Kenya.



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When I arrived in Kenya, I decided to go to the FFWP office in the town of Eldoret.

Upon meeting the local Ambassadors for Peace, it became clear to me that I needed to work in the vicinity of Eldoret to spread the Peace Messages.

In Africa, most ethnic conflicts arise from seemingly insignificant disputes. Grazing land for cattle, water resources, and land boundaries are the most common sources of conflict. These small conflicts can escalate to community fights that lead to tribal and ethnic conflicts if left unchecked.

In every community, the primary responsibility for conflict resolution rests with the elders of the community and the local chief. Therefore I decided that I would promote the peace philosophy of UPF to local chiefs, subchiefs and village elders. Since most of them have experienced ethnic conflict in their lives, this was a message they could easily relate to. I also decided to visit teachers and schools.

During this year's visit, I met the village elders and chiefs individually and explained the importance of peace as the only way to progress. Peace creates stability in a community. This stability enables people to make small, incremental steps to make their lives better. I explained that the desire of God is for peaceful communities. I emphasized my role as an ambassador for Peace in America, and that our effort was primarily to

create a peaceful world.

Next year I will return to the same communities in Kenya and form local peace assemblies. Out of these assemblies will emerge Ambassadors for Peace who will be appointed national Ambassadors for Peace. This honor will go to those who demonstrate exemplarily abilities in peacemaking at the grass roots!❖

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Bay Area ACLC 'Dream' Peace Service

by Rev. David Rosenblum
and Rev. Bento Leal

More than 70 people got up early Saturday morning, August 11, 2007, to join in one or both of two high-spirited programs, as the American Clergy Leadership Conference and Service for Peace joined forces. The ACLC prayer breakfast was held at the New Life Church of God in Christ, in Oakland. And, just a few blocks away in the adjoining neighborhoods, ACLC co-sponsored a concurrent Martin Luther King Day and Season of Service cleanup and beautification project, organized and run by Service for Peace.

We started the morning on a nice note – as we enjoyed a delicious and lovingly prepared breakfast. After that, we climbed the stairs to the beautiful sanctuary for the program where Bishop Andre Jackson, a key national and local ACLC leader and pastor of Carriage Hills Community Church, once again served admirably in the role of MC. His words set the stage perfectly: "Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for equality, justice and community service. We're here today to commit ourselves to that vision, and through service, to energize and uplift our communities. Service should become our character—something we do all the time."

Opening the official program was a beautiful song "Now is the Time for a Change," by Mr. Amin Waid. Rev. Carla Jackson followed with the Goals and Objectives of ACLC. She not only read, but shared God's heart in an intimate fashion as the audience read along. With Pastor Carla still onstage, Rev. David Rosenblum then encouraged and inspired attendees to join in with ACLC as we move forward together to serve our communities and be the voice of the prophet and conscience to our nation's leadership.

The main presentation was given by Mr. Bill Richie, a local leader and organizer of the Martin Luther King Service for Peace community beautification and cleanup projects. His talk was heartfelt as he shared that the volunteers of Service for Peace—by working on multiple projects throughout the area—have helped create a consciousness and culture of service that lasts all year long." Mr. Richie then showed an audiovisual presentation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day and Season of Service through which we were urged to keep the "Dream" alive of Dr. King's August 28, 1963, message. And what better way to do so than through the service project in the nearby streets going on that very moment? As Coretta Scott King had said, the best way to honor her husband, Dr. King, is not only by celebration, remembrance, education and tribute, but above all by service.

Bishop Andre and his co-pastor wife, Carla, then introduced Rev. Alain and SiewLian Leroy to explain and lead the Marriage Blessing Ceremony, inviting all of the couples, including the singles, to participate. For many regular prayer breakfast participants, this is one of the most meaningful parts of each event, and this was no exception!

Next, the host pastor, Rev. Daniel Stevens, greeted everyone warmly, thanking all for participating. "The Bible," he preached, "tells us that 'right-

eousness exalts a nation.' Our community is built on individuals and families, and if families don't do right, the nation and community will go down. So it's so important for families to be strong and serve together. Martin Luther King Season of Service is an opportunity for our churches, mosques, and other places of worship to come together with the same purpose—to serve and make our community better." He went on to say that the doors of his church will always be open for us to hold any future prayer breakfasts and other faith programs.

Afterwards more than a half dozen of us prayer breakfast participants changed into our tennis shoes, removed our ties, and rolled up our sleeves in order to help the cleanup Martin Luther King service project. Rakes, dustpans, brooms and garbage bags were ready and waiting for us as we hit the local street surrounding the church where we had been enjoying both the physical and spiritual food a short time prior to this.

After the service cleanup had concluded (it started at 9 am and ended at noon), most of the volunteers met to have some refreshments. Mr. Noel Gallo of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Department sincerely thanked the volunteers who had worked so hard as we began to enjoy some pizza and soda afterwards in the church where the prayer breakfast had taken place a few hours ago.

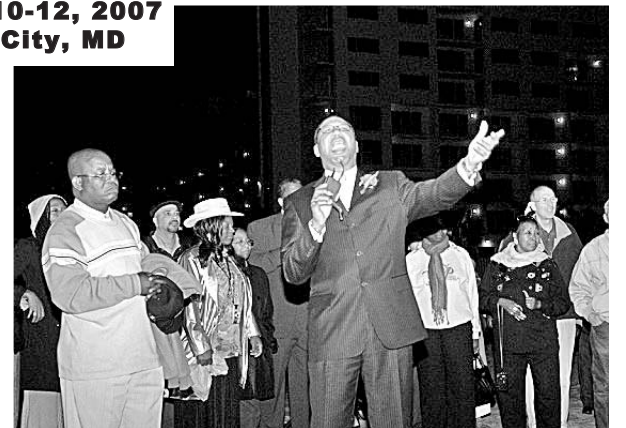
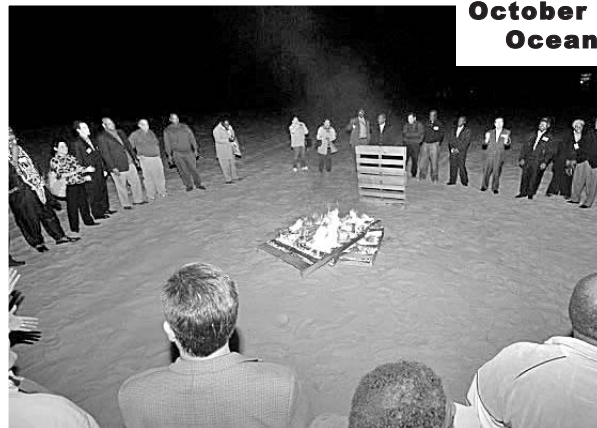
As we were enjoying our concluding snack together, Mr. Markus von Euw, director of Service for Peace and principal coordinator of Martin Luther King Season of Service reflected, "This is such a wonderful thing for young people to do—serve the community. Instead of sitting at home on a Saturday morning, they're picking up the trash on the sidewalks and streets, inspiring others to do the same." Naomi Schmidt, an 18-year old, smiled as she mentioned that, "As young people, we dedicate a lot of time to ourselves, so it's good to think about the bigger purpose and do something positive for the community. There's a lot of talking—this is love in action." Vinnie Hagen, also 18 years old, said, "Even though I don't live in this neighborhood, I believe that anywhere I go is my home. This street where I'm standing right now is 'my home' in this

moment, so I want to keep it clean—that's my attitude." Ernie Mims, one of the SFP organizers, said, "Transformation is the key word. By transforming the community through service, you transform yourself. People looking out their windows see the cleaning that's going on in their street and are stimulated to come out and help. It's like a domino effect."

Social service is one of ACLC's fundamental three pillars, and in the San Francisco Bay Area we look forward to partnering together with Service for Peace and the Martin Luther King Day and Season of Service volunteers on a consistent basis as we substantially serve our communities and those of our clergy friends. ❖



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IN MEMORIAM

Hyeshik Schanker

Seung Hwa Ceremony report and reflection by Rev. Michael Jenkins

We received word from Dr. Yang that Father spoke about Mrs. Hyeshik Schanker and that her passing had a providential meaning. Father said that she, along with an important Ambassador for Peace from the United Kingdom, were called upon by God to make an offering at this time in history for the launch of the Abel U.N. The love that was established by Reverend and Mrs. Schanker and their four children, together with this providential calling, made the experience of Mrs. Schanker's Seung Hwa ceremony on October 11, 2007, at the national cathedral of the Family Church of America in Washington, D.C., one of the most uplifting and deeply edifying experiences of the meaning of the Blessing and eternal life that I have ever witnessed.

