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Birthday • Coronation • Blessing

by Tossa Cromwell

January 31, 2009 marked an amazing moment in the history of our True Parents' ministry. It was the 90th birthday of True Father and the 67th birthday of True Mother. It was a day of liberation for God, a day offered to True Parents, a day of joy, hope and excitement.

First, world leaders attending the World Summit on Peace 2009 recognized Father during the closing session held on January 31 at 1:30 PM. The summit was an international leadership conference organized by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), starting on January 29 and held in the Grand Ballroom of the Manhattan Center. Rev. Kwak spoke to participants about applying Father's teachings of living for the sake of others and true love to every individual, family and organization. Jose de Venecia, former Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Philippines, recognized Father's role in encouraging the United Nations to include an interreligious council, something that the Philippines along with other nations proposed and had approved. Finally, Hyun Jin Nim spoke to participants about the vision of One Family Under God and how it is the key to solving the world's problems.

World leaders who attended the UPF conference were invited to two more events: the Coronation for the Authority and Liberation of God, the King of Kings, followed by a Blessing ceremony entitled, "Celebra-



tion of Love and Life: Interreligious Cross Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony".

The first, a coronation ceremony, was a huge event spiritually. It began at 4:00 in the Hammerstein Ballroom in the Manhattan Center with a showing of congratulatory letters for Father on his 90th birthday sent by former heads of state and members of parliament including Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister Nakasone of Japan, George Bush senior, and former prime minister Han from Korea. Next, there was an awesome video presentation highlighting Father's entire life, including short segments on Mother supporting Father throughout his life, In Jin

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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This speech was given on January 31st at the Manhattan Center.

Beloved citizens of God's kingdom of Cheon Il Guk! Let us all celebrate without reserve this historic and providential day and sing praises to God, our eternal true parent, of His glory and nobility! On this solemn occasion, hundreds of billions living in the spirit world are here with us to congratulate and celebrate this blessed day.

Today is the day that God has been waiting for and has yearned for ever since He created the universe. For tens of thousands of years, since the day Adam and Eve, whom He created as His children, stained the heav-

enly lineage and concealed themselves in the dark, God has endured and waited in inexpressible pain and sorrow. God has waited impatiently for the day He could ascend to the throne as the king of kings, to be able to embrace His lost children and the creation again



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and live in joy for all eternity in the sacred reign of peace in the peace kingdom.

Ladies and gentlemen, God is and has always been the king of kings, even before He began the Creation. The heavenly way, however, dictates that after creating all things, God must manifest substantially as the king of kings who reigns over the world of physical phenomena, which is the sphere of the objects of God's love. That is why, with true love,

God sought and found the True Parent of this physical world, who was to become His representative and heir.

Although we are overwhelmed by the grace of having received Heaven's seal, my wife and I are truly joyful to be able to stand here as God's direct representatives and hold this coronation for the king of kings. At the same time I am deeply sorry before Heaven; I have reached my 90th year of life, yet I have been unable to fully restore the 6.5 billion people of this world to God.

Citizens of the kingdom (Cheon Il Guk) who love God! Heaven will no longer wait. God is working with His authority as the king of kings through His representatives, the earthly True Parents, to establish heavenly law and restore this world. It is time to accelerate this true love revolution.

Therefore, on this solemn occasion

F E B R U A R Y 2 0 0 9

Ahn Shi Il • 4th, 12th, 20th, 28th

- 1 Shin Heung Nim's Birthday (1/7/01)
Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
Segye Ilbo Established (1989)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
- 6 Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace Established (1999)
- 7 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 10 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
- 11 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 13 First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)
Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)
Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification (2000)
- 14 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
- 16 4000 Couples' Blessing (2002)
- 17 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)
International Security Council Established (1985)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
Montevideo Declaration of the World University Federation (1996)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
- 24 Dong Sook Nim's Birthday (1/30/55)
- 27 Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 One World Crusade Established (1972)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)

M A R C H 2 0 0 9

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 6 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)
- 7 Middle East Time Founded (1983)
- 14 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)
- 15 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
- 18 Cheon Il Guk Established (2/22/2001)
- 21 World Research Institute for Science and Technology

(WRIST) Established (1984)

- 23 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
- 25 Aewon (Garden of Love) Bank Established (1994)
- 26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) Inauguration (1980)
- 28 International Christian Professors Association Established (1981)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)
The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)

A P R I L 2 0 0 9

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 6 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
57 Single Blessing (1989)
Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Established (1996)
- 11 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 Proclamation of Liberation and Release (2004)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 Shin Joon Nim's Birthday (3/22/2004)
Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
Day of the Resurrection of Shimjung (1960)
Day of the Resurrection of Substance (1961)
- 22 Noticias del Mundo Established (1980)
- 23 Shin Nae Nim's Birthday (3/28/05)
- 27 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
60 Couples' Blessing (2001)
Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)

C A L E N D A R

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Yun Ah Nim's, Un Jin Nim's, Shin Choon Nim's, and Hyo Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2009. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

Birthday Address

today, I will proclaim to all of heaven and earth the outline of the heavenly law by which humankind and all things of creation will regain their rightful positions and be governed.

First, this era, which is moving toward the third millennium, will be the "era of revolutionary change after the coming of heaven." In this era, we will no longer be ensnared by the principles of restoration through indemnity; it will be the time when the king of kings rules the spirit world and physical world with His rightful authority. It will be an era of the providence that will return the earth back to its original state with the realm of the Pacific Rim serving as a central axis. People will no longer be beyond the influence of Heaven's ways and the heavenly law. Therefore, you must lead a transparent life with your every action being as clear as a crystal.

Second, we must accomplish a revolution in educating all people on the value of absolute sexual ethics, with God as their vertical, absolute axis. This is the only way to pass on the lineage of goodness to all of humankind. That is the path to achieving God's ideal of true families. From now on, sexual purity, purity of lineage and purity of love will be the educational philosophy of the human race.

Third, the Peace King Representatives (boonbongwangs) and the "Parent UN" will be placed at the forefront of the efforts to completely eliminate the walls and barriers that surround this earth in multiple layers and to reinstate harmony and peace between political parties, religions, races, cultures and nations. The existing UN (which stands in the position of the Cain-type UN) and the Abel-type UN should become one and elevate to a higher dimension, becoming the Parent UN, in other words, the "Peace UN." Centering on the Peace UN, war, disease, hunger and all other problems confronting the world will be addressed and resolved.

All people must surely go this way. They will have no choice because God and True Parents will be with them. Individualistic self-centeredness as well as collective self-centeredness will be completely eradicated, and this will lead to the realization of a world governed by our conscience and natural reason with no need for the election of leaders.

Fourth, the cross-cultural, international blessing of marriage is the opti-



mal method of establishing true families that will purify the lineage of the fallen human race and build the peace kingdom. In the end, reconciliation and peace will come about through lineage.

When blacks and whites, people from the East and West, Buddhists and Christians, and Jews and Moslems intermarry and carry on the blessed marriage tradition that True Parents have established, this world will naturally become one family. An ideal, heavenly kingdom based on the ideal of "One Family under God" will come about. As we melt our guns and cannons to make plows and hoes, a world of peace will open up before us.

Fifth, God created us as His counterparts in love, and He prepared the natural world as a gift for us, His children. God would not leave His children to live in a barren desert devoid of beautiful scenery. That is why all people have the duty to preserve and love the natural world. I am saying that you should develop your human nature as it was originally meant to be, such that you experience resonance even with a cluster of wild flowers as you share a heartfelt conversation with them. That will be the shortcut to restoring humankind to God.

Ladies and gentlemen, You have all truly received a heavenly blessing. You are participating in the ceremony to launch the providential undertakings governed by the king of kings. You are witnessing with your own eyes the whirlwind of this historic transition point. You received an invitation to attend the coronation of the True Parent, the king of kings on the horizontal level, who will govern all of creation as the physical representative of God, the king of kings on the vertical level. Will you ever again, in your lifetime, have the chance to attend such a historic and significant occasion? Your ancestors numbering in the billions are cheering and dancing in joy and light at this time, shaking the very axis of the earth!

I pray that you will open your mind's eye and engrave this extraordinary and historic moment on your soul. When else during your life will you be able to witness such a day of blessing and glory as you have today? I hope that you can heed the words of Heaven that I have shared with you today and use them as guidelines for your life from now on.

I pray that the great blessing of God, the king of kings, will fill your families, nations and all of heaven and earth abundantly. ❖

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Nim leading the effort to protest Father's imprisonment in Danbury, Hyo Jin Nim's speech at the Berlin Wall and short video shots of Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim speaking. The video was truly heartfelt, not over-the-top, and quite sufficient to give justice to Father's remarkable life.

After the video presentation, Hyung Jin Nim came forward to read the Determination to Practice Liberation, a text with sections of three of Father's prayers. The content was extremely deep and highly fitting for the event. It reminded me of Father's sincere dedication to his mission and his understanding of God's heart. Hyung Jin Nim's reading was flawless, and made even greater by the fact that he read it in English.

After Hyung Jin Nim's reading, 12 pairs of national representatives came forward to offer their nations to God symbolically by offering their national flags to God's throne. This symbolized all the nations of the world being offered to God. Next, 12 pairs of representatives of Korean clans offered crowns to God, which similarly represented all the clans of the world recognizing God as their king.

Finally, representatives of 8 religions offered holy items of their religions to God, symbolizing all the religions of the world putting themselves in God's hands. Next, 70 attendant Blessed Couples entered to pave the way for True Parents' entrance. Finally, True Parents made their grand entrance together with Hyung Jin Nim's couple and two grandchildren. Once they reached the front, True Parents conferred Holy Books of True Parents' Life Course, 700-page photo albums of True Parents' life, one each to Hyung Jin Nim and his wife Yeon Ah Nim. Then True Parents offered a special prayer for Hyung Jin Nim's couple. In this ceremony, Hyung Jin Nim and Yeon Ah Nim represented all of humanity in front of God.

Next, royal seals and the royal scepter were offered to True Parents by Shin Cheol Nim (who is Heung Jin Nim and Hoon Sook Nim's son,) Rev. Sun Jo Hwang, president of UPF Korea, and Rev. Jeong Ok Yu, Chairman of the Pacific Rim Providence.

Next, Bishop Jesse Edwards, Dr.

Dong Moon Joo and Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. presented a plaque of Universal Acclamation to True Parents as representatives of Boon Bong Wangs, Ambassadors for Peace and Blessed Families around the world.

Following this, Dr. Julio Maria Sanguinetti, the former president of Uruguay,

clench this world from Satan's grasp and return it to God. Father was extremely humble, thanking and apologizing, yet he was also strong with full spiritual authority and power. He emphasized the need for True Parents but also explained that it's not really about True Parents; it's about God. His extreme

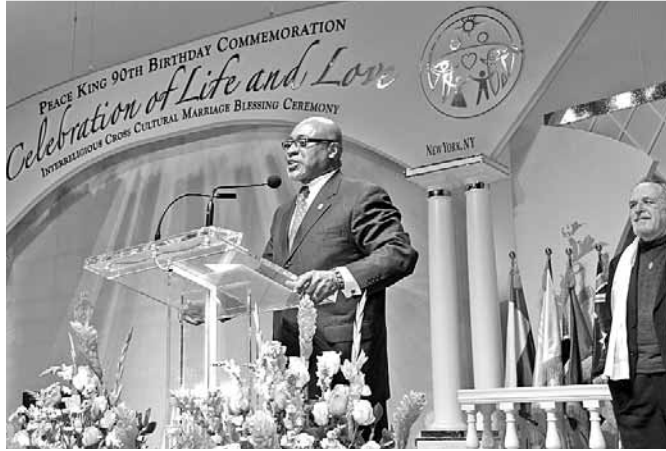
At 8:00 PM in the Hammerstein, the Interreligious Cross Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony was held. If the coronation ceremony was like a huge battle between good and evil, with good coming out victorious in the end, it seemed as if the Blessing Ceremony was held totally within God's authority.

Inspirational talks before the ceremony, In Jin Nim's powerful welcoming remarks, Pastor Mark Abernathy's faithful invocation, Hyung Jin Nim's speech to the participants in which he said that he would also be rededicating his marriage on this occasion and Blessing prayers from the world's religions prepared the stage for True Parents quite effectively.

True Parents entered looking at ease yet in control, peaceful yet dignified. Immediately, couples went on stage to participate as representatives in the Holy Water Ceremony. It was reported that many couples who went on stage to receive the holy water directly from True Parents were in tears once they returned to their seats.

After the Holy Water Ceremony was the Affirmation of Vows, in which the participants answered in a loud unified voice, "YES!!" to each question. Then, Father blessed the couples based on their affirmations. Next, three representative couples went on stage to receive rings from True Parents while the rest of the couples gave each other rings. Then, Father read the Proclamation of the Blessing and True Parents were presented with flowers and gifts.

Next, a in a special reunion presentation, the New Hope Singers, who had performed for True Parents at the Washington Monument Rally in 1976, performed three songs. Then, Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr. gave a moving testimony about his dedication to True Parents. This was followed by couples offering a bow to the officiators and guests. Then True Parents led the congregation in three cheers of Ogmansai. Finally, True Parents took a commemorative photo with the entire audience, concluding the event. ❖



offered congratulatory address. It was inspiring to see a secular leader acknowledging Father. Then, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Chairman Emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who gave the benediction at President Obama's inauguration, gave the second congratulatory address. This was followed with the song This is a Place by David Eaton and David D'Or performed by David D'Or and

Finally, it was time for Father's speech. His speech was a reminder of his inexhaustible spirit and his internal fire to

humility mixed with his supreme spiritual authority and power was the highlight of the night. Spiritually, he must have been separating Satan from the audience and expanding God's authority and liberation as the title of the event implies.

After Father's speech was over, he and Mother gave Peace UN flags and Holy Books of True Parents' Life Course to representatives of 12 nations. Then True Father offered a benediction, followed by three cheers of Ogmansai led by Dr. Pyung Hwa Kim.

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Hyung Jin Nim's Blessing Address

by Hyung Jin Nim

It is a most auspicious day today. I want to start with something from Scripture today. I was actually, initially, supposed to read one of Father's prayers but Father asked me just to share from my heart.

So I'd like to start with Scripture, Genesis 1:27. It says, "So God created man in his own image," and it goes on to say, "male and female He created them." And verse 28 says, "Then God blessed them," and in verse 31, "when God saw all that He created, He said 'Indeed, it is very good!'"

And I want to get that on the inside of us today, because today is a day that the Lord has made. It is a day that is joyous; it is a day that is profound. It is a day that is blessed. And when God looks at us today, He's going to say "Indeed, it is very good! 'Let's tell our neighbor today, 'Indeed, it is very good!' Let's tell our neighbor, come on. Let's share it today! (Audience repeats.)"

Brothers and sisters, it's so important to always start with this kind of attitude. When we in the Unification tradition receive the Holy Blessing, it is not only a vow that we take, it is a practice. The Blessing of Marriage is not only a promise that we intend to keep; it is a practice that we live out. The Blessing of Marriage is not only a proclamation that we declare unto heaven, it is a practice that we live out in everyday life, and that is the profound work that God has called us to do.

You see, what True Father has taught us is, that in the beginning God wanted to have His family, and He wanted to set this ideal, just like you saw in verse 31. He wanted to look at His children and say, "Indeed, that is very good!" And when He looks at us today, I believe He is saying that. He's shouting that from the Heavens today. Let's give God a big shout of praise today. Let's give Him a big hand! (Audience applauds.) God is good! And He is here tonight!

Brothers and sisters, it's so important that when we start this journey together, we know that this is a beginning, it's not the end. It's not only a certain important point in our life; it is a beginning of a new Genesis, it is a beginning of a new creation, a new era, a new history. Your family will create a new world that we



and our descendants will live in.

Brothers and sisters, it's so important that we start out on this type of note, that we understand the sacredness and holiness of marriage, and that that sacredness extends into our everyday life. True

Father has taught us that it is in the Blessing of Marriage that we can substantialize and actualize all the great teachings that He has given us, the teachings of true love and living for the sake of the other, the teachings of respecting our

spouse, giving and receiving in true love action with them (our spouse).

See, brothers and sisters, it is in this sacred union that we are practicing to become the divine sons and daughters that heaven has proclaimed us to become. It is in this institution, in this daily practice that we live together, that we actualize our potential and character, where we become greater and greater, and God sees us and is more happy and more joyous. And indeed anything that God has brought together will endure forever. It is so important that we start with this attitude, it is so important that we start our footsteps together in the right motion, in this providential motion together.

Brothers and sisters, today is a great day! It's always a joy and a great honor for us to be participating in the Blessing of Marriage. I want to get blessed again today with my wife! I see her with my new eyes today. I'm getting married (together) with you guys today, too!

So brothers and sisters, always we want to be fresh. We always, every day, every moment, want to renew our marriage. Our marriage is not only a one-time thing, it's a practice. It is something that is profound.

It is something where true world peace can be substantialized. It is the place wherein which the divisions that have separated us as humankind can be overcome, and that is True Father's profound

teaching: that in the institution of the spousal relationship we create the true family, and in that institution we bring the utmost glory to God.

And when He looks upon us this day and so henceforth, He will look at us and say, "Indeed you are very good!" Let's tell your neighbor, "I am very good!" Tell it, come on! Tell it like you mean it. Tell your neighbor, "This is a very good day!"

Brothers and sisters, once again, this is always what we wish for you to take unto your marriage. We pray that when you come out, when True Parents come out, you can really celebrate this day with them, it is their 90th Birthday; it's a profound day, and also it's a day wherein which you start your most glorious path.

Brothers and sisters, welcome to this path! It is the blessed path, it is the path where we go out and change the world, starting from our families. Thank you so much, brothers and sisters. ❖



TESTIMONY

A Vision For Peace

by Arnaud de Borchgrave

Arnaud de Borchgrave is Editor at Large, The Washington Times.

Much has been said or written about Rev. Sun Myung Moon. He was persecuted mercilessly by communists and anti-communists, or those who were always willing to give the Soviet Union the benefit of doubt even when there was no doubt. These are the people who lied about Rev. Moon in order to send him to a federal prison on a trumped-up

tax evasion charge. If he had started a liberal newspaper in Washington, D.C., with a less than hostile position on Soviet imperialism, Rev. Moon would have been acclaimed as a hero by the dominant media culture.

Thus, he suffered the abuse of those who were bent on his destruction because he knows, like Winston Churchill, that nothing is more costly, nothing is more sterile than vengeance.