The experience of love as the family gathered around Mrs. Schanker just before the service as Dr. Yang, our continental director prayed was the internal beginning of this beautiful transition process. Mrs. Caroline Betancourt, Vice President of WFWP USA, was the master of ceremonies. The service began with "Song of the Garden." Rev. Randall Francis, District Director, gave a beautiful invocation, and the scripture reading from I Cor. 15-45-49 was read by New England District Director Rev. Richard Buessing. Mrs. Alexa Ward, President of the WFWP-USA, read Mrs. Schanker's beautiful biography, which was then translated into Korean by Mrs. Sook-il Seipp.

It is meaningful that Mrs. Schanker was born in Byeong Cheon city in southern Choonam province in Korea, the birthplace of Yoo Gwan Soon, the Korean patriot who was martyred as a schoolgirl during the independence movement of 1919. From the moment we heard that such a significant person came from her birthplace, we couldn't help but feel that somehow she was chosen to walk this path of sacrifice as a patriot of Cheon Il Guk and a saint for all humanity.

The testimonies shared throughout the service confirmed this. Mrs. Schanker was single-minded, absolutely pure, and totally dedicated to God, True Parents, her family, and all brothers and sisters. She did so much to teach Korean to many members of the community. Though family members usually have a limited role in the homegoing transition service of their loved ones, this day was different. Ben Schanker, the eldest son and second child of the Schanker family, sang a beautiful song he had written for his mother. Though he struggled to overcome the tears and sadness, Ben expressed his own and his brothers' and sister's immense love for their mother. Called "Pardon the Fear," it conveyed the children's hope to live up to their mother's standard and desire for them:

"And all her selfless ways of doing everything for another; I can't but be afraid to lose her... I hope I have become

what you find endearing. Please pardon my fears."

I was asked to give a message as president of the FFWPU-USA. Even as I write this, I come to tears again over what I saw in the Schanker family during the course of this trial. As I wrote in earlier messages, I've never been so moved as when I saw Reverend Schanker as a true husband and true father unifying his children to give absolute support and inspiration to their mother when she was struck by the illness that would eventually be the cause of her transition. Surrounding her hospital bed in the ICU, they were singing songs and encourag-

ingly cause me to shed tears.

They are a representative family from our national headquarters, and they elevate the dignity, honor, and meaning of being a Blessed Central Family. It could be said that they all made the transition together as they came together with one heart.

I called on Dr. Tyler Hendricks, president of Unification Theological Seminary, to read a letter from Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, International President of FFWPU. Reverend Kwak wrote, "Hyeshik is a great example for all women, for more than anything she devoted herself to the attendance of True Parents and True Family,



ing their Omma to continue to be strong. The doctors indicated that Mrs. Schanker could hear everything they said, though her illness prevented her giving any response other than opening her eyes.

Mi-ae, precious daughter and eldest child, immediately gave up her studies for a semester to be at her mother's bedside 24 hours a day. The warmth and love with which Reverend Schanker received Dr. Yang and me, and his absolute trust in God, with an incredible heart of gratitude for whatever journey God had prescribed for him and his family—there was no wavering or doubt about his faith but only a clear, compassionate, loving resolve to give everything for True Parents and for his wife and children's mother, to give her the best possible opportunity to recover. Those two memories for me immedi-

and to fulfilling the four great realms of heart. As a Korean, she devoted herself to America. We can say that she gave her life for America... Just as she so often attended True Parents and True Family... she will continue that same standard of attendance in the spiritual world... [where] she will be a source of inspiration and support."

Then I myself read a letter from Jerusalem from Prof. Eliezer Glaubach, chairman of the Foerder Institute. I testified to the love I experienced with the Schanker family, and also read True Father's words from the Cheon Seong Gyeong about how each and every person must get three certificates to successfully pass into the heavenly realm. These have to be secured on three levels, including Jesus' approval and God's

approval. True Father proclaimed upon hearing of Mrs. Schanker's passing that she had successfully passed into the highest realm with total safety and security.

Our sister Hyeshik gained Jesus' support and approval because she came from Korea and gave her life for America, marrying an American and creating an American family. She loved Christianity, and she loved America. Therefore, she goes to the spirit world with Jesus' love and approval. She received God's approval because of her Blessing, having successfully grafted into the lineage of heaven. It was so evident during the 33 days of her illness, and at the ceremony, that the four realms of heart—parental love, conjugal love, siblings' love, and children's love—have all been established in the Schanker family. Though tears were flowing and we could not help feeling sad at her passing, we also felt joy and happiness over the victorious life she lived. I concluded with an overwhelming sense of the true value and meaning of our lives because flesh and blood will not remain.

At the time when we cross the bridge over into the next world, we will realize that the only thing that is truly substantial and real is the true love that we have established within our family. True love is substantial and eternal, and in time only grows in beauty. The most important element of God's and True Parents' tradition was substantially revealed through Mrs. Schanker's Seung Hwa, and that was that the Schanker family had created the bond of true love, and therefore they will never separate. I walked over to Reverend Schanker and gave him Rev. Kwak's letter, and in tears we embraced and said to each other, I love you.

Then Archbishop George Stallings, co-president of the ACLC, came forward and testified to Reverend Schanker and the central role he has played with the Christian clergy of the ACLC as well as with our work in the Middle East, and also for him personally as a Blessed Central Family. He shared that Rev. Schanker has touched his life so deeply with God's love and truth, and strengthened him on this path. Testifying to the

genuine, eternal love he saw in this family, he assured Reverend Schanker it would of course go on forever. "You are not a widower," he noted.

Mrs. Yoshimi Kadota, who lived with the Schankers when they pastored the Washington Family Church, gave a musical offering. Her rich operatic voice resonated with the beautiful Korean lyric song, "Kagopa."

The Seung Hwa address was given by Dr. Yang, continental director of FFWPU-USA.

He spoke in Korean for the benefit of many Korean members who had come from out of town, making it something the entire Korean movement can really appreciate and benefit from, in the native

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language of our True Parents. The historic record of this transition will be forever held in the highest place of the Blessed Central Family tradition. Mr. Tim Elder translated, giving a beautiful and complete summary of Dr. Yang's address.

Dr. Yang spoke of Mrs. Schanker's incredible purity and attitude of service to True Parents. She had always worked night and day when they came to Washington, preparing and serving meals and helping with arrangements for True Parents to really be welcomed on their many visits. There were humorous moments when Dr. Yang talked about her single-minded and uncompromising nature, especially when it came to caring for True Parents. She would approach him about something she wanted to have happen that she felt would be better. First, she would call; then, she would call twice more. Then she would write him a letter; then she would call again, then find out where he was and arrive to speak to him directly. With the congregation sharing tears and laughter at the same time, he said what many who knew Mrs. Schanker also experienced, "There was no escape. I had to surrender." But the time she was most single-minded was when she was trying to help God and True Parents.

Dr. Yang also shared that such important people working on the national level never make such a crucial transition by chance or coincidence. The time was right, and she had been chosen. The way she became ill and spent 33 days before the transition was in many ways difficult but also was a blessing because it meant that the family had time to adjust to what was to come. They had time to express to their mother their profound attitude of love and heart. We were amazed to learn that Mrs. Schanker had just completed nearly 40 chapters of her testimony for a Korean website for Blessed Families, sending the final chapter just one week before she was struck down. These are now being translated into English and will be published in book form soon. The final chapter, which sounds almost like a

farewell message, was read during the ceremony.

Next was a video presentation prepared by Joshua Schanker and Will Stein, titled "A Life of Love." Again the tears flowed in the congregation that had jam-packed our national church. Images of the Schanker family were so beautiful, from the time of their Blessing, when they were in their 20s and not much older than their children are now. How beautiful they are together. To watch their family life move forward from the Blessing through times with True Parents, with brothers and sisters, doing church work, the birth of their children, celebrating birthdays, walking the journey of life together—how beautiful is the Blessed Family of God, watching the children grow up through this presentation, graduating from high school, then going to college, seeing their amazing life unfold. As we shed tears, we also felt a sense of how beautiful their family life is, and how wonderful that they could present it through pictures and music.

The music chosen as the background also brought tears. "Fields of Gold," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "You Raise Me Up" and other songs made us all feel pure and innocent before God. We have been going through our lives as Blessed Central Families with such intensity, trying to fulfill our responsibilities to bless our communities, strengthen their families, and save the nation and the world. But often we don't realize how precious each and every moment with our family is, how important our time together is.