Rev. Moon launched The Washington Times at a critically important juncture in the life of America. The world's most important capital had been reduced to one newspaper voice. To thrive, democracy requires a multiplicity of voices from right to left through the center. Major democratic capitals—London, Paris, Brussels, Rome, Madrid—enjoyed from five to ten daily newspapers. Rev. Moon understood the extent of the danger of one newspaper in the world's most important capital—and stepped into the breach.

When Rev. Moon asked me to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of The Washington Times in March 1985, I accepted immediately with the encouragement of President Reagan and Vice President George H.W. Bush. The total editorial freedom I was guaranteed by Rev. Moon was scrupulously respected. We crafted the basic principles of what we thought should be the Reagan Doctrine—which President Reagan enthusiastically endorsed.

It was the newspaper's promotion of the Reagan Doctrine and a military buildup that exhausted the Soviet Union so much that it could no longer keep pace. This, in turn, enabled Mikhail Gorbachev to push Soviet hard-liners to one side and launch glasnost and perestroika. It was the beginning of the end of the "Evil Empire," and we were proud to keep The Washington Times

in the vanguard until the Soviet Union imploded and the global communist movement collapsed.

I was in Moscow in 1990 with Rev. Moon when he met with Gorbachev. The Russian leader quickly understood

and the society at large will simply wither away—or implode.

One little-known fact about Rev. Moon and the media is his dedication to the principle of editorial independence. People have always asked me if



that Rev. Moon was not anti-Russian. In fact, in this post-Communist environment, Rev. Moon's new crusade for family values found an echoing endorsement from Gorbachev.

Rev. Moon had battled the forces of evil in his native North Korea before continuing the struggle in the U.S. and then in the rest of the world. He has been relentless, indefatigable and unswerving in his ceaseless battle to revitalize the moral and spiritual values of the United States with a view to restoring America as the shining citadel on the mountain for the whole world to admire and emulate.

To accomplish all this—and much more—cost a great deal of money, which Rev. and Mrs. Moon and their worldwide movement have raised to the tune of over \$2 billion. This kind of money is not generated by selling flowers on the streets of America's major cities. Thousands of people have answered Rev. Moon's prayers and contributed to the creation of a new world of shared family values where the Ten Commandments are no longer multiple choice—but obligatory. Without them, family

Rev. Moon tried to influence my editorial judgment. Not at all. He trusted me to do what was right.

I was proud to see that during my stint at the helm of this great newspaper, our exclusive stories were picked up by the world's major news agencies and newspapers with credit to The Washington Times and Insight Magazine, a publication which I was proud to launch and direct in 1985. Under my leadership, The Times became one of the three most influential newspapers among the 1,600 dailies published in America.

One can say without fear of exaggeration that without the vision of Rev. Moon, The Washington Times, Insight, The World and I, the television center, the Universal Ballet Academy, the World Media Association, the Ambassadors for Peace, and the Universal Peace Federation would not exist. Rev. and Mrs. Moon have crisscrossed the globe from north to south and east to west, visiting and preaching in close to 200 countries. I have attended these rallies, and their contributions to world peace and understanding since the end of the Cold War have been immense. For each one striking at the roots of evil, a thousand others hack merely at the branches.

It was Confucius who said, "What the superior man seeks is in himself, but what the small man seeks is in others."

Rev. Moon has always called on his formidable inner strength to deploy his awesome energy which leaves small men gasping for breath trying to keep up. Rev. Moon invariably followed Benjamin Franklin's rule to never turn aside in public affairs through views of private interest, but to go straight forward in doing what appears to be right at the time, leaving the consequences with Providence—and God.

Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance. Rev. Moon always persevered—against formidable odds. The greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world is to see something and then tell what it saw in a plain way. One sage observer once remarked that hundreds of people can talk for one who can think, but thousands can think for one who can see. To see clearly and to have a clear vision is poetry, prophecy and religion, all in one.

In Rev. Moon's vocabulary, nothing is impossible. He has both the will and the means to prevail, and he has done so time and again against seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Rev. Moon has also fought tirelessly against all forms of discrimination. He does not want the men of another color for our brothers-in-law, but for our brothers. He reminds young brothers and sisters that all successful business stands on the foundation of morality.

Rev. Moon has shown throughout the twenty-five years I have had the privilege of working for his global media enterprises that the best preacher is the heart; the best teacher is time; the best book is the world; the best friend is God. Rev. Moon has gone far in life—farther than lesser human beings—because he has known since the beginning of his life's journey where he is going. In his perorations, Rev. Moon has taught that us human things must be known to be loved, but divine things must be loved to be known.

Thank you for a great opportunity to broaden my professional horizons in total freedom of expression while honing my journalistic skills. ❖

The True Father

The True Father returns home
prays and collapses on his bed:
another day of giving one hundred percent;
his 90-year-old legs aching, trembling,
his throat hoarse,
his spirit & body squeezed out like a sponge –
the disciples quenched,
their cups overflowing,
hardly knowing the cost.

The True Father will resurrect again
in the morning
after a few meager hours of sleep
and with an all-consuming grin
go to his next crucifixion.

Let him now rest my friends –
time to give him a Crown,
time to take up our own Crosses.

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The Affirmation of Vows

1. Do you, as a mature man and woman who are to consummate the ideal of creation of God, pledge in front of God and True Parents to become an eternal husband and wife?

2. Do you pledge to become true parents, raise your children to live up to the will of God, and educate them to become responsible leaders in front of the entire Unification Family, all humankind and Almighty God?

3. Do you pledge that, centered upon True Parents, you will inherit the tradition of living for the sake of others, and pass this proud tradition down to future generations and to humankind?

4. Do you pledge that, centering upon the ideal of creation, you will inherit the will of God and True Parents, love the people of the world as god and True Parents do, and ultimately consummate an ideal family which is the building block of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. ❖

In Jin Moon's Sermon in Minneapolis

by In Jin Moon

This address was given to the Minneapolis Church on Wednesday, January 11, 2009.

I'm delighted to be here with you again. What am I supposed to say after an introduction like that? It leaves me quite speechless. But thank you, Rev. Jenkins.

This morning when I got up before hoon dok hae and I had a little time to myself together with our heavenly parent, I was meditating on what can I say to these people, to these brothers and sisters. How can I convey to them how much God really cares about them and how much True Parents care about them? You know, I realized that as a daughter or as a member of the 2nd generation, not only is it my honor and privilege to be representing my parents but it's also an honor and privilege to be representing my generation of 2nd generation, to say thank you to the 1st generation for so many years of sacrifice and so many years of absolute devotion to our True Parents and to our Unification Church. And at the same time I hope that as a member of the True Family I can share with this community how much True Parents really, really, really love America and love you.

I am incredibly blessed, I think, in some way, and given this incredible burden to represent America. There's a lot of work to be done but I know that I have many, many good people working with me on a daily basis, as Rev. Jenkins mentioned, at headquarters. I am excited and inspired and looking forward to all the improvements that we will make in our community, but also looking forward to great new talent that will come from our fold and represent our community, truly the way it should be represented as something great, and something worthy of people's respect.

Brothers and sisters, I hope that as we start off this new year we can kind of take this moment to think about the incredible moment in history that we're living in. You know, when I talk to my Christian minister friends or my fellow Christians all around the world, you know, one of the things that they always say to me is, gosh, I wonder what it would have been like to sit next to Jesus Christ. I wonder what it would have been like just to hear his voice. Or maybe to eat with him, maybe to dine with him. Or maybe to converse with him. I wonder what it would have been like.

I've often asked them, what would you do if your wish could come true? I've heard many, many Christians and Christian ministers say to me, I would give my right arm. I would give my left arm. I would give anything to be breathing and walking and living at the same time that Jesus Christ walked on earth.

Now brothers and sisters, fast forward 2,000 years, and here we have the first True Parents, who are the fulfillment of everything that Jesus Christ wished for, everything that Heavenly Father wished for for Jesus Christ. He is the Second Coming, my father is the Second Coming, and he has found his true bride, our True Mother. And for the first time not only the masculine aspect of our Heavenly Parent but a feminine aspect of our Heavenly Parent is with us today. So how incredible

it is for us as human beings to be living at a time when our True Parents are here on earth.

Can you imagine, you know, what the future would say about you? Gosh, I wish I could have been Rev. Jenkins. Gosh, I wish I could have been Dr. Peace Kim, you know. He spoke the same language, came from the same land as Korea. I wonder what it was like for him. I wonder what it was like for Rev. Jenkins. I wonder what it was like for Bishop Kim. I wonder what it was like for Jaga Gavin to not only be living at the same time as True Parents but to have literally been prepared by True Parents to grace this earth by putting his parents together. How incredible would that be?

So you know, for many of the 1st generation who've come this far, following our True Parents' footsteps, I know that it has been many, many years since you joined, and I know that some of you are a bit grayer, maybe a bit tired, maybe a bit wider even, than when you first walked into a workshop. But I know that you are here because you really love True Parents. And I know that you joined, and you first said, yes to our Heavenly Father and True Parents because you experienced the spark of life. You knew you found something great. You knew you found something new. You knew you found something worth giving your life to, and that is building an ideal family, that is building an ideal home, you know, seeing the world as one united family under God. These are all incredible things.

You know, a lot of the 1st generation that I see in that audience today were literally backpacking across the country, right? Looking for something. Looking for something that would give meaning to your life, and you joined the Church and you heard the Principle and you were overcome with the Holy Spirit and you were moved to try to build this kingdom. You know, but nowadays the young people are backpacking on the Internet, looking for new religions on the Internet, looking for meaning on the Internet, and that's why I felt that the most important thing that I need to be working on as the chairwoman of HSA is to really create a whole new presence on the Internet about how we really are as a community. You know, something that respects you, something that's worthy to kind of showcase everything that you're about, something that shows the world that we're a beautiful community that is thriving and growing. You know, we're not some kind of this cultish group of people that are just following Rev. and Mrs. Moon because we've all been brainwashed, but we are educated, we are thinking, we are capable individuals, professional individuals that have chosen this lifestyle because it's something good. It's something worthwhile, and something that is worthy of the experience, the initial experience that you had when you first joined.

You know, even to this day I carry a small sheet of paper with me, and it is a drawing that I did when I first exper-

rienced the American Church. I came to this country when I was eight years old, and coming from a culture where everyone has black hair and black eyes, and coming to this new land, where you have blonde hair, blue eyes, green eyes, brown eyes, you know, red hair. It was just so beautiful to me, something so new. And to see all these fresh-faced young Americans, so excited about hearing the word of the True Parents, of hearing the words from my father.

As a little girl, I said, oh my goodness, this is something really awesome. And then to kind of look into the audience and see your faces, as an eight-year-old girl, and realizing that each of you had this sparkle in your eyes.

I remember taking out a piece of paper and drawing a tiny smiley face with eyes, and then next to it a sparkle. And for me throughout these years - and I've lived in this country for over three decades - that little rendering of a smiley face and a sparkle next to the eyes has always been kind of a constant reminder of what our American community was, how excited you were, and how excited I was as a young girl to be seeing that sparkle in your eyes.

I've often wondered, where did the sparkle go? Maybe it's buried in dust somewhere on the bookshelf, and maybe this is the time when I, coming and approaching the HSA from a woman's perspective can inspire all of us maybe to do a little bit of dusting, and to say, you know, you guys are like a beautiful, beautiful vase that has grown tired from neglect, maybe that have grown tired because we ourselves didn't realize how beautiful we are. And it takes something new, it takes somebody new, maybe like a 2nd generation, to come around and say, you are still beautiful and you deserve to be honored, and you deserve to be taken care of, and let me be the first one to dust off those layers of maybe tiredness, of maybe resentment even, and maybe misunderstanding. And then to help you say to yourself, look at what I've created. I have a beautiful family. I have 2nd generation, I have sinless children that I can proudly claim as my own.

Even in my own life of faith, you know, I realized that following my True Parents' way of lifestyle and trying to build an ideal family, I realized that without even thinking so much about what an incredible resource I have, I realized that every time I meet an outside person - you know, it could be a colleague, it could be a fellow professional - I realized that they're always moved when they meet my family. And they always come up and ask me, you know, Tatiana, In Jin, your kids are really different. What is it about them that you did? Did you feed them some kind of a protein drink that we have yet to learn about? Are you feeding them some supra-nutritional stuff. How come they're so happy? How come they're so motivated? How come they're just so comfortable in their own skin?

I say, well, you know, I've been fol-

lowing the teachings of Rev. Moon, you know, who happen to be my mom and dad. And my father was called by Jesus Christ to fulfill his mission, to build an ideal family, and basically I'm trying my best to follow the teachings of my father. Unbeknownst to me after all these years, I have five beautiful children, five healthy, beautiful children who love God and who love their grandparents and who honor and respect me every day of my life. I must say that it's really thanks to our True Parents and to the Divine Principle that they are who they are.

In the course of my interactions with the outside world I realized that, gee, you know, I said to my husband, our children are our best witnessing tools. In a way that's what I like to call natural witnessing. And when I went around the country and met with different 2nd generation and heard their stories, the stories of Matthew on STF, and his encounter with this one lady who was looking to find Father's trail near UTS and came upon Matthew and a couple of his friends and asked, where is this Father's trail? Where can I find it?

Well, not only did Matthew help this lady find Father's trail, but he did it in such a loving and in such a respectful way that this woman felt like I just had to ask, who are these people? How is it that Matthew is just a teenager, and American teenager but he is so different from the ones that I meet at malls, from the ones that are just hanging around with nothing to do? From ones who are making fun of the elderly people, poking fun. But here you have a group of young people that are respectful toward the elder generation, going out of their way to take care of them with two hands, not just one. Making sure that she's well taken care of, not just physically but also spiritually. She was so moved. So she had to ask Matthew, who are you people? And Matthew said, well, we are the product of those mass weddings that you saw. And this lady said, mass weddings? Yes, mass weddings of Reverend Moon.

This lady just had to kind of step back and said, Reverend Moon and those mass weddings. You mean those Adolf Hitler type of - you know, those mansei saying crazy bunch of people, mass wedding Rev. Moon? Brainwashed zombies mass wedding type of people? And Matthew said, yes, those were my parents.

And in that instant this woman realized, wow, Reverend Moon must be a good man if he was the one who blessed these parents, who produced children, young, proud, beautiful Americans like these. That's natural witnessing at work.

And when people at the UN came across a CARP member, 2nd generation CARP member like Sophia, and she went out of her way to not only make sure that the 2nd generation had a great experience with the UN, but so much so in taking care of people, the supervisor of the whole committee was so inspired by this young, you know, bright and bushy-tailed young American lady that he had to ask, who are you people? And she said, well, do you remember those mass weddings? Do you remember a bunch of young people running around crusading for One Family, One Nation under God back then? Well, those were our parents and

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we are the product of those mass weddings and here we are. And she said that with so much warmth, a smile on her face, and with so much pride that the supervisor, again, had to kind of step back and say, wow. Rev. Moon must not be such a bad guy after all. And again, that's the magic of natural witnessing taking place.

You know, so brothers and sisters, for so many years we've spent so much time in terms of starting different initiatives, right? Different witnessing campaigns and different ways to reach out to people. But you know what? I found that in my own life of faith the most effective way to witness is to raise good families. The most effective way to witness is to substantiate what we're teaching, what we're trying to teach the people ourselves by living it, by raising great kids like Sophia and Matthew, by in a way allowing them to represent our faith, allowing them to be the living testament of who we're all about.

In a way this time is a time in providential history when we should proudly showcase everything that we're all about. You know, when I think about the olden days in our time in the wilderness, it was truly a time when we were like the wind. You know, we were blowing these people down with our words, with our teachings, you know, get them to the seminars, get them to the workshops, you know. We're going to teach them the truth. We know the truth. But you know, there are a lot of people out there who also think that they know the truth too. And the young people are a lot smarter than, you know, than before. They're a lot more tech savvy in that they're more familiar with the type of different religions that are available to them than maybe before. Maybe in the '70s the Eastern religion, the influence of Eastern religion was a new phenomenon. Well, for the young people, they've been inundated with different types of Eastern religions over the years, you know. So they're pretty well versed, and they're pretty critical as well, too. So not only are they learning to, hoping to find the truth, but they're hoping to see the truth. They want to see the truth.

So instead of the wind blowing people down with our desire to fervently

teach the truth, how wonderful would it be if our community could be like a sunshine upon the world, if we can just start emanating the warmth from within and let the people naturally take off their coats, let the people naturally be drawn to us because we are a wonderful community. You know, you are, we are the world's best kept secret. Let the people experience through this loving encounter with each and every one of your families, you know, the beautiful families that you've struggled to build over the years. And I know, as with most families, and mine too, it's a work in progress. And I know that when I - sometimes when I'm in a prayer conversation with our Heavenly Father, I have to laugh because Heavenly Father reminds me, well, all your life you wanted to build an ideal family, so isn't that what you're doing?

Sometimes, you know, being a mom and being a wife and being a daughter to our True Parents is not an easy thing. And building an ideal family, I thought, was something almost akin to buying a potted plant, you know, bringing a potted plant holder from the store, buying a package of seeds, you know, and putting the seeds, planting the seeds into this pot holder. And all I thought was I just have to give it water and sunshine and these children would miraculously grow into this incredible human beings, you know, incredible God-centered men and women. But if you've had children, moms and dads in the audience, you know that it takes a little bit more than just water and fresh sunshine, right, and air. It takes a lot of effort, you know.

So when Heavenly Father says to me, you know, be careful what you ask for because you just might get it - well, I had always hoped for an international blessing and I had always hoped to marry maybe an American. And I got what I wanted. You know, my husband is the only - the first and the oldest male blessed child born to our community, but he's also the first American blessed child born to our community. So in a way God did answer my prayers, unbeknownst to me. I was hoping that

I would have this incredible ideal family, and in a way sometimes when things between spouses become difficult, you know, there were moments in my life when I said to Heavenly Father, where is this ideal family? And a voice came back to me, saying, well, it is an ideal family. I deal with my family. I deal with my husband. I deal with my children on a daily basis. And in a way Heavenly Father did give me an I-deal family.

And I have to be grateful because God is teaching me in all these mysterious ways of how to

be an ideal person. I deal with myself every day, and every day is a new day. And every day when I wake up I make a list of all the things that I would like to accomplish that day, and at the end of the day if I've accomplished them, if I've held firmly to my commitment, and I thank Heavenly Father for allowing me to deal. I deal with myself.