Testimonies came from Mrs. Choon Boon Morton, Mrs. Betsy Bonini, Mrs. Sheila (Song) Hrysyuk, Mrs. Nohsook Elder, and Mi-ae Schanker. Mi-ae spoke with tears about her mother's nature of love and heart, and how she raised the children with a strong sense of identity and total focus. Mi-ae's testimony should be broadcast to the whole world. She testified how her mother taught her to cook and prepared her for her own family life with her husband, Chris Stein. Mi-ae testified about her brothers, how much they loved their mother, and about her father. She told about how her mother's all-consuming focus was on what was good and

right, so much so that even when Mi-ae felt she had other things to focus on, when her mother asked for her support, she could not resist. Mi-ae demonstrated what it means to have filial piety.

As Mi-ae and Ben stood with their spouses, together with David and Josh, we could feel there is hope because the lineage of heaven has been established and the family will expand and grow.

The service concluded with a song by Reverend Schanker, "How Can I Tell You That I Love You?" We will never forget that beautiful moment when our true brother, true husband of Hyeshek, sang this beautiful song for her at her transition. We were moved by the heart of this moment. He then took a moment to testify that he felt God's hand upon him and his family every step of the way and how grateful he is. "I am the luckiest man," he shared.

Then the immediate family, local and national leadership offered flowers. We sang "Shining Fatherland" together, and Dr. Yang gave the benediction. Pallbearers came forward, including key leaders, along with Dr. Yang, for Mrs. Schanker's service had come to a close and we made the journey to the Won Jeon for the final dedication and prayer, and a message by Rev. Levy Daugherty.

Hyeshek Schanker's Testimony

Published on Korean Website on August 29, 2007. Translated by Choon Boon Morton, who read it at Hyeshek's Seung Hwa ceremony on October 11, 2007

Ah U Ne, Byeong Cheon Myeon, Cheonan City, Southern Choong Cheong Province. That was the place of my birth.

When the Shepherd's Purse and fresh green lettuce sprang forth from the earth in the early spring,

In my white starched-collar uniform I entered Ah U Ne middle school.

Ah U Ne junior high was founded by Principal Nam Ung Kim, of the Andong Kim clan, which was my ancestor Kim's clan.

It was 1969 when I joined the Unification Church, and I was only 16!

I didn't know what God's will was then,

but already 38 years have passed. How time flies.

Sometimes I look back and feel I miss that nice-looking young girl.

But now I have the great gift of the title "Blessed Central Family." I know I am truly blessed!

With sincere and earnest heart I tried to follow God's will, but I can't hide my shame that I didn't do enough.

The precious time as a Seong Hwa student, the time of attendance for True Parents, my time of pioneering, and later the mobilization—these were the most precious moments!

As I think back on these difficult times, they have become the most valuable and precious food for my soul.

To be honest, I know that God uses people with shortcomings, and our Father makes the weak into strong people.

Following God's will, I have received many blessings and grace, and I learned how to be grateful.

And I know I have received far more than I expected:

—That my children are good students, and I am a school principal...

—Especially the survival and strong health of my husband, after his life-and-death

fight with cancer,

—And that he works so hard in a public mission is the grace and blessing of our Father...

More than anything, living with such blessings and grace, this is the time of my happiness.

We received an international Blessing in 1982. This is the 30th anniversary of our matching and 25th (silver) anniversary of our Marriage Blessing.

During our life together, we gave birth to one daughter who is internally and externally beautiful, as well as three strong and solid sons. And we have received the gifts of a handsome son-in-law and beautiful daughter-in-law.

What greater blessing can you find than this! We are deeply grateful to God and True Parents for this amazing grace.

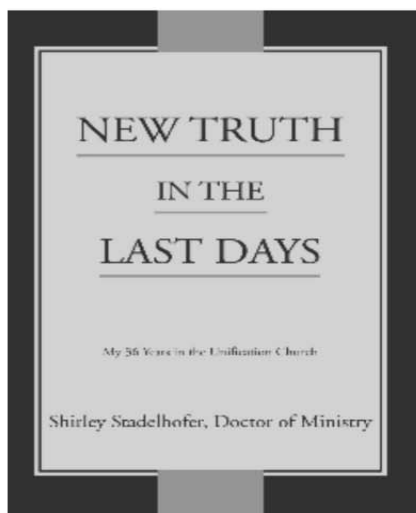
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UTS Labyrinth Elicits Calm and Balance

This was written by Allison Friedman for the Poughkeepsie Journal after a visit to the UTS labyrinth.

The night I walked the labyrinth had the feel of eerie. The full moon hung in the sky, the summer air smelled autumnal, and the dark felt dense and moist. My intention to walk this strange, circular path felt wondrous and mysterious.

Sound strange and spooky? It was, a little. It turned out to be a remarkable experience of understanding and increased self-knowledge. The labyrinth, while stunning in its simplicity, was, unexpectedly, a profoundly nourishing experience.

A labyrinth is a circular, one-way maze-like path that has been used by spiritual seekers since the ancients. In a labyrinth, unlike a maze, there is only one way to go; one simply follows the path in, then out. For some, walking the labyrinth is a form of prayer; for others, it is a symbolic journey to the self, represented by reaching the center of the path.

For me, it began as something interesting to do.

The day of my labyrinth experience I was finding myself to be sort of ... tilted. I could not find my balance - at yoga, in my checkbook, in the complications of a busy life. I was preoccupied with this lack of balance - it made me feel as though I was riding on a seesaw of commitments and expectations. I hoped the labyrinth would, at the very least, be distracting.

I was feeling an inexplicable adrenaline rush as my friends and I drove to Barrytown, where The Peace Center of the Unification Theological Seminary has its labyrinth gardens. When we arrived, that feeling quieted almost immediately. We all fell silent. Our labyrinth experience had begun.

Oddly, as we approached, I got a little scared. What was I doing here? I really did not know. I had been invited and agreed to go there utterly spontaneously. I felt as if I was guided there, and I allowed myself to just ... go with it.

The docent of the labyrinth was a kind and soft-spoken woman who spoke with a brogue. She offered to cleanse us by "smudging" us with smoke from a wand of burning sage. She encouraged us to think of an issue we might want our labyrinth experience to inform. I flashed on my dreaded balancing act.

Our docent gently explained there is only one path in a labyrinth, only one way to go. Flaming torches lit the way, and the path was articulated by flat, stone bricks laid out in an unfolding circular line, unbroken yet somehow convoluted.

The labyrinth walk would take about an hour. As you walk, you are guided deeper into the middle of the labyrinth, then out, then in again until you reach one of the four symbolic "poles" or the center of the labyrinth. The poles and center are places to pause if you wish to reflect. We were encouraged to notice if we felt drawn to any particular area.

Each pole of the labyrinth represented certain energies and human traits. The center had a number of little "shrines" that represented various aspects of the universe. The docent suggested we let

the experience of the labyrinth guide us, and then she encouraged us to ... walk.

I watched the labyrinth walkers for a moment; I was still a little scared. They looked normal. The walkers were silent and polite; the etiquette of passing and honoring each other was implied. People walked slowly, mindfully. My first steps, as I began my walk, were cautious.

The docent had told us many people experience different "stages" in a labyrinth walk. This was true for me. Walking in, I felt tentative, my mind somersaulting, unbalanced, focused on not interrupting or intruding upon the other walkers' experience. Within a few minutes, I was feeling very calm, and it was clear this experience was about finding my elusive balance.

Answers revealed
The path, though perfectly circular, turned and guided me in every direction. I felt a definite pull toward one area. I discovered I was drawn to the south, and the qualities associated with this pole were ... exactly like me. Ease of speech. Comfort with the written word. Fiery, spirited, impulsive, loving. The south is associated with the color red, which I was wearing!

I tried to keep a spacious mind for

any answers or ideas that might need room to enter. When I approached the center, I felt as though I had been given a strange



but useful gift. I lingered a little there, finding myself quietly drawn to the "shrines" honoring humanity and the mysteries of the universe.

I realized, then, suddenly, that I had a perfect solution to the issue of being unbalanced. The solution appeared to me, fully formed, without any fanfare. The answer was just there, in the recognition of tools I had forgotten I possessed: asking for help, delegating, letting a few things wait a little, assessing whether my expectations of myself were reasonable or not. All of a sudden, I felt spectacularly relieved. Clear. Infused with energy.

I marveled at this as I continued, enjoying the dark and the inky night sky. I felt a strange kinship with the other walkers. I walked differently now: a gentle warrior, fully balanced on my feet. I did not want my labyrinth walk to end.

But it did. There were no more twists or turns. I had come full circle. I was fully peaceful, grounded, balanced. Something had shifted, in some imperceptible way, in my little corner of the universe.

Would I walk another labyrinth? I fully intend to. It is a rare and wonderful thing when there is only one path to take. Rare, and truly wonderful. ♦

The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race

by Theodore Verheven

Teddy Verheven was sent as a lone missionary in 1965 from Los Angeles to Holland (his country of birth), by the leader of the Unified Family, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

This writing not only explains the purification and development of the inner personality (moral and intellectual), but also the unfoldment of the innermost spark, by awakening and feeding the growing soul with the Love and Truth of God.

For more detail, go to: "The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race" on AtlasBooks.com - "Category" Biblical Studies or Body, Mind, Spirit. See Summary and Testimony and click on "excerpt" for Foreward and 10 pages of Table of Contents.

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RYS Interfaith Work in Netherlands

Bridging the gap between religious and cultural differences" was the motto which brought 20 young people from different cultures and faiths together in Utrecht, The Netherlands for an interfaith service project. Beginning July 28, it was a 10-day project organized by Youth Service Initiative, a youth volunteer group and Religious Youth Service, an international, interfaith organization and was carried out in partnership with the city of Utrecht and supported by Kerk en Wereld.

The project aimed at providing an opportunity for these young people from different faiths to serve the local community and, in doing so, to come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the faiths of the other participants. The participants worked with the local Social Center, Doenja Dienstverlening, to create a peace mosaic at a playground in Kanaleneiland, a neighborhood with a bad reputation in Utrecht, and also at De Paraplu, a center for handicapped people. These projects stimulated the participants to unite and gave the group an opportunity to connect with the local neighborhood, working with children, youth and handicapped adults at the project site. Working together for one week on these artistic projects brought everyone closer together and engendered deep friendships among the participants and local residents.

After six days of investment and effort,

the participants and the local community gathered for an "Intercultural Evening" together, offering performances from their own cultures for each other. This became a special bonding experience that served to harmonize and inspire all attending. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment ranging from national children's songs to national anthems, from plays to an intercultural cooking show and from classical piano to rock 'n roll dancing! It was an evening of uniting through our diversity and everyone truly experienced what every culture enjoys the most—happiness, laughter and joy.

The other aspects of the program also focused on fulfilling the motto of gaining deeper interfaith understanding and appreciation. Each day began with morning meditation on a spiritual or religious quote, with each participating youth then sharing how the quote related to his or

her own faith. The group also had the chance to visit several places of worship, including the Domkerk and the Mosque Al Farouq in Utrecht, a Hindu Temple in Den Haag and a Buddhist Temple in Amsterdam. By participating in a Buddhist meditation, and later having a dialogue session with other youth in the Mosque, the young people could deepen their understanding of these different traditions and beliefs. And to further encourage dialogue, we traveled using the "FORUM

Discussion Bus," which allowed the group to discuss some burning topics regarding faith, and life in a multicultural society. These discussions continued throughout our daily educational activities, which were focused on conflict management, communication skills, and personal character development. All of these experiences served to provide the young people with tools that would enable them to become agents of constructive change in their respective communities.

To close the project, we spent the last day in the peaceful surroundings of Reeuwijk. This was our reflection day, which incorporated a long boat ride on a beautiful lake, an interlude especially conducive to each of the participants digesting and appreciating the impact that he or she had had in the community. This project was made possible thanks to the Paraplu, Doenja, Kerk en Wereld, the Gemeente of Utrecht, the Moskee Al Farouq in Overvecht, FORUM, the Sewa Dham community, and the Fgs He Hua Temple who supported it. Email: info@religiousyouthservice.org ❖



RYS India: 100,000 Signatures for Peace

by Shine Jose

As a prelude to the International Day for Peace, which fell on Sept. 21, the RYS-Chennai, India, in association with Gandhian Institutions initiated a Signature Campaign for Peace (September 8 - 19). In the 1960s the world saw the development of a Peace Movement; however, it lacked the understanding of the meaning of global selfless love, and the movement developed towards individualism. In contrast, RYS Chennai hopes to create a new platform for peace. As a fresh new episode in the history of peace building, RYS Chennai organized the Peace Signature Campaign with 100,000 students in colleges and universities in and around Chennai, India, professing the need to "live for the sake of others."

Nearly 1,000,000 signatures were collected on the Peace Banners displayed in various universities and institutions as an ushering-in of a new world of peace and, in this way emphasizing altruism as the new paradigm for fomenting peace.

Besides students, RYS Chennai involved professors and teachers in conducting the program in an appropriate manner. Many prominent individuals, NGOs, CBOs, and many others participated. The colleges and universities were most cooperative in allowing the Peace Signature Campaign, thus helping to promote a greater awareness of the meaning of "True" Peace.



This initiative marks the beginning of a new success story in India.

Talks were arranged for the students to elaborate on the meaning of peace in today's world and introduced them to the vision for becoming effective Ambassadors for Peace. Every signature collected goes toward the enhancement

of the status for peace.

RYS Chennai hopes that this model peace activity will evolve into a worldwide movement toward the realization of global peace - as "One World under God". ❖

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Why Good & Bad Things Happen to All People

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks

The lesson of the Scriptures (see sidebar) is that there is a cosmic justice: Good given does return good, and evil given does return evil. Each one of us receives exactly what we give. John Lennon coined the term "instant karma." Father Moon has emphasized in various speeches in recent years.

Sometimes bad things happen to good people. Sometimes good things happen to bad people. Recently a friend of ours published a book entitled *Why Good Things Happen to Good People*. So if we add the fact that bad things do happen to bad people, we've got all the bases covered. It seems to me that things both good and bad happen to all people, and there are two things to say about that right off the bat. One, because we all are both good and evil. Two, because sometimes we mistake good things for bad, and bad for good.

Seeming misfortune can turn out to have been good fortune. There is the tale of the farmer for whom a series of misfortunes led to his son breaking his leg, but then the son was not taken away by an army passing through, to a battle in which all the men were killed.

The lesson is to be grateful no matter what happens. Why? Because whatever happens is linked to your past. It is the result of your past deeds. It may be a benefit; it may be a liability, or seem one or the other. I've often been rather despondent over some state of affairs, and then someone would come along and cast a new light on it, and my thinking would change. So no matter whether you think it is for the better or the worse, be grateful and act for the benefit of others, with love and sacrifice. Your response to whatever comes is the cause of what will happen to you in the future.

And no one controls your response but you. It is the realm in which you and I have complete autonomy. Whatever lack of autonomy we feel is of our own doing; mostly habits, emotional conditions, unresolved experiences, fears, what Hyung Jin Moon calls "thought trains," and so forth. We always have



the freedom to love and sacrifice. These virtues open the path to restore the relationship between people in the love of Christ. On this foundation of love between people, the way is opened to restore our relationship with God. This was the main purpose of all the teachings and deeds of Jesus. Jesus said, "For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." (Mt. 7:2 NKJV) He said, "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (Mt. 7:12 NKJV)

Jesus taught love and sacrifice, and he lived it. Jesus came with love and sacrifice to give all that he had to humankind, even offering his life. If we turn to him in faith, we will "not perish but have eternal life."

Ashes fly back into the face of him who throws them. *Yoruba Proverb*

For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. *Hosea 8:7*

The imprudent man is consumed by his own deeds. *Dhammapada 136 (Buddhism)*

Whatever affliction may visit you is for what your own hands have earned. *Qur'an 42:30*

As you plan for somebody, so God plans for you. *Igbo Proverb*

I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. *Jeremiah 17:10*

There are no special doors for calamity and happiness; they come as men themselves call them. *Treatise on Response and Retribution 1-2 (Taoism)*

Jesus gave sacrificial love, but bad things happened to him. Why? Because his very presence, his outreach, his words and deeds, placed a demand on others. In a similar way, my wife's presence places a demand on me. My child's presence places a demand on me. Jesus represented God's demand on us all, the demand that we love one another unconditionally. My neighbor's presence places a demand on me. Who is my neighbor? The most difficult one to love, is my neighbor. How am I doing? I'm doing as well as the next guy, except of course if the next guy happens to be the Messiah.

Jesus demanded that people enter into a relationship of perfect love with him. Love that the world has never seen. Complete trust, like children. Put down your nets and follow me, he said. Leave others to bury your father, and follow me. Give all you have to the poor, and follow me. He asked for unconditional, selfless devotion, obedience, sacrifice to him. Not to the Temple, not to the accepted, anointed, appointed, approved and official priests, but to him.