As I'm dealing with my family, as I'm sure all of you are, I realize that every obstacle or every suffering that Heavenly Father puts in our path is really just an opportunity to grow, and opportunity to deepen our understanding of who we are, an opportunity to deepen our faith each and every day, and for it to be tested and for it to be strengthened. So I always encourage my children, you know, when we've had a tough day, let us be grateful because this tough day is helping us or giving us an opportunity to become a stronger family, a stronger building block of this incredible community that we're building. At the same time I always encourage my children, just as I encourage the 2nd generation of our community, to really be in a position to honor their parents and honor the sacrifices that have gone before.

You know, a lot of the 2nd generation have come up to me and said, you know, In Jin Nim, I really have a hard time looking up to my parents. I said, why? Why is that? They say to me, you know, my world is telling me that the only thing that matters is power, knowledge and money, but these are the things that my parents gave up. And even to this day I would have to say my parents are financial losers. They don't have much to show for it, and I don't know if I want to follow in their footsteps, living a life of faith where I'm literally struggling with myself to put bread on the table.

I said, thank you, first of all, for your honesty and for entrusting in me to share your thoughts. I feel really honored that you would speak to me about this. But may I say one thing, and that is, you know, you kind of have to understand the 1st generation as somebody who joined the Unification Church because they wanted to build an incredible house of God on earth, God's kingdom on earth. And the 1st generation, their mission primarily was building the

foundation. Their primary mission was like preparing the basement. If you want to build a tall building, you have to dig just as deep. And in a way the 1st generation were busy digging, preparing to build this incredible monument, incredible testament to God and our faith. But if we want to build 20 stories, you've got to dig 20 stories. And the 1st generation's, in a way, life path or a life of sacrifice, or a life of devotion was like building a basement in order to build a house. They were so deeply entrenched, digging away, that many times the 2nd generation, or maybe even the 1st generation themselves said, what are we doing? What are we doing just shoveling dirt every day? What are we doing?

But Father and mother asked you, continue, please continue, we're going to build something wonderful. And on pure faith you kept on digging and you kept on shoveling that dirt. Maybe not realizing how deep, how deep you've dug. And then the 2nd generation, maybe not realizing what the parents were doing, but the 2nd generation's mission really, or a life of faith is to realize and to acknowledge the sacrifice of their parents, in a way thank them for the foundation that they have laid, for everything that they have done, so that we can stand upon the shoulders of the 1st generation's sacrifice and start building something really wonderful, to start harvesting all that has been prepared.

Part of the reason why I share the promo DVD about the Manhattan Center with the 2nd generation is to kind of show them. Manhattan Center is just one example of the foundation that your parents, together with my parents, have laid in preparation for your leadership. We have many, many, many different organizations. My father and mother have touched every aspect of life. Just about a month ago I came from a meeting with True World Foods, that my father founded more than 20 years ago. It has grown into a company that's worth over half a billion dollars. This is the group that literally feeds all the sushi lovers of America. Think about it. In a way, our community has touched the American people one way or another. And for those who love sushi and for those who have a strong craving for Asian food, my father's work is already in their body. We've physically given them sustenance. Now how wonderful would it be if the 2nd generation of our community can be re-energized and re-inspired about how much of a foundation is waiting for them, so that based on the 1st generation's physical sustenance of taking care of the American people, why not introduce them to the spiritual sustenance that's just waiting for them, waiting for you, the 2nd generation, to reach out and touch the American people.

So when I think about this country - and when my father says that America has been chosen, it's a God-chosen country, you know, I think of it in many, many different ways. But one way to kind of understand how incredibly powerful, how incredibly providential America is, is to kind of remind myself of my first day in class as an eager Poli Sci major at college. I remember I had this wonderful professor. His first topic, introduction to political science 101 was the definition of power. And he said to this class of very, very intelligent group, he said, you know, power means the ability to influence.

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In Jin Nim's Visit to Ohio

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

On February 7-8 our national team traveled with In Jin Nim to Ohio - her eleventh district weekend experience of 1st and 2nd generation. One more district to go and In Jin Nim has met every family and every generation in America - one on one! The Ohio trip was the first district visit after the Coronation for the Authority and Liberation of God, the King of Kings. On the foundation of the immense joy that True Parents expressed over the success the Coronation of God and the Blessing which was organized and offered under In Jin Nim's leadership on January 31st, a completely new and immense wave of spiritual power and fortune is sweeping across America. We could see it in Ohio as teenagers and college students, some younger, some older, and all generations were able to directly meet In Jin Nim. Many shared with such joy and excitement that they never dreamed they would ever be able to have such a "personal moment" with a member of True Family.

On each visit In Jin Nim is meeting families personally and individually, taking pictures with them, taking time with them, but most importantly, showing True Parents' love to all. On Saturday night we gathered at the Ohio Family Church with 180 2nd generation, and one by one, as done in other districts, the young people got on stage and had an experience that they never expected. They were able to greet and share their vision and passion for their lives with In Jin Nim and her family directly.

Some shared that they always heard their parents' testimony about True Parents, and how one personal experience with True Parents would be something the older generation could always refer to as a warm, loving family feeling directly with True Parents. Some of the 2nd generation shared that they were always hoping for this kind of heart-to-heart experience with True Family and now it is actually happening.

One of the young people asked, can I get a hug? Naturally this started a landslide of requests. You could feel that not only is In Jin Nim the chairperson, spiritual leader and pastor for the American movement but she is also guiding America with a mother's heart. Time and time again one of the young people would ask for a hug. They'd come off of the stage and get a big hug from In Jin Nim and they could feel the power of True Parent's love. Some of the brothers asked for a hug from Jin Sung Nim. We could see the excitement. The Ohio experience was all about love - True Love. From North Carolina, from Tennessee, from Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana and of course Ohio young people came forward in all sizes and ages. (The Hutcherson family took up the whole stage with their eight children, all of whom are home-schooled.) It was an outstanding tribute to the way of the blessed family. You could see so many personalities, but most importantly you could see and feel the calling and identity of the Blessed Children is truly special.

When the young people would share, In Jin Nim would listen and Jin Sung Nim would take notes while some of the staff also helped, so that each person is

remembered. On this tour of America In Jin Nim has virtually met every single one of our 2nd generation and blessed families. This has created a very direct personal experience of love from our True Parents with In Jin Nim. This is also creating a family spirit that is the foundation for a revolutionary ministry that is now launching in America. You could see the direct impact of these visits in the last blessing - the young blessed couples were well prepared in heart and felt secure and part of a big loving support-



ive family. In Jin Nim opened this door.

The Manhattan Center promotional video is shown which immediately inspires all to feel - wow our movement is the best!

There were hundreds of comments and here a just a couple to give you a "feel" for this event:

Yeri McClain shared concerning In Jin Nim's sermon and sharing, "It gave me a clear idea of how important it is to set goals even early in life. Also how big you can actually make your future."

Christina Flores said, "It was an extremely inspiring experience. I've never been so close with the True Family before. I've only seen them from far away. It was great to be in such close quarters with In Jin Nim and her family." Erika Hayasaka shared, "My impression was that In Jin Nim was more than I expected. She's a wonderful woman. I think that what she said about the Manhattan Center is awesome! It's bringing a dream into reality. I think we're looking at a bright and different future."

Trimon Lamson shared from the heart saying that In Jin Nim is totally real and gives him hope. He also commented that he really thought her hairstyle was totally beautiful!! (Everyone laughed - it was totally from the heart - it was so beautiful. The family atmosphere was filled with warmth and hope.)

We concluded the evening with prayer and with a sense of love and joy, reminding many of the older generation of the experiences we had when we first joined this movement, when Father was always there for us. Before the global providence, before the kings and prime ministers were coming forward, Father invested in our families as his sons and daughters. It's that Foundation of Substance that made the root of our movement so strong. Now that is experience is being given to the second generation.

The joy was the same we experienced when Father spent late night hours sharing stories of the earliest times in Korea. It was the foundation of our movement

that is rooted in Jesus' teaching the disciples at the Sea of Galilee, where he gave the Sermon on the Mount, teaching with love and personally spending time with each and every person. Father listened to the testimonies of our members, from the early disciples all the way through to our 1st generation, until the providence became so advanced and Father's position elevated higher and higher until he had to work through other people. At morning Hoon Dok Hwe Father still personally touches us. Still, however,

made out of convenience or based on romantic love, and often they end in sorrow and sadness when that romantic love has a tendency to dissolve, as responsibilities and burdens of family life and children increase.

However, when the marriage is a covenant with God, based on love for God, love for each other, and love for children to come, a different enduring quality of love emerges. Through Jin Sung Nim's testimony all of us are being reoriented to realize the greatest value of our blessed families is that we become a temple in which God can express all of the loves that are fundamental to perfecting our character - parental love, conjugal love, brother/sister love, children's love. Ultimately the goal of our families is to bring joy to God, to be God's image, and ultimately extend that true love to the next generation so that young people thrive and grow in God's image, wrapped in God's love. In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim are very honest about their early times - and what is beautiful is to see their love for each other and how much In Jin Nim has established her family with True Parents love in such a way that it is now an example that we can learn from in this age. In Jin Nim is teaching us that to go gain the world we must be the best - in spiritual life and in all the fields of endeavor. It is time that we shoot high and really be all that God intends for us to be.

We can see that the movement is going through a healing process at this time, for many of the blessed children had to go through a course of growing up under parents who sincerely devoted themselves to God, just as True Parents taught, in such a way that even denied the children for the sake of saving America and the world. Just as men go off to war, leaving their families behind, parents of God's dispensation were fighting a spiritual war to save the family, the nation and the world, breaking down racial barriers and bringing religious harmony.

The victory of the coronation of God and extension of that crown of peace to True Parents and to Hyung Jin Nim has now established that that era has victoriously been established once and forever. The establishment of True Family in so many important roles throughout the world in bringing God's kingdom - and especially In Jin Nim's chairmanship, being trusted by Father to lead America - is allowing us to understand the vertical sacrifice of our True Parents and how important it was for the 1st generation to walk that path of sacrifice.

In Jin Nim emphasizes that that path of sacrifice laid the foundation for the kingdom, just as a foundation is needed for a house. We have been laying the foundation for the kingdom and Father has successfully and forever completed the foundation. But the foundation is not the kingdom itself. Actually True Parents are now lifting up True Family and all of 2nd generation to build the kingdom literally, a kingdom of love in which care for the historical providence of God is rooted in spiritual excellence and loving marriages and family care as well as excellence in achievement - in the arts, culture, academia, sports, business, medicine, in all endeavors in life.

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I've often thought about that in my own life of faith. And when I think about America, and when I think about as a God-chosen country, and I think about why God has blessed this country with so much resources and so much opportunity – in a way God prepared this country because it was prepared to exercise the power, the ability to influence the world. You have Elvis Presley, you have – and then in Japan you have Elvis Presley wannabe's, right. The music, the Levi jeans – who in the world hasn't heard about Levi's jeans? Who in the world hasn't heard about McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken? Even when I went to Moscow in the year 2000 they had McDonald's there, and a couple of years later when I visited they had Starbucks there. They very much love Microsoft and Bill Gates. All these things that came from America, that is literally influencing the world, influencing our children – can you imagine if America became truly a country of God and started influencing the world with an incredible message of true love, with an incredible message and hope for one family under God?

I know that a lot of the first generation that joined the Church, you joined because you experienced hope for the first time in your life. Many of you came from broken homes, right? And many of you wanted to create this incredibly loving family. You wanted to find a way to have a loving relationship with your spouse. And in a way the Divine Principle gave you hope that you can have that, blessed by God, and you can have incredible children, sinless children. You had hope in your eyes, you had hope in your heart.

And again, can you imagine if America, as the elder son nation, representing the Second Israel, can truly proclaim to the world how incredibly profound it is to say, yes, you can have hope once again; you can have hope in the brotherhood of man, in the fact that yes, we can love each other. Not just co-exist, not just tolerate, but truly love. I often say to blessed couples, can you imagine if your husband – I can't imagine my husband turning to me and saying, In Jin, I love you so much, I love you with all my heart, I want to co-exist with you for the rest of my life. If he were to say that to me, I would say, huh? Come again? Honey, try that again. Co-exist with me? Of if he were to say to me, In Jin, I love you so much, I just tolerate you every day. Maybe sometimes he does feel like saying that. But if he were to say that to me, it wouldn't be as inspiring to me as if he were to say, In Jin, I love you with all my

heart and I want to understand you with all my heart, and I want to love you for the rest of my life. It's really quite different, isn't it?

When I see stickers that young people put on their bumpers, that says "Co-exist," with different religious symbols, I said, no, we've got to be able to do better than that. So True Parents are saying, yes, we can do better than that. We need to love, we need to take care of each other. Not just put up with each other, co-exist or tolerate. And so if we're going to be teaching this to the people of the world, what about our community within? Are we just simply going to co-exist with our Japanese brother and sister, our Korean brother and sister? Are we just simply going to tolerate the American brothers and sisters? Or are we really going to love each other, just as our True Parents have taught us to be? Are we really going to care about each other and support each other and not judge each other every day, but to see what words of encouragement we can say to each other every day, so that we can help each other to become better people? Because there is a strength in a community, a strength in numbers, and we should be celebrating it each and every day.

I have to say that every day for me is a day of challenge, and at the same time it's a day of celebration, when I can see my children every day, and see many hard-working members every day. Their enthusiasm touches me and makes me want to be a better person. When I work with the members, as well as non members, and I have the added responsibility of running the Manhattan Center, I work with these people that are almost like gods for the young people of today. America is undergoing this cult of celebrity, where the movie stars and singers and top entertainers are becoming like gods. They dictate how you should live. They dictate what kind of people you should date. They dictate what kind of music you should be listening to.

I have a couple of friends who are producers of television programs aired on cable nets like MTV and VH1 and I've gotten to meet all the different CEOs of different entertainment groups. These are people who literally have it all. They have everything. But they're always looking for something here, always something empty here.

And so when I see that young people are looking at these people, hungry to copy their lifestyle and use that as something to aspire to, I would have to say, young people, but these people that you're looking up to, these people

are the ones that are asking me, how come your kids are different? How can I raise my children so that they will respect me when they grow up? How can I raise them so they're not going to throw curses at me? How can I help them grow up

so that they can be a child that thinks about something greater than just themselves? So we've had quite a few conversations like this with some of my professional contacts and friends.

This one friend of mine sent me a video clip from CNN and he said, Tatiana, I just wanted to get your feedback on this, so take a look and e-mail me and call me back. When I opened up what he sent me, it was a CNN interview with this young lady, young American lady who had graduated from college, done extremely, extremely well, was looking toward graduate program, and found herself in this situation where she had everything prepared academically, but in terms of the finances she didn't have enough money to go to graduate school.

Having been inundated with kind of like the cult of celebrity and this understanding that right now she's part of the millennials, or show-me-the-money generation, she thought, well, hmm, I don't have money, I want to go to graduate school, I have an incredibly great resume from my college days. What do I do? So this young lady came up with this novel solution and she decided, why not use the Internet to auction off my virginity to the highest bidder? This girl thought, well, yes, when the interviewer was asking her different questions like, why would you do such a thing? Don't you believe in love, don't you believe in marriage or something like this? She's like, oh yes, yes, I, just like all the young little girls in America grew up with fairy tale stories of Cinderella, Snow White, waiting for that knight in shining armor to come and save me and to live happily ever after, amen.

But then she said, in the course of growing up, going through elementary school, then middle school, the kids start kind of experimenting with the opposite sex, and then going to high school where they're not just experimenting but they're living it. And then having gone through four years of college, where she literally saw bed-hopping going on in the dorms every day, she basically said, you know what? It seems like my generation doesn't value what I held on for so long. But if it can solicit a decent price on the Internet, it's the only thing I have to sell, and it's the only thing that might give me something to work with in terms of going to a graduate program.

When I saw that clip I called my friend right back and said, good God, how is it that this girl has given up on love? How is it that this girl has given up on the prospect of having a loving family? She's literally starting to sell her body for money, and she's giving it a logical twist or an intellectual understanding to herself by saying, well, it just makes sense. I said, well, you know, maybe you should re-think about some of the programming that you've done over the years. Because now this person has 14- and 16-year-old daughters. He's been generating these types of programs for the youth of America. But as a father he's ultra-protective of his own daughters. He has to come to terms with, ooh, what have I done? Was I really thinking about how these programs are going to affect my daughter when I produce these things? Or was I just thinking about the bonus I was going to get at the end of the year because it was a hit show?

So we had this conversation. We started talking about my father. He started asking me questions about my father and about some of our beliefs. I was saying, you know, what is missing in the millennial show-me-the-money generation are the core values, core God-centered values or moral values that made the founding of America so great. In a way America needs to reclaim its spiritual heritage in order to continue to become great. The spiritual heritage is like the backbone, and everything else is like the flesh. But for the last couple of decades America has been kind of moving around like an amoeba. It has lost its spiritual backbone, lost its vertebrae. And it's looking. The young people are looking.

The wonderful thing about our community is not just in that do we have a physical representation of God in the masculine and the physical form in the form of True Parents, but we have this wonderful culture of an international community. You have the beautiful aspect of the Eastern culture such as honoring the elder, such as physical manifestation of honoring somebody by basically bowing. And instead of it looking kind of gookish, or kind of weird, if the American people can be informed that this is truly a loving gesture, not something that's demeaning or degrading. In fact, there's nothing more beautiful than a spouse who bows to each other before they go to bed because they understand the sanctity of the relationship, they understand the sanctity of what they're about to partake on a daily basis. There's nothing more beautiful than that, a man bowing to his wife, honoring his wife. Not smacking and hitting and abusing, but honoring and respecting that woman. And the same, a wife honoring, bowing to the husband, not hen-pecking, not telling him how horrible he is and how much complaint. But honoring on a daily basis. There's something beautiful in that. That's kind of like the groundwork in order for the couples to have even a more enriching experience as husband and wife.

The fact that the children honor the parents, the fact that a younger brother calls the older brother hyung, or the fact that a young brother calls an older sister nuna, and the older brother loving the younger brother respectfully. There's beauty in that.

Of course we have the Western aspect, the importance of conversation, the importance of camaraderie, the importance of enjoying horizontal relationships, not just the vertical but the horizontal. So that in a family setting not only are the children respectful toward the parents, but sometimes the parents can let their guard down and have incredible fun with the family and talk with the family, which in a strictly Asian culture just doesn't exist. In a strictly Asian culture, many husbands and wives never talk to each other. In fact, in my travels across America I came across a Japanese sister who said to me, In Jin Nim, your message about love is so wonderful. Then she was kind of like looking at me with these doe-like eyes, and her husband was sitting right next to her, so I said to the husband, did you tell your wife that you love her? This wife just started crying. The husband said to me, in Japan we don't express, we don't verbalize I love you. Of course she knows I love her, but we don't say it.