He went against the religious system. Your Temple is fine, he said; your Roman Empire is fine, go ahead and pay your taxes, but it is not enough! You need me, because you are evil. Read Mt 7:11: "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children..." Jesus said we all are evil, even though we give good things to our children. Giving good things to our children doesn't mean we're good. So we're not going to get to Heaven by explaining how we did give good things to our children, as far as Jesus is concerned! That is a radical teaching.

Jesus, like all the great religious founders, prophets, and saints, was like the policeman whose directions pre-empt the normal rules of the road. But he didn't have a uniform or a badge. The only people who would follow him were those who caught a glimpse of that love and who had some feeling that the rules were wrong and that the road was going nowhere anyway, and there's a huge wreck coming if we go on down this road, and were desperate to find someone to stand in the road and take responsibility for the situation.

Our True Parents, Father and Mother Moon, like all the great religious founders, prophets and saints, exemplify the same love and sacrifice and get the same response. Your UN is fine! Your food programs and environmental protection programs and anti-discrimination laws are great! But they are not enough! What they are missing is that they are not rooted in God's original love. Eternal peace cannot come without it. That is what the Messiah is all about.

Let's look at the world a century ago. Europe had enjoyed peace since the close of the Napoleonic wars. The first Parliament of the World's Religions had been held in Chicago, 1893. Technology, trade, travel were opening new horizons—just like today. Many Christians felt that the Kingdom was at hand. Then Europe plunged headlong into the carnage of the world wars, the scourges of fascism and communism destroying hundreds of millions of lives. The Messiah comes to the world to remind us that we've got to deal with the evil that lies beneath our great institutions; we have to deal with an invisible force called the evil mind in each one of us; we have to deal with Satan.

The Messiah comes to exorcise, if you will, the devil from every level, from the individual to the family, society, nation, world and Heaven and earth.

August 31, two days ago, marked the 18th anniversary of the day that Reverend Moon declared that he had accomplished that feat. It's called the Pal Jung Shik, the ceremony of the eight stages. The next day, September 1, 1989, he declared the Day of Heavenly Parentism, the dawning of the era when the world will be governed by parental love and all peoples will live as true families, as one family under God. Reverend and Mrs. Moon returned to Alaska last week, the site of those declarations, and are hosting Ambassadors for Peace from around the world to study Heavenly Parentism and meditate up its application in their spheres of influence.

This month they will come to New York City to celebrate the second anniversary of the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation on September 12. They have established a spiritually driven partner to the United Nations. Who is he to do that? He doesn't have a uniform! He has no badge! He's just standing out there in the road, trying to redirect traffic away from a train wreck. On the 21st through the 25th, he is convening a global gathering under the auspices of the Universal Peace Federation to network concerning the principles and practices that make for true peace. It is timed to coincide with the General Assembly of the United Nations. He has set forth proposals over the past few years for the UN to consider, for peace zones, for an international highway system, for an advisory council of eminent religious leaders from all the world's religions. These are excellent proposals, but what he really is about, finally, is the Messiah.

No, Reverend Moon's Universal Peace

Federation is nowhere as big as the UN; it does not have the budget or prestige or power of the UN. Many at the UN do not welcome him. His is a still, small voice telling the world to wake up, that unless we root out the curse of radical evil, Satan's selfishness, this house, this American-made, Judeo-Christian secular city seal-of-approval house, too, will fall. And this dimension of history, like it or not, has everything to do with the Messiah. It's invisible, intangible; it addresses the deep root of the human experience. He comes in the name of the Lord.

No one likes to hear this because it addresses the individual in his or her aloneness before God. Mr. Bang Ki Moon, Mr. Kim Jung Il, Mr. George W. Bush Mr. Osama bin Laden, it begins with you, personally. And it begins with Mr. Tyler Hendricks. If I am feeling a lack of love, I have to realize that I'm not giving enough love. If I'm feeling abused and mistreated, I have to realize that I've abused and mistreated others. If I think of the evil that I've done, the selfishness that has controlled my life, I live in terror of what awaits me. The recompense comes as I call it to me. It is an inexorable law, for the great and small. Jesus was under this law;

so was Buddha, so was Muhammad, so are Reverend and Mrs. Moon, and so is Satan, and so is God. So are you and I.

The core difference between God and Satan in this regard is that God bears the pain of loving and Satan does not. God keeps sacrificing and loving and Satan does



not. Satan says, stop, I've given enough. I'm not getting what I need and deserve. Too many bad things are happening to me. I'm a pretty good guy, but bad things are happening to me! And look at those others. They aren't good, but all these good things are happening to them. So, Satan decides, I'm going to put myself in the center. I am number one from now on.

God is not getting what He needs and deserves, but He decides to leave His partner, the Other, at the center. "You are number one," says God. But being God's number one is not easy. Most of the time, we actually settle for being Satan's number one. We allow him to turn the stones into false bread in exchange for bodily ease. We accept the kingdoms of the world in exchange for God's kingdom. We prefer testing God to trusting God.

Let us gain strength from the Word of God, and live for His Kingdom, and trust Him alone. The Psalmist called blessed the one who could meditate on the Law day and night. He wasn't talking about rules and regulations; he was talking about putting the Word of God first. If we can do that, then we can rise above the good things and bad things that we continually experience. We can release ourselves from the control of what happens to us, and in the face of it all, strive to be a plus in the lives of others. ♦

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Curriculum Mini-Grant Program

The Center for Education at UTS is announcing the Curriculum Mini-Grant Program . The mini-grants program offers grants between \$500

- \$1,000 for the creation of professional curricula and teaching tools for the diverse age groups within the Unification movement. The Center for Education at UTS wishes to encourage the development and publication of effective and creative curricula or teaching tools that can be used throughout the country.

There is a tremendous need for effective curricula in each of the target age groups. Currently, some centers are using the national curriculum while others have simply done their best to teach Divine Principle or the Bible or a combination of the two. Then there are other church centers that are not doing any kind of educational program because they don't have any type of curriculum or outline from which to work. Therefore, we wish to encourage those with the desire, experience or means to develop curricula that can be used in: K-6 Sunday Schools , Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries and even Adult Ministries.

In addition, there is a need to create effective teaching tools such as games, activities, specialized felt board teaching tools, dramas and similar creative tools for use in each of these ministries. Have you designed a game or teaching tool that you have found to be effective? Why not professionalize it or expand it so that others can use it?

Those who wish to apply need to review the grant requirements and submit an application. go to www.centerforeducation.net for more Grant Information and details.

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A Message from the Assistant Editor

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5 Steps to Change Bad Habits Into Good Ones

by James Claiborn, PhD

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Habits come in one of three forms - good, bad and indifferent. They are all acquired behaviors that you do often and automatically, and are difficult to change. That's especially true of bad habits. While it can seem impossible to break free of their pull, you can do it with careful thought and some work.

WHERE TO START

Make a list of the habits that concern you. Typical items include eating junk food, going to bed late, excessive shopping or Internet browsing, or interrupting others in conversation.

With list in hand, consider what each habit is doing for you. For example, habits can serve to relieve boredom, lower anxiety or create excitement. There is always a reason we hold on to a habit. The more you understand any habit, the better you can deal with it.

CREATE HABIT AWARENESS

You built your bad habit over time, and it will take time to reverse it. The process requires a series of steps.

The first step involves creating in-depth habit awareness. To achieve this, do the following about a habit you wish to break...

- ♦Keep a "habit record." Include the date and time you felt the urge to indulge, the duration of the urge and if you gave in.

- ♦Make lists of advantages and disadvantages. Under "advantages," note reasons for keeping the habit. Under "disadvantages," reasons for changing it.

- ♦When you indulge, identify what came before -- the feelings and situations that triggered the habit behavior.

- ♦What were you thinking when the habit urge hit you? To harness these automatic thoughts, slow your thinking process. Ask yourself what mental steps you made between seeing or experiencing something and the urge to eat candy, bite your nails, etc.

- ♦Example: You see candy and you think, "That would taste great" ... "I have been careful on my diet so it doesn't matter"... "I deserve a treat"... "I am weak."

DEVELOP ALTERNATE THOUGHTS

Changing your behavior involves changing the way you think. Thoughts to watch for include...

- ♦Self-pitying thoughts. "I've had such a bad day," "I'm so irritated," "I didn't deserve that." Mentally dispute these types of thoughts because they lead to feeling that you deserve to indulge.

- ♦Conclusion thoughts. "I'm no good anyway" or "I'm too weak to beat this." Eliminate these punishing thoughts by

inserting alternate conclusions such as, "I made a mistake that time."

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evidence that supports it and evidence that shows it isn't true.

- ♦Example: "I can't resist junk food." Evidence: "I ate a candy bar this afternoon." Counterevidence: "I had a healthy breakfast and a salad for lunch."

Forget the guilt. People around you may try to use guilt to entice you to change, but feeling guilty generally becomes an emotional trigger for bad habit behavior.

DEVELOP ALTERNATE BEHAVIOR

One of the most important steps in changing a habit is to develop a "competing response" -- behavior that

on, don't get paralyzed worrying if it is exactly the right thing. Just do it. You can always make adjustments later. Keep in mind the advantages of making this change, and the disadvantages you would face if you didn't make it. Finally, you're more apt to meet with success generally becomes an emotional trigger for bad habit behavior.

DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE BEHAVIOR

One of the most important steps in changing a habit is to develop a "competing response" - behavior that is incompatible with your bad habit, that you can do as often as you need and for as long as it takes for the urge to stop. You must also be able to do this without interfering with other activities.

- ♦Examples: If your bad habit is biting your nails, try clenching your fist as a competing response. When you feel the urge to bite, clench instead. If interrupting others is your bad habit, develop a mantra to repeat to yourself when you're tempted to intrude, perhaps asking yourself if the timing is appropriate, or reminding yourself to wait a few seconds to speak.

Competing responses are also helpful in making you more aware of your habit and its urges.

BUILD GOOD HABITS

Good habits are the most effective competing responses there are. Whatever challenge you decide to take on, don't get paralyzed worrying if it is exactly the right thing. Just do it. You can always make adjustments later. Keep in mind the advantages of making this change, and the disadvantages you would face if you didn't make it. Finally, you're more apt to meet with success if you keep it simple and convenient.

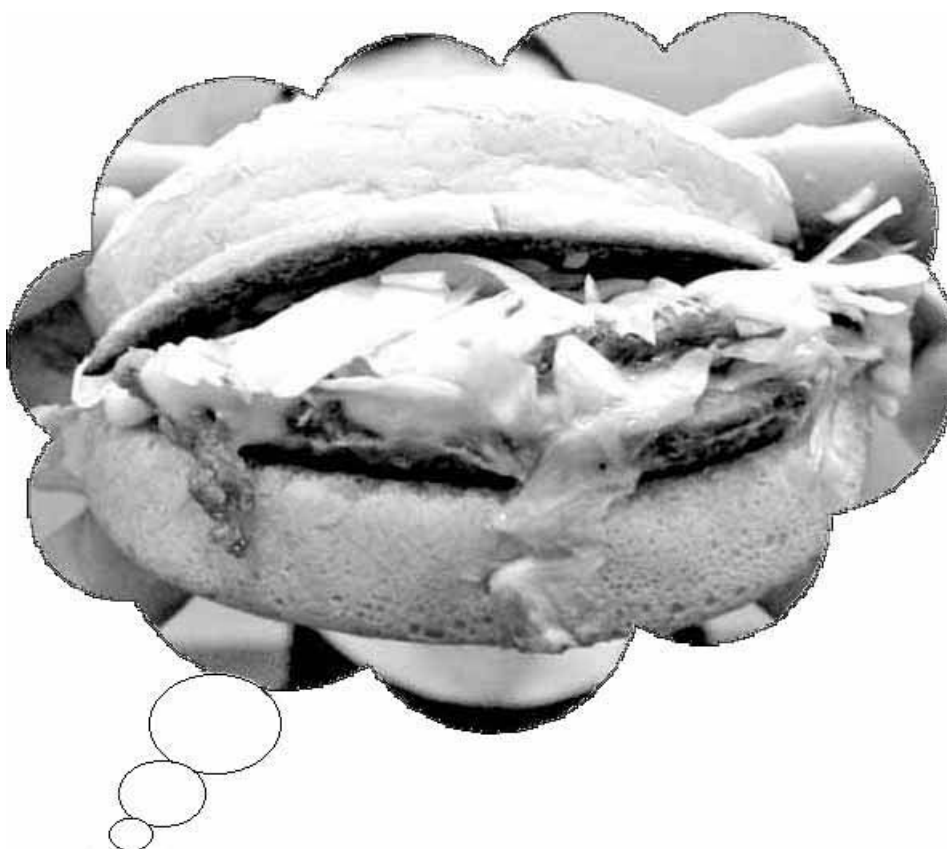
- ♦Example: You've decided to stop watching so much television and instead become more physically fit. Rather than joining the elaborate gym 40 minutes from your home, go for the no-frills gym that is five minutes away.

Remember, while the payoff for good habits is long term, it takes time to reach it. To stay inspired on the journey, make a list of reminders about what you are doing and why. Keep a journal of your progress. Writing is a powerful way to reinforce efforts.

- ♦Strategy: Add to your sense of accomplishment by putting colored stars next to your markers of improvement.

EVALUATE LAPSES

Sometimes you'll slip. If you remember that a lapse does not a relapse make, your bounce back will be easier. Evaluate what was going on at the time of your lapse, and what thoughts or situations triggered your behavior. Learn from it and you'll be stronger the next time. ❖



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- ♦Conclusion thoughts. "I'm no good anyway" or "I'm too weak to beat this." Eliminate these punishing thoughts by inserting alternate conclusions such as, "I made a mistake that time." Alternate conclusions don't punish. They draw you closer to finding new ways to behave.

- ♦"Should" thoughts. "Should" statements such as, "I should be able to quit this," are destructive. By substituting alternate thoughts such as, "I would be better off if I didn't do this," you open the avenue to change. "Should" thoughts reflect all-or-nothing thinking, which is rarely compatible with reality.

- ♦Harmful-belief thoughts. These are defeating thoughts, such as, "I can't resist chocolate," that lead to, "I have no control over my behavior." To overcome them, keep a record of the basic harmful belief along with

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Halloween 2007: Belvedere

On Saturday, October 27th, 2007 at 5pm to 9pm, Blessed children gathered at Agora House for the annual Halloween Bash! This was the very first time the annual Halloween Party was held in Belvedere. It was organized cooperatively with the WestRock Youth Ministry parents and staff and the staff of New Jersey's GO program and NYC's youth group with tremendous help from the BCP group. Over 200 people attended from ages 12 and up, some even came from Bridgeport, Red Hook, and also as far as Maryland, Chicago, and Wisconsin.

The booths that were set up included face-painting, "Whack a BC", Doughnut Eating Contest, and "Guess

the Body Organ." The much anticipated and popular Halloween Trail was hosted by our New Jersey brothers and sisters. We had performances by Jasun Feddema's

entertainment, like a limbo contest, costume contest, and talent show. Overall, it was a fun-filled event where our BC brothers and sisters from all over could gather together and "get

<http://picasaweb.google.com/richardsp/102707HalloweenParty>

The 2nd Gen Blessed Family Association (BFA) hosted a Post Luck Dinner Halloween Party that same

night at the Belvedere Training Center for babies, toddlers and children 10 years and younger. The invitation was open to the greater West Rock Community. They had a Costume Contest for both children and parents, Pumpkin Carving and Painting as well as a Children's Lantern Walk.

The party was a great way to bring the younger blessed children together and

a great excuse for bringing parents, both first and second generation, together for fun and games. ❖



Beauty and Her Prince!

band, an all girl band, Arms to the Trees, and Vangar; we even had rapper Justin Kim from New York. The rest of the night was filled with other forms of

their freak on with God."

Check out the color photos in the centerfold.

For more photos visit

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The Pickle Jar

Written by Tony Aparo

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The pickle jar as far back as I can remember sat on the floor beside the dresser in my parents' bedroom. When he got ready for bed, Dad would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar. As a small boy I was always fascinated at the sounds the coins made as they were dropped into the jar. They landed with a merry jingle when the jar was almost empty. Then the tones gradually muted to a dull thud as the jar was filled. I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar and admire the copper and silver circles that glistened like a pirate's treasure when the sun poured through the bedroom window. When the jar was filled, Dad would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins before taking them to the bank. Taking the coins to the bank was always a big production. Stacked neatly in a small cardboard box, the coins were placed between Dad and me on the seat of his old truck.

Each and every time, as we drove to the bank, Dad would look at me hopefully. "Those coins are going to keep you out of the textile mill, son. You're going to do better than me. This old mill town's not going to hold you back."

Also, each and every time, as he slid

the box of rolled coins across the counter at the bank toward the cashier, he would grin proudly. "These are for my son's college fund. He'll never work at the mill all his life like me."

We would always celebrate each deposit by stopping for an ice cream cone. I always got chocolate. Dad always got vanilla. When the clerk at the ice cream parlor handed Dad his change, he would show me the few coins nestled in his palm. "When we get home, we'll start filling the jar again." He always let me drop the first coins into the empty jar. As they rattled around with a brief, happy jingle, we grinned at each other. "You'll get to college on pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters," he said. "But you'll get there. I'll see to that."