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I said to this gentleman, you're from Japan. My father's from Korea. Korea's the Adam country, right? There are a lot of people who don't tell their wives, I love you, there too. But I've never met a Korean man who says, I love you, to his wife more than my father. So wouldn't it be wonderful if you could just say, I love you, to your wife? I saw this man literally struggling. Like after years and years of not verbalizing, maybe feeling but not verbalizing, I - I - I - eh - eh - love - you. It was just such an effort. But when this brother was able to convey for the first time in their marital relationship - and they've been married for decades - not just feel but articulate, communicate. This poor wife, she was - she turned into Niagara Falls. Then he turned into Niagara Falls. It was just one of those things where he's such a wonderful person, but coming from that culture it's so difficult to overcome the cultural barrier and to turn to his heavenly daughter, heavenly wife, and say, I love you.

That's the beauty of our community. When I was going to Divinity school, many people said to me, Rev. Moon, yes, he's a great evangelical leader and a great regional phenomenon. I've often said, no, no, my father's not a regional phenomenon. He's a worldwide phenomenon and he's a worldwide leader because this man, you cannot call a Korean man - not only does he express to his wife he loves here, he acts on it on stage all the time. He's constantly kissing my mother. Sometimes Mother has to say, Abba, not now. But constantly trying to pick her up in public. I thought, how wonderful it is to see some public displays of emotion here. From a Korean man. And we're not talking a 20-year-old. We're talking he's almost 90. It's a totally different generation. Can you imagine a man from his generation being this communicative with his wife, acting upon the feelings that he has for his wife? You cannot call him a Korean man. He is quite a universal man. And a very much progressive thinker.

When I see how he has raised Mother and how truly incredible Mother is for going the course to restore the position of fallen Eve, to reclaim the true position of Eve, the true position of women in our world, and for her to be standing as the true Eve, or the true Mother - as a daughter there's nothing more inspiring than that. I'm sure the American sisters in the church have felt like me. Back in the olden days I remember Father used to berate the American sisters, right? You American sisters, peh, peh, peh. Quite a bit of chastisement has been done to the poor American sisters, and I remember watching my father give the Americans a hard time. Thinking, oh, my goodness. And me and my sisters, Ye Jin and Un Jin, we'd be writing notes to each other, they're getting it real bad today.

At the same time, because we were girls, we were women, we felt everything that you were feeling. And back in those days I had wonderful things called brothers. You know brothers can be quite mischievous and quite cruel, right, when they're young. They would poke pencils at our butts saying, see, see, women are nothing. Women are object. Bad women. Bad women. And we would literally be sitting there, God, are you watching this? Can you please

help us?

But Father, once he started, he would go on. It's like a bulldozer. Once he starts rolling, he rolled all the American sisters down before he finished. We grew up watching this. I as a daughter often kind of heard the Divine Principle lectures and subject and object and creating an ideal family, and vertical and horizontal, and then kind of look at my parents and saw my father as this charismatic evangelical preacher and leader, and a teacher. And my mom just being silent for so many years.

And I remember reading the Martha and Mary story in the Bible. In a way the history of religion has not been a kind one to women, and many times that story of Martha and Mary has been used to silence women in the church, to silence women in a life of faith. When I was kind of reading that passage, the way I understood it as a girl and as a woman and as a mother was that Mary and Martha, they are preparing the arrival of Jesus to visit in their home. Martha being the frantic one, wants to be sure that everything is prepared well. I can almost visualize the EG setting of that particular story, of maybe Martha is Mrs. Dr. Kim, frantically preparing, kitchen sisters, do this, do that, do this, do that. Making sure the water is here, making sure the tablecloth is pristine.

Then Jesus is sitting down, True Father is sitting down, getting ready to address the audience. Then Mary quietly sitting by his side, wanting to listen. And I've often kind of visualized resentment of maybe Martha toward Mary, saying - maybe in her heart, or maybe even verbalizing or articulating, Mary, what are you doing sitting there? Can't you see I'm busy? Why don't you help me? What a spoiled child. Maybe this is how Martha felt. Or maybe Martha felt like, why isn't Mary helping me? It's so important to take care of Jesus in a correct way. Why doesn't she get up and help me? Then I've often visualized Mary, thinking, I can't believe I'm in the presence of Jesus Christ. I don't want to miss a thing. I want to hear every word.

When I look at that picture and see it in the modern day visualized version of Father and East Garden context, I realize that in a way that story is not a story about why a woman should be silent in a life of religion, but it's really a story about how the heart of attendance is. In a way I very much understood the story of Martha and Mary as something that was profound in that regardless of how many preparations need to take place, the most important thing is to attend Jesus Christ, is to attend our True Parents, and to give our heart. And in a way, when that story was being told, it was to teach us that yes, frantic preparations are wonderful, but what is more important is to come and spend time with our True Parents, spend time and attend True Parents.

I kind of kept my own understanding of the Martha and Mary story in my heart, and over the years I've kind of seen True Mother's course unfold. All those years of True Mother never, never complaining, always uniting, and always being there for Father and Mother, and finally restoring the position of Eve to a position where women can take an

active role in the life of faith. It's an incredibly inspiring thing for me not just as a woman but as a student of religion. It's an incredible time for us as a faith community.

So I feel like the ability for me to take this position as the chairman of HSA is really because of all those American sisters, you know, who've gone before me, who in a way received, who sacrificed. And by going through that berating, prepared the way for True Mother's victory, and prepared a way to give me an opportunity to do something wonderful for this country. And I think we can. (Applause)

And when I think about why my father gave the American ladies such a tough time, you know, I would have to ask myself the same question. As somebody who has taught college stu-



dents and high school students, I would have to say, well, as a teacher, when you're standing in front of a classroom, you tend to be harder on the students that are academically gifted. You tend to challenge them more. You tend to push them more. And I firmly believe that in a way when Father came to America and was giving the American sisters a real tough time, it's because he saw within you the power to change the world, the ability to influence. He saw within you an educated bunch of young American sisters, very capable, very articulate, very enthusiastic. And so in a way Father was challenging the American sisters - are you going to be educated, professional, articulate for God? Or for yourself?

I think that's the reason why my father was so hard on them. I think that's also the reason why, you know, my parents are just so hard on their own children too. But you know, God works in mysterious ways. Through suffering comes depth and wisdom and new determination. And I know for a fact that because Father was so hard on women, now I have the ability or the opportunity to tickle my father a little bit by telling him, Dad, did you know that I'm really an American woman now?

I came as a resident alien to this country. I was an alien for many, many years, but I just recently became an American citizen, actually last year. So for me to kind of finally become an American citizen and then, you know, very, very soon after that for my father - to be in this role, I thought I just had to remind my father about all that berating that he did for American sisters, and to say, well, I'm that American sister too, Father. He had a hearty laugh. And he said exactly what I said. It's because those Amer-

ican sisters were really talented and really prepared. That's what Father said.

Now I have the added pleasure of not just meeting you again, together with wonderful American brothers too, but I also get to meet your children, and wow, they're really a great bunch. They have just so much talent. So as a mother coming to this position, I really want to try my best to not only make the Internet a wonderful place for our children to visit, and to find out more and more about their faith and maybe to hear some of your stories, but also to create an educational track for the blessed children so that the American community that has literally been living in the wilderness, going from one event to another, not really being allowed to settle down, to concentrate on our families - this can be a time when we can do just that. We kind of need to build within. We need to be strong within if we're going to do any outreach and invite people to our homes, right?

If you have a guest coming over, what do you do? You've got to clean up shop, right? You have to make sure your house is in order. You have to make sure it's clean. You have to make sure it's prepared, it's presented well. Well,

likewise, before we invite new members or new people to come and hear the truth, our house needs to be in order. It needs to be clean. It needs to be organized. It needs to be dusted so that bright, gleaming spirit that all of you have can shine once again. Just like the beautiful sun, start attracting. Instead of pulling teeth, start attracting people to the beauty of our community.

So I feel like when Father declared the beginning of the Pacific Rim era, and the important role that the women must play, I feel like this is an invitation for the American sisters to come and work together again and to help our brothers, to raise up our brothers, to raise up our families so that they can truly be great examples for the world. I'm hoping that, just as we've experienced the most incredible election process in the history of America, electing an African-American to be our next president. I often tell the different districts I go to that the impossibility has become a possibility; and not just a possibility but a reality.

When Martin Luther King was shouting our his "I Have a Dream" speech, I'm sure he was hoping for some day for an African-American president to take the White House. I don't think he knew it would happen this soon. In

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fact, one of my dearest friends is an African-American actress. She's won numerous awards and she's done incredible things in her career. I remember her sitting next to me. We were at a fund-raiser that Rev. Jenkins briefly mentioned at the Manhattan Center. This was a fund-raiser for the Democratic Party, for Obama. It was actually hailed as the concert of the decade. You had Billy Joel there, you had Bruce Springsteen, you had John Legend, and you had a new up and coming star, her name is Indira. And basically it was \$25,000 per seat.

The Hammerstein, the bigger venue at the Manhattan Center, houses 2,400 people, so you can do the math. They raised quite a chunk of change for the Democratic Party, and after that I had a chance to go backstage. It was actually my friend who brought the event to me at the Manhattan Center. So he's the one that brought Obama to the Manhattan Center.

Before I went to see Obama on the 16th, I was together with our True Parents in Hawaii, and I asked my father, a friend of mine has brought the Obama fund raising campaign to Manhattan Center and I will be going there to personally greet him, thank you for coming, and to convey whatever you would like me to convey to him. What would you like me to say to Obama?

My father said to me, remind Obama of the spiritual heritage of America and remember where he comes from. And if he remembers God and if he can unite with the work that our father is doing, then together they can do incredible things for America. So after the event - it was actually at the event when my actress friend was literally crying. She was Niagara Falls on my right arm here. She said, I just can't believe, I just can't believe, in all my years I'm taking part in this process. It's just so incredible to me. She said, I just cannot believe that a black man is running for the presidency of the United States. She was just weeping the whole time because she was so moved.

So I brought her together with me backstage and approached Obama and

his wife Michelle, thanked them for coming to the Manhattan Center and conveyed what Father wanted me to convey. As a representative of my father, I gave my father's blessing to him by shaking his hand. I asked him to please remember God and your spiritual heritage. Several weeks later he was elected president. So in a way I feel in some way Father blessed Obama to take on this role.

Then I went and also visited Dr. Lowery, who's a dear friend of mine that I got to know through my work with Religious Freedom Coalition when I was 18 years old, we locked arm in arm and we marched all the way down through Lafayette Park. For some reason he and I kind of had this heartistic connection, and he's the one who always said to me, you know In Jin, God works in mysterious ways. I always kind of remember the way he spoke, G-o-o-o-o-o-d, holding it a little while longer, works in mysterious ways. That was kind of always ringing in the back of my mind when I was thinking about different things in the course of my life. When I saw Obama being elected, I thought, God works in mysterious ways.

I was able to reconnect with Dr. Lowery after many, many years. He has kind of been a little bit heartsick about our community because sometimes he felt that maybe our community was too extreme right-wing, and maybe they didn't treat the African-American community very well. I know that even some of the members, when I talk about the Obama phenomenon, they said to me, but he's a Democrat! I replied, absolutely. But you know, God works through Democrats too, not just Republicans. And it was Father that said we have to start a new movement, called Headwing movement, and he said that many, many years ago.

When I look at Obama, I'm not just looking at him as a Democratic president but I'm looking at him as somebody who has been prepared by God to do incredible work if he can somehow connect with our True Parents and with our community. And I think he can and I think he will. It was Dr. Lowery who was instrumental in anointing Barack Obama towards this race

for the White House. Without Dr. Lowery, President-elect Obama would not be president-elect now. President-elect Obama asked Dr. Lowery to give the benediction at the inauguration. So I feel like in a way the jigsaw puzzles are all coming together in one way or another.

Father is utilizing different races, different mediums, to just all kind of come together, to fit that jigsaw puzzle into almost like a platform where True Parents can finally be recognized as the peacemakers of the world. So in a way I feel that we have the Generation X-ers, we have the Ys, the Z's, and now this generation is calling themselves the millennials, or show-me-the-money generation. Don't you think the young people can do a step better than show-me-the-money generation?

In a way the young people of today should be a generation of peace. They should be the ones saying, you know, look, the greatest threat to our existence is war of religions, or terrorism. It has already affected - left its footprint, or fingerprint, in New York City, of all places, 9/11, right? And I watched that horror unfold from my husband's office building, and I saw these people literally diving to their deaths. The amount of hatred that must have been in the minds of these people that could do something like this, in the name of religion, in the name of Allah, it just cannot be. And we as young people, instead of just waiting for our politicians to change the world for us, instead of just waiting for our ministers to come together and change the world for us, why not change the world ourselves? It only took one man, one boy who was 16 - and my son here, Truxton, just turned 16 this morning. My father was his age when Jesus appeared to him and my father finally said, yes, I will do it. It was his age.

From then on this man has never wavered, and this one man, this one boy has changed the world. He has changed each and every one of our lives. So can you imagine, all the young people in this audience - 16, 14, 15, doesn't matter how young - but the change takes place here. But once you change your mind, you can change the world. Once you change yourself, you can change the world. Just like the way my father did.

In a way this is the time when we should call our children not just to sit idle and complain, or to just think about the cult of celebrity, but really get them to start thinking about how do we really accomplish this world of peace? How do we stop people from killing each other? How do we stop people from turning into suicide bombers and blowing other people up? How do we teach people about the

sanctity of life, that life is precious? We are a divine representation on earth, and it's our privilege and honor to live it. How do we show these young people?

I think the answer is in the back of the book. We have our True Parents here with us, they are living and breathing and walking with us. When my father says that he's going to ascend to heaven in 2013, I'm just hoping and praying that 2013 will be his physical retirement and that he can finally rest, and that the 2nd generation can go forward. But if 2013 is the day that he leaves us, it's not very many days left. So you know, I feel like the time or the moment when we can proudly proclaim to our future generations, to our posterity, that I lived and walked with Father and Mother is not forever. So this is a precious time, incredibly precious time.

Honor your parents, 2nd generation, and 1st generation, please encourage the 2nd generation to find their passions, to be not just spiritually excellent but physically excellent. And physically excellent also means not just having great careers but also being proud of who we are.

I know you tired mothers, sometimes it's really difficult to get in that shower and look good for your children, but please do so because then you can give them a good hug and ship them off in grand style that you deserve. And the mothers, who've kind of been, you know, tired and maybe upset at the husband and maybe kind of used food as a comfort. A couple of the American sisters literally kind of joked to me, yeah, a lot of us kind of popped up like this after getting married. I said, yes, the most wonderful thing about the blessing is that it's forever, but the worst thing about the blessing is it's forever and that you take your spouse for granted, and that you stop caring about how you look for each other. Not just internally but also externally. If you truly love someone, you want to honor them, but not just how you are here, but also how you look. You want to smell good for each other. You want to look attractive to each other. And you want to exercise together so you can be healthy together. Instead of every woman going through what I call the frozen Pillsbury dough-boy effect - you know those lovely biscuits that we love to serve at dinner along with our lovely entrees, the biscuits that you twist open and it goes pop, right? A lot of sisters have gone that course, literally popped. Over the course of the last couple of decades God, our Heavenly Parent, has experience a lot of popping noises, and it wasn't popcorn.

This is - before you attract guests into the home, this is a time when we should think about how we are internally, but also externally, and how we can honor each other on Sunday morning by coming prepared. Not just here, but also externally, wanting to look good for each other because we care, because we want to love.

I think if we can start doing just that, we're going to be an awesome community because you, we are the best content. We just have to package it in a way that people can understand that you guys and we are the best gift that the world is waiting for. ❖

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really deeply received in the hearts and minds of our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generations, as we realize all the tears and blood of the martyrs and sacrifice of the ages, and particularly of True Parents and True Family and the 1st generation, was all put on the altar at the time of the coronation, sealed forever, and allowed to go forth now in kingdom-building centering on the 2nd generation. Therefore, the creativity and the incredible genius and gifts of the blessed children that many times in the foundation-building era were suppressed and even cast aside have now become the beautiful central point of our focus. We will maintain our spiritual excellence as we lay the foundation for God's eternal kingdom, but at the same time we will now expand that excellence by bringing substantial true love among all races, substantially building beautiful nations, beautiful peoples, and a beautiful understanding a respect for all religions.

As the families were coming forward to meet In Jin Nim after the Sunday service, my wife and I were so moved because we could see the heart to heart impact on our families. Our 1st generation are now a little grayer and bigger around the waist, but they still have the same hope and aspirations they did when they young adults. Many of those 1st gen struggled so deeply during this last decade of God's dispensation because we all wanted to help the next generation to find their place in kingdom-building. However, to be honest, we were pioneers who didn't really know how to allow our next generation to take things to another level. True Family is changing that. Now, because of the huge response of our younger generation - the hope and aspiration that we will see the Kingdom - not "out there" but in our own families has become real for all generations for the first time.

Now with the emergence of True Family's role, and especially In Jin Nim's leadership in America, I saw with my own eyes many of those beautiful 1st generation weeping at the back of the hall as they saw their sons and daughters awakening with hope and joy that they can become the best in the world, the best in religion, in art, in music, in business, in government and that our movement can become the best. They can begin to realize their real identity as very special sons and daughters of God. They are feeling proud of God's calling to their parents and now to themselves. Proud because through things like the Manhattan Center promotional video and the real love and care expanding in our movement - they can see the excellence that no one can deny and all can be proud of. They long to be proud of who we are and be able to share without hesitation to all.

The developments going on with True Family now in terms of excellence in spiritual life and accomplishment of the respect and love for all humanity is very real and tangible hope that we can bring the world to a better place. Thank you Rev. Hyung Jin Moon for opening the door of True Parent's love to all of us. In Jin Nim is now doing the same. Our movement is a place of True Love. The hope is rising in America among our families and especially young adults because we can feel and believe that we are des-

tinued to rise to the top of this nation because of God's blessing and now True Family guiding us to become by practicing true love and the principles of heaven.

In Jin Nim's Sunday message was powerful - she is reaching young and old alike:

I came here because True Parent's love you!

When I was young Father taught us that we must love America - to do that he said we must know English and speak it very very well. Its only in truly under-

tain of the field hockey team - and the team gave me the choice to choose my number. I asked Father what number I should choose and he thought about it. Your number should be 43. It is interesting that when this great responsibility came to me to be the Mother of America I was 43 years old.