The years passed, and I finished college and took a job in another town. Once, while visiting my parents, I used the phone in their bedroom, and noticed that the pickle jar was gone. It had served its purpose and had been removed.

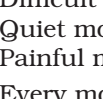
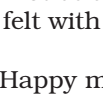
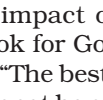
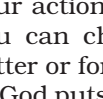
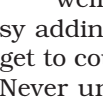
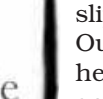
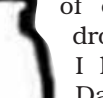
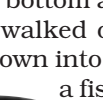
A lump rose in my throat as I stared at the spot beside the dresser where the jar had always stood. My dad was a man of few words, and never lectured me on the values of determination, perseverance, and faith. The pickle jar had taught me all these virtues far more eloquently than the most flowery of words could have done. When I married, I told my wife Susan about the significant part the lowly pickle jar

had played in my life as a boy. In my mind, it defined, more than anything else, how much my dad had loved me.

No matter how rough things got at home, Dad continued to doggedly drop his coins into the jar. Even the summer when Dad got laid off from the mill, and Mama had to serve dried beans several times a week, not a single dime was taken from the jar. To the contrary, as Dad looked across the table at me, pouring catsup over my beans to make them more palatable, he became more determined than ever to make a way out for me. "When you finish college, Son," he told me, his eyes glistening, "You'll never have to eat beans again...unless you want to."

The first Christmas after our daughter Jessica was born, we spent the holiday with my parents. After dinner, Mom and Dad sat next to each other on the sofa, taking turns cuddling their first grandchild. Jessica began to whimper softly, and Susan took her from Dad's arms. "She probably needs to be changed," she said, carrying the baby into my parents' bedroom to diaper her. When Susan came back into the living room, there was a strange mist in her eyes.

She handed Jessica back to Dad before taking my hand and leading me into the room. "Look," she said softly, her eyes directing me to a spot on the



floor beside the dresser. To my amazement, there, as if it had never been removed, stood the old pickle jar, the bottom already covered with coins. I walked over to the pickle jar, dug down into my pocket, and pulled out a fistful of coins. With a gamut of emotions choking me, I dropped the coins into the jar. I looked up and saw that Dad, carrying Jessica, had slipped quietly into the room. Our eyes locked, and I knew he was feeling the same emotions I felt. Neither one of us could speak.

This truly touched my heart... I know it has yours as well. Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings.

Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life, for better or for worse.

God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way. Look for God in others.

"The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or touched - they must be felt with the heart" ~ Helen Keller

Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, thank God. ❖



by Sally Sayer

What if we could teach the key concepts of Divine Principle without being concerned about religious intolerance? What if we could spread the core values explained in "Principle of Creation" and have people around the globe embrace the idea of realizing the three blessings? What if you, a college-age youth, were the teacher helping to transform a child's life by awakening his conscience and helping him understand his true value? This is already happening.

Last summer seventeen young people were trained to be peer educators and then went abroad to islands in the Caribbean or Micronesia or to the continent of Africa to help the developing world reject the selfish messages being exported by Western media.

Diana Santelli, Maria Lee, and Michelle Brunkhorst went to Belize in Central America. Surrounded by Spanish-speaking countries, they were able to teach in English which is the language of this small nation. Abby Sayre and Julia McKenna, however, practiced their Spanish and improved their skills as they translated stories and taught games in the Dominican Republic.

Then, following three weeks of work in three day-camps, Julia and Abby went on to Trinidad and Tobago where the language was more familiar, but the challenges came in sometimes teaching fifty to sixty students with ages ranging from seven to seventeen. Igraine Convery and, later, Kuna Hamad joined them in T&T so there was additional help and support. Gina Standard, Hithia Shibuya, and Kuna Hamad taught adolescents in the Caribbean islands of St. Lucia and St. Vincent. Eika Davis and Morrow Willis were in the islands too—in Micronesia. Another group of young people accompanied Mrs. Beverly Berndt to the Gambia where they introduced the

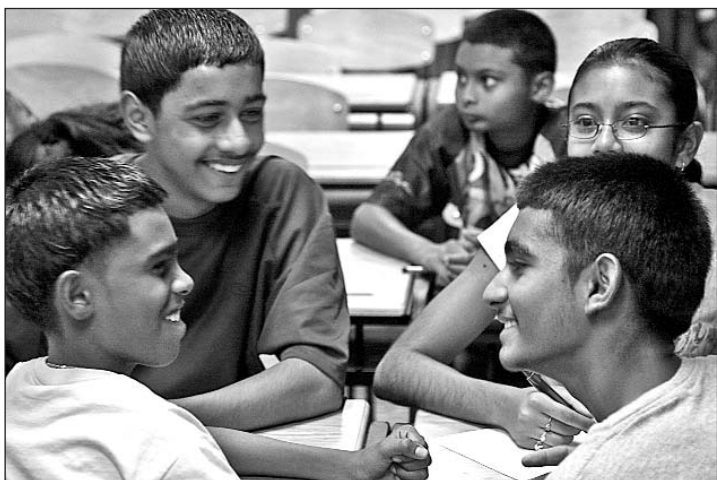
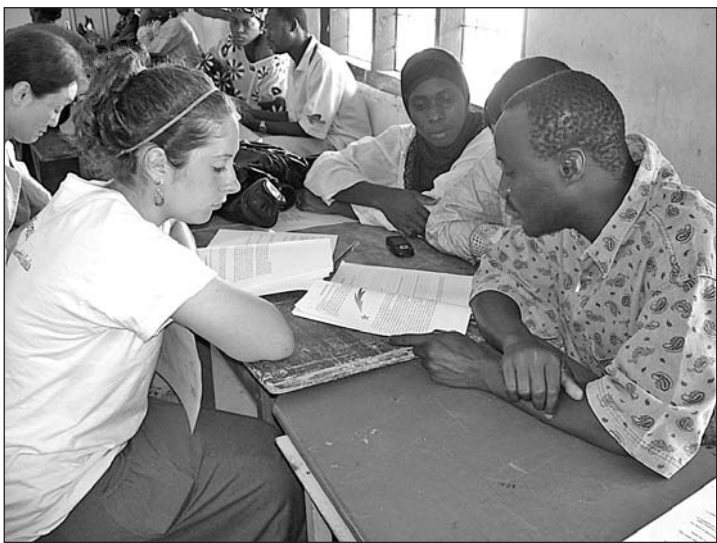
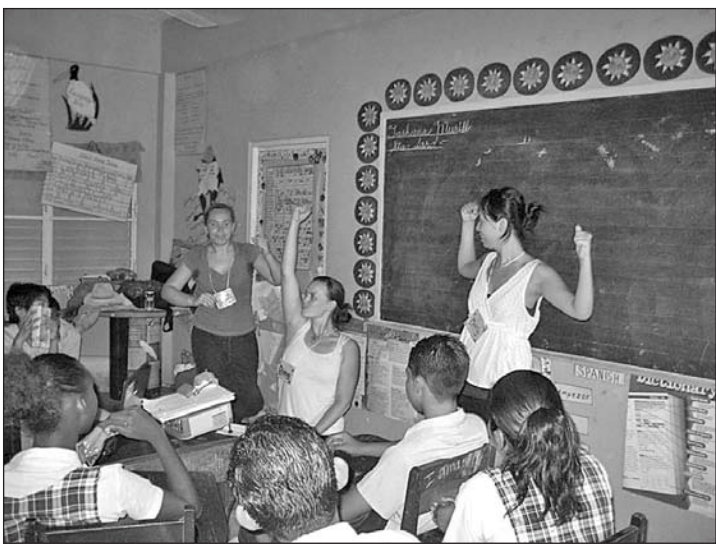
Discovering the Real Me

character education books to teachers and community leaders.

Universal Peace Federation's Character Education Initiative has developed a curriculum entitled Discovering the Real Me that includes teacher manuals and student textbooks for beginning primary grades through high school.

The lessons are based on stories and scenarios that the students find familiar and fun. In the process of enjoying a story, perhaps including acting it out, children learn that they have eternal value and deserve to be treated with love and respect. They learn how they can grow up to be happy and successful in life by being people of good character. Children learn how important it is to have a healthy and happy family and what they can do today to accomplish that goal in the future. And, finally, a child can learn how to find his or her true value in service to others.