Blessed Children need to be protected and loved. The best asset of our movement is our children. They are not potted self sufficient plants. They are born sinless which means that we have to take care of them. Why not build relation-

and songs of praise will go forth and most importantly True Love will be the center. Our early movement grew fast because we could feel the love of True Parents. Our movement is poised to grow rapidly now because we can once again feel the love of God directly and personally for our families and especially for the younger generation.

In the "Family Celebration" on February 1st, after True Parents' victorious coronation, we saw a model for a new kind of ministry that will be one that has the highest standard of excellence, that as we sing and pray before God, as we offer songs of praise, we will do it with our very best heart and preparation.

That "Family Celebration" at 9 am on Sunday the 1st reverberated through all of the movement (another report is forthcoming on the Family Celebration of Feb. 1st). The music ministry exhibited there was truly great. Also - she invited all dimensions of our family to come home. Many who had felt left behind or hurt were personally called by In Jin Nim to come "home" to True Parents. They did - the love is flowing. In Jin Nim is showing us that if we prepare our offering properly, it will give heaven joy, it will energize and inspire the masses of people who are already blessed in our American movement, and it will definitely cause a wave of response that God has hoped and longed for in America - that masses of young and old alike will come to engraft themselves into True Parents' true love, true life and true lineage. Our movement is growing now internally and externally. We will see the dream of True Parents of a Peace Kingdom of True Love by 2013 become a living reality. Ohio was transformed from this visit of Love. True Parents sent their love and heart to each and every member through In Jin Nim and True Family - and Father is now touching us the way he did in the beginning of his ministry.

The testimonies of the young adults that were there say it all:

Christi Immel said, "In Jin Nim really really cares. She wants to get to know her brothers and sisters. She's really down to earth and easy to connect with. She's doing amazing and is going to do much more AMAZING things with our movement." Kai Schmittat shared, "I'm excited to work with True Family and get closer to them. In Jin Nim gave us a lot of hope. Thank you!"

Darrel Rood - "I'm excited about what I am capable of doing. Life is wonderful. Thanks to In Jin Nim for bringing this to us."

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Lamson, to Rev. Garun Abrams, the youth minister, and all of brothers and sisters of District 6. The Ohio visit was a profound experience of seeing the vision of hope in God come alive in His people. It is no wonder that True Parents were overjoyed with the weekend experience of the coronation of God, the blessing, and the beautiful Hoon Dok Hwe that followed because it was an offering of excellence made from the heart. Though we were not perfect in our offering, True Parents' daughter, who has shed so many tears for our blessed families, was able to bring us all together with the right mind and attitude and prove that Father's trust for America was well placed and will yield the harvest that God has longed for from the elder son nation. ❖



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They feel the need to be part of our community and they are to be protected. When I meet your children, they represent the best of what we can be. They care about the elders, the handicapped and the people who are suffering.

If our movement can be more like the sunshine it will bring a new understanding. When they do come and see your wife or your husband - then they will be inspired and intrigued to learn more about the principle. Just like the way the book the Secret was such a phenomenon? It was because of the title - the "Secret". It intrigued everyone. Sometimes I feel that taking the more subtle approach is more effective.

The vision my brother had is so great. Everything is prepared for us at this time. I wanted to inspire the young people - we are not a tired movement. I want to inspire the first and second generation. The first generation sacrificed everything and was literally digging the foundation and creating the basement and foundation for the Kingdom. 2nd Generation - you are not to be laying the foundation - you are to build the beautiful house that is built on the foundation of the sacrifice and tears of True Parents and the 1st Generation. This is the best way we can say we are grateful to the 1st Generation. Father said we must love America - to do that he said we must know English and speak it very very well. Its only in truly understanding everyone that you can love them. I was the cap-

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They feel the need to be part of our community and they want to join us but they must also be nurtured and protected. When I meet your children, they represent the best of what we can be. They care about the elders, the handicapped and the people who are suffering.

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As a new chairman of the movement - as someone who wants to rebrand our movement I know that we can really develop. When Father and Mother look at America and say America represents the Elder Son Nation. I realize that God has blessed this country so much and prepared it to do great work for the world. We are going to strive for internal and external excellence. Think of ourselves as one big family and how we might achieve a total victory together.

The joy of True Parents was truly immense at the time of the coronation, and I can see why. The most precious gift that Father wanted to give to God - the crowning of God and his Sabbath Day - was given by America through True Parents daughter In Jin Nim. This is the time where hope is rising in America. Now In Jin Nim is being called by God to launch a new ministry. It is like the ministry Jesus started, like the ministry Father started. It's a ministry of True Love. She is launching a new ministry where the word will be preached

HOLY MARRIAGE BLESSING



BLESSING CEREMONY



American STF Members Pioneer Peer-to-Peer Education in SE Asia

by Roland Platt

This year a new dimension of the Family Federation's Special Task Force (STF) program for youth was opened when thirteen of our brave volunteers set out to Asia for six months to help launch the Asia Leadership Training (ALT) program.

These young American Unificationists have an opportunity to serve God and gain leadership experience in new and diverse cultural settings. They set out from San Francisco on Oct. 8, 2008 on a six-month journey that will take them through the Philippines, India, Thailand, Cambodia, and possibly Vietnam. When they departed, it was in the company of one of their mentors, a core STF staff person.

Our young brothers and sisters will be engaged in a range of outreach activities, such as lecturing the Pure Love curriculum, taking part in service projects, fund-raising when necessary, and participating in various workshops and events. The ALT program, led by Mr. Yutaka Yamada, was created as a parallel program to the STF program in the United States. Youth who participate in ALT will be asked to challenge their limitations in order to develop their self-discipline. They will be taught about the ideal of all humanity becoming One Family Under God, which Father Moon has strived for throughout his life. They will also be given opportunities to develop leadership qualities.

The program began with a week-

long kickoff workshop in beautiful Tanay, Philippines, after which our STF members experienced ten days of fund-raising on the streets of Manila side by side with Asian youth! This was the first time overseas for many of the American brothers and sisters. After completing their fundraising condition, the joint group of Americans and Asians divided up into five teams and head-

sion more seriously, and I hope my 13 brothers and sisters will have deep experiences while on ALT.

Jeremy Rogers, sharing about his experience teaching in Cavite, Philippines:

Last week was amazing, jam-packed with action! Our team was due to start lecturing from November 6th, but the thing was that we only had one day to

Lecturing was really a new experience for all of us. I never knew how strenuous lecturing could be; all the classrooms in the school were right next to each other and all of them were full of loud kids talking. You had to speak at the top of your lungs for anyone to hear you. After the first two lectures we were losing our voices and exhausted from giving so much spirit. Each one of us lectured four times (a lecture is about one hour); it took two days to teach 2,000 students.

The great thing about the Pure Love lecture is that it is basically Divine Principle. Once you break it down to them and talk about why we need true love in this world, you are going to find a "Four Position Foundation" in front of you. God really does work in mysterious ways: We were not so confident to teach as we only had a little memorized,

but the rest just came from the heart. It is an amazing experience, conveying the truth to those who need it the most. On top of that, it also gives you this reassurance in what you believe in. It makes so much sense when you explain it to others.

A few days later we had the wonderful opportunity to teach about true love to the overflowing school of South Ville, in the Manila relocation neighborhoods. This is where all the homeless people in Manila are relocated to, a total of more than 7,000. They have a lot of problems pertaining to youth coming straight from the big city. This was why we had been requested to give Pure Love lectures here. ♦



ed out to their pioneering areas. Their photos and written reflections tell the rest of the story! More reports will follow.

Kenzo Tanaka, STF staff member on his ninth day in the Philippines:

Today I had a chance to walk around the neighborhood and observe the lifestyle of the poorer class people in Philippines. It was an eye-opening and shocking experience. As I walked around I became filled with pain and sadness and felt much frustration. Nowadays so many people are living a good lifestyle in countries like America, Europe, Japan... But on the other hand, the majority of humankind is struggling to survive and keep going... This kind of realization helps me to take my mis-

practice beforehand. The schools we went to had no projector so we all used Manila paper to present our contents. That first morning was exciting and nerve-racking at the same time; we are like 10 minutes away from lecturing 100 people crammed into a small room. I have to admit that at first I was really nervous but when we were introduced to the school in the morning it was clear from the response that this was going to be a lot of fun. Every classroom had about 70 or more students, all ranging from age 12 to 16. The students were still perfecting their English, so we often had the response of "slang," which basically means that you talk too fast or that your American accent is too strong!

'The Way of Champions' in Cape Town

Robin Graham visited South Africa in December 2008. This marks the formal introduction of the Peace Dream Foundation's grass roots program Play Football Make Peace to the country, where preparations are well underway for the World Cup 2010. Cape Town will be one of the host cities. A new stadium is being built in Green Point.

The visit was an opportunity to investigate future projects and part-



nerships. It was also a chance to introduce the work of Peace Dream Foundation and the grass roots work of Play Football Make Peace to sports NGOs working in Cape Town and the Western Cape province.

In the workshop, in which ten different NGOs participated, Robin Graham shared the principles and values of the Way of Champions and the par-

ticipants added their own perspectives. Everyone had very concrete experience in serving youth in a variety of sports throughout the Western Cape. A common theme was the value of exploring peace through sports as well as social development. The following day, Play Football Make Peace sponsored a 7-a-side tournament. ♦



Peace Festival Launched in Indonesia

by Robert Kittel, Director of Peace Education, UPF-Asia

On Wednesday, January 14, 2009, Dr. Adhyaksa Dault, State Minister for Youth & Sports, along with Prof. Dr. Din Syamsuddin, Chairman of both Muhammadiyah (the second largest Islamic organization in Indonesia) and the Global Peace Festival (GPF) Steering Committee, launched the GPF 2009 in Jakarta on January 14. They were joined by international representatives, government officials, diplomats, and religious leaders from all major faith traditions.

With the sound of a gong, releasing of a new GPF Indonesia theme song, and setting dozens of doves to flight, Wednesday's event heralded the beginning of four months of community service and networking which will culminate in the main peace festival scheduled for May 10, 2009 at Monas, a park in the center of Jakarta. It is expected to draw a huge crowd.

So far, six ministers from the national government, one state minister, and the governor of Jakarta are on the Board of Advisers for Indonesian program. "This is amazing," said Dr. Su Thye Teh, the director of the GPF in Malaysia.

Comparing the level of engagement and ownership from Indonesians, Dr. Teh observed, "The foundation for a successful program here in Jakarta is so much



stronger, especially because of the high-level officials who are really committed to make this event successful."

Dr. Makarim Wibisono, a senior Indonesian diplomat and the former Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, was unable to be present because of the crisis in the Middle East.

However, a message read on his behalf by Prof. Dr. Payaman Simanjuntak, former Director General of the Department of Manpower and Co-Chairman for GPF Indonesia, highlighted one of the unique aspects of the May event. "We will invite

Islamic scholars and leaders from around the world to Indonesia to discuss and dialogue on the theme, Islam for World Peace."

Indonesia is the most populous Muslim-majority nation in the world, with more than 240 million people; 86 percent are Muslim. Yet, there is no reference to Islam or special treatment given Muslims in the constitution. The founding fathers of this nation decided not to make Indonesia an Islamic state for fear that non-Muslims may feel that they are second-class citizens.

This issue was hotly debated at the time of independence in 1945. But when

the constitution was drafted, the Islamic leaders who were the majority and had the legitimate power to implement Shariah law showed self-restraint, thinking more about others religions than of themselves.

This may make this country unique among Muslim nations. Thus, the International Leadership Conference, a key component of GPF, will use this forum in May to hold a summit of Islamic leaders as, in Indonesia, Islam has a distinctly Asian flavor. ❖

by Dr. Robert Kittel

December 23, 2008, Kathmandu, Nepal - Twenty-four parliamentarians from Nepal's Constituent Assembly representing at least 14 different political parties, in addition to legal experts, academicians, military experts, human rights advocates, and international peace educators were among the 150 guests who shared their views on the topic, "The Challenges of Governance for Sustainable Peace."

This December 23 program at the Peace Embassy Building in Kathmandu, Nepal, was packed with excitement as each of the eight scheduled speakers was given just ten minutes to express their views on the timely topic. This meant presentations had to be focused and concise.

Chairman of Universal Peace Federation-Nepal and MP, Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal, reviewed the role UPF played in the peace process. At each critical step of the way, beginning in November 2005, UPF held programs designed to support the peace process. UPF has continually raised awareness about the need for spiritual values to guide the nation and to be integrated into Nepal's new constitution. This was the seventh program in the South Asia Peace Ini-

tiative Series held in Nepal.

Mr. Bishwo Kanta Mainali, President of the Bar Association noted that the expectations of the people were high and the resources limited. Nevertheless, he said that peace and development could come about only within the "rule of law." Justice, he reiterated, had to be given to the victims of violence.

Hon. Mainali went on to say that the constitution was not just a statutory document. "It must reflect the heart of the people," he said, "Otherwise, it will not function." He appreciated UPF's continued emphasis on family values as integral to nation-building.

Next Hon. Dina Nath Sharma, MP from the CPN-Maoist party, noted that each person has "two types of mind; they have bad and good inside them." To bring out the good side, Hon. Sharma advised that the government must advance "economic equality, human rights, and tolerance of religious differences." Concluding his remarks, the Maoist MP said, "We must kick out discrimination and put priorities on work, not on money."

Hon. Nilambar Acharya, MP, again emphasized the need for the rule of law beginning with lawmakers themselves. Taking this a step further, he said that "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happi-

ness meant that the government should not block or obstruct educational institutions or businesses that are already successful, but instead give them priority in order to be even more effective."

Hon. Acharya explained that the international community was willing to help Nepal, but first the Nepalese have to get the basics right, centering on the right to life.

"Passion requires self-control," Hon. Radhe Shyam Adhikari told the delegates. He counseled fellow lawmakers that they must listen to the people and then think of creative ways to act, especially in formulating the articles of Nepal's new constitution.

International peace educator Dr. Robert S. Kittel focused on individual attitudes and behavior as essential elements of peace. "Living for others," noted Dr. Kittel, "will create sustainable peace, because that is the essence and nature of love." On the contrary, "living for myself" will create and sustain a culture of violence. He went on to say that the family was the place where "living for others" was learned, and thus it is the most important social institution.

The only woman among the speakers emphasized the necessity for "due

process," noting that not only must the final outcome be right, but the

steps taken to achieve this goal must also be within the law. Highlighting this point, Hon. Sapana Malla Pradhan, MP from the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist-Leninist, said, "The process of making the new constitution must be transparent." Only in this way can people feel "ownership" of the highest laws of their land.

Former Speaker of the House, Hon. Taranath Ranabath, challenged the audience by saying that only 240 parliamentarians actually represented the people (the other MP were appointed through party-based elections). Although he was not a scheduled speaker, his contributions were still sincerely valued.

Hon. Ranabath urged that the new constitution be written quickly because without this fundamental legal document, Nepal is a nation in free-fall. He emphasized the urgency saying that only with a national constitution in place can the rule of law be set and a standard of discipline be established.

A short question-and-answer session followed, with most of the questions going to Hon. Sharma, the representative of the Maoists. Following this, dinner was served. ❖

UPF and Peace in Nepal

Youth Leaders Promote Human Rights at UN

by Joy Pople

The world is suffering not only because of the actions of evil people but because of the silence of good people." This challenge to speak up was issued by Aliya Khan, a Muslim speaker at the Youth Interfaith Leaders Forum held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on December 2, the fourth in a series of recent interfaith youth forums on human rights organized by the Universal Peace Federation.

A young Lutheran from Moldova, Anastasia Dragan, echoed the conviction that people of faith should speak out against injustice: "The church becomes guilty if she is quiet where she should speak."

These were two of nine young representatives of various faith traditions at the conference on Interfaith Cooperation and the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Nepal and coordinated by the Universal Peace Federation Office of UN Relations on September 2, 2008.

Rabbi Roger Ross, Executive Director of The New Seminary for Interfaith Studies in New York City, moderated the discussion. He offered for the young people's consideration several questions that have been baffling some of the wisest minds of our time: "How do we reverse the hijacking of religion? How do we change hating in the name of the divine to loving in the name of the divine? How do we promote the culture of peace in which we can promote human rights and dignity?"

Speaking with conviction and pas-

sion from the podium in the wood-paneled committee room 1, the young faith leaders addressed political and religious leaders, professors, peace activists, along with permanent representatives to the UN seated behind their country's official nameplate.

A Christian youth, Matt Redmond, said, "Faith has sustained me in the challenges of life and will guide me in life. We believe God wants us to live in peace." Education has an important role, and he called upon the audience to challenge the ideologies of fear and give children more positive and peaceful alternatives to religious extremism.

A Muslim student at UTS Interfaith Seminary from Turkey, Ozgur Aycil, suggested beginning with an introspective approach. She quoted the Sufi poet Rumi:

*I was looking for God.
I went to synagogues,
and I couldn't find God.
I went to churches, and
I couldn't find God.
I went to mosques, and
I couldn't find God.
I went to temples, and I
couldn't find God.
Then I went home, I
found out that God is in
my heart!*

Speakers proposed various analogies for commonalities among religions. Ozgur Aycil drew on a modern business model and considers God like a CEO



and various religions as branches of one entity. Juliet rabia Gentile, a Muslim, advocated a mysticism that does not concern itself with material distractions but with the one path that leads to God.

The catalysts on their spiritual paths have been varied. For Justin Fong, from the Youth Federation for World Peace, it was the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center. For Jay Little, a Scientist, it was the realization that sci-

ence alone did not have all the answers. For Rama Engle, a student at The New Seminary, an awareness of commonalities came only experientially, by attending mosques, synagogues, and churches.

A Catholic from the Philippines, Daria Mendoza, took a pragmatic approach: "This world is not just mine. It's not just yours. It is our world. There are two options:

live together in peace and harmony, or split the world into pieces." Not surprisingly, she opts for the first alternative.

"We aren't the leaders of tomorrow; we are the leaders of today," asserted one speaker. Conference co-chair H.E. Anwarul C. Chowdhury considers young people to be the front line of the global interfaith. The former UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative says with approval, "They are more forward looking."

Echoing a theme in the recent US presidential elections, one speaker probably spoke for many when he said, "We are the change we have been waiting for." While the youth offered no novel intellectual answers, they demonstrated their potential as catalysts. After the session ended, each young presenter was surrounded by members of the audience, eager to continue the discussion. ♦



UPF Conference on India's Strengths and Potential

The Universal Peace Federation of India organized an International Leadership Conference in New Delhi on December 27 to review the recommendations of the ten leadership conferences held throughout India during 2008. During this culminating event for the year, participants examined the specific challenges and opportunities facing India and the relevance of UPF to India's aspirations.