If you think you would be interested in having an adventure overseas while giving of yourself in a way that has lasting value to a child and his community, you may contact me, Mrs. Sally Sayre at interns@upf.org or by phone at (610) 298-2439. ❖



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PAUL CARLSON

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This month's article is about climate change. Especially the headline grabbing version -- Global Warming. It's a "hot" topic, for sure.

Many scientific terms are used in discussing climate change, and it's important to grasp their meaning. A key one is Anthropogenic Global Warming. That is: an overall heating of the climate, caused by human activity.

Whether this is real is a complicated and controversial subject. To make the plot thicker, advocates have lined up, on hostile opposing sides, according to their personal Left/Right ideology.

Even climate scientists may be tainted. If not by personal ideology, then by the need to please their source of funding. Whether government agencies or liberal universities or activist foundations or private corporations; there are agendas, plus monetary and PR connections, both public and hidden.

All sides now use religious terminology, with 'prophets' like Al Gore, 'deniers' like Roy Spencer, and 'heretics' like Bjorn Lomborg. There are public appeals to Believe, and denunciations of skeptical Deniers. The warnings of 'doom at hand' resemble those of 'last days' Christian fundamentalists.

This ongoing controversy is a gold mine for the media, mainstream and alternative alike. Over the past century, they've followed a 25 year alarmist cycle, alternately about global warming and cooling. (Before, the problem was a "new Ice Age.")

The media loves to show videos of ice melting. Never mind that, at reported (or even accelerated) rates, Greenland would take thousands of years to melt away.

Millions of school children, and adult employees, have been told to view Earth in the Balance. Its creator just won a Nobel Peace Prize. Without question-

W A R M I N G

ing anyone's sincerity, it's important to point out (as a British judge just did) that this documentary contains numerous factual errors.

Little kids are terrified that polar bears will drown, spurred on by animations and one mislabeled photograph. National Geographic, which believes in AGW, has pointed out that polar bears can swim across miles of open sea.

New markets for 'carbon offsets and credits' have become another sort of gold mine, with national governments and international financiers cashing in big time. Meddling and fraud are rampant, while newly planted 'offset' trees are dying. (In this author's opinion, any environmental group that pushes these credits, without mentioning that corrupt mess, is either foolish or on the take.)

SPECTRUM

My friends on the Asimov's magazine discussion board created a list of common theories about AGW. The whole spectrum needs ten points:

1) No one knows if Global Warming is occurring, because climate science is too primitive.

2) Global Warming is not occurring at all.

3) Global Warming is real, but it's a harmless phenomenon of nature that has nothing to do with human activity.

4) Global Warming is caused by some mixture of natural and human factors. The effects will probably be mild, and insignificant overall.

5) Global Warming is caused by humans and may do some damage. However, there is nothing to be done about it, and those who try will do more harm than good.

6) It isn't important whether Global Warming is real or caused by humans. It's an exaggerated scenario propagated by activists, who'll use any pretext to advance their anti-Capitalist agenda.

7) Global Warming is caused by humans, and might cause catastrophic damage. It is possible to mitigate the worst consequences, and such actions will benefit, not damage, the global economy.

8) AGW has been promoted by humans via agriculture and industry. For several millennia, this has staved off the next Ice Age. Humankind has flourished during historical periods of maximum warmth.

9) AGW has reached a 'tipping point,' and drastic changes will soon occur. Severe droughts and storms will strike, and sea levels will rise. Humans deserve this punishment, because of the damage they have done to Gaia.

10) The global climate has been changing for billions of years, and will

continue to do so. No human has sufficient data, or the impartial perspective, to state that our current climate is the optimum one. It's uncertain whether humans ought to stabilize it, assuming we could, which is doubtful.

How much has the climate changed before? Over the history of the Earth, there have been thick glaciers all the way

down to the Equator, and dinosaur-filled jungles at the North Pole. Several times! Earthly life, in case you haven't noticed, does continue.

Point #10 says nothing about possible causes, or the primacy of humankind. The idea is of that one is, to get people to look at unexamined assumptions in the other nine points.

The Principled view contains some genuinely hopeful ideas. In previous UNews articles, I've pointed out that Fallen Nature is the greatest pollution of all. The greed, disunity, and ignorance it causes are harmful in every way. Wars are bad for the environment, too.

DETAILS

You know the old saying about the devil being in the details? In this controversy, there are thousands of experts (and non-experts), each pouring forth thousands of pages of data and studies. Many are cherry-picking the data, thus to skew their findings. "Science by press conference" has taken on a whole new meaning.

Here are some actual details:

Temperature measurements are done by thermometer. But how are they calibrated, and more importantly, how accurate were they a hundred years ago? I have a friend who consults for industries worldwide, who points out how difficult these factors usually are.

The location of those thermometers is important. In many areas, cities have grown to engulf weather stations, bringing along their overheated roofs and pavement. Activists have noted individual spikes in a reported temperature range, and taken pictures of HVAC

vents that got installed right next to an official thermometer!

Temperatures at sea are also important. Over the decades, ships have made detailed reports during their voyages. But ships have grown larger, so those thermometers have gotten higher above the sea surface. This has a distinct effect on temperature, so careful scientists make a correction to account for it. But, within that range of several degrees, a tiny error in the correction factor will skew everything.

Temperature measurements made by airplane are newer, and by satellite, newer still. These do not always jive with surface data.

No one disputes that carbon dioxide levels have increased. It's a nutrient for plants, and forests and crops are growing noticeably faster. Instead, it's being depicted as a harmful pollutant, subject to harsh regulations. People once joked that the ultimate loss of personal freedom would come when the government figured out how to tax breathing. Well, guess what? Carbon dioxide is emitted with your every breath...!

Water vapor is a far more potent 'greenhouse gas' than carbon dioxide, and its levels vary everywhere, changing all the time. No comprehensive measurements exist, for local rainfall and water vapor levels.

CONCLUSION

I'm not going to make the usual conclusion, because the story is not over. All the data isn't in, studies are still coming out, and the conclusions are in flux. Drastic solutions have been proposed, and one hopes that freedom will not die, in the face of this alleged crisis.

The phrase Global Warming is being replaced by the more "flexible" term Climate Change. A few years ago, England suffered from drought, and AGW was blamed. In 2007 there were floods, and guess what got blamed? My consultant friend told me, 'tis a wonderful cause that can be blamed for any result.

Please study all sides of this issue. Look at the Greenpeace, and the Global Climate Report, web sites. Wikipedia does a great job of summarizing the data. Don't panic! Our planet isn't going anywhere, and humanity has adapted to big changes before. During two historical periods, a warmer climate proved beneficial.

Above all, keep working to support God's Providence. Humanity must be united in heart, and able to cooperate across ideological lines, to fully understand the issue of climate change. Whatever their cause, droughts may compel population shifts, and spark wars. Leaders, scientists, and the public must be impartial and honest, to handle any changes effectively. ❖

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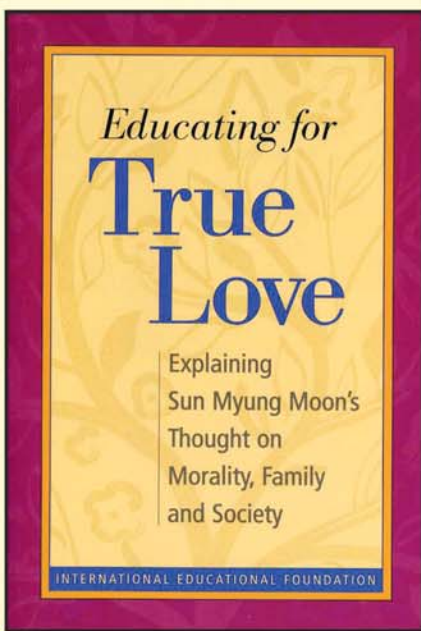
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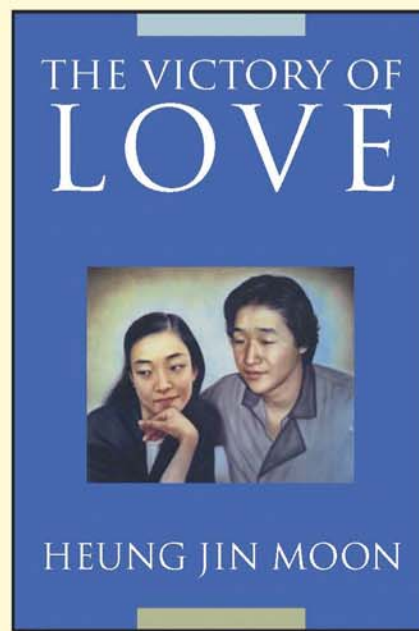
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