Held at the India Islamic Cultural Centre in partnership with the IILM India Forum of the Centre for Policy Development and Management in New Delhi, the conference theme was "A New Paradigm of Leadership and Good Governance." The Chief Guest at the Inaugural Session was the constitutional Head of the State of Delhi, H.E. Lt. Governor Tejendra Khanna. Participants included top leaders from the fields of government, education, culture, faith, and NGOs.

Among the issues that were discussed in depth were the following:

- Good governance can only be achieved through a combination of a transparent, accountable, and conscientious political leadership and bureaucracy on the one hand and alert and empowered civil society on the other. The innovative approach of Delhi under the leadership of the Lt. Governor and Chief Minister was noted and appreciated.



- India's great strength and potential lie in its spiritual traditions, human talent, and unity in diversity. By being true to its traditions, India can hope to achieve its full potential. The Lt. Governor quoted extensively from different faith traditions to underline the essential unity of religions, which make it clear that the purpose of life for a human being is to strive for individual perfection in the cause of the family in its widest sense, One Family Under God or Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

- In this context, in the words of the spiritual leader Dr. Shrivatsa Goswami, Father Moon's life and message offer "an inspiring vision of good governance as enjoined in Indian scriptures and articulated by Lord Krishna as well as Mahatma Gandhi." This calls for a spirit of

service and sacrifice and living for the sake of others.

- The importance of culture as a binding force for peace and unity was underlined by Dr. J. Veera Raghavan, Director of Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi. He praised the UPF vision and its research into the common themes of all the world's religions as brought out in the book

World Scripture.

- The need for revisiting the system of education so as to impart an abiding sense of values in addition to knowledge and technological skills was discussed in detail. In this respect, the Permanent Secretary of Education, Sports and Culture, Ms. Rina Ray, emphasized the importance of training and motivating

teachers as well as making "moral education" as interesting and attractive as possible for children, by drawing on relevant and recognizable teaching tools. The UPF text books on Character Education had also been compiled in the same spirit, and it was agreed that the Delhi Administration and UPF would work together in developing character education modules, including those aimed at children from poor and marginalized families in municipal schools.

The Conference welcomed the announcement that the UPF intends to organize a Global Peace Festival in New Delhi in 2009, and participating institutions, principals, teachers, and civil society leaders expressed their strong desire to support such an event, which would be both a celebration of the many achievements of the government-civil society partnerships in the capital city/state of India and an assertion of a new resolve to make New Delhi a model of peace and sustainable development on the eve of the Commonwealth Games which will take place in Delhi in 2010.

Immediately after the Conference a UPF delegation called on the Chief Minister of Delhi, Mrs. Sheila Dikshit, who praised the concept and offered in principle the partnership of her government in this project. ♦



Bridging Ethnic Differences in Tbilisi

by Jacques Marion

Tbilisi, Georgia - The Georgia Peace Festival December 6 and 7 provided opportunities for neighboring peoples in the Caucasus Mountains south of Russian to learn about their diverse people, cultures, and history and better understand how the ongoing political and ethnic turmoil in the regional impact people's daily life.

In August 2008, the Georgia-Russia war brought to the fore the ethnic conflicts that had plagued Georgia at the time of its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. In dispute are two autonomous regions on their borders, South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

The Global Peace Festival events in Georgia were organized by UPF-Georgia Representative Vitaly Maximov and Ambassador for Peace Dalila Khorava, the Minister of Health, Labor and Social Affairs of Georgia's Abkhazian Government. Dalila single-handedly assembled all the participants for the conference and organized the Global Peace Festival. Both were great successes.

Abkhazia and South Ossetia officially belong to Georgia, but they seceded when the Soviet Union collapsed and claimed independence. Russia supported the secession and has been giving Russian passports to people of these regions in recent years. Georgia attempted last August to re-occupy South Ossetia, provoking the (well-prepared) invasion of both regions by Russian troops, and ultimately the recognition of their independence by Russia and Nicaragua.

The international delegation included two Russian Ambassadors for Peace: Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky, Chairman of the Rus-



ian Political Science Association and UPF-Eurasia Assistant Secretary General for Communications, and Dr. Eduard Yakovlev, a medical surgeon, president of the International Super-Marathon Association, and a Vice President of the Russian Peace Council.

Armenia and Azerbaijan have clashed over the secession of Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave within Azerbaijan that declared independence. The Global Peace Festival programs in Georgia offered a neutral setting for Armenian and Azerbaijani Ambassadors for Peace to meet and discuss peacebuilding initiatives.

In addition, two Azerbaijani Ambassadors for Peace: Dr. Zemfira Verdiyeva of the Academy of Sciences and Dr. Frangiz Mursalova, Vice President of the Women's Association, came for an Armenia-Azerbaijan dialogue. They were joined by Armenian Ambassadors for Peace Mrs. Santosh

Kumari Arora, Professor at the State University of Yerevan, and Mr. Georgy Vanyan, Chairman of the Caucasus Center of Peace-Making Initiatives.

On December 6, a seminar was held in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia. Among the 80 participants was Mr. Vakhtang Kolbaia, Vice-speaker of the Georgian Parliament. Mr. Teimuraz Mzhavia, Chairman of Georgia's Abkhazia government, gave introductory remarks. Other representatives in Georgia of Abkhazia included the Deputy Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs and the President of the Abkhazia Academy of Sciences. Representatives of the regional government of South Ossetia included the Administration Minister and the Vice-Minister of Culture.

The UPF presentations were well received by the participants, who included NGO leaders, journalists, and artists. The discussion sessions about the two territorial

conflicts (Georgia/Russia and Armenia/Azerbaijan) raised interventions on each side in support of dialogue and peace.

The two Russian Ambassadors for Peace, Dr. Petrovsky and Dr. Yakovlev, were warmly welcomed. Most participants joined the evening banquet and entertainment. The event was covered by the local media throughout the day.

On the morning of December 7 a "Peace Run" was organized by UPF-Georgia and a few local sponsors, including PSP Pharmacy and Georgian Glass and Mineral Water Co., together with Dr. Yakovlev, President of the International Super Marathon Association. About 150 sportsmen and students took part including 18 handicapped people.

That afternoon, the Global Peace Festival was held at the Professional Workers Palace. A thousand participants attended. The master of ceremonies introduced the Global Peace Festival as part of the Universal Peace Federation's broad work for peace.

A very professional program celebrated Georgia's great cultural traditions. In the spirit of a celebration, the performers included Abkhazian, South Ossetian, Armenian, and Azerbaijani dancing troupes.

Former Georgian President and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze attended the program, along with members of parliament and representatives from consulates. Awards were given during the festival to children who had written essays or drew artwork on the theme of peace.

Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced because of ethnic strife in the region. In Tbilisi the international delegates visited a center for refugees from Abkhazia who have been living in a rundown dormitory in very miserable conditions since they were expelled from Abkhazia in 1992. ❖

Celebrating Peace Efforts in Belize

by Sung Hwa Bessell

The Global Peace Festival in Belize was the first time that the idea of celebrating peacebuilding efforts with neighboring Guatemala had come to people's minds. Though small compared to the GPF efforts around the world, the November 28 and 29 events may impact the future of Belize and its neighboring countries in tremendous ways.

Border disputes between Belize and Guatemala remain unresolved, but both countries are participating in confidence-building measures, with the encouragement of the Organization of American States.

Although this GPF was celebrated in Belize first and foremost, representatives from the neighboring nations of Guatemala and El Salvador were also present throughout the International Leadership Conference and the Main Program. Close to 90 participants took part in the conference, including Minister Nemencio Acosta and his family. The family of Belize Attorney General and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Wilfred Erlington, sat in the front row throughout the entire conference.

The social impact programs which had



been running throughout the month of November were carried out mostly by youth activists and involved cleaning several of the parks in the different districts of the nation. Also the UPF Chess Clubs around the nation held small meets and tournaments.

But the most amazing thing that happened was when a representative of Belize's Conscious Youth Development Program, which is government sponsored, heard about the GPF and said, "I want to work for this." This person together with the whole department started a rallying cry for peace in Belize, making special efforts to reach out to people who were formerly in gangs and encouraging to work to improve their lives.

This program started to get members from all the Belize City gangs to come

together and form 12 sports teams; after two weeks of training, these teams started playing in a tournament that will continue up to mid December. The 175 youths who were inspired by the dream of peace and "One Family Under God" are now competing by shooting balls instead of guns, and every game draws more than 200 spectators who come to watch and, most of all, support the teams. The Conscious Youth Development Program calls this just the beginning, and they plan to expand their efforts, "hopefully across the borders to include Guatemala and Honduras," according to Deputy Director Kevin Cadle.

For the main event, several of Belize's most famous music bands came and performed for free, understanding the importance of this event for Belize and its peo-

ple. Performers such as "Youth Connection," "Asenció," "Heavenlies Gospel," and the General "Supa G" came and expressed their passion for peace through their music.

After the musical entertainment, the mayor of the Belize City, Mrs. Zenaida Moya, came to the stage and addressed the audience, followed by Hon. Wilfred Erlington.

These words were followed by a very moving and heartfelt message by the Co-chairman for GPF-Belize, Rev. Gerhard Bessell, who following the example of GPF founder Dr. Hyun Jin Moon encouraged everyone to come together as One Family under God and make an impact on Central America by living for the sake of others.

To conclude this most joyous time, several more musical presentations followed, and the crowd, which had increased to more than 600, rose to their feet and continued celebrating until long into the night.

With the help of many sponsors, we were able to carry out this event and hope that next time such an event is celebrated in Belize it will be to the applause of thousands of hands and the sound of feet dancing of joy. ❖



Women In Ministry Gather in Atlanta

Women in Ministry, a committee of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), held their annual conference in Atlanta from November 20 to November 22.

The annual conference is an experience of joyful reunion for delegates, as well as a chance to make new friends and put faces to the voices we pray with over the course of the year. It is a chance to share our struggles and victories and help each other along our paths. It is a time of renewal and inspiration. It is moving to hear the repeated and sincere expressions of gratitude to our True Parents for creating such a movement where Christians can meet each other beyond their denominations, races, and geographical limitations and truly experience just being sisters in Christ. The genuine and heartfelt love our minister friends have for our True Parents is palpable. It is also a wonderful chance for our Unificationist sisters to expand their horizons and realize that it is not necessary to be an Unificationist member to love and value True Parents. It is clear that our WIM members have not in any way changed their love and devotion for Jesus. In their hearts there is no competition between True Parents and Jesus. Some Unificationists miss the Christian experience and can be greatly benefitted in their spiritual lives by inheriting this from our minister brothers and sisters. It was, after all, Jesus who bequeathed his mission to True Father. Just as

surely as Jesus came on the foundation of the Prophets, the Unificationist movement stands squarely on the foundation of the New Testament. Both the ministers and the Unificationists are enriched by the ongoing engagement.

After a tremendously successful conference in Norfolk, Virginia, last year, it was decided by Women In Ministry (WIM) that this year's conference would

be also a number of Unificationists who are new to WIM. National ACLC officers in attendance with their wives included Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, Dr. Michael Jenkins, and Bishop Jesse Edwards. Some of the Atlanta delegates were joined by their husbands for some of the events, and Rev. Levy Daugherty joined us at the King Center.

On the evening of November 20, Dr.

on how to hold one-day events in our local areas. Many ideas were demonstrated to spark our imaginations. An excellent presentation was given by Elizabeth Byrne on abstinence education. Debbie Gullery gave a power-point lecture on marriage and family, and Rev. Carla Jackson presented the topic, "Blessing of Marriage," in which she expressed how important it is to receive

the Blessing ceremony in order for our marriage to be sacred and protected. It was so powerful and so convincing.

One of the most popular events was the Women's Café, a rotating discussion. There were six topics of interest to be discussed, and participants were free to visit six various tables to participate in the discussions that interested them. Every 15 minutes the signal was given to change tables.

Most were reluctant to move on, and many just continued to carry on the discussion they were involved in. Several asked that next year more time be allotted for the Café.

Former Georgia State Sen. Steen Miles gave a moving and inspirational talk on November 22 at the final resting place of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King as floral wreaths were laid at the crypt. "On November 4, in this country, change came in a man called Barak Obama. As we stand on this hallowed ground, it begs the question of his book: Where do we go from here?" said Senator Miles. ❖



take place in Atlanta under the theme "Victorious Women Living the Dream, One Family under God."

Delegates began arriving on the afternoon of November 20 from all across the nation and from as far away as Hawaii. Not only did our Hawaiian sisters who attended last year's conference return, but Sister Carol Keanaaina brought her twin sons, who provided beautiful Hawaiian gospel music to inspire and uplift us. They had fundraised all year to finance this trip.

Many of the delegates were ministers and pastor's wives who have been working with ACLC for years. Some were attending for the first time. There

Gloria Wright of Atlanta shared her testimony of working with Dr. King as a young person. On Friday morning, November 21, the first presentation was the video of the life of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, "The way of True Love," and the words of Dr. Moon shared by Mrs. Alexa Ward, President of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) USA. It was well received by all women.

Rev. Sennie Johnson preached on the topic of "Identity Theft," which was a hard-hitting explanation of the human Fall. In addition to inspired preaching and teaching, we enjoyed a delightful presentation by Sister Tanya Edwards

True Family Values Program in Austria

by Elisabeth Cook & Peter Zoehrer

More than 130 people gathered for the 3rd True Family Award Celebration in Vienna on the 7th of December 2008. This has been the 3rd year that the Austrian Family Federation for World Peace has held this event in cooperation with the major affiliated organisations of the movement. Purpose of this Award is to strengthen pro-family activists, NGOs and exemplary families in a country, where divorce and juvenile delinquency is on the rise.

The splendid idea for this successful project was imported from Chicago, USA where it has started in the early 1990s and grown ever since. The "True Family Value Award Banquet" - as it is called in the states - has annually drawn large crowds of up to 1500 prominent guests, NGO, - and religious leaders. Even political leaders, such as Mr. Obama have spoken at the Chicago events. It has in recent years also become a platform for the founders of FFWPU, Rev. & Mrs Moon, to address distinguished leaders and activist in the USA.

After beautiful songs by the "Vienna Peace Choir,"



Peace Ambassador Mrs. Zena Eggough offered an opening prayer. Rev. Peter Zoehrer explained about the history and meaning of the "True Family Award". He was followed by MP Mr. Nachtmann who spoke on "State responsibility for supporting the Family". The main speech was given by Mr. Heinz Krcek who had just finished translating Rev. Joong Hyun Pak's and Andrew Wilson's book "True Family Values" into German. He shared some of his insights regarding the profound message of the book.

"The family centred on ethical and

religious values provides the best preparation for the social responsibilities which young people face in their lives. If they respect and keep the values which their parents and grandparents have lived by they gain strength and stability in building their own families and societies." This is a quote from the preface of the future German edition of the book, written by a well-known Jewish scholar.

One highlight before the Award Ceremony was the presentation of the "Aid Project for Indian Girls": Dr. Rita Wiesinger, an Ambassador for Peace, explained that through this Charity project young girls in India get a chance to finish their school education. After the presentation the audience had a chance to support the project through their donations.

The "True Family Award" was given to seven distinguished families of international background: the leading couple of the Pakistan community in Vienna, the highest spiritual leader of the Alevis (a moderate Muslim community), the MP who had given the speech, an Austrian couple with eight children, a Nigerian couple who are assistant pastors of a very popular & multi-cultural Christian Mega-Church in Vienna, a Slovenian couple and a

Unificationist couple, Prof.



Dr. Dietrich & Elisabeth Seidel, who have been helping many families through their "Marriage Enrichment Seminars".

The program was lifted up by beautiful classical music for violin and piano as well as a Russian singer and a young ladies' Singing Quartet.

At the festive buffet after the program the guests felt free to share their impressions and to build friendships thus strengthening our Unification family in Austria. Many participants were inspired and expressed their determination to spread the word and bring their friends to the True Family Award Banquet in 2009. ❖



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Three Miracles in Our Lives

by Dr. Bo Hi Park

Introduction by Hyung Jin Nim:

Brothers and sisters, today we have one of our distinguished elders that will be speaking to us. Dr. Park was born on August 18th, 1930, and had a distinguished career; being in education and teaching at elementary and high school, Foreign Service, studying abroad. In 1950 Dr. Park entered the Korean Military Academy as a Cadet, and he has had a very distinguished military career. From March 1952 he studied in the United States at a time where not so many Korean Cadets were overseas in the States. He was at Fort Ben in Georgia and he has served as special assistant to the Chief of US Military Advisory group in Seoul, Korea. He was special assistant for the Vice Minister of Defense in Seoul, Korea. He served as assistant Military Attaché in the Korean Embassy in Washington DC etc.

He has had a very distinguished professional career as well, working in the Korean Culture and Freedom Foundation, the Little Angels; he has worked as the president and chairman of the Universal Ballet as well. He has been chairman and president of Song Hwa Education Foundation, publisher of News World Daily, president of CAUSA International, Washington Times Co., etc.

Over the many, many years that he has served True Parents he has done an amazing amount of work for True Parents. Especially our brothers and sisters from the States will have a very dear and warm memory of Dr. Park as he traveled with Father constantly, translating for Father. Whether that be in the Washington Monument speech where millions gathered (or at other occasions), Dr. Park was always accompanying True Parents in speaking and also living right near True Father, attending True Parents, letting True Parents' words flow through him and being communicated through him, so that our brothers and sisters in the States could engraft unto that.

He has received so many Honors during his lifetime in his career, the Hwarang Medal of the Republic of Korea, the Gold Star Medal for bravery in combat; and in 2003 he was awarded the National Cultural Silver Medal for the contribution to the promotion of national prestige in the nation of Korea.

Dr. Park has truly been one of the pillars of our early movement and continues to revive and inspire people as he is now traveling around the country in Korea, giving his testimony, talking about his experiences and how Father saved him when he was going through tribulation and tough times; how Father came to him in spirit world and was able to resurrect his spirit and life, how he came out of that ordeal in victory, bravery and health.

So, we warmly want to invite Dr. Park to the podium. Let us recognize that he has been doing his utmost, he has been on the frontline, really trying so hard to help everybody and work towards building the temple. I'm sure he will share that with you today but he has truly been on the frontline, stepping forward at all times, even at the cost of his own health and body.

Because he has always been sacrificing himself for True Parents, God has given him a new life, a new anointing and a new spirit that he will communicate to all of us today. Brothers and sisters, let's offer a warm welcome to Dr. Park.

Sermon by Dr. Bo Hi Park

Thank you, Rev. Moon, for the kind introduction. That was an enormous introduction which I don't deserve. Thank you anyway! Our Senior Pastor Rev. Hyung Jin Moon asked me to deliver today's sermon. Therefore, I feel deeply honored to stand before you today on this podium.

There is one notable tradition in the sermons of our Senior Pastor Rev. Hyung Jin Moon. It is that he always begins his sermon with a funny story. I am not good at telling funny stories. But since it is the tradition of the Senior Pastor, I, too, will begin with a funny story.

Even if the story is not funny to you, you must laugh. The story goes like this:

A Catholic priest and two nuns were riding up to the monastery on the mountain top. The priest sat in the middle of the backseat of the car, and the two nuns sat on either side of him. But the nun sitting on his left was an ugly woman with a pitted face. On the other hand, the nun sitting on his right was one of the greatest beauties of the world. The mountain road was a winding one, and the car swayed a lot. Once it would sway to the left, and once it would sway to the right. It swayed so hard that when it swayed, the man and woman would almost have to hug each other. The priest continuously prayed.

When his body swayed to the left, towards the ugly woman, he prayed:

"Lord! Lead me not into temptation!"

When his body swayed to the right, to the beauty queen, he prayed: "Lord! May Your will be done, Amen!"

How was that? I have one more REAL life story of mine. I was an interpreter and was traveling with Gen. Matthews, chief of US advisory group in Korea. I was his special assistant, and my job was to translate for him. He was always going around the military bases of the country, one after the other, and speaking to the Generals, the Colonels and the major leaders. Like our Senior Pastor, General Matthews always started his speech with a joke, with a funny, American joke. At that time I was not fully aware about the American culture and simply couldn't understand the jokes sometimes. Sometimes I could understand the words but not the meaning (of the joke). It did not seem funny! What can you do when it's not funny?

So I stepped forward to the Korean Generals and said: "Gen. Matthews kindly will tell you an American joke to entertain you. However, I simply cannot understand. So, in a courtesy to him, please laugh as big as you can!"

Gen. Matthews (telling the joke) simply couldn't understand how I could translate so quickly; just in a few words everybody would break out in big laughter. On our back way home Gen. Matthews would usually sit in the back of the car, I would sit in the front. On that day he asked: "Bo Hi, how did you do that, how could you translate my joke so quickly?" So, I confessed the truth. Then Gen. Matthews started laughing and saying: "Well, Bo Hi, your joke is better than mine!"



The sermon I will give you today is entitled "Three Miracles in Our Lives". All of us should think it a great blessing to have Rev. Hyung Jin Nim and Yeon Ah Nim as the head of our world Unification Church and the Senior Pastor of the Headquarters Church.

As the old saying goes, "You will know the tree by the fruits."

Who would have imagined, even in their wildest dreams that a child of True Parents would start at the very bottom in the church, as the low man on the totem pole, that is, as the pastor of Mapo Church. Not only we ourselves but the entire world was astonished.

At the very moment our Senior Pastor stood at the pulpit of Mapo Church, dressed in humble, reformed Korean costume, he had conquered the world. "What is this? He is the son of True Parents, and yet!" There was not one person who did not exclaim thus.

How about Yeon Ah Nim as well?

When she stands on the podium with her clear and pure smile and looks down at her audience, at that very moment she conquers her audience. The audience becomes entranced in her com-

fortable and beautiful smile. On that account, the world media, which has said only evil things of True Parents for half a century, has been mesmerized by their simple, clean and pure characters.

Ever since they have stood at the pulpit, not one newspaper, not one broadcast, and not even one magazine have carried an adverse article. They are the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven in every sense of the word, and more than anyone else they are evidencing and glorifying the True Parents, our Savior, through their eloquence and their deed.

Now the future of our Unification Church has already been determined. Our Senior Pastor Hyung Jin Nim and Chook Sa Jang (Chairperson of the Blessing) Yeon Ah Nim are in themselves the evangelists of the Kingdom of Heaven. Consequently, could all of us help but become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven as well? Do we say Aju?

Therefore, ask not where the Kingdom of Heaven is, for it is right here. Shouldn't we say Aju?

In Matthew, Chapter 5, a report of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is given. It is written there: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God, (Matt. 5:8). Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth (Matt. 5:5)." Our Senior Pastor Hyung Jin Nim and Chook Sa Jang Yeon Ah Nim have seen God and inherited the earth. Aju!

I can never forget the famous saying by Dr. Andrew Murray, the famous American theologian:

"False Pride is death, Humility is life, false pride is all hell, Humility is all heaven." From the meekness and humility of our Senior Pastor and Chook Sa Jang Nim, we see heaven again and again, and learn about it.

Would you kindly give them your big applause, please!!

First Miracle in Our Lives

Now I will proceed to the main issue and give you the answer to the question, "What is the first miracle in our lives?"

The first miracle is that we have met the Messiah, the Lord of the Second Advent, the True Parents, during our lifetime. We have seen the coming of the LORD.

What could be more miraculous than this? How blessed are we to be born at the very time in which the Lord is coming in the course of the perpetual history which has been going on for billions of years. We hit it right on the dot! You know very well how difficult it is to win the lottery. But that is nothing compared to meeting the Lord at his coming.

How many great religious people have there been in the course of the 2000 years of Christian history? How many Christians longed to meet the coming of the Lord? How many martyrs were there? The prayers of all of them without a single exception asked to be able to receive the coming of the Lord. The disciples of Jesus also believed that the Lord would come before they died.

However, it was we, you and I, who received this great fortune unexpectedly. Compared to the piety of the martyrs, the religious lives we have led are as nothing. What better fortune could there be?

What greater miracle could there be? However, the coming of the Lord is not something anyone and everyone can see. It is only the meek and the humble that can see him. But we have undoubtedly seen the coming of the Lord!

We were humble like our Senior Pastor. That is the one thing we did right! This is our first miracle.

Second Miracle in Our Lives

There is a second miracle in our lives. It is that we have received the Holy Blessing of True Parents.

What is the Holy Blessing? It is ridding us of original sin.

In the course of history it has been impossible for anyone to accomplish this, for getting rid of the original sin can only be done by the True Parents.

All of us have received the Blessing of True Parents and rid ourselves of original sin. Ridding ourselves of original sin

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signifies our being restored to the position of Adam and Eve right after they were created in the Garden of Eden. But did Adam and Eve go straight to the Kingdom of Heaven? No, they didn't. They fell

Adam and Eve, free from sin and innocent, were naïve and pure right after they were created. From there, Adam and Eve should have climbed the ladder of formation, growth and completion through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and thus grown into maturity.

If you say, "I have received the Blessing" or "I am as good as in the Kingdom of Heaven" or "The Kingdom of Heaven has already become my own," then this is a sure sign that you may fall. Just like Adam and Eve we, too, from the moment we have received the Blessing, must climb the ladder of formation, growth and completion. Though Adam and Eve fell at the completion level of the growth stage, we should go beyond the point where Adam fell and reach completion. That is possible only when we serve True Parents. It is only then that we can become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

After receiving the Blessing, we need to fulfill our portion of responsibility. The Kingdom of Heaven is not a place where you can go automatically just because you have received the Blessing. This is the commandment we blessed family should bear in mind.

When you have received the Blessing, you need to follow the path of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and practice true love by living for the sake of others.

That is the way our blessed families can reach completion; no other way.

Third miracle in our lives

The third miracle in our lives is the amazing fact that we are taking part in the construction of Cheon Bok Gung, the Universal Peace Temple.

Cheon Bok Gung is the temple that our beloved True Parents will build once and for all as the last temple in human history.

We are being allowed to engrave our names forevermore in this historical temple.

The Universal Peace Temple, Cheon Bok Gung, is the temple of God which will be built for the first and last time in the Completed Testament Age. True Parents have already proclaimed the construction of the 210,000 altar in Seoul, the capital city of Korea, which is the fatherland of faith. The Universal Peace Temple is the place in which the 6.5 billion people and all the races beyond their color and creed will be able to come together and worship God together. (There is) nothing like this in history, and nobody can claim such an incredible dream of God, only True Parents.

Now our Senior Pastor Rev. Hyung Jin Moon and Chook Sa Jang Nim are trying to realize this dream. This responsibility has fallen on our shoulders.

This is the third miracle in our lives.

What a joy to be able to build this temple, Cheon Bok Gung, during the lifetime of the True Parents! Can you imagine how many people now, in the past and in the future of human history can live at the same time as True Parents here on earth? Very little! We are one of them!

What a joy to be able to build Cheon Bok Gung through the joint efforts of the Unification Church members worldwide, under the leadership of Kook Jin Nim,

the (business foundation) chairman, and Hyung Jin Nim, our World President, and Yeon Ah Nim! If this is not a miracle, then what is? Such is the greatest honor that has fallen upon our shoulders.

You know, I have been not a good son to my physical parents.

I failed to keep vigil by the deathbed of my physical father and mother. Now I have one hope and wish. That hope is to engrave the names of my physical parents in the wall of Cheon Bok Gung somehow. I thought this was the last act of filial piety I could perform as a son.

In Dogo Myeon, Asan Gun, Southern Choongcheong Province, there is a place called Gambat Kol, and this is where my birth house is, a very humble place, which my parents left behind for me. It is the hometown I grew up in, as well as my younger brother.

I came to realize that there was no better way of glorifying my physical parents in the spirit world than making my birth home a part of Cheon Bok Gung. So I discussed this with my wife, and she said, "Wonderful! How did you come up with such a great idea?", and she exclaimed, "Hallelujah! Aju!"

I discussed this also with my elder son Joon Sun Pak, and he also exclaimed "Aju!"

So this idea unanimously passed our family congress. With help from God the sale of that house was made swiftly. The only pity (sad) thing was that it was a house in such a remote place in the countryside that the sale price did not amount to much. After the taxes were paid, we were left with 253,626,070 (two hundred fifty three million, six hundred twenty six thousand and seventy) won!

So on December 3rd of this month I went to the Unification Foundation and made an offering of the total amount to Kook Jin Nim, foundation chairman, as the contribution for the construction of Cheon Bok Gung. And then I returned to the Headquarter's Church and made a report to our World President Hyung Jin Nim.

Everyone was very delighted about it. However, the most joyful person was me because of the thought that I had performed an act of filial piety to my physical parents, however small it may be.

Chairman Kook Jin Nim and World President Hyung Jin Nim promised to engrave in Cheon Bok Gung the names of my physical parents. Though I had not been a filial son in their life time, now the names of my physical parents will be engraved in Cheon Bok Gung, and their descendants for generations to generations to come will see their names there forever and ever. What greater honor and joy could there be? Aju?

In the future, henceforth (from now on), Cheon Bok Gung is going to be my home. For me, going to Cheon Bok Gung would be the same as going to my home. When I go there, I will be able to meet my rejoicing Mom and Dad. Moreover, Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim said they will make a report of this to True Parents. What a greater glory could there be than to have True Parents remember my physical father and mother in the spirit world?

My Childhood

I was an ugly country boy. Well, my parents still really loved this ugly country boy.

My family originally comes from a lineage of Confucianist nobleman, and my Dad was the fourth son of a great landowner. However, at the time of the Japanese occupation the land reform was carried out, and all the land passed into the hands of tenant farmers. To survive, my parents had to cultivate just an acre of land by themselves. It was the law. However, neither my father nor my mother knew how to till the land. So I thought I would learn farming myself in an agricultural school and let them rest.

However, as it is said, when good comes evil blocks. When I had become a good farmer and was about to become a good son to my parents, I was drafted as a soldier.

In Korea military draft system began with those who were born in the year 1930. I was born in 1930.

And after I passed all the physical examinations, I thought, "Oh well, why not, if I have to become a soldier, it would be better to go to the military academy."

So on June 1st 1950 I entered the Korean Military Academy. But only 25 days later, the Korean War broke out. That very day I went to war as a soldier, without a serial number or even rank, only as a Cadett, to the foremost front line where we had to block the North Korean tanks with our bodies.

I was only 19 years old.

In only three days out of my 330 classmates 89 were killed and more than a 100 wounded. I lived in the living hell of the battlefield of the Korean War for two years.

For a long time I did not know what had happened to my parents, and they, too, did not know what had become of me, whether I was alive or dead.

I was able to return home after the two years and see my parents. I

could not raise my head and look at them, because they had grown so old during that time of tribulation. My mother held me and wept. I had gone out to the fields with zeal to help my mother and father in farming, but since I had been called by my country, I had no choice but to leave to become an instructor in the Korean Infantry School.

This is a picture of those days. At that time I was a captain in the army, but my household was absolutely poor. Leaving behind my parents in my home village, I felt as if my heart was breaking up into pieces. This was before I met the True Parents. So I did not even know how to pray!

I climbed Mt. Dogo located behind my home at dawn and whispered to the sun and to the spirit of the mountain to keep my parents healthy. When the moment came for me to leave, Mom said to me "Don't worry about us too much. You serve the country with

Not long after I had begun working as an Infantry School instructor, a telegram came for me bearing the message: "

Mother Deceased". "What! No way, this can't be! This cannot be for me. It is some

mistake." Thinking like this, I looked at the telegram again and again but still that telegram bore the message: "Captain Bo Hi Pak. Mother Deceased."

The sky seemed to fall down on me. I rushed home and found the whole household weeping in lamentation. I was told that my mother had overworked herself with too much exertion and had collapsed while working with the mortars (Korean tool). And her last words had been, "Don't call the doctor!" I know why she said this!

Mom was determined not to leave a debt behind her in our poor household. At that time she was only 49 years old! I lost my mother without having her receiving a single dose of medicine. Even now, I cannot think of my Mom without tears come to my eyes.

For my mother, her son was her religion. I was her religion. If it was for her son's good, that she did anything and everything.

She went to Buddhist temples, churches and even to the shrines of sacred rocks. She also prayed all night long at the pottery jar stand with a bowl of clear water in front of her. She only wished the best for her son!

Thanks to Mom, I am able to live to this age of 79, 51 years of which I have served True Parents, and I am still in excellent health. Oh, the grace of my Mom is like the vast ocean.

After I joined the Church in 1957, my father read the Divine Principle avidly and came to Seoul to make a bow before True Parents. Before he passed away in 1967 at the age of 61, he said to me: "Son, I'm glad that you joined Unification Church and met the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. I took a bow to him."

When he passed away I was in the USA on a performance tour of the Little Angels by the wishes of True Parents. Therefore I could not come to my Dad's Seunghwa Ceremony.

Knowing the circumstances I was in, True Parents made the preparations for my father's Seunghwa Ceremony and made payments for all expenses.

How could I ever forget this grace shown by True Parents?

With such a background, it is all the more joyful to think that at this time the names of my physical Mom and Dad will be engraved in Cheon Bok Gung, all your might and honor!" My mother was very brave.

I am now 79 years old, and I am ready to leave anytime God calls me. You know, that I live at the age of 79 is another miracle. Because True Father told me one time: "Bo Hi, be careful with your health because your family was not a long living family." It's true. My mother died at 49, my father at 61 and I'm 79, almost 30 years more than my parents. It is another miracle. Why did I have this blessing? It's simply because I met True Parents. Aju?

It has become the greatest joy for the remainder of my life to think that when I go to the spirit world and meet my Mom and Dad I hope I will hear: "You have done a good job, my son. We are grateful to you."

Everyday this thought makes me the happiest person under the sun. The rest of my life I'm going to help Rev. Hyung Jin Moon and Chook Sa Jang Yeon Ah Nim to build and complete (Cheon Bok Gung), as quickly as possible, during the life time of True Parents. It is our mission, it is on our shoulders. You and I can do it and will do it. Aju! ❖



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by Rev. D. Michael Hentrich

FORGIVENESS

There are so many ways to look at "forgiveness". Of course, it's a basic Christian belief

that Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross in order to make available "forgiveness" of sin. That was an incredible offering that Jesus made on the cross, and we need to find deepest appreciation for that. But what I want to talk about today is Jesus' and Father's rich LIVING EXAMPLE and TEACHINGS about "forgiveness".

A MAJOR FOCUS of Jesus' life and teachings was about "forgiveness". He focused on it a lot, because it was not understood deeply enough in the Jewish tradition upon which he stood. The examples were there in scripture and history, especially in the stories of Jacob and Esau, and also of Joseph and all his jealous brothers. But, somehow, it was not understood deeply enough. The profound reason is simple. Only a TRUE ADAM can know the depth of Heavenly Father's deep heart of love and "forgiveness" and convey it to fallen mankind. Father has explained that all religions before and after Jesus, the second Adam, were started and managed by the angelic world. If you study about Abraham, Mohammad and Joseph Smith, for example, you will see in their own writings that angels were the source of their revelations and faith traditions. Therefore, they often stressed a "master - servant" type of relationship with God, worshipping the Almighty "Master" and begging Him for mercy, rather than a parent-child relationship of intimate love with our Heavenly Father. This is an angelic perspective. Therefore, Jesus, the TRUE ADAM, had to reveal God's compassionate heart like no one had ever been able to before him, to fallen humanity.

Jesus taught the heart of forgiving, to forgive not once, not twice, but "seventy-times-seven" times. In other words, there's NO LIMIT to the heart of a parent's forgiveness of his child. He even said we must "forgive our enemies" and even LOVE them. He taught parables about this, like how to react if someone were to steal your coat from your back. Jesus said to give him your shirt, also. He said: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." He even said if we don't forgive others, God will not be able to forgive US for OUR shortcomings. Wow!

His teaching of forgiveness was expressed beautifully in a Biblical story of a prostitute who was about to be stoned to death. Jesus intervened in this story and blocked the Pharisees from killing her, saying to them: "He who has no sin should cast the first stone." In other words, they were all sinners and those who thought they should stone the woman were not in a position to accuse her but were just as liable to judgment themselves.

True Father also has taught and practiced the same forgiveness. He has even forgiven the archangel Lucifer, for all the immeasurable misery he caused throughout human history. He has forgiven those who tried to kill him and those who tried to smear his name, and ALL of his "enemies". In fact, Father explains that, to him and God, there really IS NO concept of "enemy". How profound is THAT?

There are some who preach "forgiveness" and mercy as a way of life because

they don't believe in the reality of evil. They think evil is just the absence of goodness. But, Father KNOWS the reality and power and consequences of evil. Still, he and Jesus forgive those who create and propagated it. This is clearly one HUGE aspect that sets ADAM apart from all others.

Even though "forgiveness" has been greatly ABUSED by selfish, fallen people over the past 2000 years and before, using God's grace to JUSTIFY themselves and EXCUSE themselves from taking responsibility before God, still, "forgiveness" is a HUGE, critically important element of our life. Without it, one's spiritual digestive system becomes blocked. How many of you know what it's like to have your digestive system blocked? Try to imagine it.

When we can't forgive someone in our heart, we can never forget the mistakes they made and the pain it gave us. We cannot let go of the pain and the hurt. And these unforgiven pains then pile up in our spirit like a mountain, until the pressure and heat turn it into a VOLCANO of pain and scars.

And, NO ONE wants to feel pain. Everyone wants to avoid it. So, because we can't really forgive someone, the next step is: We can't trust ANYONE... because they might add to our mountain of hurt, and we won't be able to really forgive them and get rid of the pain.

After that, because we can't forgive so we can't trust, then we can't accept imperfection, because it means unforgivable mistakes, which lead to more pain and hurt. But, people are fallen and imperfect, so we're trapped, trapped in an imperfect world which we cannot digest because we cannot forgive the imperfection which leads to pain and hurt. And, since everyone is more or less imperfect, their imperfection BLOCK US from respecting other people. And if we cannot respect people, then ultimately, we cannot love them, either. There is more.

If we can't forgive, then we can't be free to give the other person room to grow. They cannot be allowed to make mistakes. Therefore, we will not only our own spirit, but we kill others when we can't forgive their imperfection.

What do you DO in the face of imperfection? Do you make up for the imperfection of others by always taking over their responsibilities? Do it for them all the time? If we do that, they will never learn and never grow up. At the same time, some responsibilities are IMPORTANT in the near-term. They can't WAIT for us. Therefore, we have to find a GOOD BALANCE between helping the person to accomplish their responsibilities and helping them do what they should do, and letting them stumble and make their mistakes, so they can grow into their role in life. To do that, we MUST be able to let go of our pain and forgive.

The next problem is myself. I, myself, am imperfect. But if I can't really forgive, then I can't really forgive MYSELF, either. The devastating result of this is, I can't live with myself when I make a mistake. What can I do with my own imperfection and mistakes? I have no choice but to blame them on someone else, anyone else. Why? Because if I

accept responsibility for my errors and imperfection, I cannot forgive myself and therefore, I cannot escape the pain and hurt. It is self-destructive. I will be killing myself.

There is more. If I can't forgive myself, and therefore I can't take responsibility for my imperfections, then I can't repent, either. And, if I can't repent because I can't face my own imperfection, then I can't restore myself and I can't grow my heart. I can only dig my hole deeper and deeper and deeper in despair. And ultimately, I cannot love myself. If I were Satan, I could not imagine a more ingenious way to destroy God's children than this. You see, Satan

can't forgive HIMSELF for what he did to God's children, so he has made us the same as himself. He has waited for TRUE ADAM to come, so he could be liberated HIMSELF from his sin, and be forgiven. Only Adam could forgive Lucifer and liberate him. Many of us also need to be liberated, too. Father is now here to do it. Are WE ready to be forgiven and to start to forgive?

If you think this an imaginary story, you are mistaken. There are millions of people just like this. This is a very serious issue. We who espouse to become True Love people need to confront this giant elephant in our living room that we don't want to talk about. We want to ignore it or wish it wasn't there. Father said we need to remove all "barriers" to love. This is a BIG ONE for many, many people. It comes in many shapes and sizes, many flavors and aromas. It's a cancer. It's a poison for the spirit. It's consuming many people.

The first step to remove it is to see it. Once we see it, the battle is half over. We are deeply moved by Jesus and by Father for one underlying reason. I think I can safely say that the reason

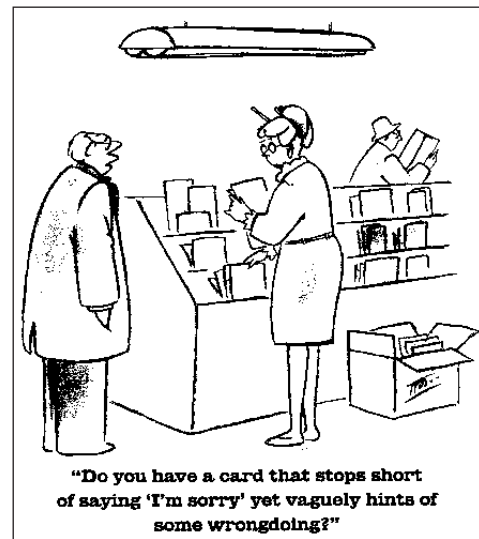
people wail and cry over the love of Jesus and cry and WILL cry over the love of Father, is that they, as ADAM, love even those who don't deserve it, by worldly standards. Only with a deep heart of forgiveness can they do that.

God is our Father. His love is as deep as the ocean. He's been forgiving mankind over and over and over again for millions of years. Of course, indemnity is necessary. But it's NOT an "eye-for-an-eye and a tooth-for-a-tooth". Fallen humanity would NEVER EVER escape from hell if that were God's heart. He has the heart of a loving Father. He is ready to forgive us every moment of every day. Therefore, as Jesus said, we must become the same with each other. Otherwise, we cannot accept, we cannot respect, we cannot repent, we cannot

restore, and we cannot love people in this fallen world. Jesus gave us a powerful weapon with which to break Satan's iron grip on people. It's the deep, sincere heart of forgiveness. It's root is within God, Himself. We cannot become sons and daughters of God and True Parents without embodying it ourselves. I hope you will forgive ME for my many shortcomings today. Please become people

who do the same for all the people you love, but also for the people you don't love yet.

Make a commitment today. Write down the name of ONE PERSON that you need to forgive, and pray to have the heart to forgive them and to let go of the pain of the past. It might be someone in the Church, or someone at work or school. It might be someone in your family, or someone who abused you. It might be someone who misunderstands you, or someone who hates you. Make this your commitment, to forgive them. You have nothing to lose but your mountain of pain, and the chains that are imprisoning your heart. ❖



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THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



Unification News: Youth Education Column



Naokimi Ushiroda

I. Recent News

Youth Educators Seminar Series [Dec]

Summary: This month, we traveled to our final 4 locations to host our seminars. Each seminar was customized based on the community size and the local needs

Dates, Locations, Participation:

Dec 14: Chicago, IL - 140 during Sunday Service, 20 educators for the seminar

Dec 15: Columbus, OH - 40 youth, 7 educators for the seminar

Dec 27-30: Montreal, Canada - 40 youth, 15 parents, 5 for the seminar

Dec 30: Toronto, Canada - 20 youth, 10 parents for the seminar.

Pictures & Reflections

Chicago, IL Reflection Quotes

• There must definitely be a unified curriculum for all that educate the youth in our movement. The website will definitely be a valuable tool for all leaders across the world. I gained a new passion and drive to do in reach within our community upon arriving back to NJ...Also, to know an effort is being made from the leadership to improve education inspires me to work harder as well - Carlo S. NJ

I gained an increased understanding and appreciation for the work of the youth education dept. Naokimi did an excellent job in the presentations. The interaction in the sessions was effective. We will seriously apply the education track in designing the overall youth program for 2009. We will also utilize the lesson plan form...Very good job! Thank you. - Rev. David R. Chicago, IL

I have a vision for education and the chart helped me to organize my vision. One suggestion for improvement is to promote education when children are young and to promote home education. - Ritsuko D. Chicago, IL

Youth Education Seminar in Columbus, OH

Columbus, OH Reflection Quotes

Thank you Naokimi & Kimikami for visiting Ohio. I think it was valuable that you could come and share what the national vision is

currently. It is important that as educators we share a common goal and vision...I determine to support here locally what is being done nationally. - Garrun A.

It was good to discuss some challenges on a local level and see how other local communities are the same. - Kayo

Role Playing with Garrun A. in Columbus, OH

Toronto, Youth Education Seminar

This was the first time visiting Toronto, Canada. There is a small but growing community there, and the seminar was well received.

Winter Principle Seminar [Jan 6- 11]

UTS, NY Theme: Discovering God's Hope in Me

Summary: Over 80 college age young adults gathered for this week long seminar on Unification Principles for both young 1st and 2nd Generation. Along with lectures on applying Principle to our daily lives, there were many activities and discussions to help participants understand Principle through experience. Naokimi Ushiroda was the main lecturer, and we also had guest speakers such as John Dickson, Rev. Mito, Kenshu Aoki, Justin Fong and Sergio Alcubilla.

Blessing Workshops [Jan 16-18] UTS, NY: [Jan23-25] LA, CA

Summary: At the UTS workshop 150 people including staff and 12 parents, gathered from around the East coast. The attendance was more than we expected, mainly due to the upcoming Blessing Ceremony later in the month. For the west coast workshop in LA, 50 participants gathered. For both workshops, Rev. Schanker was the main speaker, and Naokimi Ushiroda gave several presentations. Rev. Inguk Seo was the main coordinator.

Blessing Candidates Education, Ceremony & Celebration [Jan 30- Feb 1] NY, NY

Summary: All staff of the Youth Education Dept: Naokimi Ushiroda, Kimikami Miyake and Rev. Inguk Seo, helped out with the Blessing education and the Blessing Ceremony itself. For most participants, this was the most amazing series of events that they participated in, in their lives. The whole educational program and care for the Blessing candidates was much better than ever before, and the Blessing ceremony itself surpassed all previous Blessing ceremonies in terms of family friendliness. There was a lot of positive feedback from the candidates as well as from their family and friends. Also the musical celebration and the presentation of

gifts the following morning allowed many of the newly Blessed couples to feel much more connected with members of the True Family.

II. Perspective on Youth Education

In the last issue, I explained in more detail the second stage of Spiritual Education or Ideals Education. In summary, the goal of ideals education is to help each child gain conviction in the existence of God and His dream of establishing one family under God. Also that in order to accomplish His dream, God wants me to build my own ideal family. This month, I would like to summarize the third stage of education, which I call Identity Education. This stage includes three basic themes: My Identity as God's Child, My Identity as a Blessed Child, and My Identity as an extended True Family member. The overall goal of this stage is to gain conviction in my God given identity.

This stage of development must come on the foundation of having Values and Ideals Education in order to be effective. In other words, without having a belief in God and His dream, it is not possible to understand one's eternal value as God's child. I truly feel that Identity education needs to be provided for our youth in their early teens. Ideally, identity education should happen in the home by the parents, but in many cases, this education may be more effectively provided initially through an elder Blessed Child. If a child does not have a strong sense of identity by the time they are in high school, it is very easy to be influenced by their peers due to the desire of wanting to fit in.

On the other hand, if a child has a strong sense of identity, instead of being influenced, they can be of influence to their friends in school. In the next issue, I will outline the fourth stage of Mentoring Education.

III. Question of the Month: What's the best way to explain about what the Blessing is?

Our Wedding at UTS

The "Blessing" has always been a central theme for Blessed Children growing up in our movement. The simplest explanation is that it's the marriage ceremony for the Unification church. However, it gets complicated when you have to explain how it's an arranged marriage, where there is a significant possibility that you may not know the person you're getting married to until weeks or in some cases days before you get married. Especially growing up in America, getting an arranged marriage seems to go against the fundamental culture of having the freedom of choice. Also, there's the whole issue of removing original sin, which would require a minimum of 7-days in

see *Continuing Seminar* on page 25

A Message from the Assistant Editor

The New Voices of Our Generation has now been running successfully for over a year and the editors at UNEWS would like to thank all those who have contributed an article to this section. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice at newvog@gmail.com for this section. We are looking to fill this section of the paper with the following submissions: **articles written by our first and second generation focusing on second generation - that includes ALL second gen's!**

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Book Review

Connecting The Dots

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THE COGNITIVELY CORRECT™ WAY
TO SPEAK WITH PRESCHOOLERS



CARLA A. WOOLF

By Shin Young Chang

Book Review: Woolf, Carla A., Connecting the Dots: The Cognitively Correct™ Way to Speak With Preschoolers

Ever find yourself regretting your choice of words when it comes to your children? Have a hard time figuring out what kinds of activities to do with young children to keep them busy and help them learn while having fun?

Life is crazy busy for the majority of parents in North America. Some parents are going at it alone, while married mother's often feel alone in their parenting due to the overall stresses of life. It gets hard and often times, there isn't anyone around to help plan the day out.

Woolf, Carla A., *Connecting the Dots: The Cognitively Correct™ Way to Speak With Preschoolers* is so incredibly wonderful as a solution to this dilemma! It's great for parents, teachers, childcare givers, baby-sisters, older siblings, aunts and uncles, and the list goes on. There hasn't quite been a book of this caliber on the bookstore shelves within the last 10 years. I say this because Woolf managed to not only provide applicable solutions in her book, she managed to also provide a comprehensible structure to her book, so busy people like parents won't feel as if reading her book is taking up too

much of their precious time.

Woolf's book is split into three comprehensible parts that are clean cut and to the point. Part one provides her theory and reasoning behind what she calls the "Dialect of Positivity." Woolf is on a "quest for a language that reflects potential positivity and possibility." Woolf also delves into the damaging affects of what she dubs the "dialect of fear" and how it has been prevalent in

interactions between adult and child, as well as between adult and adult since the great world tragedies, namely the great world wars.

Part two has creatively been constructed as a learning process for adults by use of a hypothetical conversation between two adult educators, one male, one female, and a four year old girl carefully named "Eve". The "interview" covers what in Woolf's estimation would be

considered comprehensible language a preschooler requires from adults. It's a quick read covering a variety of points that we overlook or were never taught about a preschoolers ability and capability to understand at such a young age and what is required of us to nourish their ability to grasp the correct meaning in our choice of words.

Part three is my favorite part of Woolf's book. It's jam packed full of applicable information! This section charts out the cognitively correct dialect, or "Dialect of Positivity" against the incorrect dialect we hear on a regular basis as it would come up in specific situations, such as when teaching about health and safety, or when teaching about environment. This section is subsectioned into situational dialect, with each section finished off with a summary, the reasoning behind the correctness and incorrectness of the dialect reiterated in point-form, and a short list of helpful materials to have handy for teaching that particular situation.

There is a short list of additional suggested reading on the topic of cognitively correct dialect as well as a glossary of terms Woolf has used throughout the book within her perspective on the topic.

Woolf provides a valuable resource of practical guidance as well as theory on cognitively correct dialect. She provides for the everyday educator a language that reflects "potential positivity and possibility" though admits that her theories are still debatable and still need further work. Regardless, two-thirds of this book is applicable in a practical, everyday manner and that is more than I can say about most books that claim to be useful. I highly recommend this book to EVERYONE as guide on how to communicate verbally to anyone in a manner that says, "I am here for you."

To learn more about Carla A. Woolf and *Connecting the Dots: The Cognitively Correct™ Way to Speak With Preschoolers* visit www.ccthedots.com ❖

CONNECTING THE DOTS

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XIV COGNITIVE

Cognitively-Correct™:

I told you that you could stay up for '10' more minutes if you put your pajamas on first. The next time you disregard our agreement, it'll be a couple of days before you have another chance for extra time, get ready for bed right now.

Please sit down and do some drawing and scribbling. You have to spend a little time doing a sitting down game or activity.

Bring your tricycle in, put it in the garage, and put your muddy shoes in the laundry room.(2) Could you please repeat what I just asked you to do? – After you're done with that you can have a treat.

What do you think will happen if you do that again?

What do you think will change if you pour water in your rice-playing tray, what will happen to the dry rice? You can mix water with pebbles or mud outside.

Did you notice any changes in the window plants since a few days ago?

Cognitively-incorrect:

I get so mad when you don't listen to me. Bad boys don't get special treatment. (2) That's it, no more staying up late. You really hurt my feelings when you take advantage of my kindness like that.

You better sit down and do some practicing with your numbers and letters, and I'm going to be checking it, so do it "right".

I didn't say that it was okay for you to leave your tricycle outside, don't put words in my mouth. I told you to put it in the garage, and don't you dare bring those muddy shoes inside the house. Why should I bother giving you a snack now?

You're just going to create a disaster if you do that.

You're going to ruin it if you put water in there. I'm not cleaning it out and putting more rice in there every time you decide to put water in it.

Look, there's a flower growing in this plant.

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workshop to explain.

So, how do you explain it to your friends? How do you explain it to yourself? For me, I've always understood the Blessing to be a marriage centered on a higher purpose, namely the establishment of God centered families, and ultimately an ideal peaceful world.

How so? Well, committing to an arranged marriage takes a lot of

faith and maturity. In one sense, you have to have a relationship with God to a point where you can trust that He is working through either Father Moon or your parents to choose the right person for you. Also, you need to be ready and willing to invest in and take care of somebody for the rest of your life, even if you may not like your spouse in the beginning. Both of these two pre-requisites allow for a good foundation in building God-centered families. Another way of saying it is that you're preparing to become the best spouse for someone else and for

God, instead of worrying about finding the best spouse for yourself.

As for the establishing an ideal peaceful world, Father Moon has stated many times publicly that he purposely marries people from differing backgrounds, even from enemy countries in order to raise children and families that embody the unification of those enemy nations. If people are willing to offer their choice of love to God and commit to raising God centered ideal families with even a person from an enemy country, then there is hope for peace. In this sense,

receiving the Blessing is not only a foundation for creating my own ideal family, but a building block to establishing an ideal peaceful world. And that's something that I'm proud to be a part of.

Thank you for reading. If you have any questions or comments about youth education or the department, please write me at naokimi@gmail.com.

Take care, and may God bless you and your family. ❖



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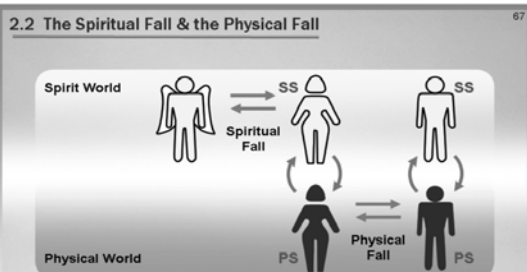
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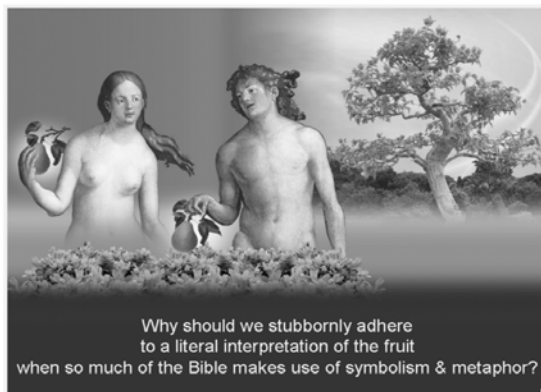
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